



## 2017 NZ Secondary Schools & HB Secondary Schools Rogaine Champs

### FINAL COMPETITOR INFORMATION

Welcome to the 2017 NZ Secondary Schools Rogaine. This event is being hosted by Hawke's Bay Orienteering Club in conjunction with George Christison and the Tutira School community. We hope competitors are looking forward to exploring the Tutira area – a unique part of the Hawke's Bay region.

#### Acknowledgements

This event would not happen without the landowners who have made their properties available for the event. Please treat the properties with the utmost respect and say 'hello' to any farmers that you pass in your travels.

A huge THANK YOU to the following people:

Philip and Robyn Holt  
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#### Directions

There are two options to reach the event – allow 30 minutes from Napier:

From SH5, in the Esk valley, turn into Waipunga Road. Continue for approximately 16km. Waipunga Road changes from seal to shingle after about 5km - the road narrows and becomes windy from this point.

From SH2 turn into Kaiwaka Road. Continue for approximately 7km to Waipunga Road. Turn left into Waipunga Road and continue for approximately 4km. Kaiwaka Road changes from seal to shingle after about 3km – the road narrows and becomes windy from this point.

## Event Timetable for all Races

Time	
1030	Gear Check & Registration opens
1115	Compulsory briefing for Public Event
1130	Maps issued Public Event
1200	Start Public Event
1215	Compulsory briefing for Senior School Event
1230	Maps issued Senior School Event
1300	Start Senior School Event
1315	Compulsory briefing for Junior School Event
1330	Maps issued Junior School Event
1400	Start Junior School Event
1600	Finish Public Event
1700	Finish Junior & Senior School Events
1700	After Race Meal followed by a Prizegiving

### Gear Check & Registration

It is compulsory for all competitors to have their gear checked and to register at the event. All members of a team will be required to register together. Gear Check & Registration will take place in a tent outside the woolshed.

- Please refer to the Mandatory Equipment and Clothing listed on Page 5 – there are separate requirements for each individual competitor and each team.
- All competitors are required to bring a signed Indemnity & Emergency Contact form to the event (see Page 6 of this document or download from the event website). For competitors aged under 18, this is required to be signed by a parent or guardian.

After the Gear Check, teams will collect their timing tags and wristbands from Registration.

### Map and Course

The course planners are Geoff Morrison and George Christison.

The map will be based on a LINZ Topo50 map of the area, which is enlarged to 1:25,000. The contour interval is 20m. The map will be orientated to magnetic north and will be pre-marked with the checkpoint locations and out of bounds areas. Checkpoint descriptions will be printed on the back of the map. There will be one colour map and plastic bag per competitor.

There is a distinction between “the” and “a” in describing checkpoint locations. “The” means the checkpoint feature is marked on the map, whereas “a” means the checkpoint feature exists, but it isn’t marked on the map.

### NavLight Electronic Punching System

The NavLight Punching system will be used. Each team will be issued with two tags which must be fitted using the supplied wrist-band to two team members. For a mixed team one member of each sex must wear a tag. Each of these team members must record their visit at each checkpoint. The last to register at the checkpoint is the allocated time.

Record your visit at a checkpoint by inserting the Punch into the Tag; a process which typically takes half a second. A red light flashes to indicate that your visit has been recorded.

If the punch doesn't flash, write down the 3-letter code inside the punch. There will be a TEST punch available at Registration for you to practice punching and for you to identify the 3-letter code.

## Scoring

The checkpoints will be marked with an orange & white flag which will be tied to a post, tree or some other object. If a checkpoint is missing, you must be able to describe the location to be credited with the points.

There is a penalty of 10 points per minute or part thereof after the finish time of your event. If you are more than 30 minutes late you are recorded as LATE and your score is zero.

## Start Procedure

The event briefing and course planning will take place in a woolshed. This area will be out of bounds to everyone, except the competitors who have entered prior to a start time. Once competitors enter the woolshed, they will not be allowed to leave until after the designated start time.

All competitors must be ready for the compulsory briefing 45 minutes before their start time. As you enter the woolshed your NavLight wrist strap will be checked and the tag will be activated.

After the briefing, maps and plastic bags will be issued. You will also be given black & white maps for planning and for recording your intended route. Your 'Intended Route map' must be submitted to an official before leaving the woolshed. You may subsequently modify your route, but the Intended Route will give us some idea of your initial plan.

## Finish Procedure

At the finish:

- Punch your electronic tag with a FINISH punch. Your entire team must finish together – your finish time will be that of the last team member to use the FINISH punch.
- Your tag will be cut from your wrist by an official at the finish. Wait for your tag to be read and for the printout of your results. Check your results and if there is anything you disagree with, see an official at the finish.

## Event Rules

This event is being run under the "NZ Rules of Rogaining", published on the NZ Rogaining Association website ([www.rogaine.org.nz](http://www.rogaine.org.nz)), except R2 (relating to the age of competitors) and T1 (relating to course length).

## Navigational Aids and Devices

The only navigational aids that may be carried on the course are magnetic compasses, watches and copies of the competition map. The use of other navigational aids, including pedometers, altimeters and GPS receivers on the course is prohibited.

## **Safety Information**

A Health & Safety Plan for the event has been lodged with NZ Secondary Schools Sports Council and is also available on the event website.

**Hazards identified** in the Safety Plan include:

- Public Roads - There is an unsealed rural road through the middle of the event area. If travelling on the road, competitors must be vigilant of vehicle traffic and travel facing on-coming traffic and on the outside of sharp bends.
- Terrain – cliffs, tomos, rough ground, steep gorges and slopes. Do not attempt to cross steep gorges. Do not attempt to cross streams if they are flowing swiftly or are swollen.
- High Voltage electric fences – treat all electric fences as ON. Look for a gate to cross electric fences or use your parka, pack or map as insulation if crossing a fence.
- Livestock – do not spook or cramp stock into fence corners.
- Vegetation – ongaonga and blackberry – avoid contact with these plants.
- Beehives – avoid travelling close to beehives.
- Extreme weather conditions - Hypothermia – wind, water and cold temperatures can lead to exposure and hypothermia. Know the symptoms (clumsiness, lethargy, slurred speech) and be prepared to seek shelter and call it a day if conditions are severe or if any of your team is exhausted.

**Risks may be minimised** by the following:

- Competitors travel in teams and members of a team are required to remain within unaided verbal contact of one another during the race.
- Competitors are expected to be fit enough to compete for the duration of their course.
- Teams and team members must carry the listed Mandatory Equipment and Clothing during the race.
- Competitors must comply with all safety information.

**Emergency Procedures in the case of a serious accident requiring emergency treatment:**

- There is limited cellphone coverage in the area, which may only be obtained by moving to a high point and being 'line of sight' of the transmission tower.
- If an accident occurs, and no cellphone coverage is available, a student will be required to travel back to the Event Centre or to the nearest farmhouse to seek help. The location of the incident should be located on the race map.
- Each team is required to carry a survival blanket which will be used to keep an injured person warm.
- Each team is required to carry a whistle, to attract the assistance and support of other teams in the case of an emergency. This is done by short blasts on the whistle to attract attention, the response is a long blast.
- Residents in the area will be informed of the event, including the Event Centre location (for First Aid), the process to contact the Helicopter Rescue Service and will be asked to provide help where required.
- If emergency assistance is required at the Event Centre, Geoff Morrison will be responsible for contacting the Helicopter Rescue Service.

## **Mandatory Equipment and Clothing**

All students and teams must wear or carry the following equipment. For items marked “TEAM” only 1 person in the team needs to have this item. For items marked “INDIVIDUAL” every person in the team must have this item.

- INDIVIDUAL – Whistle
- INDIVIDUAL – Thermal top in addition to whatever start off wearing (e.g. polypropylene, merino etc.)
- INDIVIDUAL – Waterproof jacket
- INDIVIDUAL – Hat and gloves
- INDIVIDUAL – Water and snacks (e.g. lollies, muesli bar, other snack foods)
- INDIVIDUAL – Backpack to carry above
- TEAM – Watch
- TEAM – Compass
- TEAM – First Aid Kit
- TEAM – Survival Blanket

The compulsory gear will be checked at Registration. Teams will not be able to start unless they have all the Mandatory Clothing and Equipment.

## **Suggested Additional Gear**

- Highlighter and pen to plan and mark your route
- Mobile Phone - there is limited cellphone coverage in the area. Do not rely on a mobile phone in an emergency.
- Thermal bottom (e.g. polypropylene, merino etc.)
- Gaiters, tights or similar lower body protective clothing
- Waterproof leggings

## **Protests**

Any report of an alleged rule breach by a team, or protest by a team against the organisation of the event shall be considered and determined by a three-person jury prior to the announcement of the results.

The jury shall be drawn from a panel of suitably qualified and experienced rogainers nominated by the organising committee. The names of panel members shall be published at Registration. The panel members selected for any specific jury shall be selected by the organisers and shall meet the following criteria:

- i. Members of the team protesting, reporting, or being reported against shall not be on the jury.
- ii. Members of the organising team shall not be on the jury.
- iii. No member of the jury shall have a vested interest in the jury’s determination to the extent that disqualification of any team, which is the subject of the jury’s determination, would move that member’s team’s placing into or within the first three placings in any age/gender category.

The course planners shall assist the jury in hearing any report or protest as required, but shall not have a vote in the determination. In hearing any protest or report, the jury shall use all reasonable means to gather as much data as is reasonably necessary, and shall give a fair hearing to both the team making the report/protest, and the party being reported or protested against.

Organisers may charge a fee of up to \$20 for the submission of a protest. This fee shall be refunded if the protest is upheld, or if the protest is dismissed but the jury considers that the protest was well intentioned.

TEAM NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

## 2017 NZ Secondary Schools & HB Secondary Schools Rogaine Champs INDEMNITY FORM & EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Please present this form as part of the Registration process – one form is required for each competitor.

### INDEMNITY

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that Hawke’s Bay Orienteering Club Inc. (the event organisers) and the owners of the land used for this event accept no liability for any loss, damage or injury to me resulting from my participation in this event. I understand that this event is organised and staffed by volunteers. I enter this event at my own risk and acknowledge that there may be risks associated with the sport of Rogaining. I will comply with all safety requirements of the event and agree to abide by the New Zealand Rogaining Association Code of Conduct, found at [www.rogaine.org.nz](http://www.rogaine.org.nz).

Competitor Name	Date of Birth	Signature <sup>1</sup>	Signed By (please print)

### EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Emergency Contact – Name, Address & Phone No. <sup>2</sup>	Allergies or Medical Conditions <sup>3</sup>	Registration Number <sup>4</sup>

### NOTES:

1. For competitors aged under 18, this is required to be signed by a parent or guardian.
2. Supply the name, address and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of an emergency. This person must not be a competitor at the event.
3. Supply details of any medical conditions or allergies that might be of assistance to First Aid staff in the event of an accident or emergency.
4. The registration number of the vehicle you have travelled in and parked at the event centre. Write ‘van’ or ‘bus’ if you have come as part of a school team.

### MANDATORY CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT CHECK (to be completed by Registration personnel)

Individual Items	Check	Team Items	Check
Whistle		Watch	
Extra Thermal Top		Compass	
Waterproof jacket		First Aid Kit	
Hat and gloves		Survival Blanket	
Water and snacks			
Backpack			

Check Completed By \_\_\_\_\_