



2023 OCEANIA ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS JANUARY 7 - 12 TASMANIA AUSTRALIA



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Introduction

You are invited to participate in the Oceania Orienteering Championships carnival, including three World Ranking Events (WRE) and National Orienteering League (NOL) Events in Sprint Distance, Middle Distance and Long Distance, to be held in Tasmania, Australia from January 7 - 12, 2023.

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Venue: North-eastern Tasmania - Launceston and St Helens.

Event Program (incl. IOF World Ranking Events)

DAY	DATE	EVENT	VENUE & MAP	CONTROLLER	PLANNER
Sat	7 Jan	Oceania Sprint Championships WRE and NOL	Launceston University of Tasmania, Newnham	Paul Pacqué	Kim Nankervis
Sun	8 Jan	Model Event Rest Day	St Helens Bosses Rocks	Wayne Griggs	Helena Griggs
Mon	9 Jan	Oceania Long Distance Championships WRE and NOL	St Helens Bells Marsh	Clare Hawthorne	Greg Hawthorne
Wed	11 Jan	Oceania Middle Distance Championships WRE and NOL	St Helens Hunt Tin Mine	Lindsay Pender	Warwick Moore
Thu	12 Jan	Oceania Relay Championships	St Helens Golden Fleece	Randall Hope	David Marshall

NOTE

The Hobart Shorts, a series of short events based in and around Hobart from Sunday January 15 – Wednesday January 18, 2023 is after the Oceania Championships to enable you to extend your stay in Tasmania.



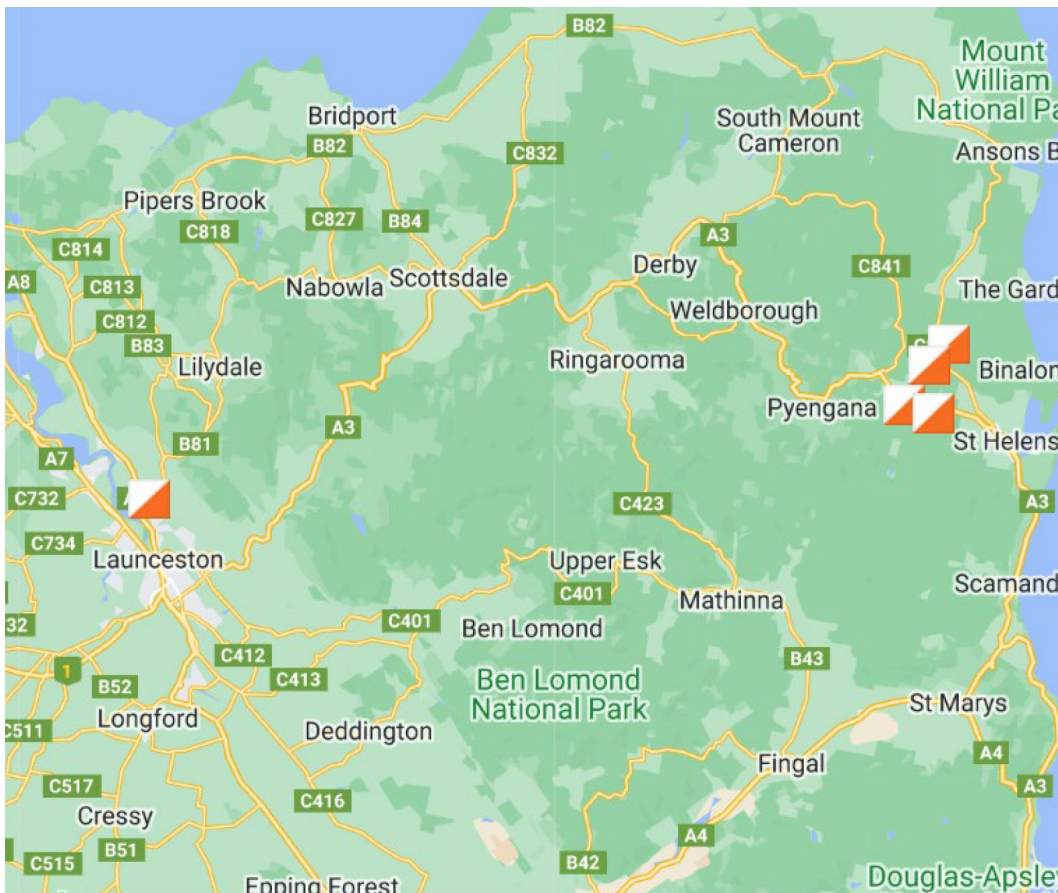
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Restrictions

For health and safety reasons, any competitor who is experiencing the symptoms of Covid-19 will not be permitted to participate.

Competition Venues

These are identified on the map of north east Tasmania below.



Embargoed Areas

In the lead up to the Oceania Championships the following areas are embargoed until January 12 2023 (except to attend the OOC2023 events themselves). These embargoes are in accordance with the IOF Rules. This means these areas may not be used for training purposes (including scouting the areas). Anyone breaking any embargo will be disqualified from competing at the relevant event. If you need to visit any of the embargoed areas for any reason please contact us.



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Oceania Sprint Distance: The University of Tasmania, Launceston Campus.

No reconnoitring or training including training with an existing orienteering map of the campus is permitted. Other activities including other sports events within the campus are permitted. The relevant old map is known as University of Tasmania – Launceston.

Oceania Long Distance: NEW Area! Bells Marsh Forest Reserve, Tasmania,

From the gate off Hodges Road to the west, along Bells Marsh Track to Ansons Bay Road in the east, all the terrain south to the Georges River and east to the private land at Priors. All training and hiking around the area (i.e. scouting the area) is forbidden.

Oceania Middle Distance: NEW Area! Ericksons Road, Goshen Tasmania,

From a point 41°18'S, 148° 7'E south to the junction with Argonaut Road at 41°19'S, 148° 7'E and terrain extending 2 km either side of that length of road. All training and walking around the area (i.e. scouting the area) is forbidden.

Oceania Relay: Argonaut Road, St Helens, Tasmania,

3 km to north and 3 km to south of the road, from a point 41°19'S, 148° 8'E (quarry access road) in the west to 41°18'S, 148° 9'E (moonscape) in the east. No reconnoitring or training including training with one of the existing Golden Fleece maps of the area is permitted.



This is the section of the Golden Fleece map embargoed for the Oceania Relay.





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World Ranking Events

Oceania Sprint Championship

This event will be held at the University of Tasmania campus at Newnham, Launceston. First start at 13:00.

Terrain:	University campus with areas of parkland, ornamental gardens and detailed buildings.
Map Scale:	1:4000
Contour Interval:	2.5m
Target Time:	12 – 15 minutes

Oceania Middle Distance Championship

This event will be held on a new map located west of St Helens.

Terrain:	The terrain has a mix of tin mining and undulating spur gully with some granite detail. The eucalypt forest is generally open but recovery from a bushfire several years ago has started to impact visibility and runnability in some areas. Marsh areas are generally runnable and the tea tree along the creek is passable but thicker pockets may be encountered. Three dangerous pits exist on the map marked by a black pit symbol and flagged by hazard tape in the terrain.
Clothing:	Full body clothing is advised.
Map Scale:	1:10000 or 1:7500
Contour Interval:	2.5m
Target Time:	35 minutes

Oceania Long Distance Championship

This event will be held on a new map located northwest of St Helens.

Terrain:	Undulating to steep gully spur with moderate granite cover. Generally open eucalypt forest with thicker tea tree pockets along creeks and some gullies, where it is mapped as Vegetation: fight. There is a small area of tin-mining terrain on the map.
Clothing:	Full body clothing is advised.
Map Scale:	1:10000
Contour Interval:	5m
Target Time:	70 minutes (Women) and 90 minutes (Men)

Other Events

Competitors in World Ranking Events are welcome to enter the Oceania Relay Championships (mass start at 09:30) and The Hobart Shorts centred on Tasmania's capital Hobart in the week following the Oceania Championships.



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Punching System

The SPORTident and SPORTident Air+ systems will be used for all events.

Training Opportunities

Training maps for World Ranking Events will be available from 1 September 2022.

Oceania Sprint Championship (WRE): Windsor Park Precinct 1:5000 2.5m contours.

Oceania Middle and Oceania Long Championships (WREs): Maps in the St Helens area: Littlechild Creek, Livelys Bog, 1:10,000 or 1:15,000 maps, 5m contours.

Maps will be available at the Event Centres or upon request from Roger Harlow for all registered runners and officials. Please contact Roger on 0417 684 463 or email rogerharlow@gmail.com.

Event Classes

Classes offered in the Oceania/World Ranking Events are those specified in the IOF Competition Rules. There will be limited enter on the day courses.

Entries

Entries are only available via the Australian Eventor online entry system at the following location:

[Eventor Australia - Event Calendar for Oceania Championships and The Hobart Shorts](#)

Entries close on December 2nd 2022 for standard entries. Check the event web site for the Entry Fees (in Australian Dollars) and Refund Policy at the following location:

<https://oceania2023.tasorienteeing.asn.au/entry>

Eventor will not allow you to enter without paying the entry fees, so entry fees must be paid at the time of entry.

Weather and Climate

The weather in Tasmania in January is generally mild to warm. The average mean overnight minimum for the region is 12 C and the daily maximum is 23 C. However, warmer and colder days are possible. The average number of rain days for January is 6 and the mean monthly rain 55mm.





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Travel to and within Tasmania

Tasmania can be reached by air on direct flights from Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane and on limited flights from Auckland (NZ).

Alternatively, you can come by ferry on the Spirit of Tasmania.

There is no suitable public transport to the event areas so competitors will need to hire a vehicle. Due to Covid-19 hire cars are in short supply so book early. We have an arrangement with AutoRent for hire of camper options. They will give orienteers a 10% discount on campervan hire if you quote the code word ORIENT. Details are available on our website.

Travel to Australia – Visas

Citizens of some countries require a visa. Information about applying for a visa can be found at the following web site. <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600>

Accommodation

There are various alternatives available for accommodation in both Launceston and St Helens, ranging from camping to cabins, to hotel rooms. The events will be held during the Tasmanian summer holiday period when accommodation is usually heavily booked. We advise you to book accommodation well in advance.

Food

St Helens and Launceston have a variety of eateries including take away venues and restaurants. All event arenas are near towns where food is available.



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