2021 ACT Sprint Distance Championships Saturday 27th March 2021

Welcome to the 2021 ACT Sprint Distance Championships.

OACT has received permission from Defence to hold this event at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA). We are indeed very privileged to return to this site for the first time since 2010 and for what is only the second orienteering event to be held at ADFA.

Permission to use ADFA does come with conditions of use which have been negotiated between OACT, Defence and ADFA management. All participants and spectators must comply with these conditions.

When you enter the ADFA site you will see signs advising on access permissions, trespassing and penalties under the Defence ACT. There are also signs advising that armed guards patrol these premises.

Don't worry, follow these instructions and we will all be happy and have a good event.

Out-of-Bounds, (OOB):

OACT's conditions of use of ADFA does require strict adherence to not entering the areas marked on the map as OOB. All competitors must familiarise themselves with how OOB areas are shown on an orienteering sprint map.

One OOB area of military cultural significance is the Parade Ground. The Parade Ground holds a symbolic representation of a sanctuary of a unit's fallen soldiers and in line with this symbolism it is deemed hallowed ground and is respected as such.



The photo above is viewing the Parade Ground from the South-West corner. The image on the right shows how this is represented on the map as an OOB area.



In addition to the Parade Ground there are several other OOB areas shown with purple cross hatching. There are also numerous garden beds not to be crossed shown in olive green, and several temporary OOB areas shown in pale purple.

Small areas of work are in progress to relay pavers. These are not mapped, as they change from day-to-day, however they are easy to see and avoided.

Small areas may be taped off for various reasons (paving and around trees with dead beaches are two examples on the Campus that have nothing to do with the event) and that competitors should not cross any tape / bunting.

Further information on general OOB mapping symbols is shown in the attached document.

Parking:

Parking is on the grass verge on either side of Addison Road, off Fairbairn Avenue. From the carpark there is a 600 metre walk to the Assembly Area, crossing Fairbairn Avenue at the pedestrian crossing lights. The walking route will be taped.

There is <u>NO PARKING</u> within the ADFA/Duntroon precinct. Limited special parking provisions can be provided on request for orienteers in the M/W85 and over age groups. Please email the OACT Office, (<u>office@act.orienteering.asn.au</u>), by Thursday 25th March if you wish to request special parking provisions.

Entry to ADFA:

There is direct entry to ADFA, with no need to go through security gates as is the case at other Defence establishments. ADFA Security is provided by continual security patrols. A condition of OACT's use of ADFA is that a record of participants is held and can be provided by the organisers to ADFA Security. If you will be accompanied by non-competing adult supporters/spectators you need to record their details in Eventor by Thursday 25th March as a non-competing ADFA event attendee. See, Eventor Australia - Event information: ACT Sprint Distance Championships: ACT League #2, ADFA (orienteering.asn.au)

Leaving ADFA:

All people attending, (other than organisers and helpers) are to depart the ADFA site by 3.30pm. This includes leaving the carpark, otherwise there is a risk that your car maybe locked inside the carpark gates.

Photography:

To avoid any need for permissions, we ask that there is no photography please, other than in the Assembly and Finish areas.

Assembly Area:

This is in the AFL oval grandstand and areas to the NE of the grandstand on the fringes of the AFL oval. Toilets are available at the grandstand.

Start:

The Start is located about 400 metres from the Assembly area. Warm-ups can be done at the northern end of the AFL oval and on the route to the Start. All other areas are OOB.

Start lists will be provided on Eventor, at the Assembly Area and at the Pre-Start.

Late starters will need to wait for a gap in the listed Starts and the Start Team will provide a new Start time.

Starts are at one minute intervals with the normal 3-2-1 minute Pre-Start routine. Clear, Check and SIAC Battery check will be at the Pre-Start. <u>It is a Punching Start.</u>

Control Descriptions will be provided and will also be printed on the maps.

NO ENTER ON THE DAY IS AVAILABLE

Finish:

The download area is adjacent to the Finish. All competitors need to download their results, even if not completing the course.

Map:

A4 at 1:4000 with 2.5 metre contour intervals.

ADFA is a multi-level campus, which does present orienteering challenges, and challenges for the mapper. There are numerous stairs, uncrossable walls, passageways and canopies. In one more complex area the purple) (symbol is used to show a run through route option that is underneath the mapped level.

Road Crossings:

The courses will cross a couple of roads within ADFA. Runners on Road signs will be placed and the traffic volume will be



low, however runners do need to exercise caution when crossing roads.

Results:

There is no presentation ceremony. Results will be available on Eventor.

Course Closure:

All courses close at 2.30pm.

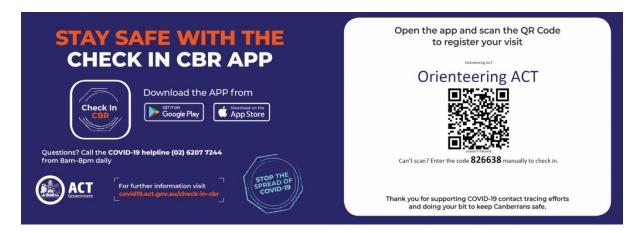
COVID Safe:

Water will not be provided. All participants need to supply their own water and food. Shock, horror – there is no coffee van.

In accordance with ACT Government legislated direction, all people attending an OACT event are to use the CheckinCBR App. Signs with the OACT check in QR Code will be prominently displayed at the Assembly area and on the route from the carpark to the Assembly area. The CheckinCBR app can be downloaded from the IOS and Android App Stores.

Details are provided on the OACT website at;

Compulsory Use of Check In CBR App at Upcoming Events - Orienteering ACT



Anyone attending an OACT event must comply with the current COVID-19 health advice in both their home state and the ACT. The OACT COVID-19 Return to Play Plan is at; http://act.orienteering.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/OACT-Return-to-Play-Plan-in-a-COVID-Safe-Environment-200531.pdf