



25-27 March 2022

# FINAL BULLETIN

## 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	Closes 4.00pm	Neath
Sat 26th	Sprint Distance	From 9.00am	Closes 11.30am	Stanford Merthyr
Sat 26th	Middle Distance	From 1.00pm	Closes 4.00pm	Pelaw Main
Sun 27th	Long Distance	From 9.00am	Closes 1.00pm	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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There will be water holes on the courses with a few taped diversions around the bad ones. Several grassy tracks with the overhang removed. La Niña has been giving us grief!



### WEATHER/TRACK CONDITIONS

Rain and showers are forecast over the weekend. It can be hit and miss in the Cessnock area. **Please come prepared for wet weather conditions.** We will have a large gazebo at the Cessnock Pony Club for the campers and there will be a gazebo at each start area.

As of today (Sunday 20th) the main trails were in good condition and the 4x4 tracks were reasonably dry with some boggy sections. We have made small diversions where possible around the wet spots, look for the blue and white tape. The single tracks were mostly dry with water pooling in the low spots but still firm. There are some shallow low lying areas that cannot be avoided so you will get your feet wet on the odd occasion. Many of the single tracks can be a little scratchy on the arms, long sleeves recommended.

There will be portable toilets at each event location.

We will have a hose and bucket at the camping ground to help clean your bikes.

### RECREATION CLASS

There will now be a Score Course option in the Recreation class. If you have entered Recreation 2 in the Middle and Long events they will be a 60 minute and 90 minute respectively course. If you have entered in Recreation Class 1 there is no change to the course. If you wish to change to the Score Course please contact the event organiser.

### 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](mailto: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. The main gate into the club grounds needs to stay closed at all times. Please ensure you close the gate when leaving the camping area.

Campers are asked to keep the showers and toilets clean. There will be gear on site to help keep things tidy. Please take your rubbish with you.

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 and Cessnock shopping centre is only 5 minutes down the road.



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### 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.

### Enter on the Day

There will be enter on the day in the Recreation Class 2 for the Sprint only. Enter on the day is available in the Middle and Long events on the Score Course only

### 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.

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

The unit will show your SI stick battery level.

### Rule Variation

Should your SIAC Stick fail during the event you should continue the event using the punches provided at each control. Punch boxes are on each map. The finish desk will refer you to an event official who will review your situation. If the event official is satisfied that you visited all the controls on your course in the correct order you will be included in the results.

### Results

To ensure Covid 19 distancing guidelines, there will be no results display at the event. Results will be made available as soon as possible at the completion of the event.

### 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,

### Rules

The event will be conducted in accordance with MTBO competition rules. <https://orienteering.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/OA-MTBO-RULES-2019.pdf>

## 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.

### Start Procedure

A Clear unit will be placed at the entry to the start chute. Ensure that you clear your stick prior to moving to the start.

The clock at the entry to 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.

**Your name will be checked and your SI stick checked.**

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.

**All Courses will leave on their designated start time. There is no punch start.**

### 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.

### 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

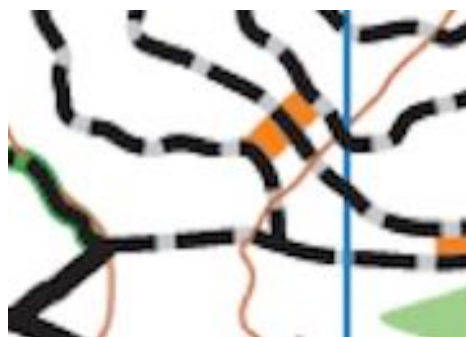
Seeking navigational aid from another competitor is prohibited. You may provide mechanical aid or spares to another competitor.

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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	—X—X—X—X—	—A—A—A—A—
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 with blue and white tape 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:** 1:10,000, Contours: 5m, Map size A3

**Location:** David St, Neath

**Organising Club:** Newcastle Orienteering

**Course Setter:** Malcolm Roberts

**Organiser:** Greg Bacon

**Course Controller:** Carolyn Matthews

**Event 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 5 minute intervals. Competitors must be at the start 10 minutes before the allocated start time.

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. With the forecast wet weather there will be several water holes to skirt around.

### Notes:

Portable toilets onsite.

Several shops and garages nearby for snacks and fast food.

Please take away your own rubbish.



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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

**Course Controller:** Nicole Haigh

**Event 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 1 minute intervals.

Two starters at a time.

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.

### NOTES

There will be a map insert at a scale of 1:5,000 to enlarge a section of the map with a dense single track network. Use the insert to navigate to the controls.

There is an untimed leg between controls 101 and 102 on all courses. This is to allow time to lift your bike over a 500mm fence and cross a quiet suburban street. One minute will be allowed to complete this leg. The time taken to complete this leg, up to a maximum of 60 seconds will be deducted from your total course time. An official will be stationed at Control 101 to assist riders lift their bike over the fence if necessary

Tall fences are un-crossable.

A low post and wire fence surrounds most of the forest access.

Crossing points are marked on the map where you may lift your bike over the fence. Some tracks lead to openings in the fence. These are not marked with a crossing point.

The rideable link symbol (Orange Track) is used to show that it is allowed to cross from one single track to another. These areas will be shown on the ground with Blue/White tape.

### FINISH

From the finish you must keep to the north side of the main road and return to the registration area to download.

**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.





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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:** 1:10,000, 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

**Course Controller:** Michael Roylance

**Event Controller:** Andrew Power

### COURSE NOTES

The map has a lot of single track and some of the lesser used tracks have seen a reasonable amount of regrowth after the wet summer the area has experienced. It is recommended that competitors wear glasses, long sleeves and gloves to protect from overhanging spiky bushes.

All orange link tracks shown on the map are marked with either red & white or blue & white tape. None of the rideable open forest areas (black dots) are marked with tape.

The start is 1.6km from the event centre along a marked route to the south of the main bitumen road and then into the bush. The main road is part of the course so riders must stay on the track on the south side of the road. The start area is quite small and there is no room for warming up. All warming up is to be done on the main road to the east of the event centre. The main road to the west of the event centre forms part of the competition area and is out of bounds.

There is a locked gate on the main road at the bridge over the creek. The cycle path north of the road has some bollards to stop cars but they do not impede cyclists. The cycle path is a valid route choice for some courses.

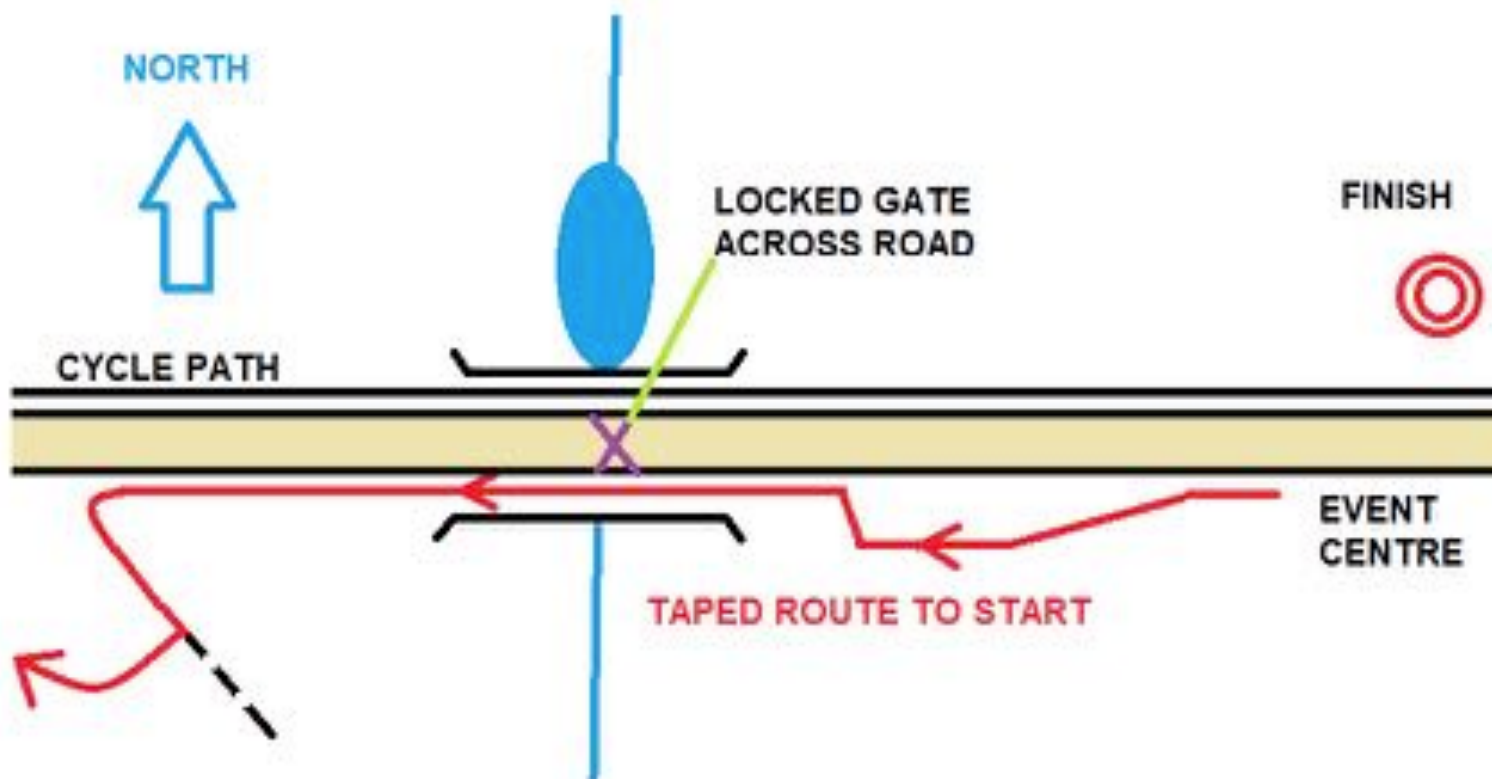
**Directions:** From Leggett's Drive south of Pelew main, turn right into industrial estate. Parking on verge east of event centre.

Please follow parking Marshall directions.

**Starts:** From 1.00pm at 2 minute intervals.

The start is approximately 1.6 k east of the event centre. The finish is near the event centre.

### DIRECTIONS TO START



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## LONG DISTANCE COURSE DETAILS

COURSE	CLASSES	Km	Contr ols
1	M21	27	20
2	M20, M40, M50, W21	25	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

**Course Controller:** Shane Jenkins

**Event Controller:** Andrew Power

**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! Some of the water hazards have taped tracks around the hazard. Look for blue and white tape at the less visible track entries. Most of the overgrowth on the tracks have been cut back.

**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.

### Track Difficult/Walk

Exclamation Mark on track



### Open land/Scattered trees

