



CANADA CUP ELITE SERIES

RULES

CONCEPT

The Elite Series of the Canada Cup is a yearly point-scoring competition for the M21E and W21E categories, with individual and club awards. The overall series winners will be awarded after the last Canada Cup race of the season. Note that if other categories share the same course with M21E and W21E they are also included in the scoring.

Results from the M21E and W21E categories (and other categories sharing the same course) in all sanctioned Canada Cup races will be part of the Elite Series. As well, results from the elite category of a Canadian World Ranking Event (WRE) which isn't a sanctioned Canada Cup will be included in the Elite Series.

The launch of this program coincides with the name change from A meet to Canada Cup event. This program also coincides with the development of an orienteering-specific long term athlete development model. The competitive nature of the Canada Cup Elite Series is designed to match the needs of athletes in the corresponding *Training to Win* stage of the long term athlete development model.

SCORING

All competitions on the program count towards the overall Elite Series standings. Races at the Canadian Orienteering Championships score roughly 1.5 higher than all other Canada Cup races.

Place	Regular Canada Cup Race	Canadian Championships Canada Cup Race
1 st	25 points	40 points
2 nd	20	30
3 rd	15	23
4 th	11	17
5 th	8	12
6 th	6	9
7 th	4	6
8 th	3	4
9 th	2	3
10 th	1	2

In the case of fewer than 10 participating athletes in M21E or W21E, the scoring will apply from the bottom. For example, if there are 6 participants (in a non-COC race), 1st place will score 8 points, 2nd score 6 points, 3rd score 4 points, 4th score 3 points, 5th score 2 points and 6th score 1 point.

Only eligible athletes count in the scoring. The scoring scheme is applied after all non-eligible athletes are removed from the result lists.

If athletes end up with the same overall score, it is the overall score in the Canada Cups which are WREs that will decide. If athletes are still tied, first goes to the athlete with the most 1st places, 2nd places, 3rd places etc. If athletes are still tied, the athletes' WRE ranking at the time of the final Canada Cup of the season shall decide.

The club scoring combines M21E and W21E results into one competition. The scores of all athletes from a given club, in each individual race, in the two elite classes respectively, count towards the overall club standings in the Elite Series.

ELIGIBILITY

To count in the Elite Series of the Canada Cup, the athlete must be a full member for the calendar year of a Canadian orienteering club which is affiliated with a provincial/territorial orienteering association which is affiliated with Orienteering Canada. It's the responsibility of the athlete to register for the competition under their correct club name. Failure to do so will result in a score of 0 for that competition.

It's strongly recommended that an athlete represent only one Canadian club throughout the entire program of the annual series. In the exceptional case that the athlete must change club in the middle of the season, they will still continue to score for the club they represented when they ran their first Canada Cup of the season.

PRIZES

The overall top finishers of the Elite Series of the Canada Cup will receive prizes from Orienteering Canada, details TBD.

In case of prizes (money or gear) in individual Canada Cup Elite Series competitions, the eligibility rules of the prizes are up to the host club's discretion.