

# MELBOURNE CITY RACE, NOVEMBER 19 2023

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Map: Docklands, 2019, updated 2023. Scale 1:5000

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Classes: Choose any of five Line courses (visit controls in numerical order).

Note that actual distances will be longer than “red line” distances shown.

Classes	Distance	Difficulty	No of Controls	Multi Level
Men 1, Women 1	10 km	Hard	28	Yes
Men 2, Women 2	7.9 km	Hard	26	Yes
Men 3, Women 3	5.3 km	Hard	19	Yes
Men 4, Women 4	4.0 km	Moderate	17	Yes
Men 5, Women 5	3.5 km	Easy	12	No

All courses will cross Harbour Esplanade in the vicinity of Marvel Stadium. There are numerous places to cross safely with traffic lights, and Sunday morning traffic will be light.

Start times: Choose your own start time from 11am-12pm. Registration open from 10.30am. Pre-start, Start and Finish are all in close proximity to the Arena.

Entry: Online entry and payment strongly preferred, via Eventor. Opportunities to enter on the day will be very limited, subject to map availability. Online entry closes on Wednesday 15 November, and this deadline will NOT be extended. [Enter here](#). Entry fees: \$16 adults, \$8 juniors (u21).

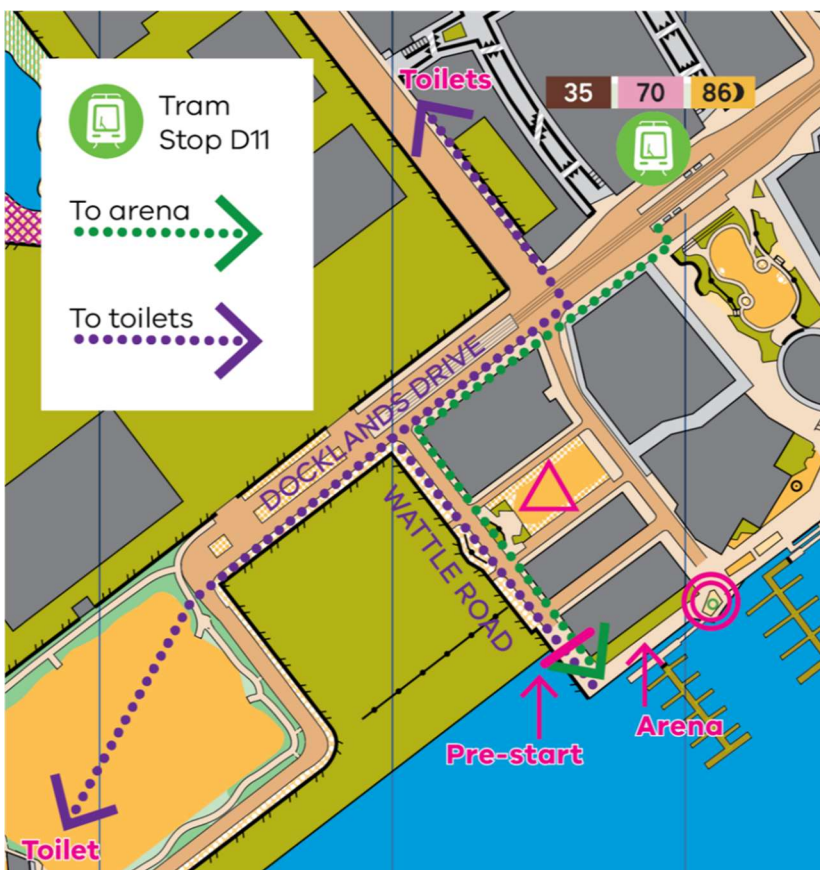
**ALL PRE-ENTERED COMPETITORS GO INTO OUR AMAZING PRIZE DRAW – BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER!!!**

Electronic timing: Sportident controls will be in AIR (contactless punching mode). Please enter with a SIAC stick if you have one. If you don't own an SI stick, you can collect one from Registration on arrival.

Prizes: Each class winner will receive a prize, and placegetters will receive a certificate. Presentations and random draw will be held at approx. 1pm.

Arena: New Quay Promenade, far west end (between Wattle Road and Pearl River Road), Docklands. See diagram.

Getting there: We STRONGLY advise taking public transport, as parking in this area is extremely limited. From Spencer Street, outside Southern Cross Station, take tram 86 to Stop D11 – journey time 10-15 mins. Trams routes 35 and 70 also go to this stop.



Southern Cross or Flagstaff Stations are a 20-25 minute walk. North Melbourne Station is a 30 minute walk, due to closure of Dudley Street and required detour.

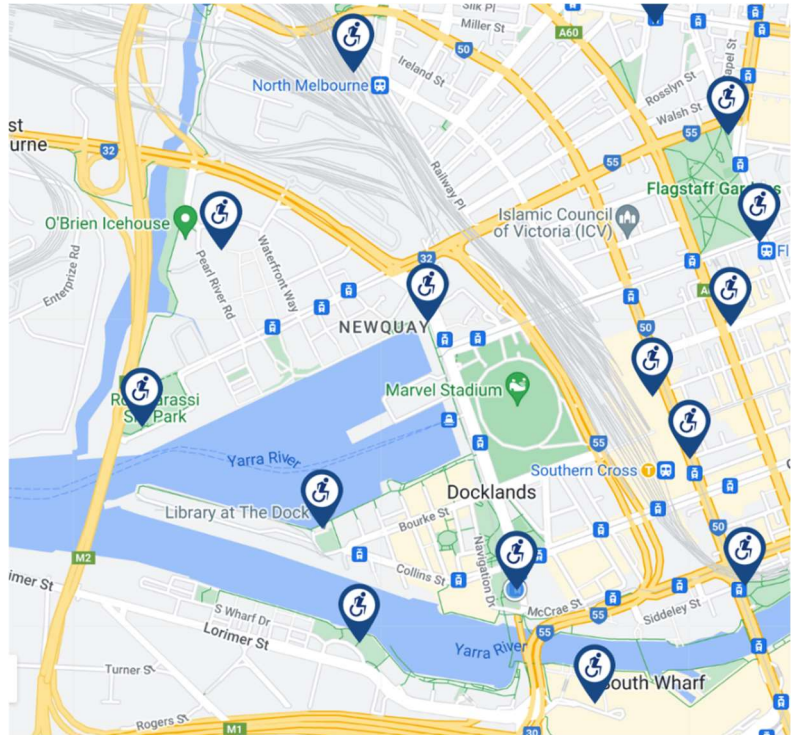
**Parking:** you may be able to park at the far western end of Ron Barassi Senior Park, under the bridge, free of charge. This is a very busy sports ground on a Sunday morning, and parking spaces are snapped up fast. The arena is a 10 minute walk from here. There is also paid parking at Northern New Quay, Docklands Drive – [click here to see their Sunday rates](#)

**Toilets:** refer to map on right, or visit <https://toiletmap.gov.au/>

**Food and Drinks:** there are dozens of cafes and restaurants in the area to enjoy afterwards, or BYO lunch and have a picnic at New Quay. You may encounter water fountains on the course, however they are not mapped. Organisers will not be providing any water on courses or at the Arena, so please carry your own if required.

**Safety:** You must obey all road rules, and cross roads only at legal crossing points. You must give way to all other road and path users – pedestrians, cyclists, drivers and others.

There is a Sunday market at the eastern end of New Quay Promenade. This area may be particularly busy with pedestrians; please take particular care.



All courses will visit The District multi-level shopping centre. Control descriptions will clearly indicate when to go up. Course 5 is all on ground level. Courses 1 - 4 have varying degrees of ups and downs.

*If you need assistance during the event, call 0409 135 020 or 0419 316 843. In an emergency, call 000.*

**When You Arrive:** Everyone must check in at Registration before starting. You will be given a Start Ticket. No ticket, no start.

**New?** Our friendly team will help you check in and register. We'll then direct you to our Newcomer crew, who will show you a sample map and explain how to read it. They'll also show you how to use your Sportident stick, which will be loaned to you; and answer any questions before you start. A copy of the map legend will be on display at Registration.

**Race Bibs:** All competitors will be provided with a souvenir Race Bib and pins. Collect yours at Registration when you check in, and wear it on the front of your upper torso.

**At the Start:** You may start any time during the 1 hour Start window. Simply join the queue for your course, and follow instructions from the Start team. Starts will be at 1 minute intervals. When it is your turn to go, you will use your Sportident stick to punch the Start punch, then pick up your map and begin your course. It is your responsibility to take the correct map. If using an SI AIR stick, the Start will be in Punch mode; all other controls, including the Finish, will be in Air mode.

On the Course: your pre-marked map will show a set of numbered control circles, joined by a line. You must navigate to each control in numerical order, before returning to the Finish. The route you take to get to each control is up to you – but you must not go Out of Bounds. The map indicates Out of Bounds areas in several different ways – see below.

The controls are small red plastic units with a hole at one end. They are either on a metal stand or wooden trestle, or firmly secured to a fixed object such as a fence, tree, light pole etc. There is an orange and white marker flag with the control.

Each control has a two-digit number on the top, which corresponds to the numbers listed in the Control Descriptions. These are printed on the maps, and you can also collect them from Registration to carry in a wrist holder. For all Hard courses, control descriptions will be Symbols. For Moderate courses, control descriptions on the map are Symbols, with an option to take a loose Text copy. For Easy courses, control descriptions are all in Text.

When you arrive at the control, check that its number matches the number you are looking for. If you punch the wrong control, you will be recorded as a “Mispunch” and not receive a race time. If you punch all your controls in the correct order, but punch one or more additional controls in error, you will be recorded as “OK” and your time will be valid (but of course the extra distance will add to your time).

To record your time at each control, insert your Sportident stick into the hole; You will hear a “beep” and the control will flash red. If using a SIAC stick, wave it over the control and listen for the beep from the stick. The tip of the stick will flash red.

There will only be one control at each location. Please wait your turn, and do not elbow or jostle other competitors out of the way. After punching, move away quickly to allow others access to the control.

Note that controls will have a tag attached to them, to identify them to members of the public.

At the Finish: All competitors must download after finishing, even if they did not complete the course. This is to ensure we know you are safely back, and we don’t need to mount a search for you!

Results: During the events, results will be uploaded to Live Results – download the LIVEOL app to your phone, and follow everyone’s progress! Official results and split times will be uploaded to Eventor and Winsplits immediately after the events. We are hoping to provide a TV screen at the arena.

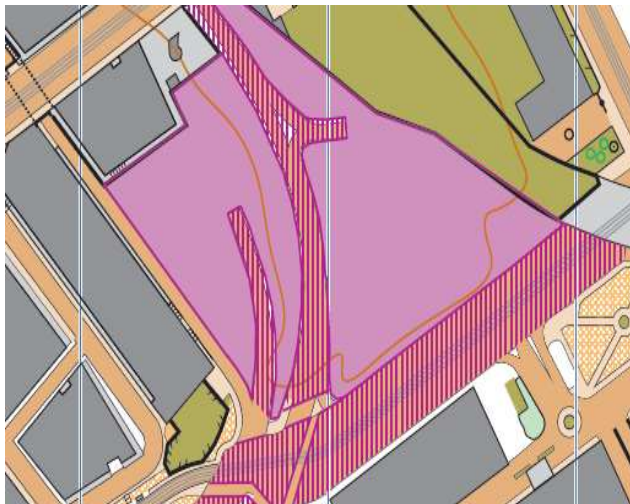
Fair Play: The Melbourne City Race is being held in a busy public area. You will be on roads and paths that are being used by members of the public. No roads or paths will be closed for the event, and all traffic signals will operate as normal. You must obey road rules, eg do not cross against red lights. Routes have been selected to minimise crossing of busy roads; but remember that this is an urban race, and all competitors are subject to “real world” conditions. Our future use of public areas for similar races depends on your safe and fair behaviour.

Areas marked as Out of Bounds on the map, will NOT be taped off. However, any competitor entering or crossing an Out of Bounds area will be disqualified. Please see below for more on Out of Bounds and Fair Play.





The following map sample shows some Out of Bounds areas:



Dark grey = buildings, cannot be entered

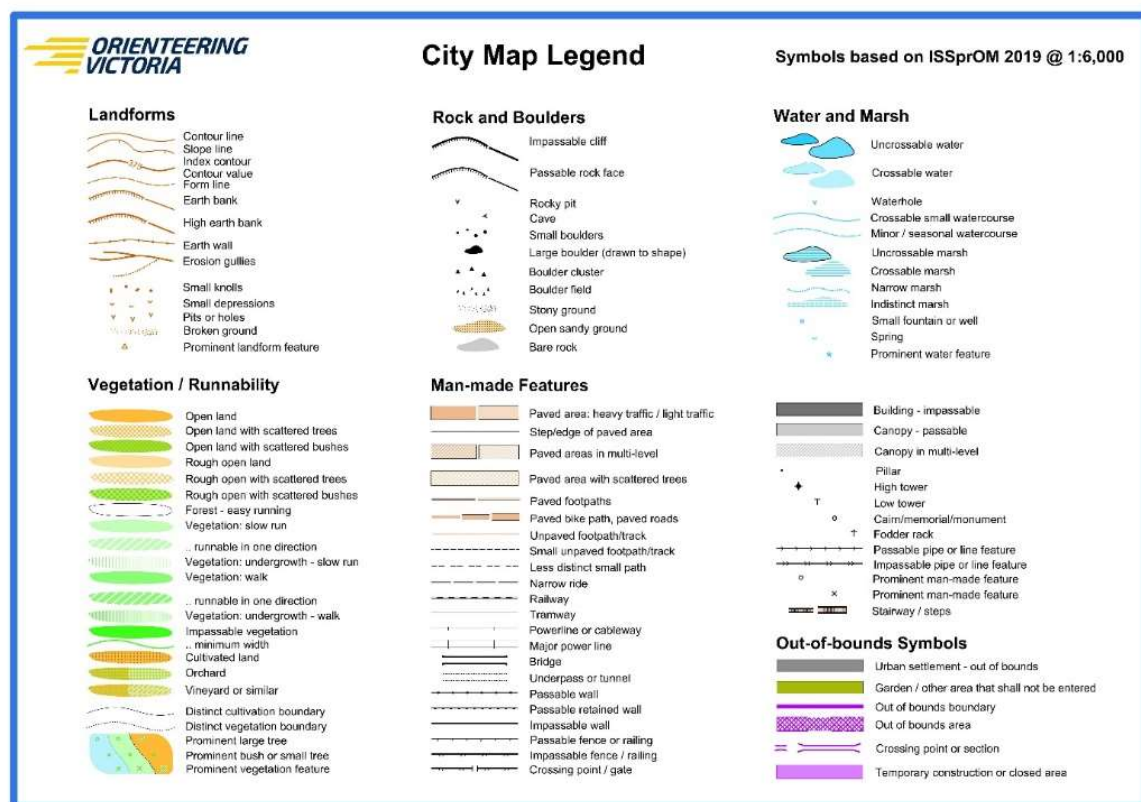
Olive green = permanently out of bounds (usually a garden or vegetated area)

Heavy black line = obstacle which cannot be crossed (high wall or fence)

Solid pink = temporary out of bounds, eg construction zone

Cross hatched pink = temporary out of bounds, eg unsafe area such as a busy road or bridge

**LEGEND:** The legend will be displayed at the arena at the Melbourne City Race.



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