



Orienteering USA Board of Directors Meeting

January 26, 2015
Teleconference, 8:30pm–11 pm EST

Board Members

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| Kris Beecroft | Present |
| Charlie Bleau | Present |
| Pete Dady | Present |
| Jennifer Flagel | Present |
| Donna Fluegel | Present |
| Bob Forgrave | Present |
| Peter Goodwin | Present |
| Greg Lennon | Present |
| Pat Meehan | Present |
| Lou Pataki | Present |
| Tom Strat | Present |
| Lee Todd | Not Present |

Staff

Glen Schorr
Erin Schirm

Guests

Maryjane Stout
Clare Durand

A. Approved that the 2015 Orienteering USA budget be amended by:

- 1) Adding a line item expense of IOF fees of \$1,200, and
- 2) Increasing the budgeted expense line for the following teams to the amounts specified:
 - a. Senior Foot O Team to \$19,200;
 - b. Ski O Team to \$25,900; and
 - c. Trail O Team to \$2,500

B. Accepted changes to Team Selections for WOC:

- 1) See new Team selection rules as prepared by the team ESC
- 2) G.1.7.10 changes from "A candidate for a scoring exception..." to "A petitioning candidate..."
- 3) G.1.7.11 changes from "WOC and Exception Eligibility Determination" to "WOC and Petition Eligibility Determination"

C. Approved changes from the Junior Team:

- 1) Insert to G.2.7.3: JTESC shall announce the Selection Period and Selection Criteria annually, at least four months prior to selection races and prior to the beginning of the Selection Period. The announcement shall be disseminated through Junior Team email lists, and other

communication methods, so as to reach as many juniors as possible. The announcement shall also set forth the date by which the selections shall be made and the last day for filing petitions.

2) Delete from rule G.2.7.4: *The Selection Period shall be a twelve-month period ending on a cutoff date in the month of April.*

D. Approved changing Standing Team to National Team for all teams.

E. Approved Rogaine addition of Ultra Veteran class (members of team 65 years of age or greater).

F. Approved Trail O change to scoring rules for timed controls on PreO courses to be consistent with IOF: 30 seconds maximum per problem plus 60 second penalty. Timed controls are not counted in the score.

G. Approved the following: Within four weeks, sanctioning fees shall be remitted to Orienteering USA for each sanctioned race for each competitor entered in a competitive class. For Championship races, the championship fee shall be remitted for each competitor with an available championship class, regardless of their championship eligibility. Standard sanctioning fees shall be remitted for those with no championship class available.

H. Approve rewriting of the Interscholastics School Eligibility rules to read:

To be eligible as a SCHOOL Team:

Unless there is an authorized exception, team members must be enrolled full-time at the same school, as demonstrated by a school ID for the same school. Authorized exceptions are cases in which the exception has been determined in advance to not harm the intent of the junior competition program. In these cases, an Orienteering USA School Team Exception form replaces the school ID to determine eligibility. It must be signed by an administrator (Principal or Vice Principal) of the school currently attended by the student.

Currently authorized exceptions:

1. Split high schools. Students who are enrolled full-time at ninth and tenth grade campuses whose students will eventually attend the eleventh and twelfth grade campus of the school team may run up, with permission of the lower school.
2. Split JROTC programs. Students who are enrolled in a JROTC program that crosses school borders may form a team with their JROTC teammates with the permission of the attended main school.
3. Alternative schools. Students who are enrolled in an alternative school such as a charter school, choice school, or pull-out school where sports are typically offered through another school in a “home school” relationship may participate as part of their home school, with permission of their attended school’s administrator.
4. Running up. Students who desire to run up in the school they will eventually attend (such as an advanced middle schooler joining with prior classmates now in high school) may run up with permission of their attended school’s administrator.

5. Home schools. Students who are enrolled in a home school and do not have a Student ID can join the same team, with a parent-signed Orienteering USA School Team Exception form.

I. Junior alcohol policy below was accepted. (Glen Schorr was against the passage of this policy or any policy that allows consumption of alcohol by minors. Charlie Bleu voted no.)

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Junior Alcohol Policy

While under the auspices of Orienteering USA,

1. Alcohol shall not be consumed by junior athletes during periods of training and competition. This ban on alcohol applies to rest days interspersed among training days prior to a major competition.
2. Alcohol may be consumed by athletes age 18 and over at organized post-competition celebratory events, if it is in accordance with policies set by the junior coach and chaperones with guidance from the OUSA Safety Committee and only if all of the following conditions are met:
 - o Local laws for purchasing and consuming alcohol are followed,
 - o Parents have agreed in writing to this Junior Alcohol Policy.

Consequences for violating this policy will be administered by, and at the discretion of the coach, with advice from chaperones, and will be based on the severity of the violation and can include being dismissed from the team and sent home at the expense of the athlete or the athlete’s family. A dismissal may continue as a ban from the US National Team for an extended period of time. In accordance with the OUSA grievance policy, appeals may be submitted.

J. Future BOD meetings

- March BOD meeting - Saturday, March 28th, 3–5 pm at Carter Caves State Resort Park, Olive Hill, KY
- AGM - Friday, June 26th - late afternoon or evening (time TBD), Boise, ID
- June BOD meeting - Saturday, June 27th, mid-afternoon (time TBD), Idaho City, ID*
- Fall BOD meeting – TBD

* Note: There will only be one BOD meeting around the AGM instead of the usual two. The Saturday afternoon meeting will be a full board meeting (approximately 2 hours in length)

K. Informal dinner at Interscholastics. Contact Glen for details.

Adjourned at 11pm