

CORRECTION OF ORIENTEERING MAPS POLICY

1.0 RATIONALE

- 1.1 Accurate and up to date orienteering maps are key tools for our sport.
- 1.2 As terrain features change with time and human activity, maps will eventually require updating.
- 1.3 Historically, *ad hoc* map corrections by Course Planners were made by hand on master maps in mounting particular events. These were simply copied by competitors onto their own maps and did not find their way onto original map drawings.
- 1.4 The advent of wider OCAD access and accompanying digital map printing for events has created the possibility that copies of original drawings may be altered when these necessary corrections occur digitally.
- 1.5 Maps as creative products are subject to intellectual property law and mappers as authors must be accorded appropriate respect in providing for orderly and acknowledged updates, regardless of the fact that OT becomes the owner of each map.

2.0 SCOPE

- 2.1 This policy applies to all OT members and to any employees.

3.0 IMPLEMENTATION

- 3.1 OT will appoint a Mapping Officer whose duties shall include management of map changes under this policy.
- 3.2 When a Planner makes *ad hoc* corrections on a small scale (for example, placing a new fence or other human artefact on the map), this shall be noted in text on that copy of the map. The map shall be printed for use at that event only and the Mapping Officer advised of the changes.
- 3.3 Where a Course Planner or other event official feels that major changes are necessary to the original of a map, the Mapping Officer must be notified and details provided.

- 3.4 The original Mapper shall, in consultation with the Mapping Officer, decide whether corrections are warranted and whether the Planner may make the changes under delegation. Alternatively the Mapping Officer will arrange for the Mapper to undertake the update.
- 3.5 In cases where maps have involved a number of mappers, or if the original Mapper is unavailable, an experienced Mapper shall be consulted.
- 3.6 Updated maps shall be appropriately annotated to reflect any new authorship.
- 3.7 Reinterpretation of existing rock, vegetation or contour detail shall not be undertaken by Planners on any map they have not themselves created. Rather it is appropriate to avoid contentious areas or to seek an orderly update of the map under item 3.3 of this policy.

4.0 REVIEW

This policy and implementation strategies may be updated as issues are identified, and reviewed at least annually.