



North Island Secondary School Orienteering Champs

Entry Information & Rules

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Entries for the 2022 North Island Secondary School Orienteering Championships are now open.

Previously in Bulletin One we set out the competition programme, event locations, embargoes and travel information. In this document we set out the entry information and rules. 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/>

ENTRY INFORMATION

- Entries must be made using the entry form on the event website. Pre-entry is essential. The completed entry form should be emailed to Auckland Orienteering Club, auckoc@gmail.com
- 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 calculate the amount due. This is your invoice. Please pay by bank transfer to the account listed on the entry form.
- All entries must be endorsed by the school's Principal as bona fide students of the school who meet the eligibility conditions described in these entry conditions, by completing the Principal's Statement of Approval on the entry form.

ENTRY FEES

The Long and Relay events will be held in Woodhill Forest, an area of world class orienteering terrain we are fortunate to have access to. It is also however a working forest so the owners pass on a charge to cover the costs of managing the security, administration and road maintenance of recreational groups using this facility. The fees below include the forest access levy.

Event	Fee (inclusive of GST)
Sprint	\$15
Long	\$25 (\$20 + \$5 forest access levy)
Relay	\$25 (\$20 + \$5 forest access levy)
SI-Card (hire)	\$3 per event
SI-Air (hire)	\$5 per event

The SPORTident (SI) contactless 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. Both types of SI cards will be available for hire: standard SI Cards which are inserted into the control to record the punch or SI-Air Cards (SIAC) which are waved over the control to record the punch. Lost or damaged SI cards will incur a charge of \$100 (SI) or \$150 (SIAC) to cover the cost of a replacement.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to compete officially in the NISSOC a student must:

1. Be enrolled as a bona fide (Year 9 or above) student in New Zealand at the school of representation and studying at least 80% of a programme that is part of the timetable provided by the school for at least four weeks immediately prior to the event.
2. Have a satisfactory attendance record at the school. The final decision will be at the Principal's discretion.
3. Be under 19 years of age at the first of January in the year of the competition.
4. Year 7 & 8 students must meet equivalent criteria as bona fide students in Year 7 or 8. Younger children are not eligible to enter any of the events.
5. Under School Sport NZ guidelines, home-schooled students that provide current evidence of MoE approval for home schooling may participate in an NZSSSC sanctioned event. Home-schooled students however are not eligible for medal placings, although their placing in events will be recognised. The parent or guardian of the home-schooled student must sign the registration document accepting full responsibility for their student including following the event health and safety plans.

Where an ineligible or non-competitive student is participating (e.g. a student visiting from overseas), their performance may be recognised by organisers in prize-giving, but they are not eligible for an official placing. The same approach may be applied to non-competitive relay teams.

INDIVIDUAL CLASSES

Competitors are divided into classes based on their gender and current year level at school. Classes for the Long event are further divided by orienteering experience/skill into Championship, Standard and (depending on grade) Novice grades.

Sprint Distance and Relay Classes

Boys	Girls	Age Range
Year 7/8 Boys	Year 7/8 Girls	Year 7-8 (& must be under 13 years of age at 1 Jan 22)
Junior Boys	Junior Girls	Year 9 (& must be under 14 years of age at 1 Jan 22)
Intermediate Boys	Intermediate Girls	Year 10-11 (& must be under 16 years of age at 1 Jan 22)
Senior Boys	Senior Girls	Year 12-13 (& must be under 19 years of age at 1 Jan 22)

Long Distance Classes

Boys	Girls	Level	Age Range	Difficulty
7/8 Boys	7/8 Girls	Championship	Year 7-8 (& must be under 13 years at 1 Jan 22)	Yellow
7/8 Boys	7/8 Girls	Standard	Year 7-8 (& must be under 13 years at 1 Jan 22)	White
Jun Boys	Jun Girls	Championship	Year 9 (& must be under 14 years at 1 Jan 22)	Yellow
Jun Boys	Jun Girls	Standard	Year 9 (& must be under 14 years at 1 Jan 22)	White
Int Boys	Int Girls	Championship	Year 10-11 (& must be under 16 years at 1 Jan 22)	Orange
Int Boys	Int Girls	Standard	Year 10-11 (& must be under 16 years at 1 Jan 22)	Yellow
Sen Boys	Sen Girls	Championship	Year 12-13 (& must be under 19 years at 1 Jan 22)	Red
Sen Boys	Sen Girls	Standard	Year 12-13 (& must be under 19 years at 1 Jan 22)	Orange
Sen Boys	Sen Girls	Novice	Year 12-13 (& must be under 19 years at 1 Jan 22)	Yellow

Note: The practice of competitors "running up" an age grade is not endorsed by Orienteering NZ, however it is recognised that in some cases this may be the best approach for a small number of top

competitors with significant past experience. It is recommended that only those who have a chance of obtaining a podium place in the grade above consider running up.

If someone is over the maximum age for their grade, they must run up a grade regardless of what year they are in at school.

It is the responsibility of Team Managers to ensure every individual athlete is entered in the correct class and the right grade appropriate to their level of experience: Novice (if available), Standard or Championship grade. The attached Appendix describes the technical level of difficulty for the colour grades in each class.

Although this event is not just for athletes at Championship level, it is not an event for first-timers. All participants are expected to have orienteered before, have the skills and knowledge to read a map, understand the legend, and know how to orientate a map.

COVID-19, CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

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 the current Orange Alert Level framework. Should there be a change in the Covid-19 framework which negatively impacts on the event, we will communicate these changes to Team Managers. In the event the organisers are forced to cancel the event due to Covid, competitors will receive a full refund of their entry fees.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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

Contact: auckoc@gmail.com

APPENDIX 1: TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY DESCRIPTIONS

(From the Orienteering NZ policy document section 16.9)

The following colour labels shall be used to denote the technical difficulty:

WHITE COURSE

Courses must follow drawn linear features (tracks, fences, streams, distinct vegetation boundaries etc).

A control site must be placed at every decision point (e.g. a turning point, a track junction or a change in the type of linear feature – from following a track to following a stream). All control markers must be visible from the approach side.

Where the course has to deviate from the handrail feature (e.g. to cross through a forest block), the route must be marked all the way until a new handrail feature is reached. The Start Triangle shall be on a linear feature. If no such feature is available, then there must be a taped route all the way from the start to a linear feature (i.e. the first control). Compass use is limited to map orientation only. No route choice is offered. Doglegs are permitted.

YELLOW COURSE

Control sites must be on or near (<50 m) drawn linear features (tracks, fences, streams, distinct vegetation boundaries, etc) but preferably not at turning points. This gives the opportunity to follow handrails or to cut across country (i.e. limited route choice). Control sites shall be visible from the approach side by any reasonable route. Compass use is limited to rough directional navigation. Contour recognition is not required for navigation but simple contour features may be used for control sites. Doglegs are permitted.

ORANGE COURSE

Course shall have route choice with prominent attack points near the control sites and/or catching features less than 100 m behind. Control sites may be fairly small point features and the control markers need not necessarily be visible from the attack point. Exit from the control shall not be the same as the entry (doglegs are not permitted). Simple navigation by contours and rough compass with limited distance estimation required. Use of a chain of prominent features as "stepping stones" is encouraged.

RED COURSE

Navigation shall be as difficult as possible with small contour and point features as preferred control sites (no obvious attack points, no handrails etc.). Control sites shall be placed in areas rich in detail. Route choice shall be an important element in most legs. Doglegs are not permitted.