King's Birthday Orienteering 2025

Hawkes Bay,

Bulletin 1

Hawke's Bay - Te Matau-a-Māui

31 May- 2 June 2025

Saturday 31st May	Sprint	Keirunga Gardens and Iona College
Sunday 1st June	Middle	Smedley Station
Monday 2nd June	Long	Maraetotora

Kia Ora and Welcome

On behalf of Hawke's Bay Orienteering, the organising committee of King's Birthday Orienteering Championships and Orienteering New Zealand, we welcome you to King's Birthday 2025. We're are excited to be hosting you all in Te Matau-a-Māui for three days of fun and memorable competition.

This event is officially sanctioned by Orienteering New Zealand and incorporates three World Ranking Events (WREs) as well as trails for the Southern Cross Trophy team.

This bulletin provides initial information for the event.

Find your adventure!
King's Birthday 2025 Event Team

Event Information

The KB2025 website is the main source of information for the Championships. Bulletin 1 & 2, Start Lists, Results and additional resources for KB2025 can be downloaded from the website https://www.oevents.nz/kb2025/.

There is a Facebook page for exhaustive hype and where we will share photos after each race. Please take care clicking on any links posted as comments. Any official links will be provided in the original posts only.

Rules

The events will be run under the latest version of the Orienteering New Zealand (ONZ) 'Competition Rules for New Zealand Foot Orienteering Events'. International Orienteering Federation (IOF) World Ranking Event (WRE) for M/W21E Sprint race) is an international event and will be run according to the 'IOF Rules 2023, version 1.21 WRE'.

World Ranking Event

The Sprint, Middle and Long events have World Ranking Event (WRE) status, running according to the IOF rules 2024 v1.11 WRE. Where the ONZ rules are in conflict with the IOF rules, IOF rules have precedence.

Thank You

The organising committee of the King's Birthday Orienteering 2025 would like to **thank the land owners and managers for their support** in enabling us to host this event.

In particular we would like to thank

- Iona College and Hastings District Council
- Te Aratipi Station
- Smedley Station and Public Trust

Programme

Date	Event	Location	Terrain	Planner	Controller	Start time
Saturday 31 May	Sprint	Iona College and Keirunga Gardens	School campus and parkland	Bill Edwards	Susan Edwards w/ Aiden Ellmers	~1pm
Sunday 1 June	Middle	Smedley	Rolling farmland with sections of native bush	Phillip Herries	Murray Harty	~10am
Monday 2 June	Long	Maraetotora	Rolling farmland with intricate rock formations	Robbie Smith	Hugh Forlong-Ford	9am

Contacts

Please direct all enquiries to events@hborienteering.com. Please understand that in the final week all email correspondence will be read but not necessarily answered straight away.

Event Classes

	Sprint		Middle		Long	
Course	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
1	SBA M20E M21E		M21E M20E		M21E M20E	
2		SGA W20E W21E		W21E W20E		W21E W20E
3	M21A M40A M50A		M21A M40A		M21A M40A	
4	JBA	W21A W40A W50A	SBA		SBA	
5		JGA	M50A	W21A W40A SGA	M50A	W21A W40A SGA
6	M60A M70A	W60A	M21AS M40AS M60A	W50A	M21AS M40AS M60A	W50A
7	M80A M90A	W70A W80A W90A	M70A	W21AS W40AS W60A	M70A	W21AS W40AS W60A
8	SBB	SGB	M80A M90A	W70A W80A W90A	M80A M90A	W70A W80A W90A
9	M12A JBB	W12A JGB	JBA SBB		JBA SBB	
10	M10	W10		JGA SGB		JGA SGB
11			M12A JBB	W12A JGB	M12A JBB	W12A JGB
12			M10A	W10A MW10N	M10A	W10A MW10N

General Information

Entries

Entries for KB25 are open via EnterO. Your entry is finalised only after payment has been received. The entrant list in EnterO shows all competitors. If your name is not included in this list, you have not entered.

Event Fees

Members of any orienteering club in the world can compete, and standard event fees apply. If you'd like to compete but you are not a member of an orienteering club, you are still very welcome, but an additional fee per race will be added

Standard event fees are available until 11.59pm 16/05/25

	Age	Sprint	Middle	Long
Senior	Age 21 and over	$30	$40	$40
Junior	Age 20 and under or full time student	$20	$25	$25

Late event fees are available until 11.59pm 20/05/25

	Age	Sprint	Middle	Long
Senior	Age 21 and over	$40	$55	$55
Junior	Age 20 and under or full time student	$30	$40	$40

Final date for entry is Wednesday 20/05/2025. Entries maybe taken at organisers discretion after this date.

Secondary school competitions eligibility

- Senior Boys/Girls A or B is for those 16 and over (as of 31 December 2025), but still at school i.e. born in or before 2009;
- Junior Boys/Girls A or B is for those aged 15 and under (as of 31 December 2025) i.e. born in or after 2010;
- All students seeking selection for the NZSS team in the Trials must enter the appropriate A-grade event (and must be Year 9 to 13);

Entry Withdrawal

If you must withdraw for whatever reason, please notify the Event Team as soon as possible by email. Refunds will most likely not be actioned until the week after King's Birthday 2025. Providing your bank account details in your cancellation email will speed up the process. Unfortunately, HBOC cannot take liability for any loss associated with travel or accommodation cancellation.

Refunds and Changes Policy

Entries and refunds:

- Entry fees are inclusive of GST (New Zealand Goods & Services Tax).
- The entry fee does not include any form of insurance, including any medical or travel insurance.
- Refund of 90% of fees paid for withdrawals prior to standard entry fee close date (Friday 16th May 2025).
- Refund of 75% of fees paid for withdrawals after entries are closed and before start lists are published (Wednesday 28th May 2025).
- No refund after start lists are published.
- Refunds will be processed after the event.
- To withdraw from a race and request a refund, please e-mail treasurer@hborienteering.com and provide your bank account details.
- If the event is cancelled due to extreme weather or other factors outside of the event organisers control, the organisers will endeavour to refund as much of the entry fee as possible, taking into account any sunk costs.

Changes:

- Each request to change entrant details, course, or start time after standard entries have closed will attract a non-refundable NZ$10 administration fee.
- As a last resort, SI Numbers can be changed at the event, in person at the registration desk (bring your new SI Card) at least an hour before the event starts.

Event cancellation

(Partial) cancellation of the event will occur in conditions that are too dangerous for safe competition (like fire risk, extreme weather or an earthquake) or the death of a competitor or spectator. Should any of the events need to be cancelled, this information will be posted on the event website and the Hawkes Bay Orienteering Club Facebook page as soon as possible. An email will also be sent to all participants using the email address they provided as part of their entry as soon as practical after the decision is taken. The organisers will endeavour to refund as much of the (partial) entry fee as possible, taking into account any sunk costs.

Zero Waste and Sustainability

King's Birthday 2025 aims to be eco-friendly and minimise waste, leaving our venues exactly how we find them. King's Birthday 2025 will run on a 'carry in, carry out' policy, so if you carry it, please carry it out again.

Accommodation

Since it is King's Birthday Weekend accommodation may be tight. Hawke's Bay offers a diverse range of accommodation, from exclusive luxury lodges, international award-winning hotels, high-quality motels and serviced apartments through to camping grounds, holiday homes, farm-stays and backpacker lodges. For more information, please see: https://www.hawkesbaynz.com/plan-your-stay/accommodation/the-accommodation-guide/.

Competition Information

Fair play

All competitors shall behave with fairness and honesty, and must abide by the IOF fair play rules. A competitor who breaks any rule,or benefits from the breaking of any rule, may be disqualified. The expectation is that all competitors compete with fairness and honesty. Attempts to gain any information related to the courses, beyond that provided by the organiser, is prohibited before and during the competition. A competitor who breaks any rule, or benefits from the breaking of any rule, may be disqualified.

Maps

Competition maps will be digitally pre-printed on synthetic waterproof paper (Teslin 115g).
The maps have been produced using the International Specification for Orienteering Maps (ISOM2017- 2) or the International Specification for Sprint Orienteering Maps (ISSprOM2019).

Control Descriptions

Control descriptions are printed on the map for all courses. Separate control descriptions are also available at the Start for the Sprint, Middle and Long events. The control descriptions are in the form of symbols and in accordance with the IOF Control Descriptions. Both IOF symbols and English written descriptions will be available for age classes 14 and under and for B, Easy and Very Easy courses.

Scales

For the WRE races, the scale of the map is decided by the IOF Competition Rules.
For all non-WRE races, the scale of the map is decided by the ONZ Competition Rules.

Electronic timing

During KB2025, the SportIdent (SI) electronic punching system will be used, where the orienteer carries an SI Card (also known as 'dibber') on their finger. Each visited station at each control writes the time of the visit to the card. The control times are read out after the finish line to determine total race time, split times, and whether all controls were visited in the correct order.
In addition, the SI Air+ contactless punching system is enabled, allowing orienteers to take advantage of the SportIdent Active Card (SIAC). Rather than inserting the SI card into the control station, a punch is recorded when the orienteer brings their card within a short distance (roughly 50cm) of the station. The station will beep and flash in the usual way, and the SIAC beeps and flashes to confirm the punch. SI Air+ also allows for run-through finish gates, where instead of stopping to punch a finish control, orienteers can pass through the gate at full speed and still have their finish time recorded.
The event run with SIAC is fully compatible with older SI cards – the same control stations are used and orienteers can insert their card into the stations to punch as usual.

Electronic punching

- Both types of SI cards must be cleared and checked before each race at the stations located in front of the start area – this is the responsibility of the competitor. Use the 'clear' box first, to remove data from your chip, and then punch the 'check' box. The check box also turns on SIAC.

- At each control, either insert your SI-card into the control unit until the unit beeps and flashes, or pass your SIAC close to the control box and check that the SIAC beeps and flashes.
- If you punch an incorrect control, ignore it and continue to the correct control; the extra punch will be disregarded by the results software.
- If the SIAC stops working in Air mode (no beep or flash), it can still be used like a regular SI card and inserted to punch each station.
- If an SI unit does not function (there is no beep and no flash) then use the pin punch attached to the control stand and punch on your map in one of the spaces provided. If you have pin punched any controls on your map you must hand the map in at the Download before leaving the Finish area and explain what you have done.
- A competitor with a control punch missing or unidentifiable will not receive a result, unless it can be established that the punch missing or unidentifiable is not the competitor's fault. If a competitor punches too fast and fails to receive the feedback signals, the card will not contain the punch and the competitor will not receive an overall time, even though the control unit may have recorded the competitor's card number as an error punch. Note: SIAC does not record a punch in the control unit.
- If you have hired a SI/SIAC for your races, please return it to Registration after your final download. Lost or broken cards will incur a charge to cover the cost of a replacement

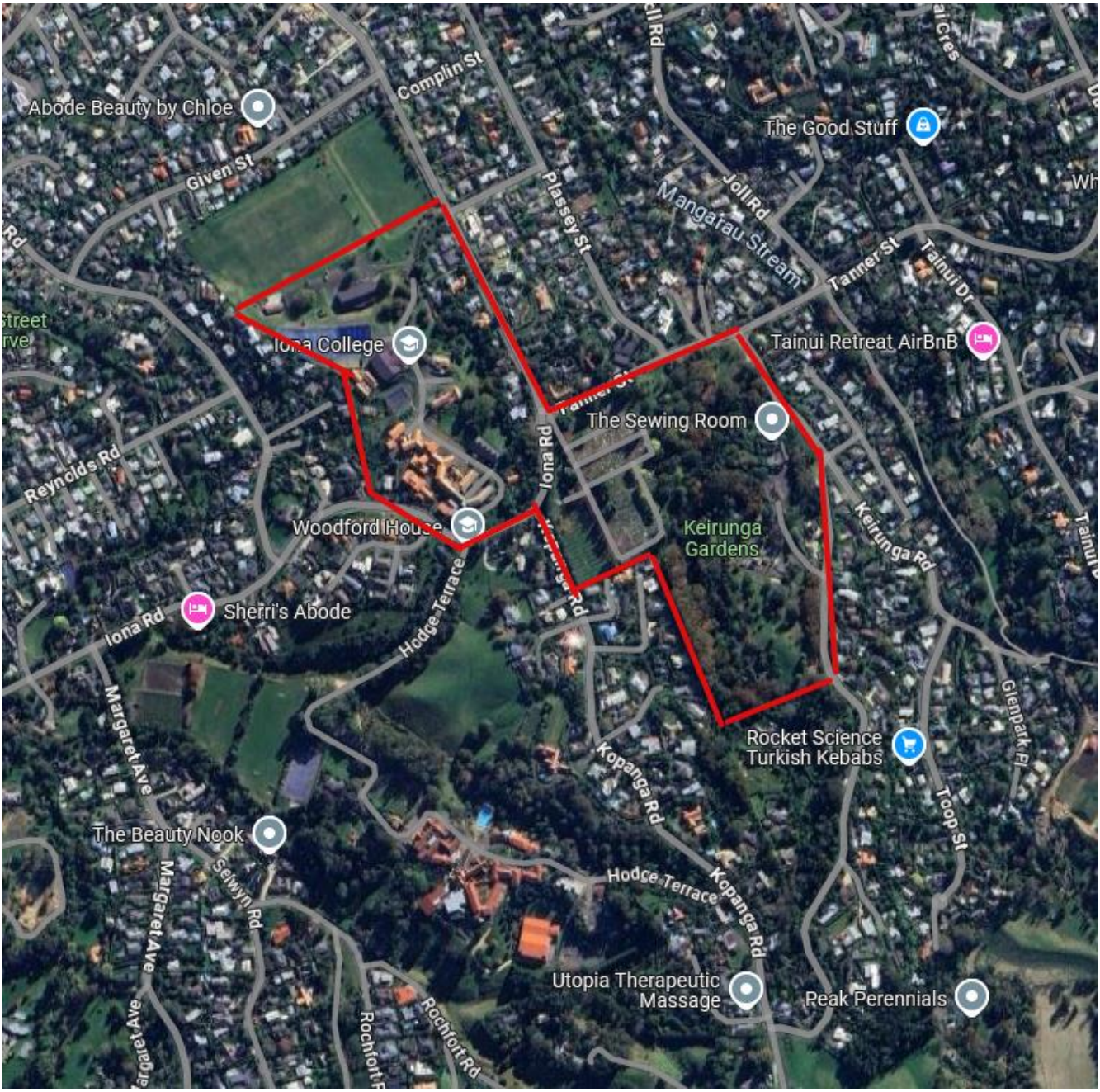
Previous maps

Available on the event website at https://www.oevents.nz/kb25/embargoes/

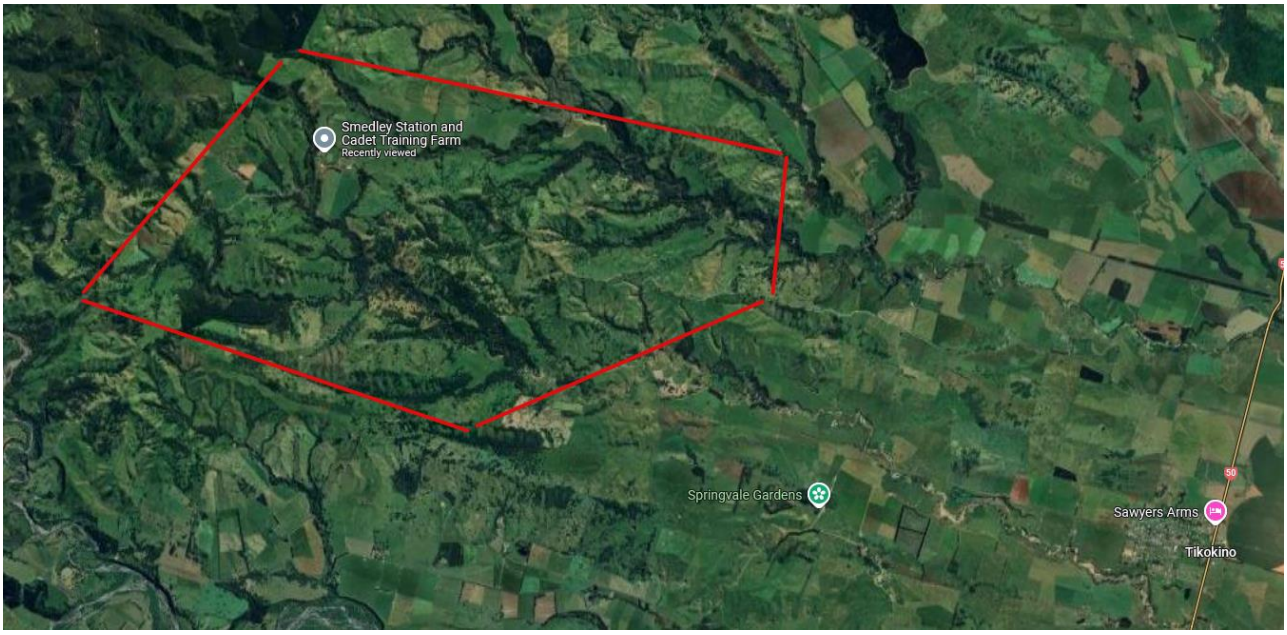
Event Embargos

All the areas used for King's Birthday 2025 are embargoed. Refer to the Embargo Notice on the event website for further information.

Sprint – Iona and Keiruna Gardens



Middle - Smedley



Long - Maraetotara