

2012 NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

This event is officially sanctioned by the NZSSSC



Welcome

Hawke's Bay Orienteering Club welcomes the students, team managers, teachers, parents and any other supporters who have made the trip to Hawke's Bay for these championships.

To the students - we hope you enjoy the courses that have been prepared for you, the competition against fellow students and other school teams and the camaraderie of your fellow team members. Good luck for the championships.

To the team managers and others involved in organisation of teams – thank you for your efforts and commitment. Events such as this are essential to the development of orienteering and they wouldn't happen without your efforts.

We hope you enjoy your few days in Hawke's Bay – travel safely.

Hawke's Bay Orienteering Club would like to acknowledge the assistance of E and S Palmer Land Owners.

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Timetable

Friday, April 20	9.30	Registration opens
	11.00	First starts
	1.15	Maps available for collection
	1.00	Courses open for casuals – red, orange, yellow
	1.30	Courses open for casuals - white
	3.00	Courses close
	3.00	Relay registration closes
Saturday, April 21	8.30	Registration opens
	9.45	Relay briefing
	10.00	Senior girls start
	10.10	Senior boys, Intermediate girls & Junior girls start
	10.20	Intermediate boys & Junior boys start
	10.25	Y7/8 boys & girls start
	11.45	Mass start for anyone not started
	12.30	Prize giving

General Information

This competition will be run in accordance with NZOF rules. Please direct any queries during the events to the Event Controllers.

Health & Safety

- All buildings, surrounding yards, and farm equipment are *out-of-bounds*. Do not approach stock unnecessarily.
- Landowners are not responsible for ensuring that any natural hazard or risk associated with orienteering as a recreational activity does not cause harm to competitors or spectators.
- First aid will be available in the caravan at each event

Fences and gates

Please take care not to damage fences and gates. All gates should be left as found. Please report any damage to the organisers as soon as you finish.

Dogs

Dogs are not permitted at either event - this includes the parking areas.

Smoking

This is privately owned property - smoking is not permitted - this includes the parking areas.

Rubbish

Please do not throw food or rubbish on the ground. HBOC prides itself on leaving areas as we find them – please help by taking your rubbish away with you.

Registration

Registration will be at the HBOC caravan. Team managers – please pay any outstanding entry fees, collect team packs of hire SI-cards and relay registration forms here. The relay registration form must be returned to the caravan official before you leave on Friday afternoon.

Maps

Maps are pre-marked with control descriptions on the front.

Control descriptions

IOF descriptions will be used for red courses and text descriptions for all other courses.

Electronic punching system

We will be using the SportIdent electronic punching system for these events.

The **SI-card** is a plastic stick that is worn with an elastic band on your finger. There is also an additional elastic safety strap – please wear this around your wrist.

Your SI-card must be **cleared and checked** before you start your course - this will happen in the pre-start area.

Punch the control by placing the end of the SI-card into the hole in the top of the flat box mounted on the control stand. Hold it there briefly until a red light and a beep indicate that the control unit has transferred its number and time on to your SI-card. If in doubt, do it again – it does not matter if you record the same control twice.

If a **control unit fails** during the event, use the clipper on the control stand to punch one of the boxes printed on the edge of your map. Draw this to the attention to the person at the finish.

If you punch a **wrong control**, don't worry - just find the correct control and go through the process again. The wrong one will be discarded.

When you reach the **finish line**, don't forget to put your SI-card into one of the control units situated directly on the finish line. Again, wait for the beep and the red light, confirming your finish. Then proceed down the chute to the download station, which will read the information off your e-card and print out a sheet showing your course time and the split times between all controls.

If you **do not complete your course**, please go through the finish control and the download process, the same as everyone else. Otherwise we will come looking for you.

Your SI-card has a number that is related specifically to you as a competitor. The cards must not be loaned to anyone else during the event. **If you lose a hired SI-card there will be a charge of \$50 to cover the cost of a replacement.**

Start

Please ensure you are at the start area at least 6 minutes prior to your start time. You will be called into the start area 3 minutes before your start time. Late arrivals should report to the official and will be started at the starter's convenience.

Note carefully: Control descriptions will not be issued at registration. Control descriptions will be issued in the second section of the starting grid.

It is not intended for officials to read out any instructions at the start, other than last minute details. Please ensure that you have thoroughly read the information on hazards and any other relevant instructions from the Competitor Information pages. (On line soon)

Finish

After recording your e-card in the control unit on the finish line proceed to the download station. If you had a control station failure and clipped your map instead, tell the download person and your map will be taken for later review. All maps will be collected until the time of the final competitor's start.

If you do not complete your course, please go through the finish control and the download process, the same as everyone else. Otherwise we will come looking for you.

On your last day, please return any hired e-cards at the

Results

Results will be displayed near the finish tent. Enquiries regarding finish times and disqualifications should be directed to the Event Controller. All results will be available on the www.hborienteeing.com/nissc2012 website soon after the event.

Water

Water will be available on red and orange courses, and at the finish. Please use a new cup (provided) and place used cups in the rubbish bag.

Complaints and Protests

If you wish to make a complaint regarding an infringement of the rules or the organisers' directions, please talk to the Event Controller. This must be done within 60 minutes of completing your course. The Event Controller will consider the matter that you have raised and let you have his decision.

If you are not satisfied with their decision, you may ask that the complaint be considered as a protest. Protests will be considered by the Event Controller and a jury of experienced orienteers.

A fee of \$10 will be required, which is refundable if the protest is upheld.

Course closure

Refer to the course closure times stated for each day. If you are still on your course at these times, please return to the finish area and report in.

Clothing

Competitors should bring a range of clothing to cover extremes – both hot and cold. The events are being held on areas that are 300 – 500 metres above sea level. The weather may potentially be very cold in late April and competitors must dress accordingly.

Toilets

Toilets will be available in the parking areas.

Food and Beverages

A selection of food and beverages will be available for sale over the two-day event; this includes BBQ sausages & hot steak sandwiches, baking, juices, hot and cold drinks.

Interschool Competition

Top School Competition

There are separate trophies for boys and girls.

Only 3 competitors in each age grade will contribute to the school's points. That is, a maximum of 9 competitors (3 at each age) will be able to earn points for their school.

In the individual competition the best three results at each age class, whether in the Championship or Standard event, will be counted. At least one of these results must be from the Championship level. A school entering all its competitors in the Standard level will be able to count only two results.

In the relay, only the highest positioned team from any school in each age grade will count. Runners in composite teams do not count.

Points for this competition are as follows:

Individuals - Championship: 1st - 25 points, 2nd - 24, 3rd - 23, down to 25th - 1 point.

Individuals - Standard: 1st - 15 points, 2nd - 14, 3rd - 13, down to 15th - 1 point.

Relays (teams): 1st team - 60 points, 2nd - 54, 3rd - 48, down to 10th - 6 points.