



North Island Secondary School Orienteering Champs

Bulletin One

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Auckland Orienteering Club (AOC) look forward to welcoming competitors to the 2022 North Island Secondary School Orienteering Championships.

In this Bulletin we set out preliminary information for the event, the closing date for entries and information to allow competitors and schools to plan their travel arrangements. More detailed information on the individual events and competition format will be published in Bulletin Two, which will be published in the week before the event.

At any time the most up-to-date information can be found on the event website:

<https://www.oevents.nz/nissoc2022/>

COVID-19

AOC is working closely with Orienteering NZ and School Sport New Zealand to be able to host the event in a safe manner that will meet all Covid-19 safety guidelines. In planning the event we are assuming we will still be in level Red at the time of the event, so the event is planned to go ahead under level Red. If the alert level reduces to Orange before the event then we may be able to relax some of the restrictions accordingly.

We must recognise however the Covid landscape is constantly evolving, making it difficult to say with certainty that the event will proceed. If for example the Covid situation were to worsen and new restrictions are imposed by the Government or the sanctioning bodies we may no longer be able to run the event. The safety of competitors, support teams and our volunteers will always be our number one priority.

COMPETITION PROGRAMME, LOCATIONS & TRAVEL DISTANCES

The competition starts in Auckland with the Sprint event on Friday 29th April and concludes with the Team Relay competition on Sunday 1st May. In setting the start times we will do our best set to accommodate teams from further afield travelling to/from the competition. The venue for both the Individual Long event and the Relay is a working forest. To satisfy the landowner's wishes to keep competitors separated from weekday logging operations and to provide a safe environment for competitors and supporters it was a requirement these events be held on Saturday/Sunday.

Friday 29th April

Individual Sprint Champs

Location: Venue to be confirmed closer to the event, but is proposed to be an education campus with a mix of complex buildings, paved areas and open fields

Distance: Within 10-15 minutes of central Auckland

Starts: From 12.30pm

Saturday 30th April

Individual Long Champs

Location: Woodhill Forest – some open dune areas but mostly classic pine forest, generally open with good runnability, with some areas of more intricate contour detail used on red courses
Distance: Allow 80 minutes driving NW from central Auckland
Starts: From 10.00am

Sunday 1st May

Relay Champs

Location: Woodhill Forest – similar terrain as the Long
Distance: Allow 80 minutes driving NW from central Auckland
Starts: From 10.00am

Prize giving:

Restrictions on gathering sizes under Red make it difficult to organise a prize giving in the traditional manner but we will look for opportunities to recognise the performances of winners and place getters in an appropriate way.

ENTRIES

Closing date for entries is **Thursday 14th April**. Note that this is the last day of term so can be a busy time. We recommend getting entries in early.

Entry fees will be confirmed as soon as possible – refer to EnterO and the NISS 2022 website for details when they are released. In the event the organisers are forced to cancel the event due to Covid, competitors will receive a full refund of their entry fees.

The SPORTident (SI) punching system will be used for all events. SPORTident Air (SIAC) punching will also be available at all events. Competitors may use their own cards if they own one otherwise both SIAC cards and the normal SI cards will be available for hire through EnterO.

ACCOMMODATION

Competitors and school teams are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements. While the event is being held during the school holidays, accommodation in Auckland during this period is usually readily available. Teams should check the cancellation terms and conditions and how they relate to Covid. If the competition cannot proceed for any reason the organising Club cannot be responsible for the loss of any non-refundable accommodation or travel costs.

EMBARGOES

The area of Woodhill Forest north of Rimmer Road, bounded by Hedley Road to the north and the Otakanini Topu block to the south is embargoed for the Long and Relay events. This area is also private property. Any competitors entering this area prior to the event will be disqualified from competition.

Information on any embargo for the Sprint event will be announced when the venue for this event is released. Refer to the event website for maps and details of the embargoed areas.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information or any questions, refer to the website or contact us below:

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