

## **Manitoba Orienteering Association Provincial Team**

### ***Why do we have a provincial team?***

The MOA has a provincial team to support its members who will represent Manitoba in orienteering competitions outside the province.

### ***What are the benefits to being on the provincial team?***

Provincial team members are eligible for the following benefits. Note that additional requirements may be needed to receive these benefits.

- Team training events
- Team uniforms
- Travel assistance to out of province events
- Athlete testing
- Recognition
- Athlete assistance through Sport Manitoba (must meet Sport Manitoba's eligibility requirements).

### ***How do I get on to the provincial team?***

Any member of the MOA may apply to the board to be on the provincial team. The application should include the following:

- A summary of the members experience outside of the province in the previous 2 years.
- Any specific goals for the current orienteering season.
- Extra provincial events the athlete plans to attend this year.

Applications must be in writing and submitted to the board before the end of January each year. Any member regardless of their experience and orienteering history may apply.

### ***What travel assistance is available?***

Travel assistance is available to members competing in the Junior and Elite categories. Travel assistance can be used to assist with entry fees, travel and subsistence to WCOG, COG, NAOC, JWOC, WUOC or WOC events. The amount of the assistance will be set each year.

### ***Why are you changing the previous eligibility requirements that were based on TPK?***

There were situations where athletes who have done well at extra provincial events have not met the TPK requirements to be on the team. The board looked at changing the TPK requirements but felt that it would be better to have membership more open. Any MOA member that wants to be on the team can apply. Acceptance is not automatic and is based on the athletes' previous experience and participation at extra provincial events.