

## **Ballarat Sprints/Eureka Challenge 2024 Weekend** **Saturday and Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>**

Ballarat's Eureka Orienteers are hosting 2 days of exciting sprint events on the above dates and using the following formats:

**Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024** – *two fun events on the same day in parklands and school campuses!*

**AM. Ballarat High School and Prince of Wales Park**.....10 am start

**PM. Damascus College, Mt Clear**.....2 pm start

Each Saturday event will include 4 courses. Approximate winning times on each course 15 minutes.

Course 1. ~ 3.5km

2. ~ 2.8km

3. ~ 2.0km

4. ~ 1.5km

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**Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024: "Knock Out Sprints"** for all competitors – *4 fun events in same day on university campuses!*

**AM. University of Ballarat, Mt Helen Campus.** 9:30 am start

**Event 1. Qualifying Race** with 5 courses offered with an approximate winning time of 12 minutes. All competitors can choose any of the courses below.

Course 1. Open Men 3km.

2. Open Women 2.5km

3. 2.0km

4. 1.5km

5. 1km

**Event 2. Quarter Final Race:** Other than competitors in Courses 1 and 2, all other competitors will be divided into classes based on their **km rate** from the **Qualifying Race**.

The **Mass Start** races of groups of 6 will then be held from 11:00 am, the results of which will decide the top 12 competitors to go into the afternoons A Semi Final. The second 12 will be allocated to the B Semi Final, the third 12 into the C Semi Final, etc.

Quarter Final course distances will be set for an estimated winning time in each class of approximately 9 min.

**PM. University of Ballarat, SMB Campus, Central Ballarat, 2:00 pm Start time.**

**Event 3. Semi Final Race:** 12 from each class will compete in groups of 6. The first 3 placegetters in each heat will then qualify for the A Final. The last 3 placegetters will go into a B Final.

All competitors will follow a similar format in order to qualify for A, B, C and D finals in their groups.

**Event 4. Eureka Challenge Sprint Final Race: 3:00 pm Start Time** for A, B, C and D Finals in groups of 6 for all competitors. First place finishers in all finals – both men and women – will receive Eureka Challenge awards.

Roch Prendergast, for the Eureka organising team  
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