



# 3-4 NOV 2018

## CENTRAL DISTRICTS ORIENTEERING CHAMPS

### EVENT BULLETIN

Kia Ora!

And a warm welcome from the Orienteering Bay of Plenty organizing team!

After a multi-year hiatus, we are delighted to once again be hosting the Central Districts Champs in Rotorua and to resurrect one of our iconic events from the past – complete with a retro clothing competition for those competitors wanting the full retro experience ☺

We have some great maps and terrain to compete on, so we hope you have an awesome weekend of racing, and also get to enjoy the social opportunities during your stay in Rotorua.

Please familiarize yourself with the information in this bulletin ahead of the event. Any last minute updates will be posted on the website at [www.obop.org.nz](http://www.obop.org.nz).

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### PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

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**Middle Distance  
Champs Sat  
morning**

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**Sprint Distance  
Champs Sat  
afternoon**

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**Social event and  
prize giving Sat  
5pm**

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**Long Distance  
Champs Sun  
morning**

**“A” Grade Status**

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- Safety information and hazards are detailed in the event information in this bulletin and will be displayed at the Event Centre for each event.
- Note a unique hazard exists for the Middle Distance race, which traverses terrain shared with mountain bikers, so competitors must watch out and where necessary give way to bikers.
- Competitors are advised to carry whistles, in particular for the Long Distance event.

### **FIRST AID**

- Whilst some orienteers trained in first aid will be in attendance at the event, and a stocked first aid kit available at registration, in general we ask orienteers to cover their own minor first aid needs through having basic first aid resources with them (plasters, pain relief etc.).
- More significant first aid needs will need to be presented to a medical centre (Lakes Primecare is open in weekends, 1165 Tutanekai St, Rotorua 3010, Ph 07 348 1000).
- In the event of a medical emergency call 111, then immediately inform an event official who will be able to assist.
- An AED device is also kept at registration in the event of a cardiac emergency.

### **COURSE CLOSURE**

- It is important that competitors do not stay out on the course after course closure time (refer to the course closure times for each event). Anyone coming off the course at this time should report to the Finish tent so we can make sure everyone is off the course.

### **SHELTER AND FOOD**

- Minimal shelter will be available, especially at the Middle and Long Distance events. If the weather is bad we suggest competitors bring adequate cover or shelter with them. This is particularly true for the Long Distance event where the event centre is a 1.6km walk from the car parking area.
- No food will be for sale at the events. However there is a plethora of local cafes and eateries that should satisfy most requirements. Come prepared with any food you may need at the actual events.

### **LANDOWNER REQUESTS**

The Long Distance event is on a working farm (at Lake Okareka), which we are fortunate to be able to access for this event. However, our access relies on some important rules being followed:

- No dogs allowed.
- Please ensure you drive slowly on the driveway and park in the designated area.
- Please give horses (used for treks and farm work) a wide berth and do not scare.
- Please leave all gates closed and climb all fences at a post.

## EVENT LOCATIONS

It is approximately 10 minutes drive from the Rotorua CBD to the Sprint and Middle Distance locations, and 20 minutes to the Long Distance location.

Note these times are to get to the parking areas, and additional time is required to get to the event centres from the parking locations – details under each event outline below.



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

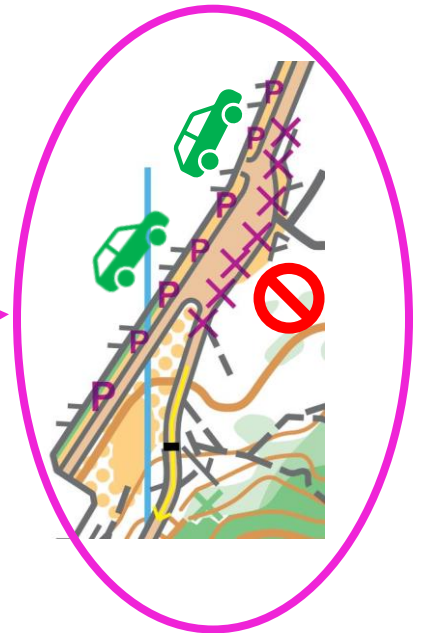
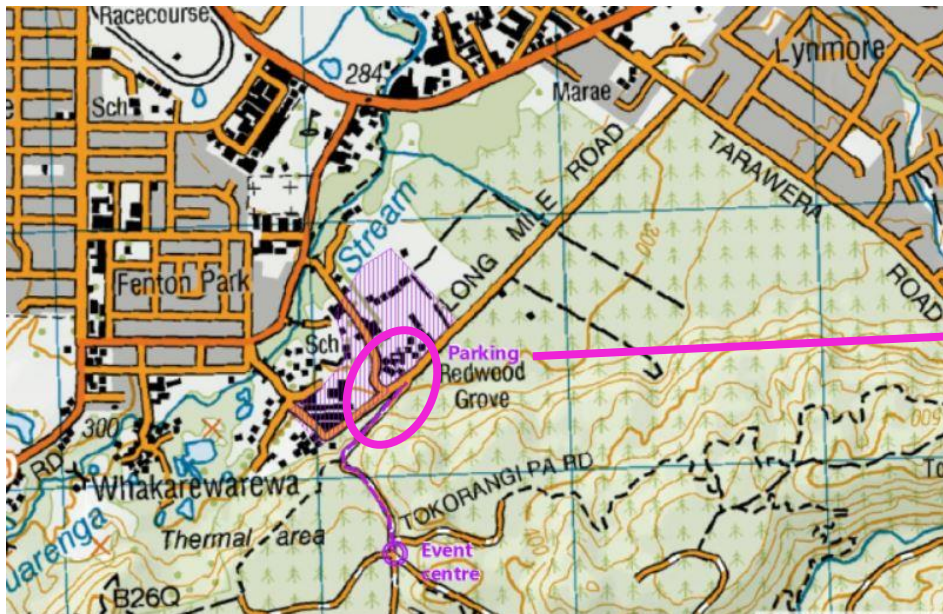
A big shout out and thanks to the following supporters who have contributed to this event:

- North West, Taupo, and Waikato Orienteering Clubs – for letting us borrow their gear. Also special thanks to Chris Morris and Phil White (from Taupo), who have played major parts in setting and controlling on this event.
- Owen Means – for the entry system and start clock.
- Central North Island Iwi Holdings Limited, Timberlands Limited and Rotorua Lakes Council for supporting access to Whakarewarewa Forest (and Tihiotonga Centennial Park).
- Toi Ohomai for access for the Sprint Distance event.
- Playne Family and their farm manager for access for the Long Distance event.
- Di Michels – for the design of the promotional material.
- Advocate Print Limited.
- And last but not least, all of the OBOP Volunteers who have positively and enthusiastically given their time and energy to this event.

**THANKYOU!!**



## SATURDAY MORNING - MIDDLE DISTANCE



### Address and GPS Coordinates

- Long Mile Road, Rotorua (signposted from Tarawera Road)
- GPS Coordinates of event centre; -38.166444, 176.267876

### Driving Directions and Parking

Parking is at the end of Long Mile Road, which is off Tarawera Rd. Proceed along Long Mile Road straight past the Visitor's Information Centre and Tree Walk to the end. Park on the north side of the road on the grass verge and please do NOT park in the carpark on the south side, as indicated by the map above. As this is a public area with many users, keep your vehicle locked and secure, ensuring any valuable items are out of sight.

### Key Personnel

- Setter - Phil White
- Controller – Greg Flynn

### Timetable

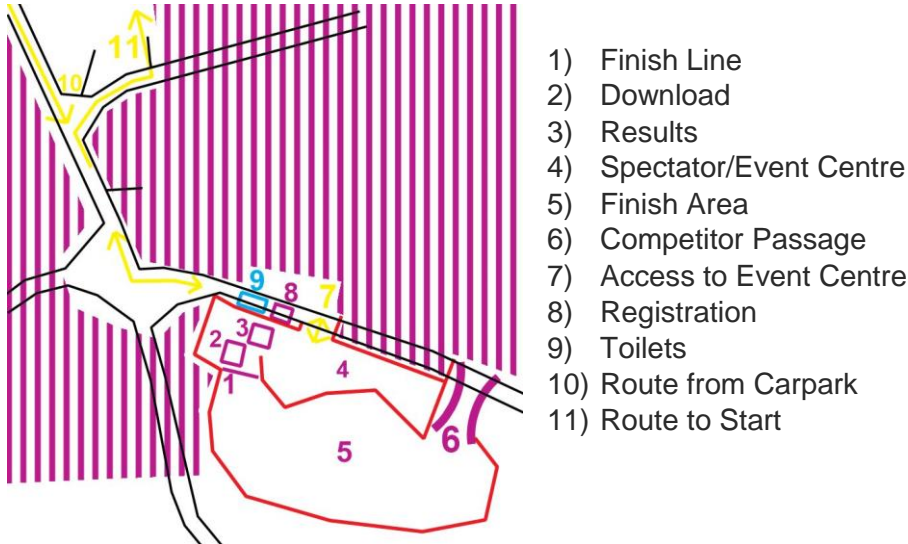
- 8.30am - registration opens
- 9.00am – training session – for novices brand new to orienteering. Meet at registration 9.00am sharp
- 9.30am - first starts
- 12.00pm - course closure

### Event Centre

- The event centre is a 900m 65m climb from the parking area – allow 15 minutes to walk. Follow the signs south up Nursery Road from the carpark, follow the seal left before it turns into a gravel forest road. Head through the first main intersection and turn left at the next. The event centre is 50m up this road. It is recommended that you bring your gear and set up inside the forest overlooking the finish area, please stay within the taped area.
- There will be portaloos at the event centre.

- There will be no food available.

#### Event Centre Layout:



#### Start

The start is signposted, 500m 15m climb from the event centre. Head back towards the carpark and turn right at the saddle crossroad and right again at the next intersection, then left into an old mountain bike track. From here follow tapes along old mountain bike tracks to the start. You will cross one active mountain bike track on the way, please stop and check that no mountain bikers are coming before you cross – this is a very well used mountain bike track! There will NOT be toilets at the start.

You may warm up on the road to and from the carpark, the marked route to and from the start, and 200m up and down the track north of the start. Everywhere else is out of bounds.

#### Map Information

- Map; “Middle Earth”, last used in the Middle Earth events as part of the World Masters Orienteering Carnival in 2017. Mapped by Hakan Svensson & P-O Derebrant, 2016.
- Courses 1 to 9: scale 1:7500, 2.5m contour interval
- Courses 10 and 11: scale 1:5000, 2.5m contour interval

#### Terrain Notes

Pine forest that is heavily used by mountain bikers and containing a complex network of mountain bike tracks, traversing undulating contour with some spur/gully and scattered point features. Runnability varies from clean open forest, to dense patches of green that are difficult to pass through, this is an old growth forest and does suffer from windfall.

#### Out of Bounds

The forest and terrain on either side of the road to the event centre, and track to the start area is out of bounds prior to and after your competition.

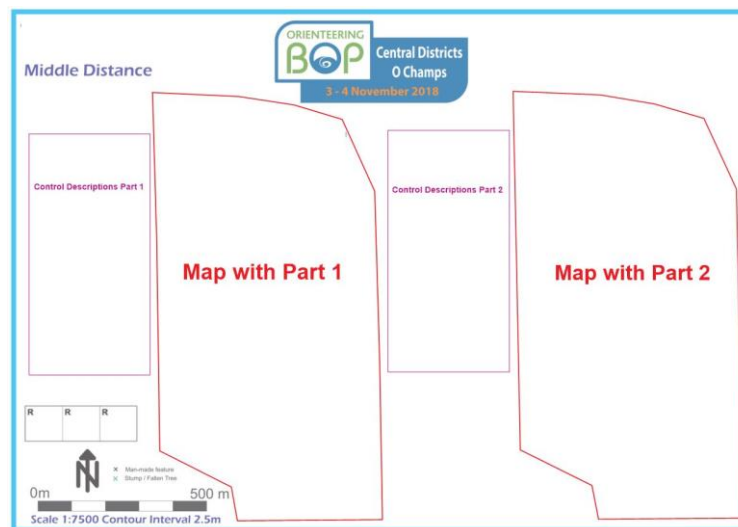
Note also the area marked as out of bounds at the south end of the map – this is a sewage spraying area which you must not enter. If you have lost touch with the map and hear, smell or see water being sprayed, you have probably strayed off the course into this area.

## Hazards and Safety Instructions

- The map contains many active mountain bike tracks – although cyclists will be warned to slow and watch out for runners, these will still be open to the public and are **NOT closed** for the duration of this event.
- Mountain bikers have the right of way - when you cross or run on a track please be very vigilant about the potential for a biker to be coming (in either direction). Whilst warned to go slow, be prepared nonetheless for bikers riding at speed.
- Sewage spraying occurs outside the competition area, but could be a hazard for any competitors that stray into this area.
- Safety bearing – competitors should travel either north or south until they hit one of the two bounding forest roads, then West along either of these roads to the event centre.
- Strictly no smoking is allowed in the forest.

## Special Notes

- Courses 1 to 6 will have two maps printed on the same page (on the same side). The first part of your course will be on the left and the second part will be on the right as shown below:



- The change over is at a control which will be printed and numbered the same on both parts of the map.
- All courses are required to use a mandatory passage from the road into the finish area. This will be marked on the road with road cones and taped through some vegetation and a trench, and on the map with the purple passage/crossing symbol. The mandatory passage finishes at the end of this trench. From here most courses still need to navigate to their last control(s).
- Special Symbols - Green cross represents a tree stump, fallen tree and/or a root stock from a fallen tree. Black cross is a manmade feature.

## Timing System

- SPORTident will be used. The timing system will be compatible with SPORTident Airr (see detailed information later in bulletin).

## Course Information

Course	Men	Women	Difficulty	Length	Climb	Controls
1	M21E		Red	4.2	145	18
2	M20A M21A	W21E	Red	3.9	130	18
3	M18A M40A		Red	3.7	120	17
4	M16A M50A M21AS	W18A W20A W21A W40A	Red	3.4	105	16
5	M60A M40AS	W16A W50A W21AS	Red	3.1	95	14
6	M70A	W60A W40AS	Red	2.7	100	14
7	M80A	W70A W80A	Red	2.1	80	12
8	M14A M18B MRec 1	WRec 1	Orange	2.2	80	12
9	MRec 2	W14A W18B WRec 2	Orange	1.7	60	12
10	M12A M14B	W12A W14B	Yellow	1.9	50	17
11	M10A M12B	W10A W12B	White	1.7	45	13



## SATURDAY AFTERNOON – SPRINT DISTANCE



### Address and GPS Coordinates

- Toi Ohomai Campus and Tihiotonga Centennial Park, Mokoia Drive (signposted from SH5/Old Taupo Road)
- GPS Coordinates of event centre; -38.166916, 176.243929

### Driving Directions and Parking

From SH5 turn into Mokoia Drive. Continue on Mokoia Drive for approximately 500m to the parking area (situated within the campus). Please be wary of runners once you enter the campus.

### Key Personnel

- Setter – Scott MacDonald
- Controller – Darren Ashmore

### Timetable

- 2.30pm - registration opens
- 3.00pm – first starts
- 5.30pm – course closure

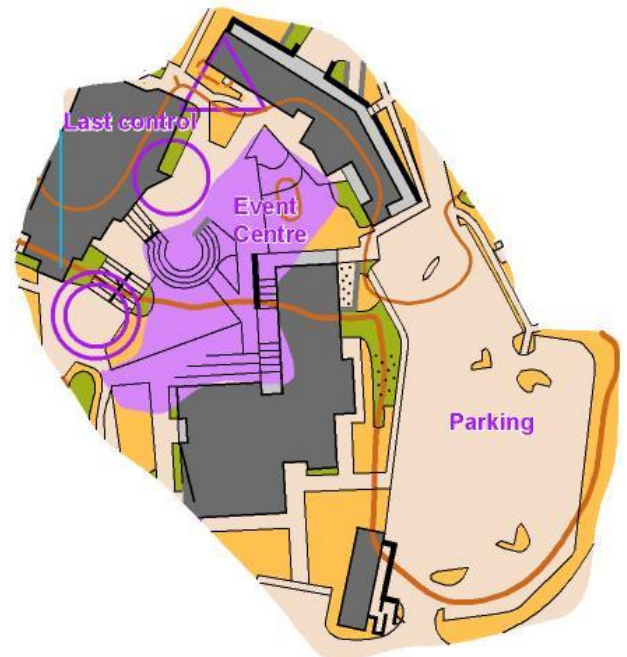
### Event Centre

- The event centre is immediately adjacent to parking area. Follow the signs.
- No food will be available.
- Portaloos will be at the carpark area.
- The start and finish is next to the event centre.

### Map Information

- Map; "Centennial Park", mapped by Matt Goodall, 2016
- Map Scale 1:4000, 2.5m contour interval

### Terrain Notes





Centennial Park is a park comprised of open grassland interspersed with patches of trees and water features, and bisected by several tracks used by walkers and bikers. Terrain is steep spur gully and doubles as a working farm, so some livestock may be encountered. Bordering the park is Toi Ohomai campus which is a tertiary institution with many buildings, multi levels, paved areas and footpaths.

### Out of Bounds

All areas outside of the event centre and car parking area. Please be respectful and keep out of the marae area adjacent to the event centre.

### Hazards and Safety Instructions

- Roads within the campus and park are open to traffic so be prepared to give way and watch out for vehicles. Traffic volume should be low but please be wary.
- Some of the rabbits in the Centennial Park area have been known to chase runners.

### Special Notes

- Courses 1 and 2 will have a map flip – part 1 on one side, part 2 on the other side of the map. Please ensure you read the correct part of the section of course you are on.

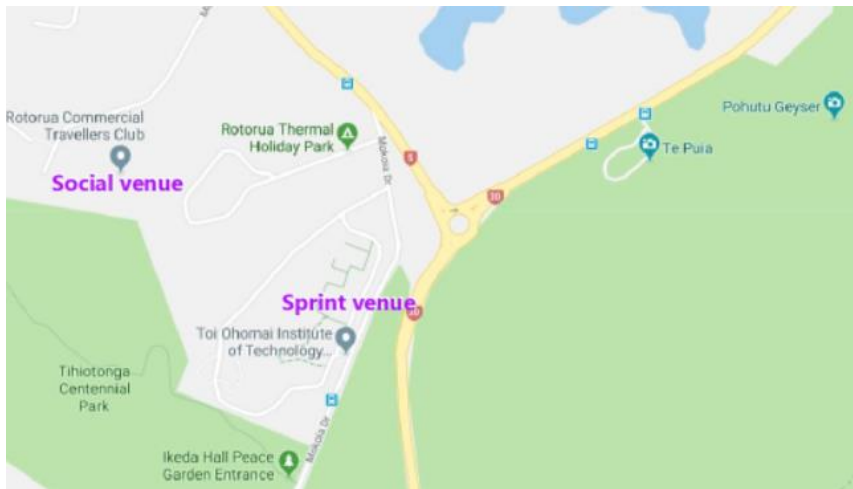
### Timing System

- SPORTident will be used. The timing system will be compatible with SPORTident Air (see detailed information later in bulletin).

### Course Information

Course	Men	Women	Difficulty	Length	Climb	Controls
1	M21E		Red	3.2km	80m	26
2	M20A M21A	W21E	Red	2.9km	60m	21
3	M16A M18A M40A M50A	W18A W20A W21A W40A	Red	2.4km	55m	21
4	M60A	W16A W50A	Red	2.1km	55m	17
5	M70A M80A	W60A W70A W80A	Red	1.9km	40m	16
6	M14A MRec 1 MRec 2	W14A WR ec 1 WRec 2	Orange	1.8km	35m	16
7	M12A	W12A	Yellow	1.5km	40m	17
8	M10A	W10A	White	1.3km	30m	20

## SATURDAY PM – SOCIAL EVENT AND PRIZE GIVING



### Location

- Commercial Travelers (CT) Club, 26 Moncur Drive, Springfield Rotorua - a very short walk from Sprint venue and the Rotorua Thermal Holiday Park.

### Timetable

- Social from approximately 5pm (following conclusion of Sprint Distance event).
- Prizegiving 6pm

### Description

Competitors are encouraged to join in and socialize at this get together after the Sprint Distance event concludes on Saturday. Meals and drinks are available at the CT Club - check out their website: <https://www.ctclubrotorua.co.nz/restaurant>. There is also a heated pool you can use if anyone wants a swim.

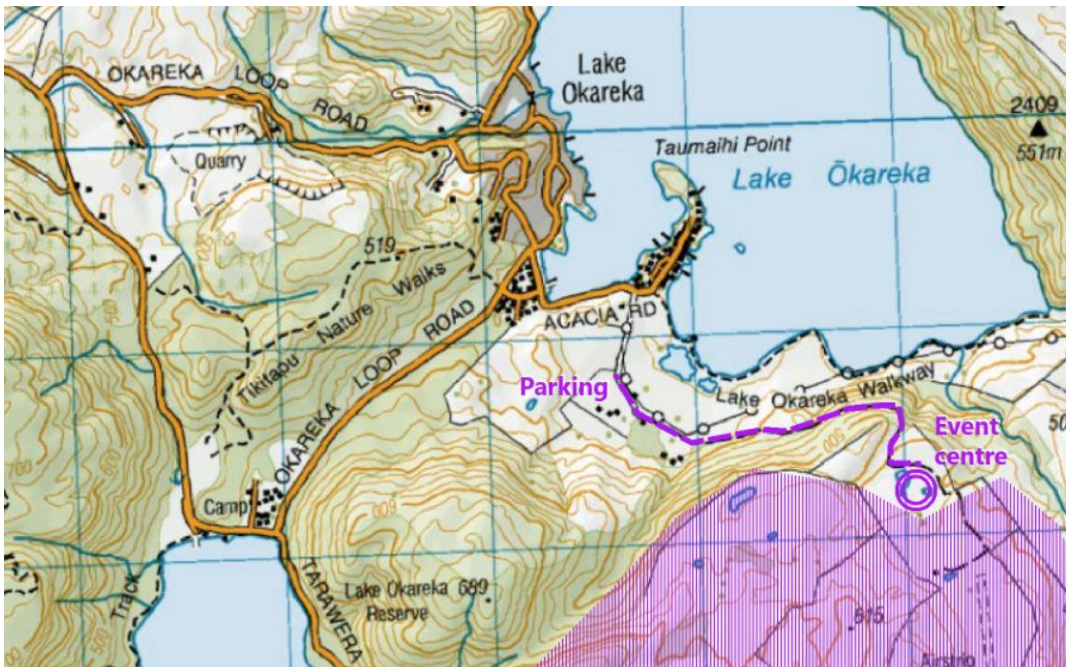
A short prize giving will be conducted for the Sprint and Middle Distance races, and Retr-O competition.

### Retr-O Competition

Got some old 80s or 90s running or orienteering clothing hiding away at home somewhere? Been too embarrassed to bring it out in recent years? Well this is your chance to strut your stuff and wear with pride the gear that made people feel like super star athletes those years ago! Competitors who wear their best retro clothing during racing on Saturday will automatically be in the Retr-O competition. Judging will happen at the Sprint and social event on Saturday afternoon, and prize given for the best people have to showcase.



## SUNDAY – LONG DISTANCE



### Address and GPS Coordinates

- Longfords Farm, 51 Acacia Drive, Lake Okareka (signposted from Tarawera Road)
- GPS coordinates of event centre; -38.185385, 176.367748

### Driving Directions and Parking

Lake Okareka is approximately 20 minutes driving time from Rotorua CBD. Travelling East from the city on Highway 30 (Te Ngae Road), turn up Tarawera Road and head towards Blue Lake and Tarawera. After approximately 4kms turn left onto Okareka Loop Road (orienteering signs from here), and follow this until you hit the lake (Okareka), where you will turn left onto Acacia Road. Follow this for 700metres and then right into the driveway for Longfords farm.

**Please ensure you drive slowly on the farm driveway!!!** Horses are often encountered here, as well as farm vehicles or other animals, so drive with care and give way where necessary.

Parking is 300 metres along the driveway on the right, opposite the first farm house you come to (signposted).

**NOTE – there are NO dogs allowed to be brought onto the farm – visitors with dogs must leave them at home**

### Key Personnel

- Setter – Peter Swanson
- Controller – Chris Morris

### Timetable

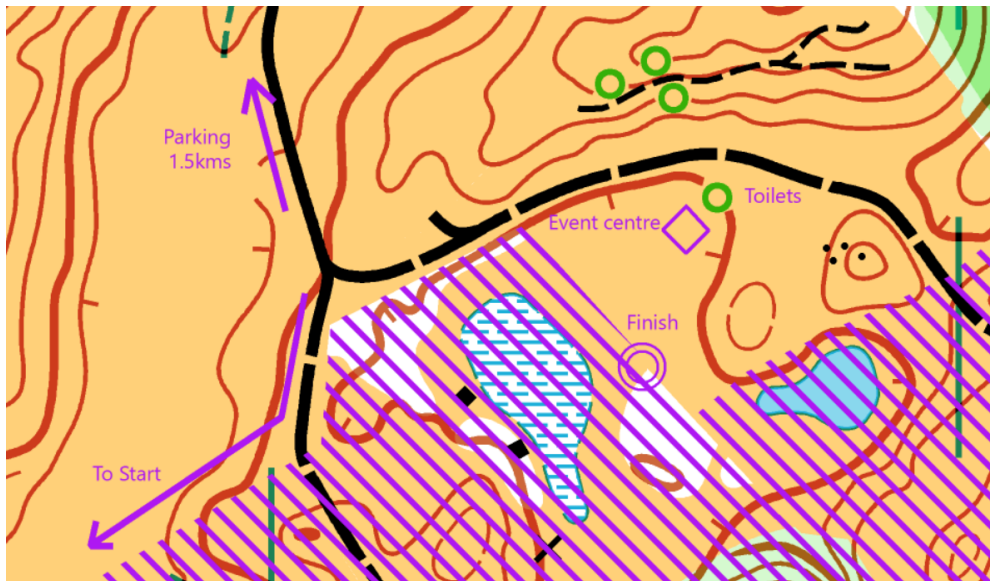
- 8.45am – carpark open
- 9.30am – registration open
- 10.00am – first starts
- 2.00pm – course closure and prize giving

## Event Centre

The event centre is a 1.6km uphill walk from the carpark, via a farm track (follow the direction signs). Allow at least 30-40 minutes for this, (or longer for people with young children etc.), and ensure you carry enough clothing and sustenance for the duration of the competition. There will be no food available at the event centre.

There will be portaloos at the carpark and event centre.

If the weather is not looking good, be aware that there will be limited cover at the event centre, so you may wish to bring adequate shelter or wet weather gear to ensure your comfort in the event of rain – i.e. an umbrella could be useful!



## Start

There is one start, which is a 600 metre uphill walk. Follow the signs for the start, back 200 metres from the event centre, then south and west up a farm track. Allow 15 minutes to get to the start.

There will be a clothing return operating during the event, with clothing taken back to registration at the event centre.

## Map Information

- Map; "Okareka", mapped by Nick Hahn, 2018. This is a brand new map, and the farm has never been used for orienteering before
- Courses 1 & 2; map scale 1:15,000, 5metre contour interval



- Courses 3-11; map scale 1:10,000, 5 metre contour interval

### **Terrain Notes**

Okareka is a farm map interspersed and surrounded by native bush. Bush is grazed by animals and mostly is very open and clean, although does contain some patches of supplejack and undergrowth that may slow progress and is mapped accordingly. Terrain ranges from undulating to steep spur gully. Some rock features, erosion gullies and sink holes are evident and care should be taken around these, as some are abrupt and deep. There has recently been some evidence of windfall in some of the bush clad areas which may not be mapped, although these tend to be localized and are generally easy to negotiate and pass around. The map was originally drawn at 1:15,000 scale, and as such some features may be generalized (compared to maps drawn at more detailed scales). Competitors will need to interpret features and terrain with that in mind.

Competitors making it to the southern end of the map are encouraged to appreciate the outstanding views (unless oxygen deprivation prevents that!).

### **Out of Bounds**

The area south and east of the event centre and track to the start, is out of bounds.

### **Hazards and Safety Instructions**

This is a working farm, and as such there are various potential hazards, including:

- Ponds and water features (troughs etc.) – especially take care with young children.
- Erosion gullies – some of these are very deep and crevasse like, so take care. The final control on all courses is located at the end of one of these erosion gullies, and barrier tape has been placed along the upper edge of it to warn runners of the potential drop into that particular gully feature.
- Sheep and cattle – please take care running near them.
- Electric fences – will be off.
- Broken fences – runners may come across some sections of broken fence in undergrowth areas which are not mapped, so care should be taken.
- Cliffs and loose rock – some slopes present runners with steep rocky terrain, so again, care should be taken.

Competitors should also note:

- A whistle should be carried – in the event of an injury or needing assistance signal for help by blowing six short blasts in short succession.
- Safety bearing – head north on farmland until you hit the event centre.

### **Special Notes**

- Red courses (1-7), DO NOT have fences or water troughs marked on their maps
- Orange, yellow, and white courses (8-11), DO have fences and water troughs marked on their maps.

- Course 1 has a map change midway through the course.
- This Long Distance event has been granted “A” grade status by Orienteering NZ.

### Timing System

- SPORTident will be used, however will NOT be in “Air” mode (see detailed information later in bulletin).

### Course Information

Course	Men	Women	Difficulty	Length	Climb	Controls
1	M21E		Red	13.6km	690m	24
2	M20A M21A	W21E	Red	9.4km	480m	19
3	M18A M40A		Red	7.8km	405m	18
4	M16A M50A M21AS	W18A W20A W21A W40A	Red	6.5km	335m	16
5	M60A M40AS	W16A W50A W21AS	Red	5.1km	210m	13
6	M70A	W60A W40AS	Red	4.2km	175m	12
7	M80A	W70A W80A	Red	2.4km	75m	9
8	M14A M18B MRec 1	WRec 1	Orange	4.5km	170m	13
9	MRec 2	W14A W18B WRec 2	Orange	3.1km	100m	11
10	M12A M14B	W12A W14B	Yellow	2.7km	75m	10
11	M10A M12B	W10A W12B	White	2.5km	75m	13

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### REGISTRATION

Competitors DO NOT need to go to registration, unless they:

- Have hired a Sportident card that needs collecting.
- Wish to enter on the day.
- Have an issue with their start time or want to make some other adjustment to their entry e.g. grade.
- Wish to speak to an event official about a matter that isn't covered in this bulletin

### WATER

There will be NO water on the courses at any of the events. There will be water at the finish/event centres.

### EMBARGOES AND PREVIOUS MAPS

The following embargoes are in place for the CD Champs:

- **Centennial Park and Toi Ohomai Campus.** Competitors may not enter either of these areas carrying or using any map or navigational aids. We recognize these are public places that people need access to, however there must be no entering of these areas with the purpose of becoming familiar with map features and terrain.
- **Redwoods and Whakarewarewa Forest.** This area covers the Redwoods, adjacent dog walking area, and Whakarewarewa Forest for the area extending approximately 1km south from the end of long mile. Competitors may not enter these areas carrying or using any map or navigational aids. We recognise these are public places that people need access to, however there must be no entering of these areas with the purpose of becoming familiar with map features and terrain.
- **Okareka.** The Okareka map is located on an area of private property on the south side of Lake Okareka. This is not open to public and may not be accessed at all prior to the Central Districts Champs.

Previous maps are posted on the OBOP website here: <http://www.obop.org.nz/maps--embargoes.html>.

### COMPETITION RULES, EVENT STATUS, WINNING TIMES

- The CD Champs will be run under the ONZ Foot Orienteering Competition Rules 2016. These rules may be viewed on the ONZ website: [www.orienteeering.org.nz](http://www.orienteeering.org.nz) under 'Resources'.
- The Long distance event has been granted A level status by Orienteering NZ.
- Winning times for the Sprint event will be 12-15 mins for each course.
- Winning times for the Long and Middle distance events are given below:

Course	Men	Women	Difficulty	Long winning time	Medium winning time
1	M21E		Red	90-100 min	35 min
2	M20A M21A	W21E	Red	70 min	35 min
3	M18A M40A		Red	60 min	33 min
4	M16A M50A M21AS	W18A W20A W21A W40A	Red	55 min	33 min
5	M60A M40AS	W16A W50A W21AS	Red	50 min	30 min
6	M70A	W60A W40AS	Red	45 min	27 min
7	M80A	W70A W80A	Red	40 min	25 min
8	M14A M18B MRec 1	<u>WRec 1</u>	Orange	45 min	25 min
9	<u>MRec 2</u>	W14A W18B <u>WRec 2</u>	Orange	40 min	22 min
10	M12A M14B	W12A W14B	Yellow	35 min median	21 min
11	M10A M12B	W10A W12B	White	35 min median	21 min

## GPS EQUIPMENT

As per IOF Foot O rule 21.4, competitors shall not use or carry telecommunication equipment between entering the prestart area and reaching the finish of a race, unless the equipment has been approved by the Controller prior to the event. GPS-enabled devices (watches etc.) may be carried provided that they have no map display and are not used for navigation purposes.

## MAPS

Maps have been digitally printed on synthetic waterproof paper (Teslin).

## MAP LEGENDS

Legends have not been printed on the maps. A list of the ISOM 2017 symbols is available as a PDF document on the ONZ website: <https://www.orienteering.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/ONZ-Mapping-Master-Legend-ISOM2017-02-July-2017-v12.pdf>. People new to orienteering are encouraged to read these symbols and legend information, prior to competing.

## CONTROL DESCRIPTIONS



Control descriptions will be available loosely at the start area, and will also be printed on each map. Yellow and White courses have these in text form. Orange courses have text form on the map control descriptions, and code form on the loose ones. Red courses are only available in code form.

## ENTRIES AND START LISTS

Start Lists will be posted on the OBOP website 2 days prior to the event.

Entries closed on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. On the day “late” entries are accepted, however will incur a \$5 per person surcharge per event on top of the normal entry fee.

### On the day entry fees:

	<b>Sprint</b>	<b>Middle</b>	<b>Long</b>
Child	\$10	\$10	\$10
Junior	\$20	\$25	\$25
Adult	\$25	\$35	\$35
SPORTident hire (per race)	\$5	\$5	\$5
Non club member levy (per race) Junior/Adult	\$5/\$10	\$5/\$10	\$5/\$10

- **Child** is 12 years or younger (born in 2006 or later).
- **Junior** is from 13 years to 19 years (born from 1999 to 2005).
- **Adult** is 20 years or older (born in 1998 or earlier).
- **Non-club member levy** does not apply if you are a member of any Orienteering club in the world.

## ELECTRONIC TIMING – SPORTIDENT

All three events use SPORTident electronic timing. The Sprint and Middle Distance events use the “Air” version of this which is contactless, meaning you only need to wave the SPORTident stick within 30 cms of the control and it will register. The Long Distance event uses the traditional version where the SPORTident stick must be inserted in the control box hole.

Competitors may use either a traditional SPORTident stick or a SPORTident Active Card (SIAC) for all three events – the control stations sitting atop the control stand can process either when they are used in traditional mode.

Your SPORTident stick or SIAC has a number that is unique to you as a competitor. These must not be loaned to anyone else during the event. If you lose a hired SPORTident stick there is a \$130 charge to cover the cost of a replacement one.

### **Clear and Check your SPORTident stick before starting.**

The SPORTident stick must be electronically cleared and checked before starting:

1. As you enter the start area, place your SPORTident stick into the “CLEAR” control unit. It will be clearly marked. Hold it there for 10-20 seconds and you should be given a red light and a beep, confirming that your card is working and has been cleared.
2. Next, place your SPORTident stick into the “CHECK” control unit. This will immediately beep and flash to confirm that it has been properly cleared.

### **For those using a SPORTident Active Card (SIAC)**

Your first task is a SIAC battery check. This is best done at the Event Centre rather than at the Start. Then you know the status of your stick and whether you will need to do the day's course in Air+ mode or in the default classic punch-in-the-hole mode. Secondly, your SIAC will have to be turned on. Once you are at the Start and 'Cleared', the Air+ mode will automatically turn itself 'on' as part of the CHECK-process. Use the SIAC Check box. At the same time your SIAC number is captured by the Check unit itself so organisers know you are about to go out on your course. Lastly, at the end of the event, the Air+ mode will automatically switch itself 'off' at the FINISH punch.

### **Control Punching**

At each control, place the end of the SPORTident stick into the hole in the top of the flat unit mounted on the control stand. Hold it there briefly until a red light or a beep indicates that the control unit has transferred its number and time on to your SPORTident stick. For those using a SIAC, you need to pass close enough to the control unit (within 30cm) to record a successful punch.

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 you do not get 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. Make sure you draw this to the attention of the staff at the finish.

There are many controls in the competition terrain, so it is important to always check the control codes when you punch. If you 'punch' a control unit that is not on your course, don't worry. Just find the correct control and go through the process again punching the correct controls in order. The wrong one will be discarded

*Note – it is the competitor's responsibility to ensure the SPORTident control unit flashes and/or beeps, when they 'punch' each control and finish. Failing to do this may result in a mis-punch, and a void result*

### **Finish Controls**

When you reach the Finish, remember to punch your SPORTident stick (or SIAC) into one of the control

units situated directly on the finish line. 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 SPORTident stick (or SIAC) and print out a sheet showing your course time and the split times between all controls.

## **START PROCEDURE**

Please ensure you are at the start area at least 10 minutes prior to your start time. Be prepared by knowing your grade and course number. You will be expected to begin the start procedure 3 minutes before your start time. At the start, we will only provide any last minute details and a reminder of the hazards on the course. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that they are familiar with the information contained in this bulletin about the hazards at the events and any other relevant information.

The start procedure for all events is:

- 3 mins	Competitor call up. SI Card number checked against entry list and SPORTident stick and SIAC battery checked
- 2 mins	Receive control descriptions.
- 1 min	Stand by map box labelled with your course/class.
0min	Start

## **Late Starters**

If you miss your start and are late, report to the start official. You will be fitted into the start as determined by the start officials at the first convenient time, but your race time will run from the original start time. If you consider that you have a valid reason for being late, please discuss the situation with the event controller or advise registration after you have completed your course.

## **MAP COLLECTION**

Maps will be collected from runners as you finish your course. After the last starter has started, maps will be available for runners to collect.

## **RESULTS**

Will be displayed on screens at the event, and will be available online (check OBOP website) at the end of each day.

## **COMPLAINTS AND PROTESTS**

In accordance with the ONZ and IOF Foot O rules 27 and 28, complaints and protests may be made in writing (in English), using the appropriate forms which are available at the Registration tent in the Event Arenas. Complaints should be handed in to the Registration tent within 60 minutes of finishing. The event Controller will make a decision and notify the complainant as soon as possible. There is no fee for a complaint. 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 fee of \$15 shall accompany any protest. This will be returned if the protest is accepted.

### **UNCOMPLETED COURSES**

If you do not complete your course, it is really important to punch the finish control and download at the finish tent. This will prevent any unnecessary searches happening for people thought to still be out on the course, and who have in fact returned.