

Independent Students



Welcome

This year the Australian Schools Championships invites students who have missed out on being selected in their state team to compete alongside Schools team members. These students are referred here as "Independent students".

Allowing Independent students to compete alongside Schools team members allows more students further avenues to engage with orienteering.

Independent students have the same age restrictions as Schools team members and are required to be endorsed by their state/territory association or Orienteering NZ for NZ athletes.

Entry

Independent student entries will be open for a period of 4 weeks from 1 July 2021, after most Schools teams are announced.

Entry fees will be payable upon entry \$90, with one entry payment covering all three events. Start times will be advised as soon as practicable on Eventor after the ASOC start draw has been announced. Independent students will start prior to the ASOC team members.

Relay teams will be coordinated by the ASOC director on advice from School team officials.

Where individuals have entered the Turbo Chook event and wish to transfer to the ISANZ competition please email Meishaaustin@gmail.com.

Endorsement

After the close of entries, the list of Independent students will be sent to the relevant state/territory associations or Orienteering NZ for endorsement.

Associations must confirm that the student has demonstrated the competencies necessary to complete the class entered.

Where endorsement is not provided the relevant association is responsible for discussing the reasons for this with the entrant and their parents/guardians. The ASOC director will arrange for the entry to be transferred to the public races on the same three days.

Eligibility

Independent students are not eligible for Australian Schools Championships awards, but are eligible

- to race in the Individual Sprint and Individual Long championships (starting in first start block).
- to race in the Relay championships, making up ad hoc relay teams with each other, or members of the Australian state/territory or New Zealand Schools teams who could not be placed in a Schools team.
- to receive OA medallions by placing in the top three (including Schools team members) in individual races.
- to receive OA medallions by placing in the top three teams (including Schools teams) in the relay.

Uniform

To avoid confusion Independent students must not compete in a Schools team uniform.

Accommodation

Accommodation is not provided for the Independent students; however, we recommend staying at the St Helens Big 4 Caravan Park.

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