



NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019 18-20 July



Officially sanctioned by the NZSSSC.

Incorporating Year 7 & 8

EVENT INFORMATION

Preliminary Information regarding maps, locations and embargoed areas can be found at the HBOC website at www.hborienteering.com/nissc2019

ELIGIBILITY

A student eligible to compete in the **secondary school** event must:

- Be enrolled as a bona fide (Year 9 or above) student 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.
- Have a satisfactory attendance record at the school. The final decision is at the Principal's discretion.
- The student must be under 19 years of age at the first of January in the year of competition.

Year 7 & 8 students must meet equivalent criteria as bona fide students in Year 7 or 8.

Younger children may not enter this competition. They may enter and run the long course as casual entries after the school competition.

ENTRY INFORMATION

- All entries must be made via the online website linked from www.hborienteering.com/nissc2019.
- Entries will be open from 1 June 2019 and close on 1 July 2019.
- Start Lists and Event Programme will be available from 10 July 2019.
- Because entries must be paid for and entrants endorsed by your School Principal as bona fide students of your school, you must supply us, the organisers, with full payment of entry fees and a signed acknowledgement of attendance form before the event, or your school's entry will not be valid.
- Once entries have been completed online, a pdf file will be available to download for your Principal to endorse. This must be scanned or photographed and emailed to the contact email address: schools@hborienteering.com. A copy of the pdf file will also be emailed to the school's contact email address.
- You will also be given a reference number to be included with your school name when paying online. Please follow the instructions provided on the entry site.

FEES*

Sprint:	\$15 per person
Long:	\$20 per person
Relay:	\$45 per team (\$15 per individual)
Sport Ident Hire	\$3 per day (applies to Sprint and Long events only, free for relay)

* All fees are in New Zealand Dollars (NZD) and are inclusive of GST (Goods and Services Tax).

PAYMENT

Payment is made by the school. The school collects the individual payments from each student. The following payment methods are available for this event:

Bank Transfer (NZ only)

Deposit your entry fee into Hawke's Bay Orienteering Club (HBOC) bank account.
Direct deposit to: 03-0642-0780264-00

Particulars:	School name
Code:	NISS2019
Reference:	Reference Number – entry key provided with online entry

Cheque (NZ only)

Send a cheque payable to Hawke's Bay Orienteering Club, along with your **School Name**, **entry key** and **contact details**, to the following address:

NISS Orienteering Champs 2019
Hawke's Bay Orienteering Club
PO Box 681
Hastings 4156

LATE ENTRIES

Late entries received after the start list is published will only be accepted at the organiser's discretion. An additional late entry fee of 50% of the normal entry fee will be payable if the entry is accepted.

REFUND POLICY

If you wish to cancel an entry to the event, you will receive:

- A full refund of the event fees if we receive your cancellation before 5pm on Monday 1 July 2019,
- A partial refund of 50% of the event fee if we receive your cancellation after 5pm on Monday 1 July 2019, and at the organiser's discretion.

PRINCIPAL'S SIGNED ENTRY COPY TO

schools@hborienteering.com

COURSE LEVELS AND CLASSES

Senior:	Year 12 or 13 at school
Intermediate:	Year 10 or 11 at school
Junior:	Year 9 at school
Yr 7/8:	Year 7 or 8 at school

EVENT	SPRINT		LONG CHAMPIONSHIP		LONG STANDARD		LONG NOVICE		RELAY
	Difficulty	EWT	Difficulty	EWT	Difficulty	EWT	Difficulty	EWT	Difficulty
Senior Boys	Red	12-15	Red	45-50	Orange	35-40	Yellow	25-30	Orange
Senior Girls	Red	12-15	Red	45-50	Orange	35-40	Yellow	25-30	Orange
Intermediate Boys	Orange	12-15	Orange	35-40	Yellow	25-30			Yellow
Intermediate Girls	Orange	12-15	Orange	35-40	Yellow	25-30			Yellow
Junior Boys	Yellow	12-15	Yellow	25-30	White	20-25			White
Junior Girls	Yellow	12-15	Yellow	20-25	White	20-25			White
Year 7/8 Boys	Yellow	12-15	Yellow	20-25	White	20-25			White
Year 7/8 Girls	Yellow	12-15	Yellow	20-25	White	20-25			White

EWT = Estimated winning time in minutes

DEFINITION OF GRADES AND DIFFICULTY COLOURS

The following is provided to guide team managers in which course to enter individual athletes for the long event. Orienteering courses are colour coded by difficulty. The skills required for each difficulty level are indicated below. We expect that many athletes will not have the requisite skills for the championship course at their age grade. We strongly encourage these less experienced athletes to enter the standard course for their grade. Competing on the right course will improve an athlete's enjoyment and confidence in the sport.

Red: Red courses are set to make the navigation as difficult as possible. They require competitors to be very competent at reading contour detail, using bearings and handling the full complexity of an orienteering map. Frequently fences are left off maps used for red courses, requiring greater dependence on terrain recognition for navigation. Control sites on red courses can be on small features with no catching or collecting features. Competitors should be experienced at running red courses and have good route planning skills. Inexperienced runners can find it difficult to relocate if they do not navigate successfully to a control.

Orange: Orange courses competitors must be competent at reading distinct contour features, very competent at reading vegetation patterns, watercourse, rock, track types and building features, and be able to set and follow a basic compass bearing and have some ability to judge distances in event terrain. The best route between controls will often be away from simple navigation features like fences and tracks. Competitors should have extensive experience in running yellow courses and have some experience at the orange level of difficulty prior to entering the championship. Orange courses are set so that there is a catching feature (e.g. a distinct track, fence or stream) some distance after the control. This means that inexperienced runners should be able to relocate if they overrun a control.

Yellow: Yellow courses follow linear features (e.g. tracks, fences, vegetation boundaries and streams), however controls are frequently sited off the route being followed. Competitors need to be able to orient their map using a compass in order to choose their direction to go in and be able to recognise features that will lead them from their linear feature and into the control. The fastest route between controls may be away from the network of linear features. Competitors should be confident running white courses and have run yellow courses successfully before entering the championships. The structuring of courses around linear features means that an athlete with good recognition of these features on the map and the ground should be able to relocate easily.

White: White course competitors need to be able to read basic map features, follow linear features (e.g. tracks, fences, vegetation boundaries and streams) to control points and use a compass to orient their map to north. There will be controls at each significant decision point around the course. The white course is designed to minimise the chance that a competitor will become lost and need to relocate.

RELAY EVENT RULES

The rules for **official teams** in the Relay event, as per NZSSSC, are:

1. The students must be from the same school.
2. Yr7/8 students cannot run up in the secondary school grades (this would disadvantage Year 9 - 13 schools).
3. Girls cannot run in the boys teams and vice versa (this would disadvantage single gender schools).

In addition to the above: Within the secondary school competition, students of the same gender from the same school may run up a grade.

All other combinations will constitute a non-competitive (NC) entry with regard to points contributing to the Top School competition.

The rules for **non-competitive teams** from the **same school** are:

1. Girls can run equivalent boys grade or higher.
2. Boys cannot run any girls courses.
3. Mixed boys and girls teams will run the 'boys version' of the highest grade runner in the team. Eg: JB, IG, SG will run the SB relay – must be 'boys'; and 'senior' is the highest grade runner.
4. These teams should be entered as a 'Full Team' when completing the initial entry forms.

Individual students that have selected to run in a **composite team** will be placed in teams of the same grade and gender.

PRIZEGIVING

The prizegiving for the Sprint and Long events will be at the completion of the Long event. The prizegiving for the relays and overall schools competition will be held after the relays. Certificates will be awarded to all placegetters, medals awarded to championship placegetters and trophies to the winning boys and girls secondary schools.

NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

Top School Competition

- There are separate trophies for boys and girls.
- Only 3 competitors in each age class will contribute to the school's points. That is, a maximum of 9 competitors (3 at each age group) will be able to earn points for their school.
- In the Individual Sprint competition, the best 3 results in each age group will be counted.
- In the Individual Long competition, the best 3 results in each age group, *whether in the Championship or Standard or Novice event*, will be counted. At least one of these results must be from the Championship level. That is, a school entering all of its competitors in the Standard level will be able to count only 2 results.
- In the Relay, only the highest positioned team from any school in each age group will count.
- Runners in composite teams do not count.

Points for this competition are as follows:

Individual Sprint:	1st = 25 pts, 2nd = 24 pts, 3rd = 23 pts, down to 25th = 1 pt
Individual Long Championship:	1st = 25 pts, 2nd = 24 pts, 3rd = 23 pts, down to 25th = 1 pt
Individual Long Standard:	1st = 15 pts, 2nd = 14 pts, 3rd = 13 pts, down to 15th = 1 pt
Individual Long Novice:	1st = 5 pts, 2nd = 4 pts, 3rd = 3 pts, down to 5th = 1 pt
Relays:	1st team = 60 pts, 2nd = 54 pts, 3rd = 48 pts, down to 10th = 6 pts

ENQUIRIES

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