

# 2007 US Interscholastic Championships

## Rules and Eligibility Requirements

The full USOF rules regarding the Interscholastics can be found at the USOF Virtual Binder web site: <http://home.comcast.net/~rshannonhouse/ISrules06.html>. These rules include changes made since the January 1, 2006 USOF Rules of Competition were published. These rules are summarized below.

### INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

Individuals who are currently enrolled in a school (including home schooled) up through grade 12 are eligible to compete in the Interscholastic classes as follows:

- ISPM – Interscholastic Primary Male, White Course  
Open to males up through grade 6.
- ISPF – Interscholastic Primary Female, White Course  
Open to females up through grade 6.
- ISIM – Interscholastic Intermediate Male, Yellow Course  
Open to males up through grade 9.
- ISIF – Interscholastic Intermediate Female, Yellow Course  
Open to females up through grade 9.
- ISJVM – Interscholastic Junior Varsity Male, Orange Course  
Open to males up through grade 12.
- ISJVF – Interscholastic Junior Varsity Female, Orange Course  
Open to females up through grade 12.
- ISVM – Interscholastic Varsity Male, Green Course  
Open to males up through grade 12.
- ISVF – Interscholastic Varsity Female, Brown Course  
Open to females up through grade 12.

Competitors may also choose to register for non-Interscholastic classes. These are the standard USOF age classes: M-10, F-10, M-12, and F-12 on White; M-14 and F-14 on Yellow; M-16 and F-16 on Orange; F-18 on Brown; M-18 and F-20 on Green; and M-20 on Red.

Individual awards will be given in each Interscholastic Class as well as each USOF class.

### Individual US Interscholastic Champion Eligibility Requirements

In order to be named US Champion in each of the Interscholastic Individual classes, competitors *must be USOF members in good standing* and meet one or more of the following criteria: are US citizens and citizens of no other country; are in a permanent residence status commonly referred to as “green card carriers”; hold dual US citizenship and reside primarily in the US; hold dual US citizenship, reside primarily out the US and have not and agree not to compete for a championship title in another country during the calendar year; or are full-time students in the US holding a current student visa.

## TEAM COMPETITION

Competitors competing in the Interscholastic classes may also form teams and compete in the Team Competition. There are 6 team categories; all team members must meet the eligibility requirements for the team category and run in the designated classes. Teams are gender-neutral; i.e. teams may consist of any combination of males and females. Teams consist of 3-5 individuals and the team scoring rules are given below.

School Varsity – all team members must be registered in ISVM and/or ISVF

Club Varsity – all team members must be registered in ISVM and/or ISVF

JROTC – all team members must be registered in ISVM and/or ISVF

School Junior Varsity – all team members must be registered in ISJVM and/or ISJVF

Club Junior Varsity – all team members must be registered in ISJVM and/or ISJVF

School Intermediate – all team members must be registered in ISIM and/or ISIF

Note that teams competing in the JROTC team competition may also be eligible for the School Varsity competition if the JROTC team members meet the School Varsity criteria.

Team Awards will be given in each team category. To be eligible for Team Awards, all team members must meet the Team Eligibility Requirements. *In addition, to be eligible for the US Interscholastic Team Champion awards all team members must meet the individual eligibility rules for US Champion given above.*

### Team Eligibility Requirements:

Each team registered for the Team Competition must have a designated Team Coach. The Team Coach will be responsible for verifying that all team members meet the following eligibility requirements.

#### School Varsity, School Junior Varsity, School Intermediate Teams

- All team members must be enrolled full-time at the same private or public school; members must each be able to show school ID for the same school or, if the school does not issue ID's, a letter from the principal stating that the students are enrolled full-time at the school.
- OR, if students are home schooled, all team members must be from the same geographical area; this area would consist of their county or city of residence or the public school district in which they reside, whichever area is geographically larger. (Individuals who are enrolled at a public or private school are not permitted to compete on a Home School Team but must compete with their school's team or as individuals.)

#### Club Varsity, Club Junior Varsity Teams

- All team members must be primary USOF members of the same USOF sanctioned Orienteering Club and be enrolled in a public or private school or be home schooled.
- Teams may not include more than two members who are enrolled full-time in the same school, and who are otherwise eligible for Interscholastic School Varsity or Junior Varsity Team competition. Teams may not include any members who are enrolled full-time in a school for which a team is competing in the School Varsity or Junior Varsity team competition.

## JROTC Teams

- JROTC teams competing only for the JROTC trophy must be made up of students who are enrolled in the same JROTC unit in accordance with the host military service requirements.
- JROTC teams may compete for the Interscholastic Varsity team competition if they meet the school team requirements listed above.

## Team Scoring

\*\*\*NOTE: The USOF Board of Directors is currently considering a proposal that would change the team scoring at the U.S. Interscholastic Championships. A decision will be made at the March 3, 2007 Board meeting as to whether or not to change the team scoring rules, and if they are to be changed whether the new system will be effective starting in 2007 or later. The outcome will be posted on the DVOA Interscholastics website as soon as possible.\*\*\*

### CURRENT RULES:

Each individual starter receives a calculated elapsed time or an incomplete designation (DNF, MP, OT, DSQ). The winning individuals are determined by total lowest individual times over the two days of competition.

Each individual starter shall receive an iSCORE to be used for team standings. Within each Interscholastic class, those with elapsed time shall be ranked from first to last giving the competitor a placing called POSITION. The number of starters in each Interscholastic class is called the FIELD.

Within each Interscholastic class, an individual score, called iSCORE is computed for each competitor as follows:

- If the competitor has a valid time then  $iSCORE = (POSITION - 1) * (99 / (FIELD - 1)) + 1$
- If the competitor has an incomplete designation then  $iSCORE = 100$ .

The lowest three iSCORE values for each team are added together to form a team score for each day of competition. The team scores for the two days of competition are added together to get the final team score, with the lowest team score winning.