

**Amendment No. 1 to Memorandum of Understanding
between
Forests NSW and Orienteering NSW and NSW
Rogaining
signed 2nd March 2006**

The above Memorandum of Understanding is hereby amended by the alteration of the following clauses to read:

6.3 Permit Application Process

6.3.1 State-wide Special Purpose Permit Application

Issuing an Annual Statewide Special Purposes Permit

Orienteering NSW and NSW Rogaining will separately apply for an annual State-wide Special Purposes Permit for events.

A list of all planned events for that year will be provided to Forests NSW prior to the commencement of each annual calendar for information. Where known, the list will include the proposed event dates, type of event (ie major or minor as per Appendix C), estimated number of participants, the State forest and event organiser contact details. Separate lists will be provided by Orienteering NSW and NSW Rogaining. ~~Amendments may be made to this list by Orienteering NSW and NSW Rogaining as they arise.~~

~~Under the Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002, a number of State forests have been declared as available for hunting and are listed on www.gamecouncil.nsw.gov.au. A list of all planned orienteering and rogaining events for that year must be provided to Forests NSW at least 12 weeks prior to the commencement of the first event. Forests NSW will provide this list to the NSW Game Council so that permits are not issued for hunters for the duration of each event.~~

~~The state-wide aApplications shall be made using the standard Special Purposes Permit Application Form (Appendix A). Orienteering NSW and NSW Rogaining must show evidence of public liability insurance to a minimum level of \$10 million.~~

~~This permit does not provide final event approval. Final event approval is provided by the relevant Forests NSW Regional Office (refer obtaining event approval below).~~

Obtaining Event Approval

Under the *Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002*, a number of State forests have been declared as available for hunting and are listed on www.gamecouncil.nsw.gov.au.

Applicants must be mindful of the fact that licensed hunters can book declared State forests for hunting up to three months in advance and as such Forests NSW does not guarantee that permission to hold the event will be granted.

Therefore, Orienteering NSW or NSW Rogaining ~~eThe 'Standard Conditions for Special Purpose Permits'~~ will apply (refer Appendix B) to all events covered by the permit. It should be noted that special conditions may be applied on a case by case basis. Event organisers shall ~~contact~~sult with the relevant Forests NSW Regional office (appendix D) at least 166 weeksone (1) month prior to the planned event, provide a map of the proposed event area and other event details as required by the Forests NSW Regional office. The Orienteering NSW or NSW Rogaining event organisers must advise the Forests NSW Regional Office of any temporary forest closures required for State forests declared for hunting for the event.

An event emergency management plan prepared by Orienteering NSW or NSW Rogaining, or if not available, a Forests NSW safety and emergency management checklist, ~~must~~should be completed and provided to the Forests NSW Regional office prior to each event.

~~Orienteering NSW and NSW Rogaining must show evidence of public liability insurance to a minimum level of \$10 million.~~

Assuming all necessary information and documentation has been supplied and other events/forest activities have been considered and approval is to be granted, the Forests NSW Regional Office will issue the Statewide Special Purpose Permit for the event within ~~four~~three weeks of being contacted by the event organiserapplication.

The 'Standard Conditions for Special Purpose Permits' will apply (refer Appendix B) to all events covered by the permit. It should be noted that Forests NSW Regions can apply special conditions on a case by case basis.

Fees will be on the basis of this agreement (refer Appendix C) unless special circumstances apply. These will be considered at a Regional level on a case by case basis.

Orienteering NSW and NSW Rogaining will provide a return to the relevant Forests NSW Region to remit any necessary fees along with details of number of participants.

An annual Special Purpose Permit issued to an Orienteering NSW club or NSW Rogaining will not be exclusive and will not preclude the use of that area by other groups either for recreation or another activity, except when a forest is closed to hunting.

Note: Deletion of Section 6.3.2 “Single Event Application” - With the above amendments regarding the statewide SPP and the Regional approval process, I can not think of a reason where a club would need to apply for a single event application - for discussion

6.3.2 Single Event Application

~~Under exceptional circumstances Orienteering NSW and NSW Rogaining, may apply for a one-off Special Purpose Permit for an event that is not included within the list identified under 6.3.1.~~

~~Applications to conduct events shall be made using the standard Special Purpose Permit Application Form (Appendix A). An additional application fee may be required.~~

~~The ‘Standard Conditions for Special Purpose Permits’ will apply (refer Appendix B). It should be noted that special conditions can be applied on a case by case basis.~~

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~~The event organisers must show evidence of public liability insurance to a minimum level of \$10 million and an event emergency management plan, or complete a Forests NSW safety and emergency management checklist.~~

~~Assuming all necessary information and documentation has been supplied and other events/forest activities have been considered, Forests NSW will issue the Special Purpose Permit within three weeks of application. Applicants must be mindful of the fact that licensed hunters can book forests for hunting up to three months in advance and as such FNSW does not guarantee that permission to hold the event will be granted.~~

~~Fees will be on the basis of this agreement (refer Appendix C) unless special circumstances apply. These will be considered at a Regional level on a case-by-case basis. Following the event, the organising club shall remit any necessary fees along with details of number of participants to the relevant Forests NSW Region.~~

Appendix A: Special Purpose Permit Application Form

The inclusion of a new clause 132 as follows:

132. I/we acknowledge that the forestry area covered by the application for a written authority (Special Purposes Permit) may be declared public land for hunting pursuant to the Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002, in which event legitimate hunting activity could may -be conducted in that area.

Appendix B: Special Conditions Orienteering and Rogaining Events

In addition to the conditions as set out in the Standard Conditions for Special Purpose Permit the following special conditions apply:

1. Signs, and route indicators may be tied or stapled to trees (using paper staples only). All such signs and indicators must be removed from the forest immediately after the event.
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3. Fuel may be stored for the purpose of running equipment, such as generators, during the event. All fuel and fuel containers must be removed from State forest immediately after the event. It is the responsibility of the Orienteering Association of NSW and NSW Rogaining Association, and their associated clubs, to have plans in place to mitigate the risks of fire and fuel spills.

| This amendment is effective from ~~XX January~~[August](#) 20097.

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