

## **Rules for the 2014 US Intercollegiate Championships**

DVOA has been granted a waiver to use a different format for the 2014 US Intercollegiate Championships. The details of the new format and scoring is given below.

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### **Background**

There are normally seven classes in the US-IC. The Individual classes are Male and Female, Varsity and Junior Varsity. The Team classes are School Varsity, School Junior Varsity and Club Varsity. (There is no Club Junior Varsity award.) There are normally 2 US-IC individual point-to-point format races on consecutive days and each individual is awarded a score for each race, which depends upon their finish time and the Average Winning Time (AWT). Each individual earns a total score, which is the sum of the scores earned in the individual races and the lowest score is the winner. Each school or club may enter teams of up to 5 people and the best 3 scores in each team are added together to derive the team score. Again, the lowest team score wins. This is described in full in section A.35 Intercollegiate Special Rules in the OUSA Rules of Competition. Sometimes, there are special circumstances whereby a penalty of 10 points is applied, for example in the case of a DNF.

### **Observations**

The AWT is the average of the fastest 3 times in each individual competition. Scores are then calculated relative to the AWT by the formula  $60 * (\text{competitor's time}) / \text{AWT}$ . There are special exceptions to this when there are small fields or if the competitor does not finish. This means that if the competitor's time is the same as the AWT, then their score is 60, and if it is twice that, then their score is 120. This also means that the sum of the scores of the fastest 3 times will be 180, barring special circumstances.

### **New Format and Rules for 2014**

For 2014, the two-day point-to-point competition will be replaced with a 2-person, 4-leg, point-to-point team relay on the first day and a one-day point-to-point individual competition on the second day. Each school or club may designate up to two relay teams from their school or club team of at most 5 team members. Each team must be comprised of two runners: one male and one female. The 4-leg, point-to-point relay race would begin with the male runner, legs would alternate between the two runners and the final runner would be the female runner. There will be two Intercollegiate Relay divisions, a Varsity and a Junior Varsity. Relay teams in the Varsity division may be school teams or club teams. Relay teams in the Junior Varsity division must be school teams.

### **Scoring**

The scoring for the individual competition on the second day would be as usual. The scoring from the team relays on the first day would be calculated based upon the total times for each two-person team. Scores would be calculated relative to the AWT by the same formulae that are used for individual scoring, except that a factor of 180 would be applied instead of 60, a 30-point

penalty would apply instead of 10 points, and there would be no male-female distinction. This would scale each relay team score to 180, just as it is scaled to 180 for the team score from the individual one-day competition. The lowest team relay score would be used for each school or club team and added to the school or club team score from the second day to derive a total school or club team score. As usual, the lowest total score wins.

**Awards**

Individual awards would be made as usual, except that they would be made on the basis of the score from only the second day on which there is the individual point-to-point format race. Team awards would be based upon the total team score as described above. Awards for the relays will also be given.

**Excerpts from the Rules for Orienteering USA Sanctioned Events**

**A.35 Intercollegiate Special Rules**

**A.35.1 Definition**

A.35.1.1 Intercollegiate competition is an individual point-to-point format competition for eligible college students. Students compete for individual awards and can compete on teams for team awards.

**A.35.2 Course/Class Structure**

A.35.2.1 In addition to the standard course/class structure the following Individual intercollegiate classes are added.

- a. ICVM: Intercollegiate Varsity Males on the Red course
- b. ICVF: Intercollegiate Varsity Females on the Green course
- c. ICJVM: Intercollegiate Junior Varsity Males on the Orange course
- d. ICJVF: Intercollegiate Junior Varsity Females on the Orange course

<b>Intercollegiate Individual 4 Classes</b>						
<b>White</b>	<b>Yellow</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Blue</b>
		ICJVF		ICVF	ICVM	
		ICJVM				

A.35.2.2 Intercollegiate events may also include team classes as follows:

- 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.

### **A.35.3 Intercollegiate Eligibility**

A.35.3.1 To be eligible to compete in an Intercollegiate class the competitor must meet the following two requirements:

- a. Be a full-time college or university student.  
(Undergraduate or graduate as defined by the college or university)
- b. Be less than 28 years old as of December 31 of the current year.

A.35.3.2 Junior Varsity competitors must have never competed in the Intercollegiate Varsity class.

### **A.35.4 Scoring**

A.35.4.1 Scores for each race are computed as follows:

- a. For each Individual Intercollegiate class, define AWT (the average winning time) as the average of the times of the top three individual competitors in that class (for Championships use only times from Team Championship-eligible competitors). In the event that there are fewer than three eligible competitors with a valid time in any intercollegiate class, the AWT shall be calculated as the average of the times of all eligible competitors with a valid time.
- b. For each competitor in each Individual Intercollegiate class with a valid result, their score is computed as  $60 * (\text{competitor's time}) / (\text{AWT for the class})$ .
- c. For competitors with an OVT, MSP, DNF or DSQ result, their score shall 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 their team level (Varsity or JV).

A.35.4.2 *Team Scoring*: The best three scores from each race for each team are combined for a team score. Lowest overall team score wins.

A.35.4.3 *Individual Scoring*: The scores from each race are combined for each individual. Lowest combined score wins.

A.35.4.4 For calculation purposes the decimal should be carried as far as the used system will allow.

A.35.4.5 For display purposes the decimal should be carried one or two places, or as far as necessary to indicate an order or tie. Two decimal places are recommended.

### **A.35.5 U.S. Intercollegiate Orienteering Championships**

A.35.5.1 The U.S. Intercollegiate Orienteering Championships shall consist of two races—either two Classic format races or one Middle and one Long format.

A.35.5.2 The following are the Championship classes at the U.S. Intercollegiate Orienteering Championships:

- a. Individual ICJVF
- b. Individual ICJVM
- c. Individual ICVM
- d. Individual ICVF
- e. Team School Junior Varsity
- f. Team School Varsity
- g. Team Club Varsity

A.35.5.3 Individual Intercollegiate Championship eligibility is as follows:

- a. Meet standard U.S. Championship eligibility requirements in section A.12.2.1.
- b. Meet standard Intercollegiate class requirements in section A.35.3.1.
- c. Have competed as an eligible competitor in fewer than four U.S. Intercollegiate Orienteering Championships.

A.35.5.4 Team Intercollegiate Championship eligibility is as follows:

- a. Be Orienteering USA regular members in good standing.
- b. Meet standard U.S. Championship eligibility requirements in section A.12.2.1 OR be legally enrolled as a full-time student at a U.S. college or university.
- c. Meet standard Intercollegiate class requirements in section A.35.3.1.
- d. Have competed as an eligible competitor in fewer than four U.S. Intercollegiate Orienteering Championships.

A.35.5.5 All Intercollegiate Championship SCHOOL team members must meet the team eligibility requirements and attend school on the same campus.

A.35.5.6 All Intercollegiate Championship CLUB team members must meet the team eligibility requirements, be primary members of the same Orienteering USA club and the team must not qualify as a school team.

A.35.5.7 Championship Awards shall be given in accordance with rule A.30.2. See also Appendix A.40, U.S. Orienteering Championship Award Guidelines