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To the Executive Committee & Members of Orienteering Ireland,

This report provides a general synopsis of activities coordinated and carried out by the operations team across 2022. I'd like firstly to express a large thank you to Áine Joyce for her detailed handover and continued support as I settle into this appointment and as our team continues to develop its role within OI.

Across 2022, the operations team engaged with multiple stakeholders to ensure that projects were delivered, or to make headway into regions that have little or no orienteering presence. During this period, the team delivered the Ready to Go programme in 13 Local Authority areas. This comprised of 19 courses that saw 285 attendees from schools, youth groups, local support groups, scouts etc.

The operations team also coordinated and delivered other activities such as the European Week of Sport, with a big maze being deployed in Dublin attracting over 1,500 attendees, and during Her Outdoors Week, the team coordinated 9 events across Ireland.

Alongside these events, the operations team also completed a large volume of administrative and development support work. This included ensuring that grant applications (Sports Capital, Core, Covid Restart Women in Sport Grants etc) met stringent standards and follow up, ensuring that OI continues to be able to avail of these grant opportunities in the future. The team also coordinated and delivered online training covering Safeguarding, Purple Pen etc, while also collaborating with NIOA during their online courses (ie controllers course). Support to learning programmes including engagement with Coaching Ireland, coordinating, and developing our own courses (Instructor, Planning) was also completed.

The delivery and enhancement of MapRun continued at speed during 2022. New areas were identified, while existing areas were updated to meet the changing requirement of local authorities. Promotional work was carried out by providing material to clubs and creating content for use online. The new OI logo was also incorporated by the team across all our publications.

Behind all the prep work and meetings required to get these events delivered, the team also provided admin support to OI in the form of enquiry handling, insurance processing, liaising with Sport Ireland and its departments, developing the website, and providing support to clubs when required.

This report provides only a snapshot of the multiple tasks completed by the operations team, as to outline every detail of the work completed would not be possible. I would like to thank Déirdre & Mark for their continued enthusiasm and efforts since I have joined OI, and to Eileen, Pat and the others who have also been more than helpful. We are currently preparing for next season and are looking forward to delivering more quality and exciting projects to our members and to sports partnerships across Ireland.

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I would like to thank you all for your continued support & I look forward to seeing you in Wicklow!

Yours in Sport,

**Eric O'Brien,
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