



South Island Orienteering Champs 2020

General information

Welcome to the bulletin for the South Island & Canterbury Orienteering Championships 2020. We are looking forward to great orienteering over the two-day weekend championships.

This document contains general information about the event weekend, specific information for each of the two events are in separate documents.

Event Programme:

Date	Event	Location	Event details
Sat 14 th Nov	Long Distance	Acheron	See Long Distance document
Sun 15 th Nov	Middle Distance	Kairaki	See Middle Distance document

Health and Safety

Covid-19 Protocols

Level 1

Because competitors will be travelling from all parts of the Country, we will be asking everyone to:

- Scan the onsite QR tracking code
- Observe social distancing of 2m
- Sanitise frequently
- While out on course, try to keep a 2-metre distance between yourself and fellow competitors. This includes making space for overtaking others in a respectful way and quickly moving away from the control site once punched (creating space for others). Common courtesy is the best practice here.
- Follow all government guidelines, including use of masks where appropriate

Please do not attend the event if:

- You are feeling unwell or are in contact with someone that is unwell.
- You have been advised to stay at home by a health professional.
- You have been in close contact with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 until you have completed the prescribed quarantine period of 14 days, even if you are completely symptom free.
- you are waiting for a COVID-19 test result or if you are self-isolating.

Personal Responsibility and Safety

Comprehensive Health and Safety plans are kept at Registration in the Event Centre and can be viewed on the website.

Competitors should use common sense at all times to ensure their own and others safety. Check for specific hazards in the event information and on the Hazards Board at the Event Centre.

You should carry a whistle on the course for your own safety. Use your whistle if you need urgent help because of an injury or distress. The recognised distress signal is a series of six short blasts on a whistle. Pause



and listen for reply and repeat to allow them to locate you. Do not use your whistle unless it is an emergency. Competitors are expected to render assistance on their course to anyone who is injured, has blown their whistle, and requires physical assistance. Please render assistance as needed, and make event officials aware of the issue, so as to organise the appropriate response.

To avoid initiating unnecessary searches after the event, all competitors must punch the sportident Finish control even if they do not complete their course.

At all times drive to the conditions and remember that there is never any reason to be, or excuse for, speeding.

Open fires or smoking is prohibited in all competition areas or urban areas. If you see a fire, please notify the event organisers immediately.

First Aid

A **medical practitioner** will be available on site during the Middle and Long events. However, we would also ask that you bring your own first aid kit and tend to minor injuries such as cuts and grazes yourself.

Event Cancellation

Cancellation of the event will occur in conditions that are too dangerous for safe competition. Situations that might lead to cancellation are changes to Covid-19 alert levels, fire risk, extreme weather, loss of access, serious earthquake, or death of a competitor or spectator. Should any of the events need to be cancelled, this information will be posted on the event website and Facebook page. An email will also be sent to all participants, using the email address provided as part of their entry, as soon as practical after the decision is taken.

Rubbish, Waste and Caring for the environment

The organisers aim to be eco-friendly and reduce waste where possible. The event runs a 'Pack-in, Pack-out' policy, so if you carry it into the venue, please carry it out again, rubbish included.

Please bring your own water bottle to the event each day for use. There will be no paper cups or water stations at the event.

Water

There will be No Water provided on course or at the finish of the courses, Athletes are encouraged to bring their own water bottles to the event.

Fair Play

We ask all competitors to behave with fairness and honesty. Attempts to gain any information related to the courses, beyond that provided by the organiser, is prohibited before and during the competition. A competitor who breaks any rule, or benefits from the breaking of any rule, may be disqualified.

Event Centres

Each race will have an Event Centre which will incorporate Registration, Toilets, First Aid, and the Finish. Other than access to the toilets which may be away from the event centre, **the competition area is out of bounds**



until your start time.

There will be very limited tent space available for competitors, so clubs are encouraged to bring their own tents.

Lost property can be handed in to Registration at the Event Centre. If you have lost something, you are welcome to see if it has turned up there at any time.

Results

Results will be posted on the PAPO club website and on winsplits at the conclusion of each days racing.

Electronic Timing - Sport Ident

Sport Ident punching system will be used for both events.

Competitors may use their own or hire from the organisers via the entry process. SI-cards must be cleared and checked before each race. Stations to clear & check SI-cards, will be in the prestart Area.

Control Descriptions

Control Descriptions will be available in the start lanes as part of the start procedure. Competitors have one minute to choose and prepare their control descriptions. At the Start, there is NO tape or other equipment available to prepare control descriptions.

Controls

If you punch an incorrect control, ignore it and continue to the correct control; the extra punch will be disregarded by the results software.

If the SI-card stops working or does not function (there is no beep and no flash) then use the control punch to clip your map next to the control description. If you have pin punched any controls on your map you must hand the map in at the finish Desk before leaving the Finish area and explain what you have done.

At the Finish line, punch one of the identical SI finish units. Your elapsed race time only stops when you punch one of these units. Competitors must punch one of these Finish units even if they do not complete their course.

Start Lists

Start times will be available on the PAPO website, and at the Event Arena and at pre-starts.

Start Procedure

Each runner is responsible for following the correct marked route to their start area. The competition area is out of bounds until your start time.

In the Start area, runners will be required **4 minutes before their start time** and pass through four consecutive starting pens, standing one minute in each. The prestart clock will be set 4 mins before your actual start time however will display the actual start time. This is done for the process below

	-4 mins	-3 mins	-2 mins	-1 mins	0 mins
Check Name	Late Start Lane				
Start Time					



SI Card	Check SI Card Air check	Control Descriptions	Maps	→→Punch Start box
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Pre-start: Runners clear and check their SI-Card.

- 4 minutes: SI card, name and the starting time are checked.
- 3 minutes: Each runner inserts their SI-card into a Check box. Runners without an SI-card will not be allowed to start
- 2 minutes: Loose control description sheets are available for runners to pick up (optional). The control descriptions will also be printed on the map.
- 1 minute: Maps. The runner stands beside the map issue box labelled with his/her correct course and class. The start-countdown will be indicated by a series of 6 beeps at -5 to 0 seconds. At the last beep, the competitors can take the map from the map issue box and move forward to the **punching start**.

It is the competitors' responsibility to pick up the correct map and descriptions for athletes' course.

Runners must insert the SI card into the start box (on start line) **to officially start run timing**

Runners will then follow the marked route to the start point which is indicated by a control with a flag (but without an SI punching unit) in the terrain and a triangle on the competition map.

Late Start

Runners who arrive to the start late must report to the late start lane where an official will accompany him/her. Control descriptions and the competition map will be handed over by an official, and the competitor then starts the race when told to do so (IOF Rule 22.9) using a punch to Start. The results of runners who start late will be based on their original start time (**with no time dispensation**). Only if their lateness is the fault of the organiser will their actual race time be used (IOF Rule 22.10).

Any runner who is late, whether through their own fault or otherwise, **should not discuss this with the start officials**. Instead, if the competitor believes the organiser is responsible, he/she should make a complaint after finishing the race at the Problem Desk before leaving the Finish Area.

Finish Procedure

All runners, including those runners who do not complete the whole course, are required to pass and/or punch one of the SI units on the Finish line. Runners who do not register at the Finish line will be considered as missing in the terrain, which may cause a search for the missing person.

Each runner must download their SI-card at one of the manned download stations. After download and returning of hired SI-Card, runners are free to go.

Complaints and Protests

In accordance with the ONZ and IOF Foot O rules 27 and 28, complaints and protests may be made in email to the controller at info@papo.co.nz, using the appropriate forms which are available on the Website. Complaints must also be conveyed at the Registration tent within 60 minutes of finishing. The event Controller will make a decision and notify the complainant as soon as possible.

If the complainant is not satisfied with the Controller's decision, a protest may be lodged at the Registration tent. The time frame for this is within the next 60 minutes (ONZ rule 28.3). Protests will be forwarded to the



Controller who will convene a jury. After due consideration, the jury will communicate their decision to the complainant. A \$20 non-refundable fee for the class in question shall accompany any protest. This will be returned if the protest is accepted.

The event Controller will convene a jury of 3 ONZ A-grade Controllers.