



AUSTRALIAN ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARMIDALE NSW 2024

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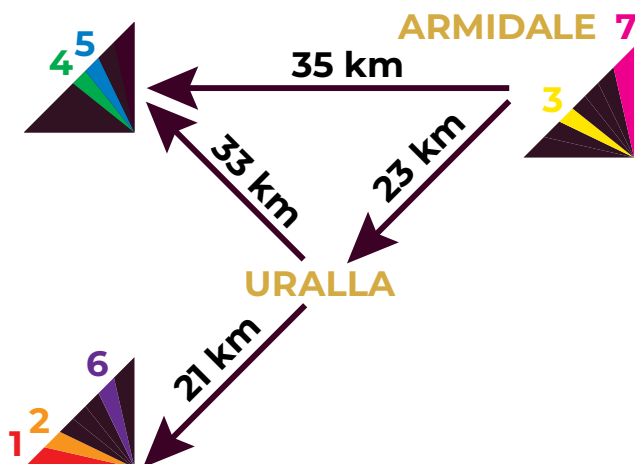
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INVITATION

Students from all of Australia and New Zealand are invited to compete in the 2024 Australian Schools Orienteering Championships (ASOC) as part of the Australian Orienteering Championships carnival - AOC 2024. The carnival will be held at Armidale NSW & is organized by Orienteering New South Wales in conjunction with Orienteering Australia.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday 27 Sept	Arrival of teams to New England Girls School (NEGS) late afternoon	Armidale
Saturday 28 Sept	1 AUSTRALIAN MIDDLE DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP	"Glenburnie"
Sunday 29 Sept	2 AUSTRALIAN RELAY CHAMPIONSHIP	"Glenburnie"
Monday 30 Sept	Rest day	
Tuesday 1 Oct	3 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP	The Armidale School
Wednesday 2 Oct	4 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS LONG DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP	"Pine Tree"
Thursday 3 Oct	5 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS RELAY CHAMPIONSHIP	"Pine Tree"
Thursday 3 Oct	Presentation evening	
Friday 4 Oct	Rest day	
Saturday 5 Oct	6 AUSTRALIAN LONG DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP	"Glenburnie"
Sunday 6 Oct	7 AUSTRALIAN SPRINT DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP	University of New England
Sunday 6 Oct	Departure of teams	





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ARRIVAL

Teams should travel to Armidale on Friday 27th September and aim to arrive at their accommodation at NEGS by late afternoon. Early arrival will allow teams to settle into rooms & have a group dinner. NB: It is suggested that teams hire a mini bus in Brisbane, Newcastle or Sydney & drive to Armidale. Driving time from Brisbane & Newcastle is approximately 5.5 hours. Drive time from Sydney is approximately 5.75 hours.

DEPARTURE

Departure will be on Sunday morning October 6th. Checkout from NEGS will be after breakfast & before leaving for the final day's event.

TRANSPORT

Teams will be able to park minibuses at NEGS and use them to transport the teams to & from each event. All events will be accessible to 2-wheel drive vehicles unless very wet.

ENTRIES

Details will follow in 2024 about entry processes and dates.

START DRAW

The opening ceremony and the start draw for the ASOC sprint and individual events will take place on Monday 30th September at the team accommodation. This will be a public event so athletes are welcome to invite family & friends.

ACCOMMODATION

All Australian & New Zealand teams, managers & coaches will be staying in the boarding school at NEGS, Armidale for the entire week of the Championships. Teams must provide their own linen (or sleeping bag), pillows & towels. Rooms vary in size from single rooms to bunk rooms. Managers and coaches will have their own rooms and bathrooms.

The grounds are extensive and teams will be able to access sporting facilities & the multifunction centre. Teams are NOT allowed to use the swimming pool.

MEALS

All meals except Schools Presentation Dinner, including a hot breakfast, lunch & dinner will be provided by NEGS. All dietary requirements will be catered for.





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COSTS

At this stage we are able to provide preliminary costs, however based on final numbers this may change. Current estimate per head is approximately \$1,100 including ASOC levy. Team management must also take into account bus costs, fuel and various tourist opportunities on the rest days away from the competition.

MORE ASOC 2024 INFORMATION

More information about ASOC, including competition rules and event history, is available on the Orienteering Australia website:

<https://orienteering.asn.au/index.php/australian-schools-championships/>

MORE AOC 2024 INFORMATION

For more information on the 2024 AOC carnival, including competition areas, embargoes & public events etc; AOC 2024 website

aoc2024.com.au

WEATHER FOR ARMIDALE, NSW

The average daytime temperature range in Armidale in October is 7°C – 21°C. Average rainfall for the month is 52mm.

REST DAYS

Monday & Friday are designated rest days. If competitors want to explore the activities on offer around Armidale some suggestions are:

- Explore any of the 17 National Parks accessible from Armidale
- Visit the Armidale Aboriginal Cultural Centre & Keeping Place
- Use the O map of NEGS for a training session
- Use NEGS Multifunction Centre & outdoor courts for sports activities

PRESENTATION EVENING

The presentation evening, including the announcement of the Australian Honour Team and formal dinner will be held on Thursday 3rd October- venue TBC. Guests- parents, family and friends will be welcome to attend the presentation.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

Throughout the week there will be social activities at NEGS or in Armidale involving all athletes. Team staff will be required to supervise & possibly transport athletes to & from the event depending on location.

COVID CONSIDERATIONS

ASOC 2024 will have COVID plans in place including policy for refunds and alternative arrangements in the event of teams being impacted by COVID19 and associated travel and legal limitations. We hope this won't be necessary, but we assure all teams that appropriate measures will be taken to ensure as little inconvenience as possible if issues do arise. The safety of our athletes, coaches, managers, and community is our utmost priority.



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ONSW acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which the 2024 AOC & 2024 ASOC will be held. We pay our respects to their elder's past, present and emerging of the Anaiwan and Kamilaroi people.

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