

O-Club

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This letter is being sent to the secretaries of all Irish Orienteering Association (IOA) affiliated orienteering clubs in order to solicit applications for IOA funding for club mapping projects. The mailing list used is from the clubs list on www.orienteering.ie as at March 15th, 2005.

The IOA executive committee met recently and agreed a total mapping budget for 2005 of €6,000, a 50% increase on 2004's budget. Grants will be given by the IOA directly to clubs.

The following is the order of preference for 2005 grants:

- ♦ Photogrammetry for areas that are registered with the IOA fixtures secretary as 2005/2006/2007 regional or national championships by April 8th 2005
- ♦ Other photogrammetry projects
- ♦ Trail-O, 3rd level campus and school map production
- ♦ Commercial map printing for championship events
- ♦ OCAD software licenses & high quality colour printers

Other aspects of orienteering map production, such as survey costs and non-commercial printing, will not be eligible for IOA funding in 2005. The reasons for this exclusion are mainly to do with difficulties encountered in previous years in properly defining what a valid expense actually is. It is possible that other mapping-related projects outside of the list above will be considered, but this is unlikely.

Funds will only be released upon satisfactory completion of the project applied for; advance funding is not available. Detailed receipts from the commercial supplier, if applicable, must be submitted.

In order to apply for IOA funding under this scheme, please email me or write to me before April 8th 2005 with the following information:

- ♦ Club name and contact details of the mapping officer
- ♦ A very brief description of the project(s) including grid references
- ♦ If applicable, the registered championship event
- ♦ Confirmation that the area in question is registered to the club making the application

Note that grants will not be given to clubs who have allowed their IOA affiliation to lapse or who are not up-to-date with their IOA affiliation fees.

If you have any queries about this scheme please contact me at the email address below.

Regards

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