

Event Promoter Policy

Orienteering USA recognizes the opportunity to grow our sport by accepting Event Promoters as Supporting Member organizations of the federation. This is done with the understanding that the goal of accepting such organizations is not to replace or harm our club network in any way.

1. Acceptance

- a. Before an Event Promoter can be accepted as a Supporting Member, they must be approved by a majority vote of the board of directors. Criteria include, but are not limited to, past event history, financial solvency and input from any current OUSA clubs in the Event Promoter's operating area.
- b. The board reserves the right to assign a mentor to work with the Event Promoter for a period of no longer than one year.

2. Acceptable events

- a. Orienteering, rogaining, trail running, adventure races, and similar training activities.
- b. Any other map and compass sports must be approved in advance by OUSA's Vice President of Club Development

3. Insurance: As Supporting Members

- a. Event Promoters will be provided the same insurance as OUSA member clubs.
- b. In order for this insurance to be in force the Event Promoter must (1) secure a Certificate of Insurance from our insurance agent and (2) have all participants sign an approved-language event waiver that includes an event-only membership to Orienteering USA.

4. Fees

- a. Annual Fee: Consistent with the by-laws of the federation, the Event Promoter must pay an annual fee to federation of \$X. The initial fee will be due upon acceptance and annual renewals are due by January 1 consistent with the federation's by-laws.
- b. Per-start Fee: In order to provide sufficient insurance coverage, Event Promoters will be required to pay the federation a fee of 2 times the local meet start fee for member clubs. This amount is to offer a competitive insurance fee to Event Promoters while acknowledging that they are event-based, not membership-based organizations. Fees for each event are due to the federation within 30 days of the event.
- c. Failure of payment will result in probation, suspension or termination of membership by the federation.

5. Working Partnerships with the Local Club

- a. As stated in point 1a, OUSA will solicit local club input before accepting an Event Promoter as a Supporting Member of the federation. While the club does not have the right to veto the membership, should there be a dispute dialogue between the three parties will occur to address any issues. OUSA holds the final decision in such matters.
- b. The Event Promoter agrees to forward information from the federation and local club to all event entrants for a period of three months after the event.

6. A-meet Policy

- a. Event Promoters that become Supporting Members will hold the right to hold A-meets consistent with federation clubs, with no advance fees.
- b. Event Promoters that are not Supporting Members are welcome to hold A-meets under the guidelines of the federation's A-meet policy.

7. Voting Rights

- a. This agreement does not provide federation voting rights to the Event Producer or its leadership.

8. Board of Directors' Positions

- a. Like all of our board positions, interested Event Promoters are encouraged to apply for a 3-year board of director's seat and be approved by the membership at the Annual General Meeting. Like all other constituent groups, Event Promoters are not guaranteed a seat on the federation's board of directors.

9. Termination

- a. Citing cause, both parties have the right to termination. Termination will take place 30 days after communication from the first party to the second party. All dues and fees must be paid prior to termination

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