

# Armidale Outdoors

## Schools Orienteering Championships - 2017

### Course and Trophy Information Sheet

#### Courses

##### *Score course*

A **score course** is offered for students with little or no experience in orienteering. Students go in teams of **two to four** and points are awarded for each control visited. Controls may be visited in any order. There is a time limit of **one hour** so a **watch is essential** and points are deducted for late return. A compass is **not** required.

##### *Line courses*

Students with some orienteering experience may choose to do one of the more competitive **line courses**. These can be done **individually** or in **teams of 2**. Line course standards are indicated by a colour code that reflects the difficulty of navigation: a **green** course (2-3 km, easy navigation, 20-50 minutes – a compass is not essential but may be useful), and an **orange** course (3-4 km, moderate navigation, 30-60 minutes – a compass is recommended).

##### *Note*

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

- In the score course, it is not essential to visit all controls; Points are awarded for each control visited
- In the line courses, **all control** must be visited and **in the correct order**. Results are determined purely on the basis of time. **If any controls are missed, no points will be awarded for the school trophy.**

#### Trophies

**Individual trophies** will be awarded to the first three boys and first three girls on the line courses in appropriate age groups.

**Certificates** will be awarded to the first placed boys and girls teams in each age group on the score course.

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 visited (maximum of 18 points per team).
- 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.