

Armidale Outdoors

Schools Orienteering Championship

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Scoring Information Sheet

Course selection

In deciding which course to undertake, students should bear in mind the following:

- In the score course, it is not essential to visit all control sites; points are awarded for each control visited. Also there is a time limit of 1 hour and points are deducted for late return.
- In the line courses, **all control sites** must be visited and **in the correct order** and placings are determined purely on the basis of time. **If any controls are missed, no points will be awarded.**

Individual trophies

Trophies will be awarded to the first three boys and first three girls in the appropriate age groups in each of the line courses.

The Primary Schools Trophy

The PSSA Primary Schools Trophy is open to primary and central schools registering students up to year 6 for the **line** courses as well as the **score** course.

The scoring for this trophy is structured to reward students who complete the score course in smaller teams, and to encourage students to compete individually in the line courses. In order to make the scoring fairer for schools that send years 3 and 4 as well as years 5 and 6, teams comprising only year 3 or 4 students will be boosted by 20%.

Each school's final score will be a composite of:

1) Score course tally

- 1 point for every control punched in the right square (maximum of 20 points per team, ie 10 points per person for teams of 2, or 5 points per person for teams of 4).
- 1 point will be deducted for every minute late after 65 minutes
- scores for teams comprising year 3/4 students **only** will be boosted by 20%

2) Line course tally

- The first 10 places for the year 3/4 green course will be awarded points from 20 down to 11 per team. All other finishers receive 10 points (zero if any controls are missed).
- The first 10 places for the year 5/6 green course will be awarded points from 20 down to 11 per team. All other finishers receive 10 points (zero if any controls are missed).

The tallies are added together and then divided by the number of students from each school or the number 10, whichever is the greater. Dividing by the number of students means that small schools are not disadvantaged, while the limit of 10 is to discourage schools from sending very small, elite teams.

The division also means it is clearly an advantage to have the smallest possible teams - teams of two on the score course and individuals on the line courses.