

This is a new competition and scoring feature, and new way of measuring every competitor's performance from event to event and across the whole season. It is still in prototype form, so if your name is at the top of the list in any week, please don't anticipate winning a home theatre system or an all expenses paid overseas holiday. Any results displayed are subject to change for the moment, but this is a chance to take a peek and share any thoughts that you may have.

This new results category is all about trying to seek out our most CONSISTENT competitor.

Measuring consistency in this context has at least the following aims:

- recognition for competitors that don't win events (i.e. more than 95% of us);
- recognition for regular attendees;
- recognition for consistent performance, irrespective of capability.

Here's a brief summary of the current rules:

1. "Consistency points" will be awarded to the most consistent competitors in each event (the most consistent performer will receive maximum points).
2. For each competitor, "consistency points" earned in each event will be aggregated over the season.
3. Competitors will then be ranked, with the highest season "consistency points" tally determining the most consistent orienteer for the series.
4. Allocation of "consistency points" in an event will be based on each eligible competitor's calculated "consistency score".
5. To be eligible for a "consistency score" in an event, a competitor must not have a result of 100 in the event, and must have also entered the previous event.
6. A competitor's "consistency score" for an event is the difference between their (adjusted) overall result for that event, and their (adjusted) overall result for the previous event.
7. Results are adjusted ("normalised") in an attempt to level the playing field and increase the validity of comparisons of results between events. There are two main reasons for this, and a separate adjustment is made for each:
 - a) Since your overall result for an event is derived via a comparison with the winner, an inconsistency is evident when trying to measure consistency, as the same competitor doesn't win every event.
 - b) Course setter style and characteristics of each map are inconsistent across events. This in part contributes to the differing patterns in the distribution of results from event to event.
8. In this competition, a competitor is an event entrant, which may be an individual or a team.

Note that your handicap is not used in calculating your "consistency score", and your "consistency score" doesn't affect your handicap.

If you have any thoughts on this new interpretation of our results, please feel free to email me with your feedback, or come and discuss it at an event.

If you are mathematically inclined and have any views on how to improve the "consistency score" calculation algorithm to make it fairer across the board, then please don't hesitate ... I'm happy to further explain the details.

Thanks,
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