



We are the Orienteering Foundation, a charity that promotes and supports orienteering ensuring that our sport is here for the enjoyment of generations to come.

But the future of our sport is at risk. Only 10% of our orienteering community is aged between 20-34 and in 2017 nearly 10,000 school children participated in our grassroots schemes. Worryingly despite this good work we are seeing drop out rates of 70-80% in those crucial skill building years of ages 13-21.

And our volunteers are getting tired. Last year there was a 4% drop in the number of events run, but a 7% increase in competitors. The demands outside events also continue to rise. We know people want to participate in our sport but we are in danger of burning out our volunteers.

Technology in the sport provides massive opportunity but we need to invest. We have all seen major changes over the past twenty years with the emergence of electronic punching and tracking systems, mapping software, and online analysis tools.

With your support the Orienteering Foundation works to tackle emerging issues. We currently fund junior programmes, invest in elites, support adult coaching opportunities, and support those developing tools and techniques to alleviate volunteer workloads,

With your help we can do more

1%er Legacy Programme

The Foundation launched the 1%ers programme in October 2018 to encourage orienteers to consider making a small gift in their will to the work of the Foundation

Asking for a small percentage gift is intended to encourage orienteers to include the Foundation in any will they make without having a material impact on gifts they may want to make to their friends and family, and other charities important to them. It doesn't matter how big or small your estate will be because the gift will always remain a nominal amount – just 1%.

Becoming a 1%er!

We want to build a community of people interested in supporting the future of the sport, and our legacy givers, if they wish, will be invited to be known as a '1%er'. We will look to this group to help us think through some of the challenges ahead for the Foundation, giving us their advice and insight into the areas the Board are wrestling with.

Our promises to you

We will not put you under any pressure to include us in your will and you alone can take the decision in your own time.

You don't need to tell us whether you decide to make a bequest or not, but if you do tell us you are, that decision will be kept strictly confidential.

We recognise that your loved ones will come foremost in your thinking.

We will respect your privacy and keep your details secure. We will agree with you the level at which we'll keep you aware of our activities.

We take your wishes seriously and will do our best to ensure that your gift is used in the way that you wanted, both effectively and efficiently.

Want to find out more?

Visit our website at www.orienteeringfoundation.org.uk or email us at admin@orienteeringfoundation.org.uk and we will arrange a discussion with one of our Board members

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