



CANTERBURY SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING FESTIVAL 2014

**SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER
HANSENS PARK, ST MARTINS**

and

**SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER
KAIRAKI**

Programme



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Welcome

Welcome to the Canterbury Schools Orienteering Festival. We hope that you all have an enjoyable time and for those of you who are new to this sport that you will feel that you would like to take part in other events in the future. Every year it is pleasing to see new students and additional schools take part in these events. This weekend approximately 150 students will be competing each day. We hope that you all have a lot of fun.

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TEAM MANAGERS

It is important that all competitors are aware of the information contained in this programme. It tells you how to get to the venues, important information about starting and finishing procedures and, combined with the attached start time lists, when to be there. Each student should be at the competition venue at least 45 minutes before his/her start time. As well as this copy, the programme will be available on www.papo.org.nz if you wish to direct parents to the web for this information.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Competition rules:

This competition will be run in accordance with NZOF rules, unlike the Get2go Challenge that some of you may have experienced, the courses are done by individuals (or pairs in some grades) and the controls are found in the sequence listed in the control descriptions. Please direct any queries during the events to the Event Controller.

Registration:

Registration which is at the Event Centre and adjacent to the finish areas each day will be **open from 1:00pm Saturday and 9:30am Sunday.**

It would be appreciated if the team manager collects the registration pack for each school, rather than individual children. At registration you will be given the hire e-cards allocated to your students for the weekend. It is important that each student (or pair if entered as such) uses the e-card with the number allocated as per the accompanying list.

Start:

We have endeavoured to accommodate requests for start times where possible but unfortunately were unable to satisfy all requests.

The first starts will be at 2:00pm Saturday and 10:30am Sunday. Please ensure that you are at the start **at least 6 minutes** prior to your start time. You will be called into the start grid 4 minutes before your start time. A beeping clock will give a five-second count down with a longer tone to start, if there are any competitors who may have difficulty hearing this please advise the start officials. After the signal to start, **each competitor** (or pair) **must put their e-card into the blue box on the start control**, this is when your time starts.

Finish:

This is close to the registration area. If for any reason you decide not to finish your course you **MUST** go through the finish procedure. This lets us know that we don't have to start searching for you at the end of the day.

Course closure:

Competitors will be timed out after 2½ hours (i.e. if you are still out on a course 2½ hours after starting you must return to the finish.)

Out of bounds:

Please refer to the information relating to each day. Generally any area away from the car park, Event Centre (registration/finish area), start area or the routes between these will be out of bounds, unless you are on your course. Please note the exception for Ferrymead Heritage Park.

Safety:

Your safety is important to us. We want you to enjoy your orienteering free from accident. We have identified the most likely hazards that you will come across but you are expected to exercise common sense around any obvious hazard.

Competitors are expected to render assistance on their course to anyone who is injured and requires physical assistance.

Land owners are not responsible for ensuring that any natural hazard or risk associated with orienteering as a recreational activity does not cause harm to competitors or spectators.

Known Hazards:

A list of known hazards relative to each venue is in the information for that day. Importantly for both days take particular care when walking from the parking areas to the Event Centre and when crossing streets.

Watch for cars moving in and out!

First Aid:

St John staff will be in attendance both days.

Weather:

The weather at this time of the year can be variable. It could be wet and very cold. Be prepared! In the event of bad weather - full body cover will be essential with thermals if it is very cold - competitors who are inadequately clothed may not be allowed to start. Also be prepared with sun block if it is hot.

Clothing:

Competitors should bring a range of clothing to cover extremes – both heat and cold. **Also as this is a schools event it is really great if you wear your school's sports uniform if you can.**

If the forecast is for very cold please have suitable clothing such as a thermal layer.

Make sure that you **bring a change of clothes**, including socks and shoes to change into after your course.

Whistles:

Whistles are RECOMMENDED. The distress signal is 6 short blasts, rest, then repeat. Use only in the case of injury or emergency.

Maps:

Maps are pre-marked with control descriptions printed on them. The maps will be collected at the finish and then be available for you to collect after the last start. Students running as pairs will each have a map but share a Sportident e-card while on the course.

Control descriptions: There will be international symbols for the red course, and written descriptions for all other courses will be printed on the maps. In addition copies of the descriptions for the white courses will be available at registration and copies of the descriptions for the red, orange and yellow courses will be available at the start for those who want them.

Control codes: These are 2 or 3 digit numbers on top of stake, on both days. Please check these codes carefully before punching to make sure that the number on the control is the same as the one on your control description. **There will be a lot of controls out there so make sure you check the number!**

All competitors will be using Sportident. Please read the following.

Electronic punching system

We shall be using the SportIdent electronic punching system for both events.

The e-cards that you carry with you on your course must be electronically cleared and checked before you start your course. As you enter the start area, place your e-card into the “clear” control unit. It will be clearly marked. Hold it there until you get a red light and a beep, confirming that your card has been cleared. Next, place your e-card into the “check” control unit, to confirm that it is working properly.



At each control, place the end of the e-card into the hole in the top of the flat box mounted on the control stand. Hold it there briefly until a red light and a beep indicate that the control unit has transferred its number and time on to your e-card. If in doubt, do it again – it does not matter if you record the same control twice. If a control unit should fail during the event and not give you a red light and a beep after a couple of tries, use the clipper on the control stand to punch one of the boxes printed on the edge of your map. Draw this to the attention of the staff at the finish.

If you go to the wrong control and put your e-card into a control unit that is not yours, don't worry. Just find the correct control and go through the process again. The wrong one will be discarded. However it is essential that all controls on your course are visited in the correct sequence. For example if control 3 is missed and control 4 punched with your e-card, you must go back and punch control 3 and then revisit and punch control 4 again before proceeding to control 5.

When you reach the finish line, you must put your e-card into one of the control units situated directly on the finish line. Again, wait for the beep and the red light, confirming your finish. Then proceed down the chute to the download station, which will read the information off your e-card and print out a sheet showing your course time and the split times between all controls.

Your e-card has a number that is related specifically to you as a competitor. The cards must not be loaned to anyone else during the event. If you lose a hired e-card there will be a charge of \$120 to cover the cost of a replacement.

Results:

Provisional results will be displayed on the result board at the finish area as soon as possible. Enquiries regarding finish times and disqualifications should be directed to the Event Controller via the staff at Registration. Please do not approach the finish or results officials.

Confirmed results will be posted on www.papo.org.nz

Prize Giving:

If possible on both days there will be acknowledgement of grade place getters as soon as possible after the completion of the various grades. Unfortunately due to a number of requests for later start times some grades will not be completed while the majority of the competitors are still on site. Due to the difficulties of printing in the field, certificates and trophies will still be distributed to the relevant schools when they are available.

Water:

Water will be available at the finish. Please use a new cup (provided) and place used cups in the rubbish bag. Some courses may have water on them. Please squirt the bottle; **DO NOT put it in your mouth.**

Protests:

Protests will be handled in accordance with NZOF rules. Before a protest is made you are entitled to complain to the controller about an infringement of the rules or organiser's directions. A complaint shall be made in writing (on a form available from Registration) to the Controller as soon as possible, but within 60 minutes of the affected competitor finishing. A complaint is adjudicated by the Controller. The Controller's decision on a complaint shall be advised to the complainant, and displayed on the results board as soon as possible, but in any case within 60 minutes. If you are not satisfied, a protest may be made against the controller's decision. Any protest shall be made in writing to the Controller within 60 minutes of the Controller's decision about a complaint being advised to the complainant and displayed on the result board and handed to the controller with a fee of \$10 which will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

Protest jury: A protest jury will be formed if and when necessary on the day.

Toilets: There will be porta-loos at both venues.

Cancellations: The events will only be cancelled in extreme conditions. If this arises, Newstalk 3ZB will be notified.

Cancellations are repeated half hourly from 8am, and then hourly from 9am.

A cancellation notice will also be posted on www.papo.org.nz

HAVE A GREAT TIME AND HAVE FUN

NZ Secondary Schools' Orienteering Team Fundraising:

Ed Cory-Wright, Cashmere High, Stephen Harding, Geraldine High, Connor Cleary, Rangiora High and Marisol Hunter, Rangī Ruru are all members of the New Zealand Secondary Schools Team which is travelling to Australia later this month. They will be selling home baked cake and biscuits, plus sausages and cold drink both days to raise funds for this trip.

In addition (hopefully) a mobile coffee barista will also be selling coffee and contributing to the fundraising efforts

Please make sure you have some cash with you and support their fundraising if you can.

Saturday – Sprints Championships, Hansens Park, Opawa

- Date:** Saturday 13 September 2014
- Map:** Opawa
- Scale:** 1:4000
- Terrain:** A park area with scattered trees and bushes. At both ends are school areas with intricate buildings and garden areas. It is flat, sloping slightly down towards the river.
- Planner:** Jean Cory-Wright
- Controller:** Carsten Jørgensen
- Directions:** Head south along Wilsons Rd towards the Port Hills. At the roundabout follow Centaurus road to the left for only 5 metres and turn immediately left into Armstrong Terrace. Turn left at the end and parking is on Riverlaw Terrace. Alternative route, take a left turn off Wilsons Rd just past St Martins New World on to Beckford Rd. Follow this to Riverlaw Terrace and turn right just before the river and find parking there
- Parking:** Riverlaw Terrace
- Registration/Finish: (Event Centre)** This is just over the bridge from Riverlaw terrace (just by Armstrong Terrace) at the edge of Hansen park.
- Start:** **To get to the start competitors must follow the signposted route along the south side of the river to Opawa School.**
- Out of bounds:** Out of bounds - the competition area is out of bounds - but it is possible to follow the taped route to and from the toilets - stay on the taped route. The event centre (Finish/Spectating Area) will also be clearly marked as to identify the out-of-bounds area.
It is strictly forbidden to enter private land, marked on the map in Olive Green. The Olive Green colour is also used for areas of garden, where it is forbidden to run (Rudolph Steiner School has gardens like that). In these areas it is allowed to follow tracks through it.
- Notes about controls and the map:** The map is drawn with a sprint map symbols. Points to note are that thick black lines are un-crossable walls and fences, which are not allowed to be crossed.

The symbol X is a manmade feature on the control descriptions

A copy of the current map will on display at the event centre to make it possible for competitors to familiarize themselves with the symbols on a sprint map – especially the private land and impassable fences/walls (as in not allowed to pass or competitor will get disqualified).

Senior & Intermediate championship grades:

MapFlip: The **orange** courses have a MapFlip. This means that the first part of the course is on one side of the map, and then the competitor has to turn over (flip) the map for the second part of the course. SBC has their MapFlip at control 19, SGC has it at control 18 and IBC/IGC at control 16.

Course Information: Opawa

Grades	Difficulty	Distance(km)	Climb(m)	Number of controls
SBC	Orange B	3.4	0	27
SGC	Orange G	2.8	0	24
IBC,IGC,	Orange	2.4	0	21
SBS, SGS, IBS, IGS,JBC,JGC, 7&8BC, 7&8GC	Yellow	2.1	0	19
JBS,JGS,7&8BS, 7&8GS,	White 1	1.9	0	20
6UB, 6UG	White 2	1.5	0	15

Grade abbreviations for both days:

Secondary Schools:

Senior boys/girls champion	SBC, SGC
Senior boys/girls standard	SBS, SGS
Intermediate boys/girls champion	IBC, IGC
Intermediate boys/girls standard	IBS, IGS
Junior boys/girls champion	JBC, JGC
Junior boys/girls standard	JBS, JGS

Primary & Intermediate Schools:

Years 7& 8 boys/girls champion	7&8BC, 7&8GC
Years 7& 8 boys/girls standard	7&8BS, 7&8GS
Years 6 & Under boys/girls	6UB, 6UG

Sunday - Long Distance: Kairaki

Date: Sunday 14 September 2014

Map: Kairaki

Scale: Red, Orange and Yellow 1:7,500, White 1:5,000

Terrain: Pine forest on intricate sand dunes

Planner: Jan Harrison

Controller: Bruce Steven

Directions: **From east Christchurch;** travel through the main street (Williams St.) of Kaiapoi. After crossing the river, turn right at fourth intersection into Beach Road. Travel to end of road and at the Pines/Kairaki intersection follow orienteering signage for parking.

Via Northern motorway; take third exit (to Rangiora), turn right and cross motorway, travelling along Smith St. At intersection with Williams St, go straight ahead into Beach Road, proceed as above.

From North; turn left into Williams St at Pineacres corner, then left into Beach Road. Continue as above.

From Rangiora; travel to Kaiapoi via Lineside Road, cross the motorway and continue along Smith Street and across Williams St into Beach Road. Continue as above.

Parking: Weather permitting; parking will be on Featherstone Reserve at the Pines/Kairaki intersection. However, if ground conditions are wet, parking will be along The Pines streets. Please follow the signage on the day.

Registration: At the Event Centre.

Start: 10 minutes' walk from the Event Centre

Finish: Adjacent to the Event Centre.

Out of bounds: All of the forest area is out of bounds unless you are on your course.

Hazards Other forest users including horses, mountain bikes, motorbikes, and dog walkers. There may be standing water depending on rainfall prior to the event.

Course Information: Kairaki

Grades	Difficulty	Distance (km)	No. of controls
SBC,SGC	Red	6.0	23
IBC, IGC, SBS, SGS,	Orange	3.1	15
IBS, IGS, JBC, JGC, 7&8BC, 7&8GC	Yellow	2.3	13
JBS,JGS,7&8BS, 7&8GS,	White 1	2.1	23
6UB	White 2	1.7	12
6UG	White 3	1.6	19

Control descriptions will be printed on the map and will be available at the start for red, orange and yellow courses and at registration for the white courses. The red course will use symbolic control descriptions. All other courses will use text descriptions. The orange will also have symbolic control descriptions available at the start.