



## **Appendix K: The Ranking Scheme**

### **1. Introduction**

#### **1.1. Aim of Ranking List**

- 1.1.1. The aim of the computerised British Orienteering ranking scheme is to rank all regular and competent orienteers in senior age classes and M/W18/20 classes in order of orienteering ability. The hope is that this will spur the spirit of competition, thereby helping to raise both navigational and fitness standards. Ranking lists may also be used for International selection purposes as well as for seeding competitors at major events.

#### **1.2. Inclusion of Events**

- 1.2.1. Organisers of Standard Events can choose whether the event is to be a ranking event or not<sup>1</sup>. This information is required on the ER1 event registration form.
- 1.2.2. All British Championship, JK and Area Championship Events are required to contribute.
- 1.2.3. IOF World Ranking points scored by British runners in World Cup finals, World Games and World Championship qualification and final races are converted to British Orienteering ranking points for inclusion in the British Orienteering rankings. The conversion is achieved by comparing the points scored under the IOF and British Orienteering ranking schemes at a selected British World Ranking Event.

#### **1.3. General Description**

- 1.3.1. All British Orienteering members (M/W18+) who gain points at ranked events will have their points stored in **one overarching database**.
- 1.3.2. This database could be displayed on the British Orienteering website in two sections, one for men and one for women<sup>2</sup>. Each section includes all age groups (e.g. the men's section has all runners from M18 to M80 in one list), and individual age class lists can also be selected by clicking the relevant link on the website.
- 1.3.3. The system is written in such a way that it can accept results data from **both** age based courses (e.g. National Events) **and also** colour coded courses (e.g. Standard Events) and produce valid rankings points.

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<sup>1</sup> It is anticipated that a wide range of events, e.g. Sprint, Middle Distance, etc will be classified as Ranking Events in order to increase their status and hence popularity.

<sup>2</sup> Alternatively, the data could be displayed as one combined list.

- 1.3.4. The key to the system is the British Orienteering membership number. Membership numbers are used to link results from different events for a given runner.
- 1.3.5. The total of a runner's best six scores over the past 12 months gives a runner's current ranking. All TD4 and TD5 colour coded courses are included (as well as all Sprint courses)<sup>3</sup>. Short classes (and M/W18B) are ranked, but are no longer ranked separately, i.e. points from the W45S course at a Championship Event will be added to the overarching database, appearing within the W45 category.
- 1.3.6. When a competitor wishes to be ranked as a member of a new club or under a change of name, the British Orienteering National Office should be informed so that the membership records can be updated. This will then update the information in the ranking lists.
- 1.3.7. The national rankings lists are available via the British Orienteering web site at all times. Printed copies may also be made available from time to time. The web site also contains a complete record of the Mean Times and points calculation for each course at each ranking event included in the rankings database.

## **2. Production of the Ranking List**

### **2.1. Submission of Results**

- 2.1.1. Provisional results should be submitted to the ranking page on the British Orienteering web site as soon as possible, and preferably on the evening of the event.
- 2.1.2. Final results must be submitted electronically to the ranking page on the British Orienteering web site within 14 days of the event. If a ranking event fails to meet this condition then the organising club will not be permitted to hold another ranking event until it can guarantee to meet the condition.
- 2.1.3. Results must be submitted in the British Orienteering file format, as defined on the ranking page on the British Orienteering web site. There is a compliance testing utility on the web site that will check the format of a results file before it is submitted.
- 2.1.4. The validity of the rankings lists relies heavily on the accuracy of the event data supplied to the compilers of the list. Thus, event Organisers are asked to include competitor British Orienteering numbers with their results and to submit them as soon as possible after the event.

### **2.2. Calculation of Ranking Points**

- 2.2.1. The calculation principle will be similar to that used for the existing rankings scheme, updated to reflect the changes proposed in section 1 above.

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<sup>3</sup> The intention of this wording is that it is the highest technical level of course which is to be included. Thus, where the terrain can only sustain a maximum of TD4, then the TD4 course results are submitted for ranking purposes. Sprint courses may only be of TD3 so, in this case, the highest level (i.e. TD3) courses are submitted for ranking purposes.