

# Garingal Club Champion Rules



## Participants

Designed originally to entice more members to events\*, the GO Club Champion competition is open to all club members regardless of age class to determine who is the best performer in Garingal.

## Qualifying Events

Only events offering line courses or Scatter-O can potentially qualify for inclusion. Notably, events that count towards the total point score have a locality bias, in that, not all events on the ONSW Calendar are included. Rather, the following list comprises the set of events that attract points. If all rounds of the Metro-League and Minor events are attempted, the lowest score from each series will be discarded.

Major events in NSW (e.g. State Champs, State League)

Metro-league events (all events including Final)

Garingal Minor events: These events should have Very Easy, Easy, Moderate & Hard courses offered. If the map does not allow for planning of Hard courses, then Short Moderate & Long Moderate can replace the Moderate/Hard courses. Optional extra courses can be an Intermediate Moderate course or a Scatter-O course. Note: for Scatter-O, competitors do not see the map before their start; the course is to have a compulsory first control out of sight from the Start/map pickup/assembly area; care is to be taken by the Planner to offer several near-equal options for the next couple of controls to improve discrimination of better competitors; up to approximately two thirds of all controls on the map should be visited to create a Hard course with fewer controls visited to create shorter courses if desired.

Note: Sydney Summer Series daylight-saving score events, or any other score events, are not included.

## Calculation of Points

Reference point. Points will be calculated by comparing the Garingal member's time with the fastest NSW person regardless of that person's club in their:

- Class (for State League/Championship events)
- Division (for Metro-league events, regardless of gender)
- Course (for a minor event).

Maximum score available per event is 100 for the person who wins the top class/ division/ course on offer. When shorter or easier courses are also on offer for a given age class (e.g. at State League events), the maximum score is reduced as shown in the Table.

Table: Maximum points available when several courses are on offer for a given age (e.g. SL, State Champs)

When an elite class is offered:	Max points	When an elite class is not offered:	Max points
E	100	A	100
A	90	AS	90
AS	80	Open B	80
Open B	70	Open Easy	70
Open Easy	60	Open Very Easy	60
Open Very Easy	50	Competed in non-timed course	40
Competed in non-timed course	40		

For Metro-League Easy and Very Easy courses, the maximum score will be 70 and 60 respectively.

Points calculation. Garingal members will receive points calculated relative to the overall winner's time or score as follows:

- For Major events: Points will be a percentage of the maximum available, reduced by a factor depending on how much the competitor's time exceeded the winner's using the same principle as for 'State league events'. For example, competitors who take 20% longer than the winner in an 'A' class event will score 80; competitors who take 50% longer than the winner in an 'AS' class will score 45). The minimum points if one finishes the course is 10
- For Major events: A club member's best results out of only a certain proportion of the total events as determined each year by the ONSW Orienteer of the Year series will count (see ONSW [website](#)). Set in 2022 as 'when up to 10 events count the number of events minus 3, when 11 – 13 events count 7 events, when 14 or more events count half the number of events rounded down to the whole figure and add 1
- For major events: If a Garingal member competes in more than one OY class during the year, we will endeavour to count their best results across classes
- For Metro-league events (including Final): If all rounds are attempted, the lowest score will be discarded
- For Minor events: If all rounds are attempted, the lowest score will be discarded
- For Metro-League events, points will be scored as a percentage of the Division winner, male or female. Should a Division Winner not be a member of a club participating in the Metro-League competition, their time will be deemed to be the same as the fastest time of a ML Comp participant. Garingal members who are not part of a ML team who win a division will be deemed to have the same time as a metro league team winner
- For Minor and Metro-league events: the minimum score for completing the course is 10, a DNF will score 5
- For Minor and Metro-League Easy and Very Easy events: competitors will score separately for males and females
- For Minor Garingal events: Male points are calculated irrespective of the gender of the winner. Female points are calculated with respect to the winning female. For a person who is a member of a mixed gender group, the points will be calculated against the winning male on the course
- For Minor Garingal events: Should a person complete two courses at the same event, their points will be the lower of the two scores.
- People who enter but do not start (DNS) will score 0
- Helpers who don't manage to get a run on the day will be awarded 40
- For events organised by Garingal: The Organiser/Planner/Controller or Vettor will score 100 points
- When a Garingal member is requested to Plan or Control another club's event, thus sacrificing their opportunity to compete, that member will be awarded 100 points.

Enter-on-the-day. Courses available to EOD competitors are not necessarily the same as for Pre-entry. Hence, at State League events Garingal EOD participants will be scored as if they had entered their nearest age class run on the same course. At Metro-league events, they will be scored as if they had run in the lowest division which ran the same course (e.g. Div 5, where Divs 4 & 5 run the same course). Then if required, their time will be adjusted as per their km run rate.

**\*\* Dave Bowerman** (then GO, but now CCO) was the originator and designer of the principles of our Club Champion. **Jim Merchant** is the current Club Statistician and since around 2005 has kept this part of Garingal's Hall of Fame alive. We cannot thank them enough for preserving this aspect of Garingal's history!

If you have a suggestion or question regarding the Club Champion, contact [president@garingal.com.au](mailto:president@garingal.com.au)

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