

Orienteering USA Junior National Championships

The OUSA Junior National Championships will have twelve (12) Individual competitions, three (3) Intercollegiate Team competitions, six (6) Interscholastic Team competitions, and four (4) JROTC Team competitions.

Championship Awards shall be given to the top three finishers in each Championship class who are eligible for Championship awards, regardless of their overall place.

Traveling Cups are awarded to the top eligible teams in IS School Varsity, IS School Junior Varsity, IS School Intermediate, JROTC Varsity, JROTC Junior Varsity, AFJROTC Varsity, and AFJROTC Junior Varsity classes.

Note: School and JROTC teams are not mutually exclusive. JROTC teams that meet school team requirements are also eligible for the school team award.

Rules for competition, eligibility and scoring are specified in the OUSA document "**Rules for Orienteering USA Sanctioned Events (March 16, 2018)**" available [here](#). In the event of protests, questions or other issues, the OUSA Rules for Orienteering will serve as the source document.

Eligibility

- *Individuals*

To compete for OUSA Jr National Championship individual awards, competitors must compete in one of the OUSA Individual Championship Classes and meet the following OUSA eligibility requirements:

1. Meet standard Orienteering USA National Champion eligibility requirements (OUSA Rules for Competition A.12.2.1):
 - a. Is a regular member in good standing of Orienteering USA
 - b. Is either a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States of America
2. Meet standard Intercollegiate or Interscholastic class requirements in section (OUSA Rules for Competition A.35.3.1 or A.36.3.1), namely:

Intercollegiate (A.35.3.1)

- a. Be a full-time college or university student. (Undergraduate or graduate as defined by the college or university).
- b. Less than 28 years old as of 12-31-2023.
- c. Have competed as an eligible Intercollegiate competitor in fewer than four Orienteering USA Junior Nationals.

Interscholastic (A.36.3.1)

- a. Be enrolled in a public or private school or be homeschooled)
- b. Meet the grade requirements listed in the Individual Classes chart

Individual competition will be held for each of the four (4) Intercollegiate and eight (8) Interscholastic classes:

Intercollegiate Individual Classes

Class Description	Course
ICVM Varsity Male	Red
ICVF Varsity Female	Green
ICJVM Junior Varsity Male	Orange
ICJVF Junior Varsity Female	Orange

Interscholastic Individual Classes

Class Description	Course	School Grade-level
ISVM Varsity Male	Green	Are in any grade through twelve
ISVF Varsity Female	Brown	Are in any grade through twelve
ISJVM Junior Varsity Male	Orange	Are in any grade through twelve
ISJVF Junior Varsity Female	Orange	Are in any grade through twelve
ISIM Intermediate Male	Yellow	Are in any grade through nine
ISIF Intermediate Female	Yellow	Are in any grade through nine
ISPM Primary Male	White	Are in any grade through six
ISPF Primary Female	White	Are in any grade through six

Note: students ineligible for the Jr National Championship classes may register and compete in any standard class.

- Team Competition

To compete as an OUSA Jr National Championship Team, including JROTC teams, all team members must:

1. Be an Orienteering USA regular member in good standing.
2. Be either a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States of America OR be legally enrolled as a full-time student at a U.S. school, college, or university.
3. Meet standard Intercollegiate or Interscholastic class requirements in section A.35.3.1 or A.36.3.1.
4. Have competed as an eligible Intercollegiate competitor in fewer than four Orienteering USA Junior Nationals.

Team competition will be held for each of the three (3) Intercollegiate, six (6) Interscholastic, two (2) JROTC, and two (2) AFJROTC classes

Junior National Championship Team Classes

Description	Course
Team IC School Varsity	males on Red, females on Green
Team IC School Junior Varsity	males on Orange, females on Orange
Team IC Club Varsity	males on Red, females on Green
Team IS School Varsity	males on Green, females on Brown

Team IS School Junior Varsity	males on Orange, females on Orange
Team IS School Intermediate	males on Yellow, females on Yellow
Team IS Club Varsity	males on Green, females on Brown
Team IS Club Junior Varsity	males on Orange, females on Orange
Team IS Club Intermediate	males on Yellow, females on Yellow
Team JROTC Varsity	males on Green, females on Brown
Team JROTC Junior Varsity	males on Orange, females on Orange
Team AFJROTC Varsity	males on Green, females on Brown
Team AFJROTC Junior Varsity	males on Orange, females on Orange

Intercollegiate Teams

- a. An Intercollegiate Varsity Team shall consist of up to 5 competitors made up of any combination of men and women who are eligible for Intercollegiate Varsity competition.
- b. An Intercollegiate Junior Varsity Team shall consist of up to 5 competitors made up of any combination of men and women who are eligible for Intercollegiate Junior Varsity competition.
- c. To be eligible as a SCHOOL Team all team members must be enrolled full-time at the same school, as demonstrated by a school ID for the same school, OR have an authorized exception, as demonstrated by an Orienteering USA School Team Exception Form.
- d. Intercollegiate team members must all attend the same campus.

Interscholastic Teams

- a. Interscholastic Varsity Teams consist of 3 to 5 students who are competing in the ISVM and/or ISVF classes.
- b. Interscholastic Junior Varsity teams consist of 3 to 5 students who are competing in the ISJVM and/or ISJVF class.
- c. Interscholastic Intermediate teams consist of 3 to 5 students who are competing in the ISIM and/or ISIF classes.
- d. Interscholastic Primary teams consist of 3 to 5 students who are competing in the ISPM and/or ISPF classes.
- e. To be eligible as a SCHOOL Team all team members must be enrolled full-time at the same school, as demonstrated by a school ID for the same school, OR have an authorized exception, as demonstrated by an Orienteering USA School Team Exception Form.

OUSA Club Teams

- a. All team members must be primary Orienteering USA regular members of the same Orienteering USA sanctioned Orienteering Club.
- b. The team must **not** be eligible as a SCHOOL or JROTC team.
- c. The Coach of the Club Team shall provide a letter stating that all members meet the eligibility requirements.

JROTC Teams

- a. All team members must be enrolled in the same JROTC unit in accordance with the host military service requirements.

- b. JROTC teams may also compete as School teams if they meet the School team requirements above.

Scoring

Races

Awards will be based on the classic distance races on Saturday and Sunday.

Scoring for each race will be done in accordance with OUSA Intercollegiate and Interscholastic competition rules as follows:

- For each Individual Intercollegiate and Interscholastic class, an AWT (the average winning time) is defined as the average of the times of the top three competitors in that class who are competing in a team category.
- For each class, for each competitor with a valid result, their score is computed as $60 * (\text{competitor's time}) / (\text{AWT for the class})$.
- For competitors with an OT, MP, DNF or DSQ result, their score will be the larger of $10 + 60 * (\text{course time limit}) / (\text{AWT for the male class})$ and $10 + 60 * (\text{course time limit}) / (\text{AWT for the female class})$ for that team category/level (i.e. Varsity, JV, Intermediate, or Primary).

Individual Score

- Each individual starter shall receive a calculated elapsed time or an incomplete designation (DNF, MP, OT).
- The individual's time will be converted into a score as described above in the Scoring section.
- The winning individuals are determined by lowest total combined score over the two-day competition.

Team Score

Scoring for team awards in Intercollegiate and Interscholastic Team Categories (School, Club and JROTC) will be done in accordance with OUSA Intercollegiate and Interscholastic competition rules as follows:

- Each individual team member shall receive a calculated elapsed time or an incomplete designation (DNF, MP, OT).
- Each individual team member's time will be converted into a score as described above in the Scoring section.
- The best three scores each day for each team are combined for a team score.
- Lowest overall team score wins.

Calculation and Display of Scores

Scores will be displayed to two decimal places.

Awards

- Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each Intercollegiate and Interscholastic Individual class (12 classes).
- Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each JROTC Individual class (4 classes).

- Medals to all team members for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams in each Intercollegiate and Interscholastic Team class (9 classes).
- Medals to all team members for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams in each JROTC Team class (4 classes).
- Traveling Trophies to First Place Teams in seven team competitions: IS School Intermediate, IS School Varsity, IS School Junior Varsity, JROTC Varsity, JROTC Junior Varsity, AFJROTC Varsity and AFJROTC Junior Varsity.