

Orienteering Queensland
Long and Middle Distance Championships 2023
Bulletin #1

The Orienteering Queensland (OQ) Long and Middle Distance Championships will be held over the May day long weekend in 2023. This document provides preliminary information for competitors.

The event will be held in Wongi State Forest west of Maryborough. The area was first used for the Australian Orienteering Championships carnival in 2008 on maps created by Eric Andrews. A section was again used for the 2011 Queensland Orienteering Championships with map updates by Geoff Peck. The area for the 2023 event was last used in 2014.

Event Dates:

Saturday 29 April: Long Distance Championships Day 1 (starts from 12:30pm)
Sunday 30 April: Long Distance Championships Day 2 (starts from 9:00am)
Monday 1 May: Middle Distance Championships (starts from 9:00am)

Location:

Area: Wongi State Forest, west of Maryborough
Map: *Cabbage Tree Mountain* 1:10,000, 5m contours

Key Personnel:

Event Coordinator: Tim McIntyre
Mapping: Geoff Peck

Long Distance Championships (Ugly Gully)

Organiser: Fran Powell
Controller: Brendan Henry
Setter (Day 1): Tim McIntyre
Setter (Day 2): Trent Blinco

Middle Distance Championships (Sunshine Orienteers)

Organiser: Brendan Henry
Controller: Tim McIntyre
Setter: Eric Smyth

Directions:

The event area is accessed along the Maryborough Biggenden Rd. Head west along the Maryborough Biggenden Rd from the intersection with the Bruce Highway just north of the Mary River in Maryborough. From this roundabout, proceed about 28 km towards Biggenden. Just after crossing Cloudy Creek, turn right into the Forest (signposted) and follow the forestry track into the area. Park as directed.

There will be a short uphill walk of around 300-500 m to the registration and assembly area. Follow streamers from the northern end of the parking area. Note that areas to the west of the forestry access road, apart from along the streamers, are STRICTLY out of bounds. Warm-up areas will be advertised for each day.

Accommodation in Maryborough is recommended – see suggestions later in this document.

Course lengths:

The following table provides the course/class combination that will be used for all days (note that AS classes are not offered in the Middle Distance Championships. Preliminary course lengths (in kilometres) are also provided – these are subject to change. Winning times will be set according to the Orienteering Australia Competition Rules. Day 1 will have winning times of 60-80% of winning times for a single day event, while winning times for Day 2 will be 80-100% of single day winning times. The winning times for the Middle Distance Championships will be 30-35 minutes except for the Easy course (distance around 2 km) and the Very Easy course (distance around 1.5 km).

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1	Hard	M21A	7.1	11.0	5.0
2	Hard	M20A, M35A	5.6	8.0	4.7
3	Hard	W21A, M45A	4.7	7.5	4.3
4	Hard	W20A, W35A, M16A, M21AS	4.2	6.0	3.8
5	Hard	W45A, W21AS, M55A, M20AS, M35AS	3.1	5.5	3.4
6	Hard	W55A, W20AS, W35AS, M65A, M45AS	2.9	4.5	3.0
7	Hard	W16A, W65A, W45AS, M75A, M55AS+, Op Hard	2.4	3.5	2.5
8	Hard	W75A, W85A+, W55AS+, M85A+	1.6	2.5	2.0
9	Mod	M14A, Open Moderate Long	2.3	4.0	3.0
10	Mod	W14A, Open Moderate Short	1.9	2.8	2.5
11	Easy	W12A, M12A, Open Easy	1.5	2.0	2.0
12	VE	W10A, M10A, M/W10N, Open Very Easy	1.2	1.5	1.5

Entry and Starts:

Pre-entry through Eventor is required (there will be no enter-on-the-day). Entries close at midnight on Thursday 20th April. Pre-allocated start times will be advertised on Eventor early in the week of the event. Entrants needing split start times for child minding reasons should contact the event coordinator (see below).

Technology:

The event will use Sportident for timing. SI-air will be enabled. Hire sticks are available.

Map and Control Descriptions:

The map scale will be 1:10,000 for all courses. Maps will be printed on waterproof paper. Control descriptions will be printed on the map and be available on paper at the pre-start. IOF symbols will be used for all Hard courses. English Descriptions will be used for the Easy and Very Easy courses. For the Moderate courses, English descriptions will be printed on the map and IOF symbols will be available on paper at the pre-start.

Social and Catering:

There will be no on-site catering – please BYO (water will be provided). A dinner is planned for the Saturday evening (Day 1) in Maryborough.

Enquiries:

All enquiries should be directed to the event coordinator, Tim McIntyre:

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Phone: 0403 123 242

Accommodation options and links

Wallace Motel & Caravan Park.

22 Ferry St Maryborough

<http://wallacecaravanpark.com.au/contact-us/>

RV Park at the Wharf

<https://www.thewharfmaryborough.com/>

Susan River Homestead

4121 6846

<https://susanriver.com/>

Hervey Bay Camping Guide

<https://www.australiantraveller.com/qld/fraser-coast/hervey-bay/hervey-bay-camping-guide/>

Hervey Bay – Fraser Coast Tourist Park

<https://www.frasercoastholidaypark.com.au/>

There are also a variety of motels in Maryborough – use your preferred search engine/booking site to select.

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