



**2026 Hawke's Bay Schools
Individual Middle Championships
Sunday 24th May 2026 Craggy Range Road
FINAL EVENT BULLETIN**

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Scale: 1:7,500 for orange and red courses
1:5,000 for yellow and white courses

Contour interval: 5 metres

Terrain & map notes: Most of the map is on open farmland with rolling hills. The Orange and red courses include a small section of forest and some deep gullies with tall cliffs. Fences are shown on white, yellow and orange courses but not red courses. Legends will not be printed on the maps, but separate legend strips will be available.

Control descriptions: On the map, IOF symbols used for Red courses and textual descriptions for Orange, Yellow and White. Loose control descriptions are available, with IOF symbols used for Red and Orange courses and textual descriptions used for Yellow and White.

Out of Bounds: Residential properties and land owned by other landowners are marked on the map with black stripes. DO NOT enter these areas. The road leading to the event is also out of bounds. This is marked by purple crosses on the map.

Health and Safety: The Health and Safety Plan for this event can be accessed from the [HBOC Schools website](#). Safety Plans and Hazards will be on display at the Event Centre. A first aider will be available on the day for any incidents. It is expected that Team Managers have a health declaration for each student and any major issues should be brought to the attention of the organisers. It is expected that Team Managers make their competitors aware of the special hazards and safety bearings for this event.

Whistles: It is **recommended that all competitors carry a whistle**. The distress signal is 6 short blasts, rest, then repeat. Use in the case of injury or emergency only.

Hazards: Most significant is that there are some steep hillsides and significant cliffs – be cautious around these. In addition, the usual rural hazards, but to be more specific: blackberry, thistles, barbed wire on fences, and stock (cows and sheep). There are known bee hives near the red courses which are marked OOB (purple box) but bees may be elsewhere too. Additionally, there are natural hazards like streams, lakes, rocks, uneven terrain, long grass, and the aforementioned cliffs and steep drop offs. All electric fences should be turned off. While the road is out of bounds, drivers should still be cautious of runners and keeping in mind there are a couple of residences down the end of the road.

Legcovers for the red and orange courses recommended

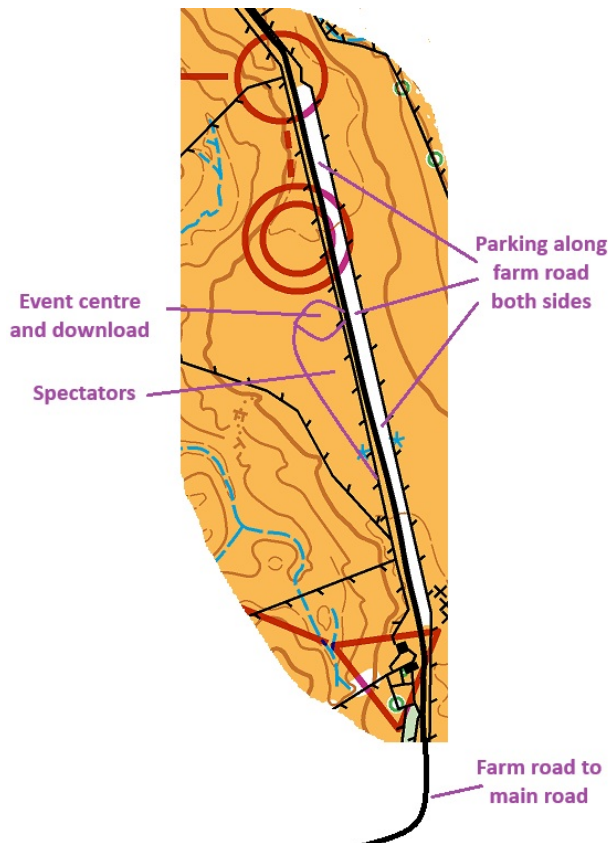
Safety Bearing: The event centre is elevated and visible for most places on course. However, if unsure, go east to the road then go north (towards the sun), unless on the last few controls then you may have to go south. If really unsure then ask another competitor or a spotter on course.

Directions: The event is located on Craggy Range Rd which is off Tuki Tuki Rd. It is best to cross the Tukituki River at the Red Bridge, southeast of Havelock North. After turning north onto Craggy Range Rd, drive 5.7km to the event. If coming onto Craggy Range road from the Black Bridge/Haumoana area, travel 16km south. **Please note that Craggy Range Road is on the opposite side of the Tukituki River from the Craggy Range Vineyard.**

GPS Coordinates: Latitude -39.689127 Longitude 176.986172

Parking: Parking will be on the grass on either side of the road next to the event centre. Please make sure you do not obstruct the road and be careful about any obstacles when parking. Please look for specific places along the fence where you can cross into the event centre paddock.

Event Centre:



Registration:

At the club caravan/tent at the Event Centre. **Open from 9 am.** Please get one team representative only to collect all hired sport idents (SI) for the school team. Use only the SI allocated to you and return the SI at the finish. Competitors will be charged \$100 via their schools for any unreturned SI's. A limited number of base plate and thumb compasses will be available to hire from the caravan. These should be returned at the finish. Any not returned will be charged via their schools.

Start:

For competitors, the start is 250m south of the event centre.

Allow a 3 minute walk .

Start times will be notified in the start list available from the HB Orienteering website from **Thursday 18th June 2026, noon**

FIRST STARTS WILL BE FROM 10.00am.

Finish:

Next to the event centre.

All competitors must report to the finish and download, even if they do not complete the course.

Results:

Provisional live results will be displayed on the O-Lynx screens at the Event Centre or here: www.o-lynxlive.com .Official results will be available after the event at www.hborienteering.com . Photographs of the event will be shared on the Hawke's Bay Orienteering Facebook page.

- Rules:** This competition will be run under the ONZ Foot Orienteering Competition Rules 2021. These rules may be viewed on the ONZ website: www.orienteeering.org.nz under “Resources”. For protests, refer to the [HBOC Complaints and Protests Procedure](#). Please direct any queries during the event to the Event Controller.
- Fair Play:** All competitors shall behave with fairness and honesty. Attempts to gain any information related to this event, beyond that provided by the organisers, is prohibited before and during the event. It is forbidden to bring any previous maps along to the competition arenas. A competitor that breaks any rule, or benefits for the breaking of any rule, may be disqualified.
- There will be “spotters” on the course to keep an eye on those in the novice primary course. Other runners may not ask for navigation help from these spotters. No other non-competitors are allowed on the courses during the school competition. This means no runners are to be accompanied or shadowed.
- GPS Equipment:** GPS-enabled devices (eg, watches) may be carried provided that they have no map display and are not used for navigation purposes.
- Late starters:** Late arrivals for the event should report to the start official. The late competitor will be fitted into the next start as the first convenient time, but your race time will run from the original start time. If there is a valid reason for being late, please advise registration after completing the course. The Course Controller will make a decision regarding any late starters.
- Prizegiving:** At the event centre no later than 12 noon.
- Lost or late runners:** **DO NOT START YOUR OWN SEARCH.** Organisers know who is or isn’t out on the course at any given time. Report to the registration caravan and event organisers will initiate any action.
- Casual starts:** Parents, supporters and other club members – courses will be available 15 minutes after the last starter (approximately 11.30am or earlier). Usual club member/nonmember course fees apply. Last start 12.30pm
- Course closure:** **1.00 pm.** All competitors still on the course must return to the finish area and report to the download.
- Food and water:** Please can competitors bring their own water bottles. We will not be providing water at the event.
- There will be sausage sizzle at the eventcentre. \$ 2.00 cash
- Toilets:** At the Event Centre.

Shelter: There will be a limited amount of shelter provided by the organisers so it is recommended that school teams bring their own shelter if the weather is poor.

Other Important Notes:

- **No dogs.** This includes the event centre and parking area, including in cars.
- All courses cross fences. **Always cross a fence beside a strong post.** Try gently shaking the fence before climbing. If it is wobbly, find a better place to climb it.
- Do not adjust gates. If the gate is closed do not open it, climb it at the hinged end.
- We would like to leave this map as we found it so if you cause any damage to fences and gates, please help us by reporting it at the finish so we can repair it after the event.
- This is a private farm map and we are only able to access these maps with the goodwill of the farmers. **Please remove all your rubbish.** Thank you.

Course information

Course	Grades	NZOF Colour Code	Scale	Distance	Climb	Controls	EWT (min)
1	SBC	Red	1:7,500	3.3 km	160 m	13	30
2	SGC	Red	1:7,500	3.0 km	130 m	13	30
3	IBC, SBS	Orange	1:7,500	2.8 km	115 m	13	30
4	IGC, SGS	Orange	1:7,500	2.6 km	105 m	11	30
5	JBC, JGC, IBS, S Novice	Yellow	1:5,000	2.4 km	90 m	12	25
6	YBC, YGC, IGS,	Yellow	1:5,000	2.1 km	80 m	10	25
7	JBS, JGS, YBS, YGS	White	1:5,000	1.9 km	70 m	14	20
8	PBC, PGC, P Novice	White	1:5,000	1.6 km	55 m	10	20

