



New Zealand Secondary Schools Orienteering Championships 2018

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Welcome to the second formal Bulletin containing information about the 2018 New Zealand Secondary Schools Orienteering Championships incorporating Years 7 & 8.

This Bulletin contains supplementary information to that provided in Bulletin 1 about these events. Bulletin 1 is available for download from the event website (nzssoc2018.papo.org.nz), and additional details will be posted on that site as they become available.

We are looking forward to hosting three days of sunny Orienteering and to seeing all competitors strut their stuff on great areas. We sincerely hope that you all have a great time!

Reminder - Entries close 7th July

Points to note about entries

- Each school must submit only one entry covering all students participating from that school.
- Because entries must be paid for and Year 9-13 entrants endorsed by your school principal as bona fide students of your school, you must supply us, the organisers, with full payment of entry fees and a signed acknowledgment of attendance form before the event if you are submitting entries on behalf of a Secondary School, or your school's entry will not be valid. (Intermediate or Full Primary entries for Year 7 and 8 students will be valid on receipt of payment).
- We request that payment is made online, following the instructions provided on the entry site.





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How to enter:

- Enter competing students via the Entries tab of the website (<https://nzssoc2018.papo.org.nz/home/enter-here/>).
- To obtain the personalised form for the principal to sign, follow the instructions in the entry confirmation email that will be sent to you after you submit the entry.
- Once on your school's entry page, type in your email address and click on "Email registration form" button.
- In the resulting "School registration" email, open the attachment and follow the instructions.

New Event Sponsor

The organising committee of the NZSSC Orienteering Championships would like to thank our new

event sponsor, the  for their support in enabling us to host this event.

Rule Changes and Clarifications

Home-schooled students

Under New Zealand Secondary School Sports Council guidelines, home-schooled students that provide current evidence of MoE approval for home schooling may participate in an NZSSC sanctioned event. However, home-schooled students are not eligible for medal placings although





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their placing in events will be recognised. The parent or guardian of the home-schooled student must sign off the registration document accepting full responsibility for their student including the event health and safety plans.

Control Descriptions

Control descriptions on the maps will be in text format for the following grades:

Sprint - Year 7/8; Junior; Intermediate.

Long - Year 7/8 Standard and Championship; Junior Standard and Championship; Intermediate Standard and Championship; Senior Standard and Novice.

Relay - Year 7/8; Junior; Intermediate.

All control descriptions, both loose and on the map, for Senior courses on the Sprint, Relay and Senior Championship courses at the Long will be in symbol format.

The organisers will also provide symbol format loose control descriptions for Orange courses at the Sprint and Long events.

Estimated Winning Times

On occasions an exceptional athlete is found in the school grades. Courses set for these athletes may become too demanding for other competitors. Under these circumstances, in grades that contain one or two exceptional athletes, the organisers may choose to use the expected finishing time of the second or third place athlete in place of an expected winning time.





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Relay Teams

- Official teams comprise of 3 different competitors, none of whom have completed a leg for another team in the relay in the current competition.
- Non-competitive junior teams may be entered in the year 7/8 relay.

Health and Safety

The health and safety of all competitors is most important to us. All competitors and their supporters must read the safety information that will be published in the event programme and listen to the safety information that is given at the start briefing.

Please Note: It will be compulsory for all competitors to take a whistle with them on their course, and if the weather is very cold or wet, we may decide to make it compulsory for students to wear a polypropylene or wool thermal top, so please ensure all students bring these items with them to the event each day.

Public Races

While we are extremely grateful for, and acknowledge the efforts of all who help our school age entrants, as this event is a Championship event and in fairness to all competitors, we will only be allowing Team Managers, Coaches, supporters, helpers, and spectators to go out on the courses **after all championship runners are off the course** concerned.

These competitors will register separately as wayfarers in separate classes on the day and will use a punching start. There will be no gender or age-based classes as such, but you will have a choice





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of each of the courses on offer (dependent on the pre-printed map supply). Fees for these runs will be free for that day's event helpers, and \$5 per person per day for each team manager, coach, etc. who wishes to run. We will record results for the public races and publish them to Winsplits.

Due to daylight hours, course closure times will be strictly adhered to, so you may not have long to complete your run!

Publication of Detailed Event Information and Start Lists

We will email the detailed event information to each person who has made an entry for a school and publish it on the event website on Monday 9th July. Please print and bring as many copies as you are likely to need as we will not be printing copies for your registration bags.

We will email the Start Times for the Sprint and Long races to each person who has made an entry for a school and publish it on the event website on Monday 16th July. Again, please print and bring as many copies as you are likely to need as we will not be printing copies for your registration bags.

Other Questions?

All enquiries can be made to: NZSSOC2018@gmail.com

