World Orienteering Day Report
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The aim of the POC for the day was to have orienteering activities run in schools for the occasion, and the best possible way of effectively achieving that was through the help of the teachers.

On the day, orienteering was done in both theory and practical. The POC’s wish was that in the end of the day something be done for orienteering.

✓ With theory, a teacher/learner/volunteer read the dialogue and after the person asked set standard questions.

✓ With practical, they did activities e.g. cone grids, moving objects, symbols game, running a full A4 map course... etc.

Since the International Orienteering Federation’s goals regarding the organisation of the annual event (World Orienteering Day) were the following...

➢ Increasing the visibility and accessibility of orienteering to young people.
➢ Increasing the number of participants both in the schools’ activities, as well and in the clubs’ activities in all countries of National Federations.
➢ Helping teachers to implement orienteering in a fun and educational way and to get more new countries to take part in orienteering.

POC tried at their level best in contributing their effort and time to help the IOF achieve the goals.

Limpopo Participation (768)

Polokwane Orienteering Club was overseeing the participation in Limpopo since it was an opportunity to attract people and also to bring awareness of the sport. Limpopo had over five participating areas.

Over the overall participation, Sobiaco Primary was a leading school in Limpopo in both turn out and number of activities. The school managed to set a record of over 100 participants for their first attempt.
A teacher and pupils are seen here discussing first session

Discussion of second session

Team grade R ready for action
Teachers are seen here celebrating their successes

Pupils celebrating their achievement

The principal on the move

Anna’s innovation
Eskom-Dendron CNC did support the day also by participating in a dialogue and questions activity. All participants who participated showed characteristics of orienteering hunger, it was their opportunity to be off their office chairs and cars for a healthy mind in a healthy body. The day made an impact to an extent that some promised to try some of the POC’s events.
Conclusion
It was clear that the day will be a success as people and media were busy preaching about it left right and centre.
Anna Leputu (Sobiaco Primary School orienteering leader) utilized the day for assessing their grade R learners for ability of fastness, differentiating colours, thinking fast within short possible time and reading numbers. The POC committee was delighted by Anna’s innovation and the love she have for the sport.

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