

Event Information – Stags Head 2nd May 21

(updated 25/4/21)

Location	Event Date	Region	Type
Lower Marshes	2/5/21	Statewide	OST 3

COVID-19 Compliance

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

- From May 1 everyone (participants, organisers and spectators) must use the **Check in TAS** app. (Please download the app before arriving at the event)
- At the event scan the QR code which will be prominently displayed
- If there is no mobile coverage or you do not have a smart phone you must fill out the paper form
- It is greatly preferred that you enter using the online entry system [Eventor](#) several days prior to the event.
- There will be limited entry or payment on the day.
- 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.
- Social distancing and a range of hygiene measures will be enforced.



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

About This Event

This is the third OST event for 2021 using the new OST format for 2021. Competitors are free to choose the course of their choice. Eight courses are available, organised by course and by difficulty for less experienced orienteers.

Logging was completed a few years ago in the area north west of the assembly area. After a 5 year break this area has again been made available for us. It gives us great satisfaction to make use of the cliffs, boulders and other rich features available in this area. All hard courses make good use of the many features within this area.

Challenging courses have been provided that match the new OST requirements. This has enabled the restructuring of the harder courses and improvements to the easy and medium courses so that they use more predominant features in the open and less reliance on tracks and fences.

Note: This event is a **Tasmanian School Team selection event**. The details about courses and age classes etc are available on the OT website under the 'Get Involved' menu > 'Teams and Selections' > '[Are you interested in Making the Tasmanian Schools Team](#)'. Please check this out before entering.

Where is the Start?

The start and assembly area are on the on 'Rotherwood' property near Rotherwood Lagoon, Lower Marshes. We are extremely grateful to James McShane and his family for allowing us to plan and run this event on 'Rotherwood'.

Travelling from the North or North West: From the midland highway at Jericho, turn onto the Lower Marshes road, C529, and travel to Lower Marshes (9.7km). At Lower Marshes turn right into Rotherwood Rd and follow Rotherwood Rd for 8.5km and turn left at the gate (travel up the hill past the farmhouses until you reach the shearing shed).

Travelling from the South: From the midlands highway, turn left at the Bothwell turnoff (A5 Highlands Lake Road) and travel 6.5 km. Turn right onto Lower Marshes Road (C529) and travel 12.9 km. At Lower Marshes turn left into Rotherwood Rd and follow Rotherwood Rd for 8.5km and turn left at the gate (travel up the hill past the farmhouses until you reach the shearing shed).

Park on the grassed area adjacent to the bunk house opposite the shearing shed. Please do not park close to the bunk house. There is a toilet and hand washing facilities in the bunk house.

Assembly area location -42.306004, 147.15143

When Can I Start?

All juniors who are trying out for state team selection need to be at the start by 10:00 am. All other entrants will start 20 mins later.

When do I Have to Finish?

You need to finish before the course is closed at 1:30pm. 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 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: Stags Head

Scale:

1:15000 (Course 1 & 2)

1:10000 (Courses 3 to 7)

1:7500 (Course 8 only)

Contour Interval: 5.0 m

The Terrain

The terrain on Stags Head includes spur gully with a mix of fast open paddocks and forest areas some of which were recently logged. As stated in 'about this event' the area in the centre of the map to the north west of the assembly area was logged a few years ago. Please note that only permanent tracks are mapped as the temporary logging tracks are expected to disappear over time. Similarly log heaps are not mapped and will disappear over time. Orienteers running in these areas are urged to use contours and other fixed features such as cliffs and boulders for navigation.

What are the Courses?

At OST events you enter by course into whichever course you like.

Course	Target Winning Time	Navigation	Number of Controls	Distance in Km (approx.)	Climb in metres	Age classes for Championship events (indicative only for OST)
1	80 – 90	Hard	17	9.0	205	M21, M20, M35, M40
2	65 – 75	Hard	13	7.3	170	W21, W20, W35, M18, M45, M50, M55
3	55 – 65	Hard	14	6.1	170	W18, W40, W45, W50, M16, M60 (Senior Boys selection)
4	55 – 65	Hard	12	5.5	150	W16, W55, M65, M70 (Senior Girls selection)
5	50 – 60	Hard	13	4.5	105	W60, W65, W70, W75, W80, M75, M80, M/W Open A
6	45 – 50	Long Moderate	11	3.8	75	W14, M14, M/W Open B Equivalent to the Long course at a Local event (Junior Boys and Girls selection)
7	30 – 40	Short Moderate	10	3.0	65	W12, W14B, M12, M14B, M/W Open C Equivalent to the Medium course at a Local event
8	25 – 30	Easy	8	1.8	80	W10, W12B, M10, M12B

Course	Target Winning Time	Navigation	Number of Controls	Distance in Km (approx.)	Climb in metres	Age classes for Championship events (indicative only for OST)
						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 timing system so an SI-stick or a P card is required at all events. Due to COVID-19 we are no longer offering SI-stick hire.

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 (from \$60), some clubs may have them for sale (ask at an event) or see aussieogear.com

How do I Enter?

Enter online by midnight on Wednesday 28th April. Late entry for this OST event may be available online at the discretion of the organisers for an extra charge. There will be no enter on the day.

Enter using [Eventor](#) – the online orienteering entry system.

- If you need help to enter, follow the [How to Enter guide](#).
- There will be no entry or payment on the day for OST.
- To enter online you need to be [registered as a casual or full member of Orienteering Tasmania](#). Casual membership is free.

Information for Newcomers

Newcomers are welcome at all events. 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.

Enter course 6 or 7 for a moderate navigation course or course 8 for an easy navigation course.

Course 6 and 7 are designed for people who have had some experience at orienteering and it will involve controls located in open areas and in the bush where a compass and appropriate clothing are essential.

Course 8 is designed for people without a compass and little or no experience. The controls will be located on prominent features in open areas. If this is your first orienteering event it will be free of charge (including loan of SI-stick) but in order to cater for you, you need to contact the organiser ian.rathbone@live.com.au in advance of the event.

How Much Does it Cost to Enter?

Late entry is via Eventor only and will incur an extra charge of \$5 per adult. EOD is not available.

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

To contact the organiser for this event, email ian.rathbone@live.com.au

Course Planners and Course Controllers

Course Planner: Ian Rathbone

Course Controller: Peter Cusick

Where can I find results?

Results from an event are presented in four different places on our website in slightly different ways.

- **Live Results** are available as competitors download during some events. Go to [Results/Live Results](#) and choose the club that organised the event.
- **Eventor** shows the official results for each course or class and will be available on the evening after the event. Go to [Results/Recent Results](#) and click on results for that event.
- **Winsplits** shows times people have taken for each leg and will also be available as soon as the results are available in Eventor. Go to the Eventor results [Results/Recent Results](#) and then click on 'Split Times' at the top of each class/course.
- **Livelox** shows the routes people have taken on the course (if they have used a GPS and uploaded the data). Go to the Eventor results [Results/Recent Results](#) and then click on 'Livelox' at the top of each class/course.

But there is more... We hope to have live results in an area where there is poor mobile reception as we will be trying out our Aus Champs local WIFI live results hot spot. So please bring your mobile!

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?

Good news!! Pre-ordered BBQ food can be ordered when you enter via Eventor. Jamie McDougall has offered to run the BBQ and will be assisted by some of the juniors and seniors trying out for selection. Available will be

vegie, vegan and standard meat burgers with salad for \$5. Sausages and cheese toasties will be available for \$2.50.

Please aim to be back before 12:30 to collect your order if you wish to maximize your time socializing whilst you eat. The usual slices and drinks will also be available.