



25-27 March 2022

BULLETIN 2

A Carnival for everyone!

Round 1 MTBO National League



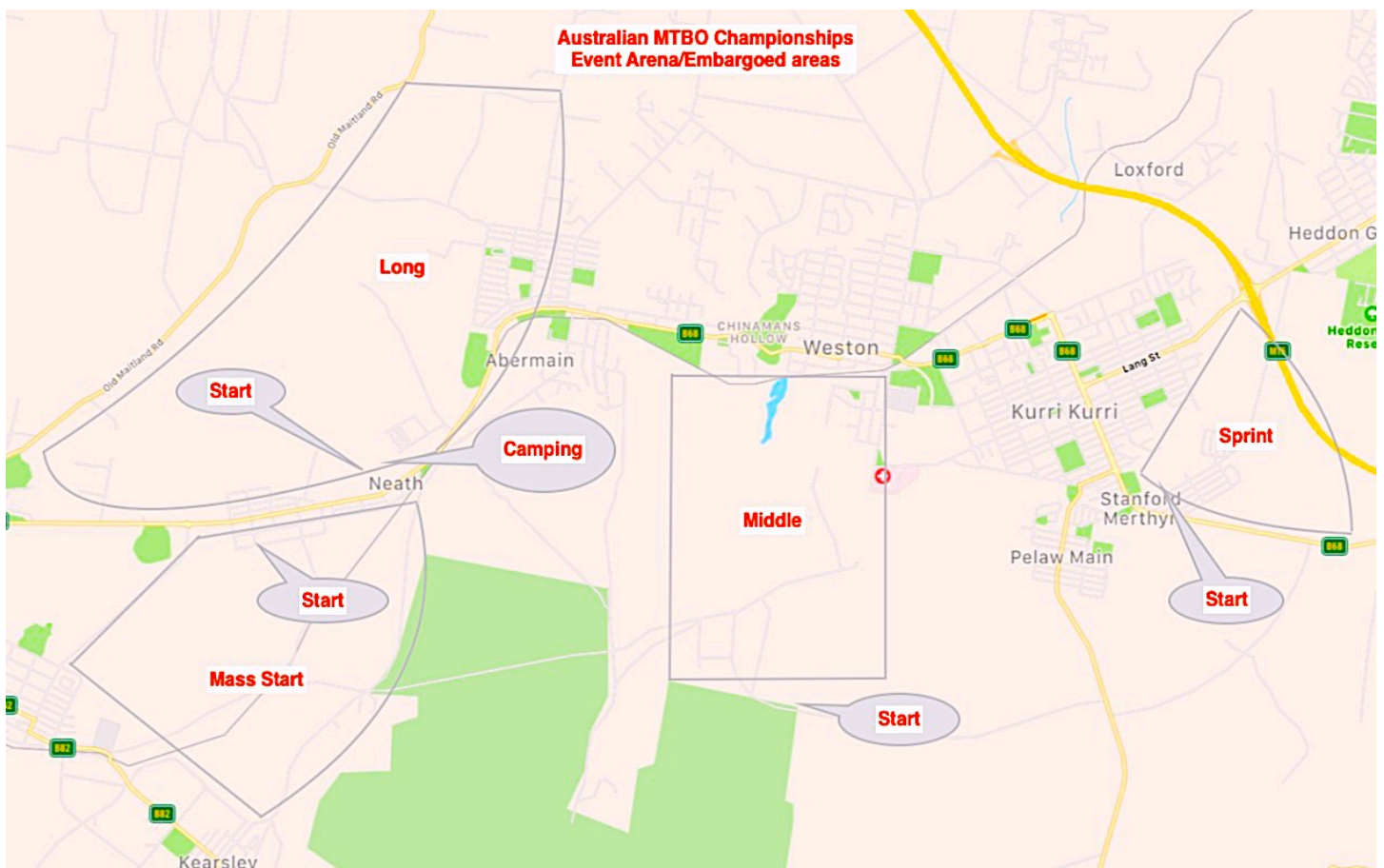
Welcome to the 2022 Australian MTBO Championships

The events will be held in the Kurri Kurri and Neath area with the championship events from the 25th to 27th March 2022

Thu 24th	Map Run	From 1.00pm	Killingworth South
Fri 25th	Mass Start	From 1.00pm	Neath
Sat 26th	Sprint Distance	From 9.00am	Stanford Merthyr
Sat 26th	Middle Distance	From 1.00pm	Pelaw Main
Sun 27th	Long Distance	From 9.00am	Neath

The event centre and camping is at Cessnock Pony Club grounds, Carrs Rd, Neath. Camping will be available at the event centre on the 24th, 25th and 26th March. The middle and sprint event areas are within 15 minutes driving time from the event centre. The practice event on the 24th will be held at Killingworth South, near Newcastle

EVENT LOCATIONS AND EMBARGOED AREA





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ENTRY FEES

Entries are to be made through Eventor. You may select more than one event to allow a single payment. Instructions on how to use Eventor are :

<https://www.onsw.asn.au/events/eventor-faq>

NORMAL ENTRIES CLOSE ON Sunday 13th March at midnight.

Children under 14 Free Entry. There is no entry fee for the Map Run event.

Details on the MapRun Course will be available in the Final Bulletin.



	Mass Start	Sprint	Middle	Long
Senior	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$35
Junior (M/W 14-16)	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$20
Recreation	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15
Recreation Non Member	\$18	\$18	\$18	\$20



ENTRIES ON THE DAY

All entries for the championships events must pre-enter through Eventor.

There will be a limited number of maps available on the day in the Recreational class.

There will be no enter on the day for the Mass Start event. If you wish to enter on the day it is advisable to attend registration as early as possible to reserve a map.

CLASSES

A full range of classes will be offered for the Championships :

M/W 12,14,16,20,21,40,50,60,70,80,

Two Recreational classes will be on offer at each event. There will be a E-mtb Recreational Class for Men and Women with two courses on offer.

Pairs. You may ride as a pair in the Recreational class with the standard event entry fee applied to each competitor.

Families. Children under 12 may ride with their parents in the Recreational Classes. Single entry fee applies to the family class in the Recreation Courses only.

WEATHER/TRACK CONDITIONS

The average temperatures in March are between 27 deg and 15 deg. March can get a little wet with thunderstorms. The tracks dry out quickly in the area after rain with the majority of the single tracks still being in good condition when wet as it has a gravel and ash base. Single tracks may be rutted in places from motor bike use. There has been considerable re growth on all the tracks. A number of tracks have been thinned out/ cleaned up especially on tracks to controls however, most of the paths have been graded slow due to the re growth.

Some of the fire roads can get a little tacky after rain with water puddles to negotiate. Most are medium to fast riding.

START LIST

The start times are listed on page 1 of this bulletin. The start draw will be undertaken the week before the events and the details posted on Eventor as soon as possible. If you have a special request for a start time please email

gregbacon63@gmail.com

The Mass Start event is in age groups and it may be difficult to organise start times to meet family needs at this event.

ACCOMMODATION/CAMPING

Camping will be available at the event centre on Thursday from 12 noon 24th March to Sunday 27th March, until completion of the Championships. The three or two nights accommodation fee is \$20 per head , with a family maximum of \$40. This will be payable via Eventor when entries open, select camping under services through Eventor. The camping area has toilets onsite and showers. **Select Camping under services on one event only!**

There are several motels, hotels and resorts in the Kurri Kurri/Cessnock area that are within 15 minutes drive of the event centre. There is an Italian restaurant in the Hotel opposite the camping area.

Check out the various accommodation booking websites for the best deals, Wotif, Trivago and Expedia.



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Start Instructions

Time	
At 4 min	Name called, stick check
At 3 min	Move forward
At 2 min	Move to map on table, pick up and place on map board
At 1 min	Move forward to start line
At start time	Go on 6th beep of clock, There is no start punch

Entry Closing

Entries will close on Sunday 13th March at midnight

Registration

There will be a registration tent at each event to allow for entries on the day and the issue of hire SIAC sticks and map boards.

Depending on any changes to Covid 19 guidelines and check in, all pre entry competitors will be advised by email if there are any changes to the guidelines.

If you do not need to attend registration you may go straight to the start area at your allocated time.

Punching System

We will only be using SIAC (Contactless) system for all events.

The controls will only work with the SIAC stick and should register within 1.5m of the control.

If you do not have your own SIAC stick there are a limited number of sticks available for hire. The hire rate is \$5.00 for all events and can be pre ordered under the Services Entry for the event.

Select SI hire for one event only.

There will be a battery test unit at each registration area.

The unit will beep and show the battery charge level.

Results

To ensure Covid 19 distancing guidelines, there will be no results display at the event. Results will be downloaded on Eventor on a regular basis. Please bring along your phone to check the results.

Presentations

Presentations will be made as soon as possible on the completion of each event. Awards will be made to the first three place getters in each competition class. A first place only award will be awarded in the Recreation Class.

National MTBO series

The four events comprise Round 1 of the National Series, Further details can be found at:

Nominations are now open for the 2022 Australian MTBO team.

Selection trials for the team will be held at the Australian MTBO Championships in Newcastle, NSW on 25-27th March.

You can review the selection criteria here - <https://orienteering.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2022-Australian-MTBO-Team-Selection-Criteria.pdf> and nominate here - <https://forms.gle/6QjoUg1D3eox4U1Q8>
The World Champs are in Sweden this year from 15-20 July.

Junior World MTB Orienteering Championships 2022 -

<https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/6737>

World MTB Orienteering Championships 2022 - <https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/6736>

Start Procedure

A test unit will be placed near the start chute together with a Clear unit. Ensure that you clear your stick prior to moving to the start.

The clock at the start of the start chute will display your start time. Move up in line to be at the start of the chute on your allocated start time.

There will be a second clock on the start line showing your actual start time.

The start triangle will be displayed on a stand in front of the start line.

Late Starters

If you arrive after your allocated start time report to the starting official. If possible you will be directed to the start box and start normally otherwise you will be a late starter and proceed to the next available start interval.

If you start late your time will commence from the official start time.

Volunteers or pre arranged late starters will be allowed to start without penalty. There will be a start unit available for you.

Finish

There will be a flying finish beacon in place for each event.

The finish chute will direct you to two banners 3m apart.

Your SIAC stick will beep and record your finish time.

Safety

Please obey all road rules when riding on public roads and fire trails. You may encounter 4x4 vehicles and motor bikes on the course. You will be travelling on single track with limited vision at times. Be safe by pulling over or calling "Rider" when overtaking.

If you encounter an injured rider please render assistance where possible. There will be some steep and rutted sections of track, ride to your ability and walk if necessary.

Limited first aid will be available at the Event centre. There will be a 4x4 on stand by to help riders needing assistance.

Rules

The event will be conducted in accordance with MTBO Competition rules:

GPS Devices

GPS devices that do not have a map or direction aid for navigation may be carried. Carrying a phone for safety reasons is permitted.

Assistance

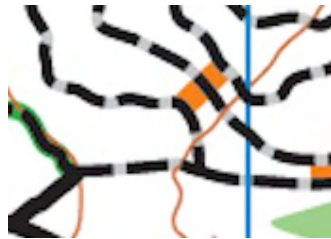
Seeking navigational aid from another competitor is prohibited. You may provide mechanical aid or spares to another competitor.

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LEGEND/MAP NOTES



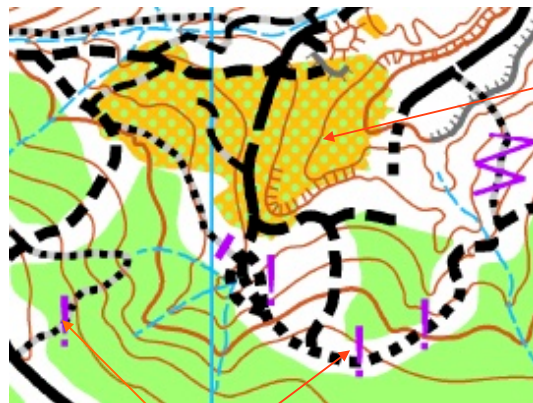
Double sided Corflute controls



Rideable link between tracks



Overgrown track or path that is rideable



Open land/trees Rideable

Danger/Walk very rough

Standard Legend on all maps

LEGEND

	TRACK	PATH
Fast Riding		
Medium Riding		
Slow Riding		
Difficult Riding		
Overgrown path		
Rideable link		
Forbidden Route		
Obstacle/Danger		
Impassable fence		
Crossing point		
Watercourse		
Dam/Swamp		
Earth Bank		
Ruin/Wreck		

Open land	Rideable	
Rough Open	No Ride	
Open land/trees	Rideable	
Forest slow	No Ride	
Forest open	Rideable	
Area that shall not be entered		

NOTES

- Overgrown path/track:** Green shading over dotted line. The tracks are rideable and some sections have been taped to show the track or have been roughly cleaned. They mainly have grass, branches and litter on the track which may slow you down. These tracks are suitable route choices!
- Rideable Link:** Some single track loops reverse direction and return close by adjoining tracks. You may cross over onto nearby tracks without penalty. The Rideable link is shown on the map as it is a cleared or obvious crossing point and is a guide to where you are on the map. Some may be taped others are well defined.
- Danger:** Exclamation Mark. These are shown on paths and tracks which may be steep and rutted. They are only short sections where you may have to walk your bike.
- Forest open Rideable.** Where there are numerous tracks or several tracks close together you may ride through the forest to adjoining tracks. These are not marked or taped on the ground.



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MASS START COURSE DETAILS

COURSE	CLASSES	Km	Controls
1	M21	23.6	21
2	M20, M40, M50, W21	20.7	18
3	M60, M16, W40, W50, Recreation 1 and E-mtb	18.6	17
4	M14, M70, W16, W60, Recreation 2 and E-mtb	16.4	16
5	M12, W12, W14, M80, W70, W80	13.1	13

Date: Friday 25th March, Starts from 1.00pm

Map: Neath Fire Trail

Scale: 1:10,00, Contours: 5m, Map size A3

Location: David St, Neath

Organising Club: Newcastle Orienteering

Course Setter: Malcolm Roberts

Organiser: Greg Bacon

Controller: Andrew Power

Directions: Heading west along Cessnock Road, turn left onto David St at Neath. Parking along gravel road behind houses.

Starts: From 1.00pm at 10 minute intervals. The start and finish are near the event centre.

Warm Up area:

Riders may warm up along the gravel road alongside the parking area. Please watch for vehicles entering the parking area.

Terrain:

Mainly fast to medium forest roads with a single track section along a few watercourses. Several old railway cuttings and roads.

You may be required to cross an existing railway line that is rarely used. Check for trains and walking over the lines is recommended.

This is a reasonably fast riding area with good navigation features to keep you on the map.

Notes:

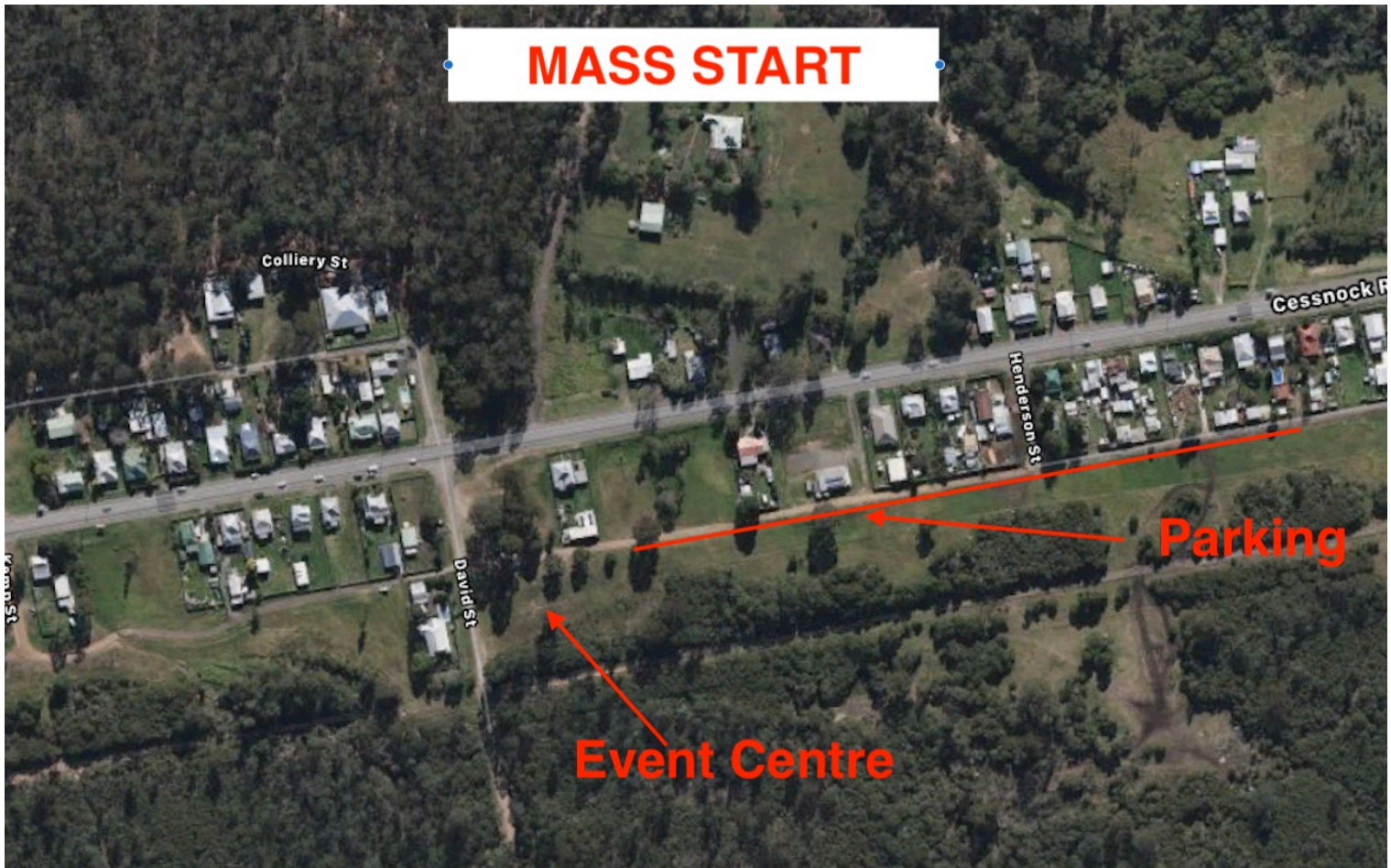
Portable toilets onsite.

Several shops and garages nearby for snacks and fast food.

Please take away your own rubbish.

QR Check in:

There will be a QR check in for all entries on the day and spectators.





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SPRINT DISTANCE COURSE DETAILS

COURSE	CLASSES	Km	Controls
1	M21	8.7	22
2	M20, M40, M50, W21	7.5	19
3	M60, M16, W40, W50, Recreation 1 and E-mtb	6.9	16
4	M14, M70, W16, W60, Recreation 2 and E-mtb	5.5	14
5	M12, W12, W14, M80, W70, W80	4.8	12

Date: Saturday 26th March, Starts from 9.00am

Map: Stanford Merthyr

Scale: 1:7,500 Contours: 5m, Map size A3

Location: Railway Street, Stanford Merthyr

Organising Club: Newcastle Orienteering

Course Setter: Andrew Haigh

Organiser: Greg Bacon

Controller: Andrew Power

Directions: Turn right off roundabout on Victoria St and Railway St to start area. Limited parking near start. Additional parking turn left on roundabout and park on east side of Railway St near school.

Please use the pedestrian crossing near the school to access the start. Do not ride along the road.

Starts: From 9.00am at 2 minute intervals.

There is a remote finish east of the township. Riders proceed back to start along the northern edge of Victoria Street to download and parking. Ride with caution as there are several road crossings.

Warm Up area: The only warm up area will be the back streets near the parking along Railway Street. Do not ride along Railway Street to warm up or access the start.

Terrain: The area uses the parklands, access roads and forest surrounding Stanford Merthyr township. There will be one mandatory road crossing point on the course for all riders. There are several fast and flowing fire trails with minor access roads crossing in many locations. There is a dense single track network with fast and flowing tracks around a gully network.

Notes:

Portable toilets onsite or in McDonalds.

McDonalds is located next to the starting area.

Return to event centre along Victoria Street to download.

Please take away your own rubbish.

QR Check in:

There will be a QR check in for all entries on the day and spectators.





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MIDDLE DISTANCE COURSE DETAILS

COURSE	CLASSES	Km	Controls
1	M21	16.5	12
2	M20, M40, M50, W21	15	10
3	M60, M16, W40, W50, Recreation 1 and E-mtb	14	9
4	M14, M70, W16, W60, Recreation 2 and E-mtb	11	8
5	M12, W12, W14, M80, W70, W80	9.5	8

Date: Saturday 26th March, Starts from 1.00pm

Map: Pelew Main Industrial Estate

Scale: 1:10,00, Contours: 5m, Map size A3

Location: Industrial Estate Drive off Leggett's Drive, Pelew Main

Organising Club: Bigfoot Orienteering

Course Setter: Hamish Mackie

Organiser: Greg Bacon

Controller: Michael Roylance

Directions: From Leggett's Drive south of Pelew main, turn right into industrial estate. Parking on verge east of event centre.

Starts: From 1.00pm at 2 minute intervals. The start and finish are near the event centre.

Warm Up area:

Riders may warm up along the Industrial road. Please take caution with event traffic entering the area.

Terrain:

The bushland around the industrial estate has numerous fast to medium tracks with a very complex mountain bike track network. There are several power line easements on the map. There will be crossover points (Link Track) on the tracks which are marked on the map and taped on the ground. The single tracks vary in speed and remain dry most of the year. The fire trails can have some water holes and eroded areas to navigate around.

Notes:

Portable toilets onsite.

McDonalds is located within 5 minutes drive of the event arena.

Please take away your own rubbish.

QR Check in:



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LONG DISTANCE COURSE DETAILS

COURSE	CLASSES	Km	Controls
1	M21	30	20
2	M20, M40, M50, W21	26	18
3	M60, M16, W40, W50, Recreation 1 and E-mtb men	22	13
4	M14, M70, W16, W60, Recreation 2 and E-mtb Women	17	11
5	M12, W12, W14, M80, W70, W80	12	7

Date: Sunday 27th March, Starts from 9.00am

Map: Washberry Fire Trail

Scale: 1:10,000 Contours: 5m, Map size A3

Location: Carrs Rd, Neath

Organising Club: Newcastle Orienteering

Course Setter: Greg Bacon

Organiser: Greg Bacon

Controller: Shane Jenkins

Directions: Cessnock Pony Club, Carrs Rd Neath. Parking in the Pony Club ground for campers only. All other parking is along Carrs Road. Do not park in front of the Caravan Park entrance.

Starts: From 9.00am at 2 minute intervals.

The start is located west of the Pony Club with access to the start from the club grounds. Follow signs to start. There is a remote finish near the start of Carrs Rd. Follow Carrs Rd back to the Pony Club

Warm Up area: The only warm up area is along Carrs Road. There is a small amount of local traffic from the caravan park. Riders must exercise caution due to vehicle and foot traffic in this area.

Terrain: Washberry Fire trail runs along the main ridge line in the centre of the map. It is a fast gravel road with numerous tracks and paths leading to old mining areas, open ground with scattered trees and numerous moto tracks. Most legs will have several route choices some difficult and shorter or take the longer way around. There will be a map change for courses 1 and 2. There are several overgrown tracks which will be marked with a dotted line and green overlay. These tracks are all rideable!

Notes:

Toilets at the camping ground.

There will be no coffee van however there are several garages within walking distance of the Pony club for snacks etc.

Return to event centre along Carrs Rd to download.

Please take away your own rubbish.

QR Check in:

There will be a QR check in for all entries on the day and spectators.

Track Difficult/Walk

Exclamation Mark on track



Open land/Scattered trees

