



Multi Terrain Bike Orienteers

Bald Hills Sprint MTBO

Sunday 16th July 2023

Special Rules for this event

- Nothing special this time

Important Points

- Mobile phones, including smartphones, may be carried for emergency use only. They must not be visible whilst riding and are not to be used during the event for navigation.
- GPS-enabled devices may be used during the event, provided they don't display a map or breadcrumb trail. If in doubt about your device ask the Organiser.
- There'll be a Dance School operating near the assembly area, so please stay alert for young children, pedestrians and vehicles. Be courteous and ride safely around them.

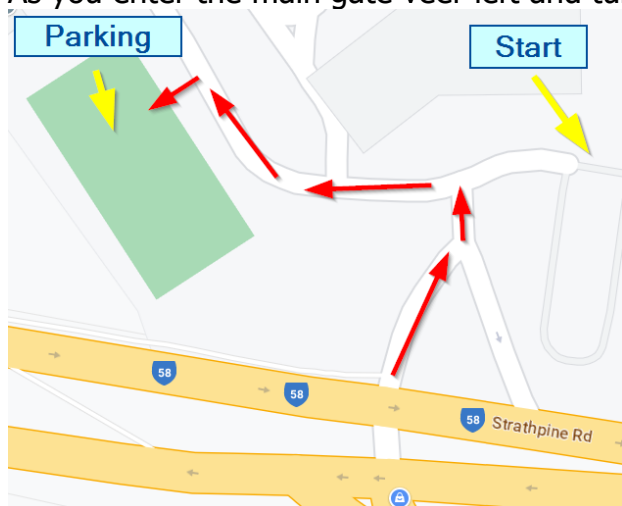


Road Directions:

The main gate into the campus is at 34 Strathpine Rd, Bald Hills.
Google Maps link - <https://goo.gl/maps/LcWiEGRobmRuTWPUA>

Parking

As you enter the main gate veer left and turn left into the car park.



Registration

The registration desk will open at 8:30 am.

All competitors are required to go to registration to confirm their entry details and make any outstanding payments. If you hired a SPORTIDENT stick or mapboard we'll issue them at registration.

For newcomers, basic instruction will also be available if needed, just ask one of our club members at registration.

A small quantity of MTBO Club map boards will be available for hire at registration for \$10 (free for MTBO Club members). It makes all the difference to have your map on your handlebars.

Directions to the Start

The start line will be adjacent to the upper carpark. It's uphill to the east from the car parking and registration area. Look for the Start flags.

Terrain

The St Paul's campus is an education facility with complex buildings, open sporting fields, mown grass tracks and 2 pump track circuits. The whole area is fairly flat with only minor slope.

Map

Scale and Contour Interval

Courses 1-4, Score and Scatter will be A3 size. Scale 1:3000. Contour interval 2.5 metres.

Course 5 will be A4. Scale 1:3000. Contour interval 2.5 metres.

Timing

8.30	Rego opens
8:45	Start Opens
9.30	Start Closes
12.00	Courses Close

Key Personnel

Course planner: Fiona Crossley

Organiser: Craig Steffens 0418871193 info@mtbo.com.au

Courses

For courses 1-5, you must get the controls in the order specified on the map (Start, 1, 2, 3... Finish).

Course to Class mapping

Name	Age groups	Length (km)	Controls
1	M21, WOL, E-bike, Long	7.9	26
2	W21, M20, M40, M50	6.7	25
3	W20, W40, M60, Medium	6.1	21
4	W16, W50, M16, M70	5.0	17
5	W14, W60, W70, M14, Short	3.4	15
Score	Social individual riders or groups	30 min	
Scatter	Social individual riders or groups	31 controls	

Course Closure

Courses close at 12:00 pm. If you have not finished your course by this time, please abandon it and return to the Finish control and then the Download Desk.

Scoring

For the Score class, there will be a number of controls on the map that may be visited in any order. The aim is to accumulate the maximum number of points and return within the given time limit by visiting the most controls. Each control is worth 50 points.

In the event that more than one rider visits all the controls, the winner will be the rider that returns in the quickest time.

20 points will be deducted for each minute, or part of minute after the course finish time up to the time the rider punches a "Finish" control. Riders finishing more than 30 minutes after the course finish time will have all points deducted. There are no extra points for finishing before the finish time.

Out of Bounds Areas

Some grassy playing surfaces are roped off and are Out of Bounds to riders.

Map Notes

Areas on the map shown with the Rough Open symbol are thick grass about 30cm high and are not worth riding on. Rough Open land is 'not-rideable' under the rules, but we sometimes allow it on an event-by-event basis. For this event Rough Open is OOB and you wouldn't want to ride it at this site anyway.

There are tracks onsite used for cross country foot races. There are many coloured poles and also orange flagging tape on these poles. These have no navigational bearing on our event and can be ignored.

There are many sets of stairs around the site, stay alert for them and ride within your abilities.

Rules

The Australian MTBO rules shall apply to this event.

All competitors are urged to read and understand these rules. Some key items include:

- All competitors must wear bike helmets.
- Competitors must stay on the tracks marked on the competition map. If terrain or road conditions force the rider to dismount, they must carry the bike on a marked track. No off-road shortcuts through the bush are permitted.
- Competitors on normal courses must visit the control sites in sequential order. Check the control number on the marker is the same as the one on your map before punching.
- Competitors must not become separated from their bike during a competition, unless through injury or mechanical failure.
- Courtesy and sensible behaviour are expected when mountain bike riders encounter walkers, runners, horseback riders, land-owners, forestry workers, or logging vehicles during an event.
- Competitors and officials must avoid disturbing local flora, fauna and stock at the event and respect the local environment.
- Practice and observe the rules of the road – keep to the left on roads and tracks.
- Approach all track/road crossings, corners and hillcrests with caution.
- Ride defensively and in control at all times.
- Give way to faster riders wishing to pass on narrow tracks.
- Riders going downhill should give way to riders going uphill.
- Calling out to other riders, sharing information about control locations, or seeking assistance with regards to your location, will bring instant disqualification. If you see or hear any of this behaviour, report this to the organiser.
- Give assistance to injured competitors on the course. Organisers may give a restart or organiser points for the rider who gave assistance.

Map Symbols (Not to Scale)

	Road		
	Paved paths		Paved surface (tennis courts etc)
	Steps		Paved surface (paths etc)
	Vehicle track		Open
	Small footpath		Rough open
	Uncrossable boundary		Rough open scattered trees
	Small wall		Forest - easy running
	Uncrossable fence		Forest - slow running
	Fence, gate		Forest - difficult to run
	Ruined fence		Vegetation - difficult to walk, impassable
	Building		Distinct tree, bush
	Canopy (passable)		Out of bounds area, do not enter
	Pile of rubbish		
	Large post		
	Playground equipment		
	Boulder, stony ground		
	Seat, bench, table		
	Contour		
	Index contour		
	Cliff		
	Earth banks		
	Creek		
	Water tap		
	Culvert, spring		
			Forbidden access (private houses, gardens etc)

SPORTident



This event will be using the SPORTIDENT Electronic timing system. SPORTIDENT sticks can be hired for a cost of \$5.00 per person per day. Lost hired sticks will be charged to the competitor at the full replacement cost of \$95.00.

SPORTIDENT use on the Course

We'll be using 'long range' units with a detection field of approximately 1.5 m.

If a SPORTIDENT unit at a control point malfunctions you must use the red pin punch at the control to mark your map. Failure to do this will result in a DNF being recorded. Finish officials will need to sight your punched map, to confirm that you have completed the course.

Control Flags

Standard orange and white control flags will be suspended on pickets with an SPORTIDENT unit and red pin punch (for use if the control units fails). The control identification number will be on the SPORTIDENT unit. This will match up with the control number on the map. If you accidentally punch the wrong control, continue on to your correct control and proceed as normal. Punching a control more than once will not gain you any extra points.

Clear & Check

It is important to remember to "clear" and "check" your SPORTIDENT stick prior to starting, to delete previous event information stored on it. Special "Clear" and "Check" units will be positioned in the pre-start area of each event. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that they have the correct SPORTIDENT stick and that it is cleared of previous race data before they start. If you do not clear your SPORTIDENT stick it may not have enough memory to record all your controls.

Water

Everyone is urged to drink plenty of water before starting their ride. Please bring your own water for use before, during and after the event. No water will be available in the assembly area.

Facilities

The toilets are a short ride from the assembly area. To find it, follow the orange tapes.

Start

After you register, you can start whenever you're ready.

There are no pre allocated start times. You may start at any time during the starting window.

Note: you must Clear and Check your SPORTIDENT Air stick. There will be a Test unit after the Clear and Check to test your SPORTIDENT Air stick has turned on.

Tip: we use a pre-recorded announcement to give you safety warnings and tell you when you can pick up your map, so listen to it carefully!

After you've been given the start signal, you may choose to spend a few minutes deciding on which route to follow. Just move aside so you don't obstruct other starters.

TIP: take it slow to your first control point, to get a feel for how the scale of the map relates to actual distances on the ground.

Note: you're unable to change courses at the start. Do this at Registration beforehand.

SPORTIDENT Air Check

There will be a SPORTIDENT Air Test unit after the Clear and Check units to test your SPORTIDENT Air stick.

Finish

At the finish, riders must punch or wave one of the "Finish" controls to end their event and record a finish time. After punching the finish control, proceed to the download desk to download your results and receive your time. If you have a hired SPORTIDENT stick, we'll retrieve it from you. If you hired a mapboard this will also be recovered. Riders who finish more than 30 minutes after the official course closure time will be disqualified.

For safety reasons, all riders must report to the finish and then the download tent to indicate they have returned safely, irrespective of what time they return, to avoid search and rescue procedures.

DO NOT GO HOME WITHOUT DOWNLOADING.

Tip: The Finish control turns off your SPORTIDENT Air stick, so you must go there to end your ride.

Safety

Hazards on the course may include: -

- fallen trees and branches
- potholes and logs hidden in long grass
- erosion gullies
- Domestic and native wildlife
- Vehicles
- Other site users

For any serious medical emergency call Triple Zero (or 112 if you don't have reception from your usual mobile carrier).

If you encounter an injured rider, you **MUST** abandon your course and render whatever assistance you can. Send another rider back to registration for assistance, if possible. Mobile phone coverage may be limited on the course and assembly area. The emergency contact at the assembly area is 0418 871 193.

A first-aid kit will be available in the assembly area for emergencies. There will also be a trained first-aider in the assembly area.

Hazards on this course may include fallen trees, potholes, long grass, wildlife, horse riders, motor bike riders, vehicles and trucks on public roads, and 4WD's. Please keep alert and ride to the conditions. You must obey all road rules.

We recommend and use the Emergency + App, to assist Emergency Services to locate you:



Emergency Plus app

'Emergency +' is a national app developed by Australia's emergency services and their Government and industry partners, helping people to call the right number at the right time, anywhere in Australia. ... Triple Zero calls are free.

Android - https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.threesixtyentertainment.nesn&hl=en_AU

Apple - <https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/emergency/id691814685?mt=8>

Event Results

Placings, Split Times and Replays will be available in Eventor and our club website shortly after the event... www.mtbo.com.au

QLD MTBO State Series Points

For all the details of this series, visit the series page - <https://oq.orienteering.asn.au/mtbo-state-series>

TIP: State Series Points are published on the MTBO Club Results page - www.mtbo.com.au



Need a mapboard? MIRY mapboards with 30x30cm decks and 31.8 or 35mm clamps will be on sale Ask for Craig Steffens at registration or call 0418871193.

Anything Else?

Contact Craig Steffens 0418871193

