



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.

Originally planned to be held at the end of April but postponed due to Covid, the competition is rescheduled to Sunday 17th to Tuesday 19th July. This is the same week, but just a few days earlier than the NZ Secondary School Orienteering Champs hosted by Counties Manukau just down the road, so competitors can now look forward to a week-long festival of orienteering in the Auckland region.

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 preparing to run it under either Red or Orange traffic light level so we may have to adjust 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 Sunday 17th July and concludes with the Team Relay competition on Tuesday 19th July. In setting the start times we will do our best 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.

Sunday 17th July

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

Monday 18th July

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

Tuesday 19th July

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: Winners and place getters will be recognised in an appropriate way according to the traffic light level at the time of the event.

ENTRIES

Closing date for entries is Friday 8th July. Note that this is the last day of term so can be a busy time. We recommend getting entries in early. The Entry Form will be available for download from the NISS 2022 website shortly.

Entry fees will be confirmed as soon as possible – refer to 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. Competitors may use their own cards if they own one otherwise SI cards will be available for hire when registering.

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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