

Final Information for Auckland Secondary School Orienteering Championships 2024

organised by Auckland Orienteering Club

Tuesday 18th June

Woodhill Forest

Event centre is beside Rimmer Rd, 5.3km after its intersection with SH16, 1.3k after it turns to enter the forest.

Signposted from Waimauku, SH16

Parking is along Rimmer Road, on one side of the road only. Buses and large vans should drop participants near the event centre, continue down the road until they can turn and return back up Rimmer Rd, parking on the north side of the road between the event centre and entry to forest. Cars and small vans park on the south side (the left-hand side as you arrive), from the event centre and further on west. Please park as directed

First start 10.30, last start approximately 12.30

Course closure 2.30pm

Prize giving approximately 2pm. (as soon results are final).

Sport Ident hire cards will be bagged by school and available at registration

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For details about starts, top team competition, timekeeping etc see initial information sheet. Air will NOT be activated. For those using a SIAC card there will be a turn off box in the start grid after the check box.

Important information for ALL competitors to read

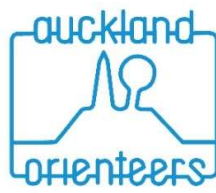
Map Scale 1:7500

Contour interval 5m

Terrain & Mapping notes

The area is predominantly sloping forest terrain, with some steep sided gullies. The contours are generally not very complex but there are some more intricate areas.

The area is mainly open mature pine forest with good visibility and runnability. There are almost parklike areas with short grass or soft ferns under the mature pines but in other areas there are patches of pampas grass and some fallen trees which slow movement. Small areas of dark green are



log piles which are uncrossable. The larger areas of pale or mid green are pampas grass of varying density but you can push through almost all these areas fairly easily.

There is an intricate track system over much of the map, formed by 4-wheel drive vehicles, tracks being wide and generally easy to see. Some of the tracks are mapped as less distinct. These are still wide and easy to see but have not been driven over recently so can have grasses growing on them. Some tracks are used for more adventurous driving with humps and bumps and after rain they can fill with water. There are also some going down very steep erosion gullies which are deep and slippery.

Clothing and Equipment

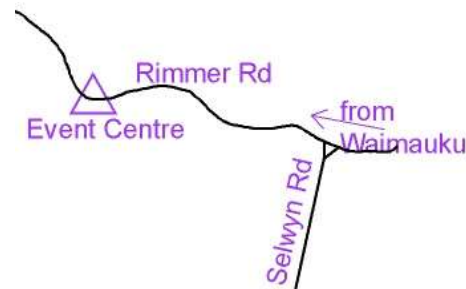
Shoes with good grip are recommended for all course as is body cover to protect from the pampas grass.

A whistle and compass should be carried by all competitors. The whistle is for use in an emergency only. See below.

All competitors need to come equipped with a towel and a warm change of clothing. If the weather is inclement, you should wear appropriate clothing on the course (dependent on your speed of travel and fitness).

Safety bearing, injured competitor, evacuation in an emergency and course closure

Should you become completely lost during the event and need to pull out follow a compass bearing north-east to Rimmer Road (running east west) or Selwyn Rd (running north south) and then back to the event centre. If uncertain remain on the road. The map will have the safety bearing and course closure time (2.30pm) written on it. If you are still in the forest at course closure time, you should take the shortest route to return to the event centre.

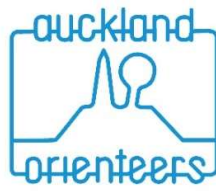


If you are injured or ill and cannot continue, use your whistle to call for assistance. The whistle is for use in emergencies only. The emergency signal is 6 short blasts on the whistle. Stop and then repeat. If any competitor hears this sound during their competition, they should stop their race and go to the assistance of the injured competitor. It is important no competitor uses their whistle unless it is an emergency as they will end the race for any other competitor in the area.

Should there be an emergency such as fire in the area requiring evacuation of the forest, cars will travel the road sounding their horns repeatedly. Return immediately to Rimmer Road or Selwyn Road and back to the event centre unless instructed otherwise.

Start and start procedure

The start is approximately 100 metres flat walk from the event centre through the forest. You must report to the start at least 6 minutes before your start time. You will be called up into the first start



box 4 minutes before your start. There will be starts every minute but there will be at least 2 minutes between people on the same course. The clock by the start line at the end of the start grid will have real time on it so you will enter the start grid 4 minutes before it displays your start time

If you are late for your start time report to the late start official who will start you when possible. Your original start time will remain except in extenuating circumstances at the discretion of the controller.

Clothing return

There will be a clothing return from the start to the event centre if the weather is inclement.

Finish

The finish will be in the event centre with the last control fully visible at the beginning of the finish chute. You must punch at the finish and proceed to the download even if you have not completed your course, otherwise you will be registered as still in the forest and a search party will be mounted for you at the end of the event.

Toilets

There will be portaloos on the edge of Rimmer Road beside the event centre. There will be no toilets at the start.

Road crossing

Some competitors will cross Selwyn Rd during their competition. There could be logging trucks using this road. Take extreme care before crossing and if there is a truck coming then make sure you cross behind it.

Taped routes on courses

There are 2 taped routes on course 9 (the white course) for Junior and Yr 7/8 standard competitors. These tapes should be ignored by all other competitors. The yellow and white courses also have a long taped route to their start triangle which is likely to be crossed by other competitors.

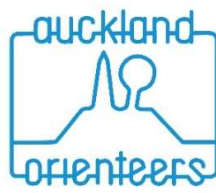
Water

There will water available on all courses. This will either be on tracks and marked on the map or at controls. If they are at a control, it will be marked in the control descriptions. Ensure that you punch your control before you have a drink. There will also be water at the finish.

Out of bounds

Except for those walking to the start all forest is out of bounds when not competing except the area marked off at the back of the event centre. You can warm up along the route to the start only. You must not warm up on Rimmer Rd as there will be traffic on it. When walking/ running to the start you must remain on the marked route. All forest beside the route is out of bounds

Hazards

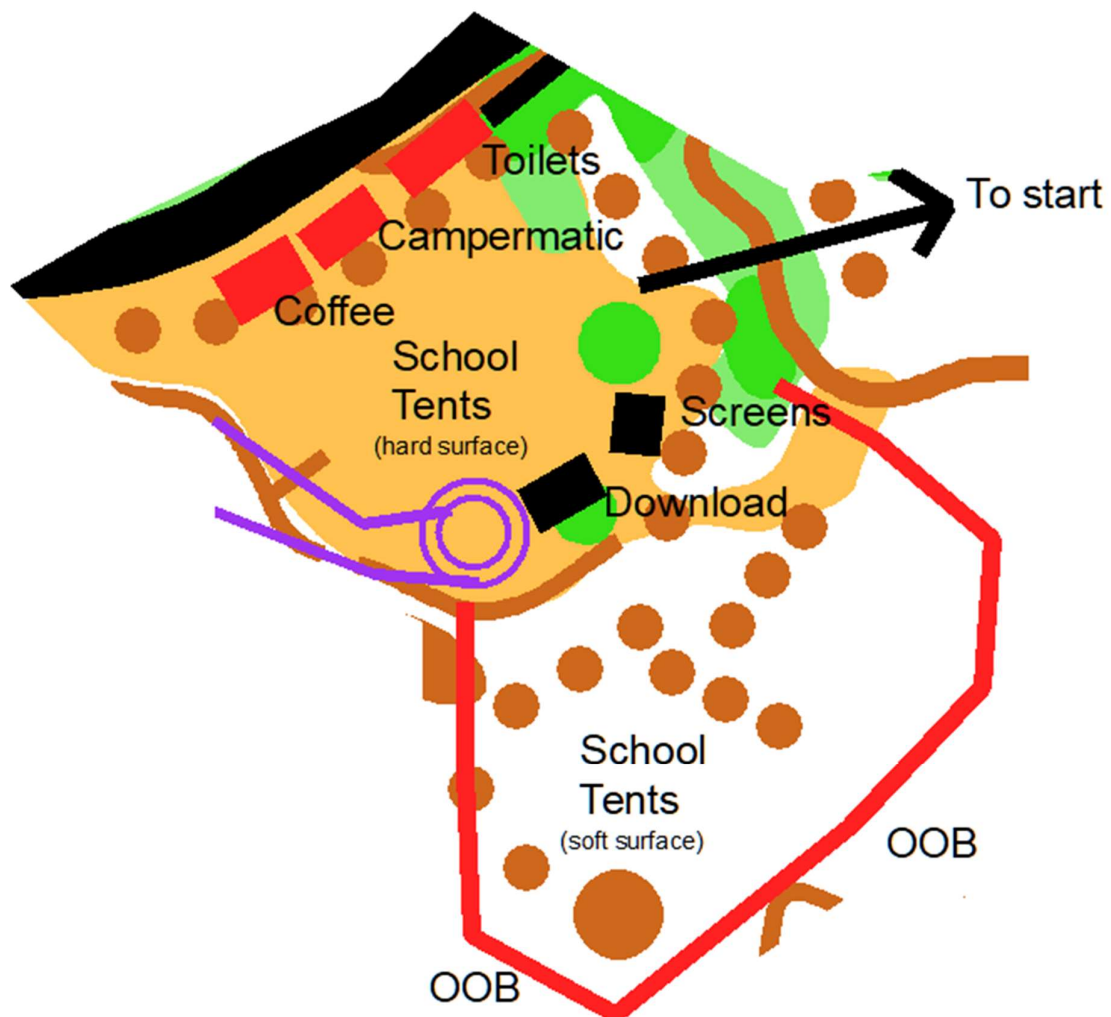


The area was once fenced and in several places on the map there is wire on the ground, partly embedded in the sand. There are also some coils of wire. Some tracks could be flooded. Erosion gullies are steep and slippery.

Food

There will be a coffee cart present selling hot and cold drinks and limited cookies/muffins.

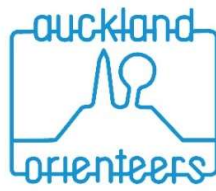
Event Centre Diagram



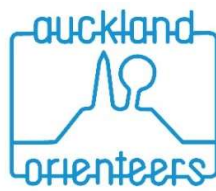
School shelters

The event centre is stoney underfoot making it impossible to put tent pegs into the ground. If a school wishes to bring a shelter they would need to bring a means of attaching it down such as sand bags. Small shelters could probably be put up in the assembly area in the forest behind the event centre where the ground is sandy.

Control Descriptions



Control descriptions are on all maps. They will also be available for collection during the start sequence. For red courses (Senior Championship) they use international symbols. For orange courses (Intermediate Championship and Senior Standard) both international and text versions will be available for collection and on the map. For yellow (Junior and Year 7/8 Championship, Intermediate Standard and Senior Novice) the text versions will be on the map but there will also be some international ones at the start. White courses will have text only both on the map and at the start.



Course details – It is important you know your course number as well as your grade

Grades	Course number - colour	Estimated Winning Time	Distance *	Climb	Controls
Championship					
Senior Boys (SBC)	1 - Red	45-50mins	5.5km	180m	15
Senior Girls (SGC)	2 - Red	45-50mins	4.2km	135m	11
Intermediate Boys (IBC)	3 - Orange	35-40mins	4.7km	150m	15
Intermediate Girls (IGC)	4 - Orange	35-40mins	3.7km	130m	12
Junior Boys (JBC)	6 - Yellow	25-30mins	2.8km	110m	10
Junior Girls (JGC)	7 - Yellow	25-30mins	2.8km	85m	9
Year 7/8 Boys (Y78BC)	6 - Yellow	25-30mins	2.8km	110m	10
Year 7/8 Girls (Y78GC)	7 - Yellow	25-30mins	2.9km	85m	9
Standard					
Senior Boys (SBS)	5 - Orange	35-40mins	3.2km	95m	10
Senior Girls (SGS)	5 - Orange	35-40mins	3.2km	95m	10
Intermediate Boys (IBS)	8 - Yellow	25-30mins	2.7km	80m	8
Intermediate Girls (IGS)	8 - Yellow	25-30mins	2.7km	80m	8
Junior Boys (JBS)	9 - White	20-25mins	2.6km	85m	15
Junior Girls (JGS)	9 - White	20-25mins	2.6km	85m	15
Year 7/8 Boys (Y78BS)	9 - White	20-25mins	2.6km	85m	15
Year 7/8 Girls (Y78GS)	9 - White	20-25mins	2.6km	85m	15

*This distance is a straight-line distance.