



2026 HAWKE'S BAY SCHOOLS MIDDLE CHAMPIONSHIP

EVENT DATE: Sunday 24th May 2026
EVENT MAP: Craggy Range Road Farm
ENTRIES OPEN: Monday 11th May 2026
ENTRIES CLOSE: Tuesday, 19th May 2026, 8pm

The Hawke's Bay Orienteering Club runs HB Schools Orienteering Championships with SPRINT, MIDDLE and LONG events. The events are for students to have a go at competitive orienteering, and for schools to compete in an inter-school competition.

The 2026 Hawke's Bay Schools MIDDLE event is open to all schools - primary, intermediate (year 7 & 8), and secondary.

It is preferable that all entering competitive grades will have attended the 2026 HBOC Training Day and/or orienteered on a rural map on their own prior to this event. There is a novice grade available for primary entries who have not individually orienteered previously on a rural map.

GRADES FOR MIDDLE

There are separate grades for girls and boys. School championships grades by school year:

PRIMARY and YEAR 7-8 CLASS	GRADE	LEVEL
Primary School Individual (Years 1-6)	Championship	White
Primary & Intermediate Pairs (Years 1-8)**	Novice (nc)	White
Intermediate School Individual (Year 7-8)	Championship	Yellow
Intermediate School Individual (Year 7-8)	Standard	White
SECONDARY CLASS (All Individual)	GRADE	LEVEL
SS Junior (Year 9)	Championship	Yellow
SS Junior (Year 9)	Standard	White
SS Intermediate (Years 10-11)	Championship	Orange
SS Intermediate (Years 10-11)	Standard	Yellow
SS Senior (Years 12-13)	Championship	Red
SS Senior (Years 12-13)	Standard	Orange
SS Senior (Years 12-13)	Novice	Yellow

** Students can enter as pairs to run together non-competitively (nc), but will start after the last competitive starters have left.

HOW LONG DOES A MIDDLE COURSE TAKE?

How long a middle course takes will depend on ability and the course, but expected winning times are 20-30 minutes.

WHAT DO THE COLOURS MEAN?

WHITE - Basic navigation with a map, following tracks, fences & streams to control points.

YELLOW - Navigation involves following tracks, fences & streams, however control points are sited off the route being followed.

ORANGE - Cross-country navigation requiring basic knowledge of contours to locate controls.

RED - Difficult navigation requiring good knowledge of contours.

WHAT DO THE GRADES MEAN?

CHAMPIONSHIP – The highest competitive level for a specific age group.

STANDARD – For orienteers who have some experience but are building confidence.

NOVICE – For beginners new to orienteering.

RULES

Competitors may run in higher age grades if desired, but only within the same competition class, i.e. primary/intermediate class cannot run in the secondary competition. All grades will have separate boys and girls competitions. Girls may not run in boys' grades and vice versa.

ELECTRONIC TIMING

This event is using the Sportident electronic timing system. All competitors are required to carry a small plastic stick called an SI-card - these are available for hire. SI-cards will not be used for this event.

INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

For Primary, Intermediate & Secondary school teams, for both boys & girls. This competition will be based on the Sprint (March 8), Middle (May 24) and Long (June 21) competitions.

In the Sprint, Middle and Long competitions, the best 3 performances from each school in each class will earn points in these competitions. In the relay, the best performed team from each school, in each class, will earn points. These points will be combined to find the best Top schools – Primary, Intermediate & Secondary.

Points for this competition are as follows:

Individual Sprint: 1st = 15 pts, 2nd = 14 pts, 3rd = 13 pts, ... 15th = 1 pt

Individual Middle Championship: 1st = 15 pts, 2nd = 14 pts, 3rd = 13 pts, ... 15th = 1 pt

Individual Middle Standard: 1st = 9 pts, 2nd = 8 pts, 3rd = 7 pts, ... 9th = 1 pt

Individual Middle Novice: 1st = 5 pts, 2nd = 4 pts, 3rd = 3 pts, ... 5th = 1 pt

Individual Long Championship: 1st = 15 pts, 2nd = 14 pts, 3rd = 13 pts, ... 15th = 1 pt

Individual Long Standard: 1st = 9 pts, 2nd = 8 pts, 3rd = 7 pts, ... 9th = 1 pt

Individual Long Novice: 1st = 5 pts, 2nd = 4 pts, 3rd = 3 pts, ... 5th = 1 pt

RESULTS

Provisional live results will be displayed on the O-Lynx screens at the Event Centre. Unofficial live results will also be available on the web at www.o-lynxlive.com for family and friends at home. Results will be available after each event on the HBOC club website: www.hborienteeing.com



PRIZEGIVING

After each event, there will be a brief prize giving for winners & place-getters.

WHERE

Craggy Range Map is located approximately 10 km East of Hastings. This is a colour orienteering map, on which courses will be pre-marked. The general area is available on the club website under the “events” tab. Details on how to get to the event will be available at www.hborienteeing.com from Thursday, 21st May. The map area is out of bounds for coaches and competitors for the purposes of coaching or scouting until after the event.

PLEASE NO DOGS!

WHEN

Sunday 24th May 2026 . Start times will be from **10.00 am**.

Registration packs and SI cards will be available for collection at the caravan from 9.30am.

The start draw (pre-allocated start times) and event information will be available at

www.hborienteeing.com from **Thursday 21st May 2026, noon**.

CASUAL AND CLUB MEMBERS

Parents, supporters and other club members – courses will be available 15 minutes after the last starter (approximately 12noon). Usual club member/non-member course fees apply.

COLOUR-BLIND ENTRIES

Please advise the organisers by **Monday 18th May 2026** if an entrant requires a map with blue lines for colour-blindness.

COST

\$10 entry, includes SI-card hire, payment methods below.
Replacement cost for a lost SI card is \$100.

ENTRY

- Entry is online only at <http://hborienteering.com/club/index.php?page=schools>
- Online entry is available from **11th May 2026**. Long entries close **Tuesday 19th May 2026**.
- Individuals and School Coordinators must enter their students into the online entry system. (Note – a spreadsheet of entries will not be accepted).
- A representative of the school must finalise the entry by emailing the Schools Registration Cover Page plus List of Students entered, found on the online entry page. All competitors must be approved by the school principal or head sports facilitator. This confirmation must be sent to schools@hborienteering.com by **Tuesday 19th May 2026**
- One Entry List per school.
- Once submitted, school representative may request changes to sprint lists before the close of **Tuesday 19th May 2026**. These changes must be emailed to schools@hborienteering.com. Any changes requested after this date will be at the discretion of the organisers.

PAYMENT

- All confirmed entries listed in the start list must be paid for.
- School Coordinators will be responsible for collecting and making this payment for all those entered for their school.

Payment will be by 1 of 3 methods:

- 1. Direct transfer payments:**
 - Make electronic payment to: **03-0642-0780264-000**
 - Ensure “Particulars” field contains “**HBSC Middle**” and “Reference” field contains your **School Code** (school code can be found on the online entry school list).
- 2. Pay at the caravan on the day:** School Coordinators to collect team payment for processing as one transaction.
- 3. Invoice:** After each event an invoice for all entrants who have not been paid for as per the above two methods will be sent to the school.

CONTACT FOR ENTRIES AND QUERIES: schools@hborienteering.com