GUIDELINE 10 – SUBVENTION TO OI CLUBS FOR MAJOR EVENTS

G10.1 Introduction

The purpose of the subvention payments by Orienteering Ireland is to assist OI affiliated clubs with the additional costs incurred in staging major events to ensure a high standard of competition, attract international orienteers, and improve the media profile of the sport. The mandatory and desirable requirements to be met by the organising club are detailed in this Guideline.

The amount of the discretionary payment, and the qualifying events in each calendar year, shall be determined by the OI Board of Directors, and the Clubs staging major events shall be advised in advance. On completion of the event the Club shall provide a report on the event and request the payment of the subvention. The process will be administered by the Controller of Technical Standards, and the assessment as to whether Clubs meet the required criteria shall be carried out by the Technical Sub-committee. Any dispute regarding the award of the subvention shall be resolved by the OI Board of Directors.

The subvention is intended for Category 1 (C1) and Category 2 (C2) events but with no international C1 events being staged in Ireland at present, it will in practice apply to C2 events.

Rule 2.1.3 defines Category 2 (C2) events as Irish Championship competitions, Regional Championships, Closed International competitions (e.g. Home Internationals), and Other Major Events. The classification of 'Other Major Events' will be determined from time to time by the OI Board of Directors. The events currently classed in this category are the Shamrock O-Ringen, and the Irish 3-Day. The subvention is primarily intended for multi-day events, but submissions will also be considered for one-day C2 events.

To qualify for the payment, the organising Clubs should, at least, meet the mandatory requirements listed below, and an application for the subvention should be made to the Controller of Technical Standards within four weeks after the staging of the event. These guidelines shall apply to all major events held in the Republic of Ireland and shall apply from 1 January 2010.

The mandatory and desirable criteria are as follows:-

G10.2 Mandatory Requirements

- The event is advertised outside Ireland.
- Each Irish Championship competition shall be controlled by an OI Senior Certified Event Controller, or by an NIOA member who is a BOF Grade A or Grade B Controller, and they shall be appointed by the OI Management Group. Other C1 or C2 competitions shall be controlled by an OI Senior Certified Controller who shall be appointed by the organizing club. The Controller shall belong to a different Club than the organising club and preferably should be from a different regional Association. The

Controller shall within 3 weeks of the event send a report to the Controller of Technical Standards that should include any significant features of the event, and details of any voided courses, complaints or protests.

- The names of the Organiser, Planner, and Controller shall be published at least six months before the event.
- The maps shall comply with IOF mapping standards appropriate for each competition.
- Where the areas have been used before, copies of previous maps shall be available to competitors.
- An embargo being placed on the areas to be used at least 24 months before the competition and notice of the embargo be given on the OI website, and event website if there is one.
- Provide a location map of the competition areas for multi-day events.
- On-line web entry.
- Provide numbered bibs, at least, for the M21E and W21E competitors, and relay teams.
- Use electronic timing with a back-up timing system.
- Have timed starts.
- Have a well laid out assembly area, and finish arena with the aim of improving the atmosphere of the event. An area adjacent to the finish run-in should be available for club tents.
- Have a list of reigning champions and class winners on display.
- Have a highly visible results board that is updated at least every 20 minutes.
- Have a clothing transfer if the start is more than 1k away from the finish arena.
- Have a high-profile prize-giving ceremony.
- Have results available on-line in Splitsbrowser and Winsplits before 1900 hours on the evening of the competition.
- Have a summary of the results submitted to the media before publication deadlines.
- Have a set of accounts forwarded to the OI Treasurer within four weeks of the event.
- Have a report on the event, and a request for the subvention forwarded to the Controller of Technical Standards within four weeks after the event.
- Have adequate toilet facilities.

G10.3 Desirable Requirements

- Include one or more IOF World Ranking Events.
- Have an Event Centre.
- Provide map samples of the embargoed areas, and pictures of the terrain.
- Have a continuous commentary on the day of the event.
- Provide catering facilities.
- Have a crèche and/or a string course.
- Hold a social event at multi-day competitions.
- Improve media coverage.
- Have drinks for all competitors at the finish, and drink stations where required.

  Improve the promotion of sponsors and other external partners.

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Useful forms are available on the OI website here.