RULE 7 – MAPS AND MAP REGISTER

R7.1 Specification

Maps, course markings, and additional overprinting shall be drawn and printed according to the latest versions of the IOF International Specification for Orienteering Maps (ISOM) or the IOF International Specification for Sprint Orienteering Maps (ISSOM) for all competitions in categories C1, C2, and C3. Guidance on the use of their specifications is contained in Appendix E: Maps and Map Registration.

R7.2 Map Register

R7.2.1 All orienteering maps regardless of size will be registered with OI by an affiliated club, or by a mapper who is registered with OI. Orienteering maps of areas greater than 0.5 square kilometres will appear on the Map Register while maps of areas of 0.5 square kilometres or less will appear on the Small Maps Register. This facilitates tracking of all the maps that fall within the Republic of Ireland by OI. The area in this context refers to the area of the mapped orienteering terrain and not the area based on the paper page size which will contain the title, legend and other information.

R7.2.2 OI shall maintain both map registers referenced in rule 7.2.1 that shall initially record applications from OI, OI affiliated clubs or mappers registered with OI of their intention to map a particular area and shall record the publication of the completed map. The maintenance of both map registers shall be the responsibility of the OI Mapping Officer.

R7.2.3 Once the Mapping Officer has confirmed to the applying club, OI or the registered mapper the acceptance of the initial map registration it confers on that club, OI or registered mapper exclusive mapping rights to the area for an agreed period that shall normally be for 3 years from the application being listed on the Map Register. In special circumstances this period may be extended at the discretion of the Mapping Officer.

R7.2.4 On the registration of a completed map in the Map Register, OI or the registered club shall be granted by OI the Registration Right to hold OI registered events on that area for a period of five years from that date. This Registration Right of the club shall be further extended to five years from the date of the last open OI registered competition.

R7.2.5 Two or more of OI, OI affiliated clubs and/or registered mappers may agree to jointly share an area for mapping and usage. At the initial time of application to map the area and again at the time of the registration of the completed map/maps those applying (OI, OI affiliated clubs, registered mapper) shall provide written confirmation to the Mapping Officer that they agree with this arrangement.

R7.2.6 The mapping and registration rights to an area granted by OI may be transferred from OI, an OI affiliated club or registered mapper to OI, to another OI affiliated club or registered mapper provided written consent is received by the Mapping Officer. This will be listed to the acquiring club or registered mapper in the Map Register where they will hold the mapping rights for the unexpired period from the date of initial registration, or the registration right for the unexpired period from the date of registration of the completed map, or from the date of the last open OI registered competition.

R7.2.7 In the event of a club not renewing its affiliation with OI all the mapping and registration rights granted by OI shall be by default transferred to OI unless the non-renewing club has, through written means, transferred the rights to another OI affiliated club as set out in Rule 7.2.6.

R7.2.8 OI, OI affiliated clubs or mappers who are registered with OI may register maps through the OI Map Register portal. These maps will appear on the appropriate register with the details of OI, the OI affiliated club or the name of the mapper.

R7.2.9 For a mapper to become a registered OI mapper they must submit a portfolio of at least 5 maps or map extracts to the Mapping Officer. A subcommittee of the Management Group shall then review the work and if it is deemed to be of the required standard and meeting the required IOF specifications the mapper will be classed as a registered OI mapper. The individual can then register maps under their name. Maps that appear on the register under the name of a mapper shall be available to OI or OI affiliated clubs to request use/purchase directly from the mapper. In this way OI can create more widespread, high-quality maps and the orienteering community can benefit.

7.2.10 The upkeep of the register of registered mappers will be the responsibility of the Mapping Officer.

7.2.11 Maps registered by registered mappers on the Map Register must be made available for use in OI-led development work (e.g. with LSPs) at a reasonable rate. If a cost cannot be agreed between OI and the individual mapper the matter will be referred to the Mapping Review Panel who can review and recommend a fair price, mediate between the parties and authorise the creation of a new map to allow the continued development of the sport.

7.2.12 Maps registered to OI on the Map Register are available for use by all affiliated clubs. Clubs must request permission to use the map in advance and are required to submit any updated OCAD files to Orienteering Ireland following the event. This will ensure that OI maintains the most up-to-date version of each map for future usage. Possession of an OCAD file does not imply ongoing permission to use the map; each use must be individually requested and approved by Orienteering Ireland.

R7.3 Registration Fee

The registration of the intention to map an area using the Map Registration Form shall be subject to a fee that shall be decided from time to time by the OI Board of Directors.

R7.4 Pre-Marked Maps

Competitors at Category C1 and C2 competitions shall receive their maps with their courses and map corrections pre-marked. For these competitions, if a previous orienteering map exists, colour copies of the most recent edition must be displayed on the event or organising club website for all competitors to examine up to the day immediately prior to the event. On the day of a C1 or C2 competition, the use of any map of the competition area by competitors is prohibited until permitted to do so by the Organiser.

R7.5 Master Maps

If pre-marked maps are not used at category C3 or C4 events, competitors may copy their course from master maps either before or after they have been timed as having started. Each master map shall show the course, all relevant map corrections, and the control description list appropriate to the course.

R7.6 Map Size

Large maps should be printed to a size appropriate to the extent of the competition courses.

R7.7 Printing and paper

Printing methods and paper specification shall comply with the criteria appropriate to the category of the competition. See paragraph A.E.1.5 Map Printing and Protection in Appendix E: Maps and Map Registration.

R7.8 Map Information

All competition maps shall provide the following information:

Mandatory Information:

(1) Title name of the map.

(2) The name of the club that has registered the map with OI with the notice that it is an affiliated club of Orienteering Ireland.

(3) Scale and scale bar.

(4) Contour interval rule.

(5) Magnetic north lines, and the date of the measurement of the deviation of magnetic north.

(6) Any 'special feature' symbols used with their definition whether or not a full legend is printed.

Desirable Information:

(1) Date of first publication or date of registration of the completed map with OI.

(2) Date of last update of the map.

(3) Name of the holder of the copyright to the printed map and artwork.

(4) Access and permission statement.

(5) Acknowledgement of the source material.

(6) Specification used, ISOM or ISSOM, and version date.

(7) Legend.

(8) Names of surveyor(s) and cartographer(s).

R7.9 Application

These Rules are subject to the guidelines and processes detailed in Appendix E: Maps and Map Registration.