

ANNUAL AWARDS GUIDELINES



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1. GUIDELINES BRIEF & PURPOSE

- a. To provide members and judges with information on the organisation and responsibilities pertaining to Orienteering Ireland's annual awards.
- b. This document will provide a framework for the submission and selection of awardees for each category.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all Orienteering Ireland awards.

3. POLICY ELEMENTS

This policy is explained in the following parts;

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4. COORDINATING PERSON & AWARDS CEREMONY

The General Administrator is responsible for ensuring that judging panels, notifications, and award delivery are coordinated in good time prior to the ceremony. The awards ceremony will take place annually at the Orienteering Ireland AGM.

5. CURRENT AWARDS

Orienteering Ireland currently uses three annual awards which are of equal status, to recognise the contribution of our members to the sport in the previous year. Each award has its own unique criteria and judging panel. Nominations for awards should be submitted within the required timeframe. Late nominations may not be accepted by the judging panels.

6. THE SPIRIT OF ORIENTEERING AWARD

- a. **Purpose of Award:**
This award recognises and individual for outstanding service or performance in the sport, either for exceptional efforts in a single year, or for a long-term contribution that makes a lasting impact on the sport.
- b. **Type of Award:**
Single Award Trophy
- c. **Eligibility:**
A current or former member of Orienteering Ireland

- d. **Nominations & Judging Panel:**
This award is selected by the Executive Committee, with the support of two members being required for a successful nomination. The Chairperson will have the deciding vote in the event of a tie.

7. THE MAC TÍRE AWARD

- a. **Purpose of Award:**
This is awarded for the development of the sport. Some examples are; creating a new map, a new technology, bringing the sport to a new part of the country, introducing a new group to the sport, revitalising a neglected area of the sport, enhancing the social aspect of the sport, staging a major event etc, but group nominations are not encouraged.
- b. **Type of Award:**
Perpetual Trophy
- c. **Eligibility:**
Serving members of the Executive Committee are not eligible. A person can not receive this award again within five years of being awarded it.
- d. **Nominations & Judging Panel:**
Nominations can be made by an affiliated club, or a club member. These nominations do not need to be seconded, and a club can make more than one nomination. Judges or members of the Executive Committee cannot make nominations. A panel of judges comprising the previous three years winners will select a winner from the nominations. Should the panel not feel that the nominations are of a required standard, then the award may not be awarded that year. Should a previous winner not wish to be a part of the panel, the Chairperson may appoint another member to the panel.

8. THE PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE AWARD

- a. **Purpose of Award:**
This award recognises the international achievements of our orienteers.
- b. **Type of Award:**
Single Award Medal, with more than one being awarded if required, and orienteers being eligible for more than one award in a single year.
- c. **Eligibility:**
To be eligible for this award, an orienteer must meet one of the following criteria, be a member of an affiliated club, or a non-member competing for Ireland:
 - i. **Seniors**
 - 1) **World or European Orienteering Championships**
Middle: A top 45 place in the Final
Long: A top 45 place of all competitors (Top 50% if there are less than 90 competitors)
Sprint: A top 45 place in the Final
Knockout Sprint: Qualification for Quarter Finals (ie top 36)
 - 2) **Jan Kjellström Festival of Orienteering**
Achieving a Top 10 place in M21E or W21E
 - 3) **World Cup**
Top 40% place of overall competitors

- 4) **World Military Orienteering Championships**
Reaching the final of the Military Championships. In years where there is no qualification race, then to finish in the top 45 places of all competitors, but top 50% if there are less than 90 competitors. In years, where the best runner from each country qualifies, then as above counting all competitors in the qualifying races.
- 5) **World University Orienteering Championships**
Reaching the final of the University Championships. In years where there is no qualification race, then to finish in the top 45 places of all competitors, but top 50% if there are less than 90 competitors. In years, where the best runner from each country qualifies, then as above counting all competitors in the qualifying races.
- 6) **World Trail-O/Ski/MTB Orienteering Championships**
Finishing in the top 33% of your field.
- 7) **World Masters Orienteering Championships**
Achieving a Top 3 place in the final.

ii. Juniors

- 1) **Junior World Orienteering Championships**
Reaching the final of the Junior World Orienteering Championships. In years where there is no qualification race, then to finish in the top 60 places of all competitors, but top 50% if there are less than 60 competitors. In years, where the best runner from each country qualifies, then as above counting all competitors in the qualifying races.
- 2) **European Youth Orienteering Championships**
Achieving a Top 20 place, or top 40% of the field if less than 40 runners.

d. Nominations & Judging Panel:

The Directors of High Performance & Junior Affairs nominate eligible members for these awards.

9. NOMINEE DESCRIPTION

All nominations should be accompanied with two or three lines describing the reasons for nomination. This is to aid the judging panels in their decision making.

10. CUSTODY OF PERPETUAL AWARDS & RETIRED AWARDS

After receiving a perpetual award, the winner will keep this award until the following year. The award should be returned on request to Orienteering Ireland and in a good state of repair. In the case of retired awards, a roll of winners will be maintained by Orienteering Ireland, with the last winners keeping the award unless requested for return by Orienteering Ireland. In all cases, these perpetual awards remain the property of Orienteering Ireland.

11. POLICY REDUNDANCY

This policy may be updated from time to time in line by the Executive Committee.