

## Event Information – Russells Plains – Northern Local #4 & Northern Classic OST 8

Location	Event Date	Region	Type
Russells Plains	Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> August, 2021	Statewide	OST

### 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 event is the 8<sup>th</sup> in our OST series and is the Northern Classic. This event is using the Russell's Plains map which was home to the Tasmanian Long-Distance Championships in 2020. It will have the full set of 8 OST courses available.

## Where is the Arena?

Once you arrive in Launceston follow the East Tamar Highway out towards George Town. Follow this road for 5.2km and then turn right onto University Way (B81) towards Scottsdale. After 2.7km turn right to continue on the B81. Continue to drive for 1.5km until you reach an orienteering sign which is at the turn off for Russells Plains Road. The Arena is 3.8km along Russells Plains Road follow signs from Russell's Plains Road.

41°23'17.5"S 147°10'07.2"E

For Google Maps Directions Click Here: <https://goo.gl/maps/iyvNGmjncDK43meQ8>

## When Can I Start?

Start times will be pre-allocated with the first start at 10.00am. Start lists will be published as soon as practical after the closure of entries.

There is a 600m walk to the pre-start.

## 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 your SI stick or P card 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: Russells Plains (November 2019)

Scale: 1:10,000

Contour Interval: 5m

## What are the Courses?

At OST events you enter by course into whichever course you like. For a Championship event you enter by age class to do the course corresponding to that age class.

Course	Target Winning Time (minutes)	Navigation	Distance (Approx)	Age classes for Championship events (indicative only for OST)
1	80-90	Hard	10.1km	M21, M20, M35, M40
2	65-75	Hard	7.7km	W21, W20, W35, M18, M45, M50, M55

Course	Target Winning Time (minutes)	Navigation	Distance (Approx)	Age classes for Championship events (indicative only for OST)
3	55-65	Hard	6km	W18, W40, W45, W50, M16, M60
4	55-60	Hard	4.9km	W16, W55, M65, M70
5	55-60	Hard	4.5km	W60, W65, W70, W75, W80, M75, M80, M/WOpenA Orienteers transitioning from moderate to hard navigation
6	45-50	Moderate	4.3km	W14, M14, M/WOpenB Equivalent to the Long course at a Local event
7	30-40	Moderate	2.6km	W12, W14B, M12, M14B, M/WOpenC Equivalent to the Medium course at a Local event
8	25-30	Easy	2km	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 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](http://aussieogear.com)

## How do I Enter?

Enter online by midnight on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August** before the event.

- Enter using [Eventor](https://eventor.com.au) – 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 and Championship events.
- To enter online you need to be [registered as a casual or full member of Orienteering Tasmania](#). Casual membership is free.
- Complete newcomers may enter on the day at a local event (first event free)

## Information for Newcomers

Newcomers are welcome at all events. Wear comfortable clothing and footwear 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.

Your first orienteering event will be free of charge (including loan of SI-stick) and you do not need to pre-enter. When you arrive at the event come to the registration desk and let the organisers know you are new; an experienced member will help you through the registration, start and event procedure.

## Safety

- All competitors should carry a whistle, for use ONLY in an emergency. If injured or seriously lost - 6 short whistle blasts, pause, listen, then repeat.
- If you are lost, but not distressed, orient your map to north to the open areas and return to the assembly area.
- If you are seriously lost or injured and come across a control, remain at the control until an organiser or another competitor is able to provide assistance.
- If you come across a well-used vehicle track, stay on it.
- If all the above fails, go to the nearest hill top or open area and stay put.
- If a friend or family member is late returning, DO NOT go searching by yourself. Tell the organisers, who will take the necessary action.

## 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

- **Adult** is 21 years and over at 31 December of the current year  
**Youth** is under 21 years at 31 December of the current year  
**Concession** is Pensioner Concession Card Holders or a full-time student  
**Family** is 2 adults and any number of juniors who are part of a family (enter all in one session to get the discount)
- Children 10 years and under completing a course as a member of a group in the company of adults or older children, participate free of charge - only one adult in the group needs to register, unless you want more than one map for the group .
- A child completing a course as an individual with a parent shadowing (following) them only pays the relevant child entry fee. That is, the parent shadowing does so free of any charge. Only the child needs to register.
- Refund policy for withdrawals: 100% refund for COVID-related absence; 100% refund if you withdraw before entry closing date (email the event organiser and the OT treasurer); 75% refund any other reason (email the OT treasurer within 24 hrs of the start of the event)

## Contact Information

To contact the organiser for this event, email [riley.kerr.00@education.tas.edu.au](mailto:riley.kerr.00@education.tas.edu.au)

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## Course Planners and Course Controllers

Course Planner: Riley Kerr

Course Controller: Christine Brown

## Where can I find results?

Results from an event are presented in four different places 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 the evening after the event. For OST events the age-and-gender-adjusted times will be published a day or two after each event, as a document in the Eventor page for that event. Go to [Results/Recent Results](#) and click on results for that event.

- **WinSplits** shows the time people have taken for each leg and will be available as soon as the results are available in Eventor. Go to [Results/Recent Results](#) and 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 and then click on Livelox either in the top bar or for each class/course.

## 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 not be a BBQ but It will be an S & S occasion - Soup and Saveloys. Saveloys will be \$2.50 and Tomato Soup + Roll will be \$5 as well as the usual cakes, slices and drinks for \$2. There will be no pre-ordering so it will be first in best dressed.

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