

2026 Hawke's Bay Schools Orienteering SPRINT Championships FINAL EVENT BULLETIN

Date: Sunday 8th March 2026

Map: EIT, Taradale

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Controller: Susan Edwards

Scale: 1:4,000 (all courses)

Contour interval: 2 m

Terrain & map notes: EIT is a campus sprint map with numerous irregular shaped buildings, gardens, pathways and covered walkways. The campus still shows signs of Cyclone Gabrielle with some buildings still under reconstruction so there are a range of out-of-bound areas.

Control descriptions: Textual control descriptions are printed on all maps, other than Senior girls & boys

Out of bounds and Impassable features:

Please stay in the Event Centre, carpark or start area or on signposted routes. Out-of-bounds areas must not be entered; areas includes the olive green symbol, the temporary construction symbol, and the striped symbol. Impassable features must not be crossed, including buildings, impassable walls, impassable earth banks and impassable fences. The crossing of any of the out of bounds areas or impassable features may result in disqualification.

See IOF sprint orienteering symbols at the end of this notice for reference.

Parents, team managers, coaches and other spectators must also stay at the Event Centre and not interfere with the racing.

Before the race, the whole EIT campus is strictly off limits for coaching or training purposes.

Notes for competitors:

- 1. There are many gardens marked with olive green. These are out of bounds and uncrossable. This means even if you think you can jump over them you must go around.**
- 2. Taped off areas are also out of bounds and not to be crossed.**
- 3. There are lots of blind corners, narrow pathways and alleyways. Please take care not to run into people.**

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.

Hazards: There are many changes in surface and levels across the campus which can provide trip hazards, and if wet some slip hazards. Be cautious when going around tight corners as there may be other runners coming the other way. Be cautious running across road areas as there could be staff driving around campus.

Safety Bearing: Bear East to Gloucester Street then follow it south west to the event carpark and follow signs from there to the event centre.

Directions and Parking: Please follow the signs from the main entrance of EIT on Gloucester St, turning left at the entrance round-about and follow the roadway to the car par on the south side of the campus. Do not walk onto the campus except by following signs from the car par to the event centre or the start.

GPS Coordinates: -39.548341,176.836994

Registration: At the club caravan on the route to the Event Centre. Open from 9.30am. 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. Y7/8 and up will receive an SI-AIR, this can be used as SI-AIR or punched.

Course information: All courses at 1:4,00 Scale

Course number	Course	Grades	Length (km)*	# of controls	Estimated winning time (minutes)
1	Senior Boys	SB	1.7	14	12-15
2	Senior Girls	SG	1.7	14	12-15
3	Intermediate Boys	IB	1.5	16	12-15
4	Intermediate Girls	IG	1.5	15	12-15
5	Junior Boys	JB	1.2	14	10-12
6	Junior Girls	JG	1.3	14	10-12
7	Y7/8 Boys	YB	1.1	14	10-12
8	Y7/8 Girls	YG	1.1	14	10-12
9	Primary Boys	PB	1.0	14	10-12
10	Primary Girls	PG	1.0	14	10-12

*Course distances are measured in a straight line from control to control.

- Start:** The route to the start is signed from the carpark back along the road in 240m from the club caravan. Start times will be notified in the start list available from the Hawke's Bay Orienteering Club website from Thursday 5th March 2026. Competitors must be at the start ready to run no less than 5 minutes before their start time. Be prepared by knowing your grade. **First starts will be from 10:30am.**
- Finish/Event Centre:** **All competitors must report to the finish, even if they do not complete the course.** The finish is in the event centre signed from the carpark, 130m to the north from the club caravan/ registration.
- 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. 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 2016. These rules may be viewed on the ONZwebsite: www.orienteeing.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 event centre. A competitor that breaks any rule, or benefits from the breaking of any rule, may be disqualified.
- 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 their 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:** **A prize giving will be held as soon as the school competition is complete.** Ribbons will be awarded at the prize giving and Certificates will be sent to schools after the event to present to the place getters.
- 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 the Course Controller will initiate any action.

- Casual starts:** Casual starts will be 15 minutes after the last school starter, approximately 12 noon. Last start 1pm. Usual map fees will apply.
- Course closure:** **School competitors: 12 noon**
Casual course closure: 2pm
All competitors still on the course must return to the finish area and report to the download.
- Toilets:** Portable toilets are available in the carpark area.
- Food:** There will not be a coffee cart at the event. **Please can competitors bring their own water bottles. We will not be providing water at the event.**
- Shelter:** There is limited shelter at the event centre which is shaped as a bowl. There are areas around the carpark area where school teams can erect their own shelter if the weather is poor.

Other Important Notes:

- **Only the SB and SG will receive an SI AIR, all other grades will get a normal SI that needs to be punched!**
- We would like to leave this map as we found it so if you cause any damage to fences, gates or gardens, please help us by reporting it at the finish so we can repair it after the event.
- IOF Sprint Orienteering Map Symbols are provided at the end of this notice. This differs from the rural legend so please make sure competitors are familiar with the Sprint Map Legend – in particular the Out Of Bounds and Impassable Features symbols.

Olive green map colour means an Out-Of-Bounds/not crossable garden area. Please don't try and leap over them. Coaches/Parents, please remind your children. This is an important map to HBOC and we wish to maintain a good relationship with EIT.

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- We are only able to access this map with the support of EIT Hawke's Bay.
- Please remove all your rubbish and respect the regular users of this area. Thankyou.
- **Maps will be available for collection after the last official schools starter.**
- No dogs. This includes the event centre and parking area, including in cars.

IOF Sprint Orienteering Map Symbols

Land forms

	Contour
	Index contour
	Form line
	Slope line
	Contour value
	Earth bank
	Small earth wall
	Erosion gully or trench
	Small erosion gully
	Small knoll
	Small elongated knoll
	Small depression
	Pit or hole
	Broken ground
	Prominent land form

Water and marsh

	Waterhole
	Impassable body of water <i>(forbidden to cross)</i>
	Passable body of water
	Passable small watercourse
	Minor watercourse
	Narrow marsh
	Impassable marsh <i>(forbidden to cross)</i>
	Marsh
	Indistinct marsh
	Small fountain or well
	Spring
	Prominent water feature

Rock and boulders

	Impassable cliff <i>(forbidden to cross)</i>
	Gigantic boulder or rock pillar
	Passable rock face
	Rocky pit
	Cave
	Boulder
	Large boulder
	Boulder field
	Stony ground
	Open sandy ground
	Bare rock

Technical symbols

	Magnetic north line
	Registration marks
	Spot height

Man-made features

	Urban unpaved footpath or track
	Non-urban unpaved footpath or track
	Small unpaved footpath or track
	Less distinct small path
	Narrow ride
	Bridge
	Railway
	Tramway
	Power line, cableway or skilift
	Major power line
	Underpass or tunnel
	Passable stone wall
	Passable wall
	Impassable wall <i>(forbidden to cross)</i>
	Passable fence or railing
	Impassable fence or railing <i>(forbidden to cross)</i>
	Crossing point
	Building <i>(forbidden to cross)</i>
	Canopy
	Pillar
	Area with forbidden access <i>(forbidden to cross)</i>
	Paved area
	Step or edge of paved area
	Passable pipeline
	Impassable pipeline <i>(forbidden to cross)</i>
	High tower
	Small tower
	Cairn, memorial, small monument or boundary stone
	Fodder rack
	Prominent man-made feature

* It is forbidden to cross these items. Competitors violating this rule will be disqualified.

Vegetation

	Open land
	Open land with scattered trees
	Rough open land
	Rough open land with scattered trees
	Forest: easy running
	Forest: slow running
	Undergrowth: slow running
	Forest: difficult to run
	Undergrowth: difficult to run
	Vegetation: very difficult to run
	Impassable vegetation <i>(forbidden to cross)</i>
	Forest runnable in one direction
	Orchard
	Orchard, one direction (e.g. Vineyard)
	Distinct cultivation boundary
	Cultivated land (seasonally out of bounds)
	Distinct vegetation boundary
	Indistinct vegetation boundary
	Prominent large tree
	Prominent bush or small tree
	Prominent vegetation feature

Overprinting symbols

	Start
	Control point
	Control number
	Marked route
	Finish
	Uncrossable boundary <i>(forbidden to cross)</i>
	Crossing point
	Crossing section
	Out-of-bounds area <i>(forbidden to cross)</i>
	First aid post
	Refreshment point
	Temporary construction or closed area <i>(forbidden to cross)</i>

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Copies of these map symbols and of the IOF pictorial control descriptions can be downloaded from www.maprunner.co.uk
The full ISSOM 2007 specification is available from www.orienteing.org