

**ORIENTEERING CANADA
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT
(For Those Under 18 Years Old)**

By signing this document you will waive certain legal rights, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

IN CONSIDERATION of allowing my minor child/ward to participate in the programs, activities and events of Orienteering Canada, including all of its affiliated Provincial Associations and affiliated Orienteering Clubs, **I ASSURE TO YOU THAT:**

1. I am the parent/guardian of the participant having full legal responsibility for decisions regarding the participant.
2. I believe that my minor/ward is physically, emotionally and mentally able to participate in the programs, activities and events of Orienteering Canada, its affiliated Provincial Associations and/or Clubs (hereinafter referred to as **the Association**).
3. I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the risks and hazards associated with or related to the orienteering programs, activities and events of **the Association**, which include without limitation, orienteering competitions, training sessions, camps, clinics of all kinds, and related sessions such as Mountain Bike O, Cross-country ski O, and regaining (hereinafter called **the Activities**).
4. I fully understand that orienteering is an activity where I will travel by foot or other means in areas that may contain harsh terrain or aggressive wildlife and may be exposed to elements. The inherent risks and hazards associated with these **Activities** include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Bodily injuries due to landscape terrain which could result in sprains, cuts, abrasions, dislocations, breaks, impalements, and contusions;
 - b. Terrain hazards may lead to collisions with trees, rocks, fences, ruins, bridges and man-made objects;
 - c. Other incidents which may include falling down cliffs, slopes, gullies, ditches, pits, depressions and possibly being caught in watercourse hazards of streams, rivers, ponds and lakes;
 - d. Unstable or violent weather – rain, sleet, hail, snow, which may cause unstable surfaces/footing and/or hypothermia;
 - e. Excessive hot or humid weather which may cause heat stroke, heat exhaustion, and/or disorientation (thereby getting lost on the map);
 - f. Encounters with aggressive wildlife such as bears, coyotes, dogs, elk, deer, moose, snakes or wasps, which could result in injury or encounters with plants producing allergic reactions;
 - g. Travel to and from competitive events, trainings and other associated non-competitive events;
 - h. Remoteness of the location with poor communications and possible inability of rescue services or medical assistance to come easily or quickly;
 - i. Other risks normally associated with participation in orienteering activities.
5. Furthermore, I am aware that:
 - a. Injuries sustained to my child/ward can be severe, even deadly, and result in reduced mobility, loss of income, etc.;
 - b. My child/ward may experience anxiety while challenging himself/herself during the Activities, events and programs;
 - c. My child/ward's risk of injury is reduced if he/she follows all rules established for participation; and
 - d. My child/ward's risk of injury increases as he/she becomes fatigued.

I have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 1- 5.

I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE, on behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin that my signing of this document constitutes that:

6. I am registering my child/ward willingly and my child/ward is participating voluntarily in these activities, events and programs.
7. I agree that there are risks as described above and my child/ward will be exposed to these risks and hazards.
8. I agree to **accept all these risks and hazards** and be responsible for any injury or other loss which my minor child/ward might receive while participating in these events, activities and programs.
9. If something happens to my child/ward, I release, waive and forever discharge **the Association** from responsibility and liability for any claims, demands, actions, damages and costs which might arise out of my child/ward's participation. I understand **the Association** to mean: Orienteering Canada, its affiliated Provincial Associations and/or Clubs, including their respective directors, officers, committee members, members, employees, coaches, volunteers, officials, referees, participants, agents, owners/operators of facilities, and representatives.

I have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 6- 9

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONSENT

10. I have read **Appendix “A” - General Guidelines for Personal Safety in Orienteering**, issued by Orienteering Canada. I understand these guidelines and agree to be bound by them. I understand these guidelines are generic and cannot be expected to cover all situations. It remains my sole responsibility to ensure that my child/ward acts and governs him/herself at each specific session, in such a manner as to be responsible for his/her own safety. Furthermore, if the Guidelines are followed, I understand that the risk of injury is reduced.

I have read and agree to be bound by Appendix “A”

11. I acknowledge that the personal information of name, age, email and address may be given to the associated Provincial Association and Orienteering Canada (summary information only) for use in their secure database for the sole purpose of keeping track of registration fees at the Provincial and National levels. This information will **not** be given to any other organization.

12. I consent to the following:

- (i) The non-commercial use of photographs, videos, recordings taken during **Activities**; and
- (ii) The disclosure of event results: on Orienteering websites, promotional materials and newsletters.

I consent and agree to be bound by Paragraph 11-12

13. By typing/printing your name as parent/guardian below and clicking/checking the “I Agree” icon, you agree that you are the parent or legal guardian of the athlete being registered and to be bound by this Participation and Legal Agreement even if you have not read the agreement.

_____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____
Name of Participant

_____ **I agree**
Name of Parent or Guardian

_____ Date _____
Signature of Parent or Guardian