RULE 11 – FAIR PLAY

R11.1 All persons taking part in an orienteering competition shall behave with fairness and honesty. They shall have a sporting attitude and a spirit of friendship. Competitors shall show respect for each other, for officials, media representatives, spectators, and the inhabitants and other users of the competition area. The competitors shall be as quiet as possible in the terrain.

R11.2 Except in the case of an accident or competitors in distress, seeking to obtain or obtaining assistance from other competitors, or providing assistance to other competitors during a competition is forbidden. It is the duty of all competitors to help injured competitors or those in distress.

R11.3 Shouting and/or calling by a competitor are prohibited apart from when providing assistance to an injured person or when seeking assistance due to injury.

R11.4 Doping is forbidden. The Irish Anti-Doping Rules, as published by Sport Ireland, apply to all OI registered competitions. Sport Ireland may require doping control procedures to be conducted. Every orienteer on the national squad has a responsibility to be aware of and comply with the Sport Ireland Anti-Doping rules.

R11.5 All officials shall maintain strict secrecy about the competition terrain before the information is publicly made available. Strict secrecy about the courses must be maintained.

R11.6 Any attempt by a competitor to survey or train in the competition terrain with the aim of gaining an unfair advantage over other competitors is forbidden. Attempts to gain any information related to the courses, beyond that provided by the Organiser, is forbidden before and during the competition.

R11.7 The Organiser may bar from a competition any competitor who is so well acquainted with the terrain or the map, that the competitor would have a substantial advantage over the other competitors.

R11.8 Competitors and spectators shall remain in the areas assigned to them.

R11.9 The event Officials shall neither disturb or detain any competitor, nor supply any information whatsoever. They shall remain quiet, wear inconspicuous clothing, and shall not help competitors approaching controls.

R11.10 Having crossed the finish line; a competitor may not re-enter the competition terrain without the permission of the Organiser. A competitor who retires shall announce this at the finish and shall in no way influence the competition nor help any other competitors.

R11.11 A competitor who breaks any Rule, or who benefits from the breaking of any Rule may be disqualified.

R11.12 The Organiser must stop, postpone, or cancel a competition if at any point it becomes clear that circumstances have arisen that make it dangerous for the competitors, officials, or spectators.

R11.13 The Organiser shall void a competition, course, or age class, in a competition if circumstances have arisen that are significantly unfair.

R11.14 Participation in betting relating to an orienteering competition is prohibited for competitors, and officials. They are also prohibited from supporting or promoting betting related to the competition. In addition, they must not participate in any corrupt practices related to betting.

RULE 12 – COMPLAINTS

R12.1 Any competitor or official may lodge a complaint with regards to any competitor or any aspect of the organisation or course planning thought to have materially contravened the Rules or other instructions issued by the Organiser.

R12.2 A complaint shall be made to the Organiser either orally or by way of the OI Complaint Form. The Complainant shall be informed about the decision immediately.

R12.3 The Organiser is the adjudicator of a complaint. The Organiser may need to consult other members of the organising team as to the circumstances of the complaint before reaching a decision.

R12.4 No fee shall be charged for making a complaint.

R12.5 The Organiser may set a time limit for making complaints.

R12.6 If the Organiser agrees with the complaint, they shall take the appropriate remedial action. If they do not agree the complainant may make a protest.