

# Middle Mayhem, OST 2, Littlechild Creek, 8 March 2021

Location	Event Date	<b>Event Category</b>	<b>Event Series</b>	
St Helens	8 March 2021	OST	East Coast 3-Day 2021	

### **COVID-19 Compliance**

To comply with government regulations there are changes to the way orienteering in Tasmania takes place:

- You must enter using the online entry system **Eventor** by Wednesday 3 March.
- There will be no entry or payment on the day. If you turn up without pre-entering you will not be allowed to participate.
- Before you come, read the COVIDSAFE Participant checklist.
- Bring your own water no water will be available on the course or at the assembly area.
- Bring your own snacks/lunch no catering will be available.
- Social distancing and a range of hygiene measures will be enforced.

If you have COVID-19 symptoms, have been in recent contact with a COVID-19 case, or have travelled overseas recently please stay home.

#### **About This Event**

OST2 take place on the deviously complicated Littlechild Creek map.

Mayhem in a metaphorical sense. More controls than you can imagine, turns and twists, boulders and cliffs abound, bands of green to wend around and for you to be mayhemically (not a real word but it sounds cool eh) lost and found. Useless trivia fact of the day – did you know Mayhem are a Norwegian metal band. Kinda interesting the link between the ancestral home of orienteering and the theme of this event.

The terrain is undulating eucalypt forest with complex areas of granite and bare rock. Runnability is generally good. Some areas of low visibility and bands of marsh reduce running speed.

The new OST format is being used. There will be 8 courses and no age classes. Competitors are free to enter the course of their choice. Series points are accrued by course (rather than age class) so choosing the same course at each OST event will improve your final placing at the end of the year.

#### Where is the Start?

From St Helens, follow the Tasman Highway (A3) north until just after you leave St Helens. Turn into the Ansons Bay Road (C843). Follow this for about 7.5km. Just after the sealed road finishes (about 400m) begin to look for the O sign on the right. Turn right onto the bush track and follow for about 1km to the assembly area.

The start is 800m and 60m climb from the assembly area.

#### When Can I Start?

You can start any time between 9:30 and 11am. Starting as early as possible gives you more time to complete the course, and get to the BBQ before they pack up!

#### When do I Have to Finish?

You need to finish before the course is closed at 12:30pm. If you cannot complete your course in time you will need to abandon it and head back to the assembly area to arrive by course closure time.

Whether or not you have completed your course, you must download your SI at the computer, so that we know you have returned safely, and don't organise a search party for you. Also be aware that as soon as the course is closed, the organisers start bringing in controls.

## Which Map is Being Used?

Map: Littlechild Creek

Scale: 1: 10 000

Contour Interval: 5 metres

#### What are the Courses?

Course	Navigation	Distance	Controls	Age classes for Championship events (indicative only for OST)
1	Hard	4.1 km	24	M21, M20, M35, M40
2	Hard	3.6 km	19	W21, W20, W35, M18, M45, M50, M55
3	Hard	3.4 km	19	W18, W40, W45, W50, M16, M60
4	Hard	3.0 km	17	W16, W55, M65, M70
5	Hard	2.3 km	12	W60, W65, W70, W75, W80, M75, M80, M/WOpenA Orienteers transitioning from moderate to hard navigation
6	Moderate	3.0 km	12	W14, M14, M/WOpenB

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				Equivalent to the Long course at a Local event
7	Moderate	2.3 km	10	W12, W14B, M12, M14B, M/WOpenC Equivalent to the Medium course at a Local event
8	Easy	2.1 km	12	W10, W12B, M10, M10B  Equivalent to the Short course at a Local event

#### Do I Need an SI Stick or P Card?

All Tasmanian Orienteering clubs use the SportIdent (SI) electronic punching system so an SI-stick or a P card is required at all events. Due to COVID-19 we strongly encourage everyone to buy their own timing device.

P-cards are suitable for all local events, but for bush events it is preferable to have an SI-stick – they are faster to use and register more controls.

You can buy a P-card for \$20 when you enter online. When entering an event by Eventor choose 'Purchase of P card' from the drop-down menu in 'Available Services' and click the green Add button to make the purchase. For your first event we will lend you an SI-stick for free.

If you would like to buy an SI-stick for \$60, see <u>aussieogear.com</u>.

#### How do I Enter?

To comply with COVID-19 regulations you must enter online by midnight on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

- If you are a newcomer, see Information for Newcomers below
- Enter using Eventor the online orienteering entry system.
- If you need help to enter, follow the <u>How to Enter guide</u>.
- There will be no entry or payment on the day.
- To enter online you need to be <u>registered as a casual or full member of Orienteering Tasmania</u>.
   Casual membership is free!

## **Information for Newcomers**

Newcomers are encouraged to come along and give bush orienteering a try. Wear comfortable clothing and foot wear suitable for walking or running; bring warm clothes and wet weather gear in case the weather is inclement. Long pants are a good idea if you plan on doing a course that takes you off tracks and through the bush.

For OST events enter course 6 or 7 for a moderate navigation course or course 8 for an easy navigation course.

#### **How Much Does it Cost to Enter?**

FEES	Members			Non-members		
	Adult	Youth or Concession	Family	Adult	Youth or Concession	Family
Orienteering Series Tasmania or Championship	\$16	\$8	\$40	\$24	\$12	\$60

#### **Contact Information**

To contact the organiser for this event, email jeff.bicycle.dunn@gmail.com

For Southern Tasmanian orienteering information, email <a href="mailto:australopers@tasorienteering.asn.au"><u>australopers@tasorienteering.asn.au</u></a>

For Northern Tasmanian orienteering information, email <a href="mailto:evoc@tasorienteering.asn.au">evoc@tasorienteering.asn.au</a>

For North-Western Tasmanian orienteering information, email <a href="mailto:pathfinders@tasorienteering.asn.au">pathfinders@tasorienteering.asn.au</a>

For Statewide orienteering information, email <a href="mailto:info@tasorienteering.asn.au">info@tasorienteering.asn.au</a>

### **Course Planners and Course Controllers**

Course Planner: Mike Dowling Course Controller: Jeff Dunn

#### What Else do I Need to Know?

As Orienteering Tasmania events are often conducted on private property we have a blanket policy of not permitting dogs at our events. Please leave your dog at home if going orienteering. As well, please leave gates closed or open as you find them.

# Any Food, Entertainment, Coaching or Other Special Attractions?

There will be a Tasmanian Juniors BBQ and cake stall. Please order food via Eventor (in the "Services" section).