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AUTUMN CLASSICS

2024 Wildfire Sports Autumn Classics - Bulletin 2

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National Orienteering League Round 4

ACT League Event 7 and 8

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General Information

Private Property – No Pets Allowed

These events are being held on Private Property. It is Orienteering ACT policy that there is no smoking, no littering (please take your rubbish home with you) and no pets either at assembly areas or in vehicles at orienteering events. No camping is allowed on the private properties.

The organisers ask that all participants respect the land and landowners and cause minimal disturbance. If stock is encountered, please try not to disturb them.

Clean Shoes

There are no restrictions on shoes. Please ensure you have clean shoes before arriving at each event. Clean dirt and seeds from your shoes between events.

SI-Air (SIAC) will be used for all events.

SI units will be in "beacon mode" for contactless punching but will also record a normal "punch" for other SI sticks.

The FINISH unit *must be punched* to record that you have returned.

Competitors are responsible for ensuring their presence at each control is recorded. If the SI unit at a control fails to respond, record your presence by using the manual punch in one of the reserve boxes on your map, and notify officials when you finish.

First Aid will be available in the assembly area at each event.

Catering will be provided by ACT Blue Lightning. Please patronise their tent to aid in their fundraising efforts.

Results will be displayed at each event. Online results will be available.

Running Numbers are not required. Relay Numbers for NOL teams will be available at Registration on Saturday after 1200 and on Sunday morning before 0900.

Starting Procedure for Individual races

National League competitors will have randomly allocated start times.

Enter your start lane when your start time is displayed.

Punch the "Check" unit as directed and collect control descriptions.

When directed, move forward to the map boxes. Be sure you are at the correct box.

On the final beep of the Start clock for your Start Time, pick up your map and follow tapes to the Start triangle. This will be marked with a stand and control flag but NO punch.

ACT League and other competitors will have a punching start.

Competitors should line up in their correct class lane.

Punch the "Check" unit as directed and collect control descriptions.

When directed move forward to the map boxes. Be sure you are at the correct box.

You will start at designated two-minute intervals unless otherwise determined by the Starter.

Do not look at your map until you have punched the Start Unit.

Follow the tapes to the Start triangle. This will be marked with a stand and control flag but NO punch.

Control Descriptions

Control descriptions on all maps will be in IOF international symbols.

For individual races, loose IOF symbol control descriptions will be available for all classes. In addition, Moderate, Easy and Very Easy classes will be provided loose control descriptions in English.

Maps

Maps will be printed on Pretex paper. There will be no legend on the maps.

Map size is SRA4 (just a little bigger than A4 (225mm by 320mm)).

Maps will not be collected at the finish but please respect fair play. Do not show or discuss your map with competitors who have not yet run.

Finish Procedure

You MUST return to the Finish whether you have completed your course or not.

PUNCH the finish unit and proceed to the download tent to register your return.

Enter-on-the-day

Limited entries will only be accepted for four public courses (Hard 5, Moderate 2, Easy and Very Easy) on the basis that the entries will be unofficial. EOD competitors will start after all official competitors.

Entry Fees – Senior \$20, Junior (under 21) \$10. Please bring CASH.

O-Shops will be in attendance.

National League Awards Evening: There will be a presentation of individual National League awards on the evening of Saturday 18th May, at Ainslie Football Club, 52 Wakefield Avenue, Ainslie ACT. Details here <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/20450>

Previous Maps and Embargoes: Previous maps of the areas are available to view on Eventor. Details of the embargoes are on the OACT website at [Embargoes](#).

Wee Jasper Distillery

The Wee Jasper Distillery is open Friday to Sunday 10am to 4pm.

Along with Gin and Vodka, the distillery does great coffee along with cold drinks, and provides a selection of toasties, toasted sandwiches and other cafe type food.

Details can be found here <https://www.weejasperdistillery.com.au/>

They know we are coming so please visit if you are inclined to do so.

Saturday 18th May Wildfire Autumn Classics Day 1
2024 National Orienteering League Round 4, Race #1
2024 ACT League #7



Organising Club: Abominable O-Men Event Controller: John Scown
Organiser: Ann Scown Course Planner: Matt Crane
Day Controller: Cath Chalmers

Location: Wee Jasper, NSW

Map: Cooradigbee 2024 (Carey's Cave 2018)

Scale: 1:10000, 5m contours – NOL Classes.

Scale: 1:7500, 5m contours – ACT League and other Classes.

The map has been completely redrawn since the previous version to be compliant with ISOM 2017. Notably, this includes allowing for appropriate distance between mapped features. Given the scattering of rocks in close proximity on the ground, this has led to further simplification being applied – making the map more interpretive than the previous version. The other main change since the previous version is that trees are now mapped as white areas/scattered white, except for the largest most prominent eucalypt trees, which are mapped as green circles. Some smaller bushes are mapped with the small green circle symbol.

The area was last used in August 2019.

Driving Directions:

Note: All the roads leading into Wee Jasper are narrow and twisty with blind corners. Allow plenty of time to drive with care. Travel times quoted should be treated as minimum times and it may be prudent to allow more time in case slow vehicles are encountered.

From Canberra.

Northern Route Estimated time 1 hour 40 min. Take the Barton Highway out of Canberra. Take the first exit to Yass (Yass Valley Way). Follow signs to Wee Jasper Road. Follow Wee Jasper Road for 23.7km before turning right to remain on Wee Jasper Road for a further 27.3 km. Turn right onto Caves Road. Travel 6 km to the property 'Cooradigbee'. Follow Orienteering signs and park as directed.

Southern Route Estimated time 1 hour 30 min Drive west out of Canberra on Uriarra Rd for 11.8 km. You will cross the Murrumbidgee River, proceed (to the right) onto Fairlight Road and follow it for 4.8 km. Turn right onto Mountain Creek Road and follow it for 26.4 km. Turn left onto Wee Jasper Road and follow it for 27.3 km. Turn right onto Caves Road and travel 6 km to the property 'Cooradigbee'. Follow Orienteering signs and park as directed.

From Sydney. Estimated time 4 hours. Take the Hume Highway to Yass, (don't take the M23 exit to Canberra at Goulburn.) Exit onto the Yass Valley Way. Continue on Yass Valley Way for ~10 km before turning right onto Grand Junction Road which becomes Wee Jasper Road. Follow Wee Jasper Road for 23.7 km before turning right to remain on Wee Jasper Road for a further 27.3 km. Turn right at the end onto Caves Road. Travel 6 km to the property 'Cooradigbee'. Follow Orienteering signs and park as directed.

From Wagga Wagga or Victoria. Estimated time 2 h 30 min -3 hours. There are a number of route choices from Wagga involving a variety of secondary roads, potentially dirt in places: One example would be exiting the Hume onto Gobarralong Road. Further travel information is on the Careys Cave tour website. Alternatively, if you wish to save your navigation for your orienteering and you prefer bitumen, go via Yass and follow directions as 'from Sydney'.

Parking: Is adjacent to the Assembly area.

Toilets: Are adjacent to parking.

Terrain:

Mostly open limestone karst terrain, with an intricate scattering of rock features of various shapes (sometimes linear and pointy, sometimes round and smooth), angles (some cliffs are overhanging, others slope with the hillside) and sizes (mapped boulders range from 0.5m to over 5m), as well as both positive and negative (shallow depressions, caves and steep deep holes) features. Grass cover varies from short (sheep-grazed) to ~knee high (and capable of obscuring some rock). There are a few scratchy bushes in places. Although there aren't any particularly steep or high hills (the biggest hill is 50m bottom to top), the area is deceptively undulating, so the climb does add-up. If it is wet prior to or during the event, bare rocks will be slippery.

Dangerous Pits:

There are some deep holes, sometimes vertical, sometimes into the hill. These can have small entrances that aren't easily visible until you are almost on them. Most have been mapped with the black **v** pit or cave symbol, but there are others where the opening is too small to be mapped (and we may not have found all of these!). The holes (mapped or otherwise) that we think competitors may stumble across, have been taped with red and white tape. To avoid creating too much of a beacon giving away the location of the mapped pits from afar, we have hung the tape fairly low – but with some distance to the hole to allow ample warning. Please take care and remain aware of where you are putting your feet.

Because of the nature of the terrain, it is recommended that all competitors carry a whistle for attracting attention if needed in the event of an accident.

Event Formats.

National League: Middle Distance

ACT League: Middle Distance

Course Planner's Notes:

Middle distance style orienteering. The NOL Classes and Hard 1 and Hard 2 all have a map flip. The courses are spectator friendly. The NOL courses and Hard 1 and Hard 2 all have a spectator control. M20Sport, W20Sport, Hard 3, 4 and 5, and Moderate 2 also pass nearby the finish mid-course providing opportunities for spectators to cheer/sledge as appropriate. Shorter hard courses have been planned to avoid the most dangerous rocks, but they are still rocky nonetheless. The rocks are very visible and stable, but if you are not confident on your feet and/or have unstable ankles please take care and consider your options.

Taped Routes

Very Easy and Easy courses will have some taped routes between controls. These will be marked using bunches of blue, pink and yellow streamers.

Starts:

National League Classes:

First starts from 1230.

There is no Quarantine for NOL competitors.

Public Courses:

Starts between 1200(noon) and 1400: Queuing starts by course at two-minute intervals or as determined by the Starter.

Hard 1 and Hard 2: competitors may start between 1200 and 1220 or from 1320 (1.20pm). Note that for Hard 2, this means only up to 11 out of over 30 competitors can start in the first window. If you're not in a rush and confident of finishing before courses close, please start in the later block.

The start is a taped 600m route from the assembly. Please do not stray from the route to the start. The areas on both sides of the taped route are Out-Of-Bounds. You can warm-up along the route to the start, and there is a small warm-up area to the north of the pre-start. Competitors cross the route to the start during their courses – please do not get in their way.

Courses close 1500 (3:00pm).

You must return to the Finish by 1500 whether you have completed your course or not.

Please punch the finish unit and proceed to the download tent to register your return.

Controls will be collected from this time.

Water:

Unless the weather is forecast to be unusually hot, we will not be providing any water, including on the courses. Please come prepared.

Assembly Area/Out of Bounds:

Once you arrive at the assembly area/car park area, please do not leave it other than to go to the start or departing after your run. It is surrounded by the competition area, which is all out of bounds.

There is very little/no shade or shelter in the assembly area – please be prepared for sun or rain.



Course/Class Detail:

Class	Distance km	Climb m	No. of Controls	Map Flip	Scale
M21E	6.4	270	27	Yes	1:10000
M20E	5.7	215	25	Yes	1:10000
W21E, M21 Sport	5.2	185	22	Yes	1:10000
W20E, M20 Sport	4.6	175	20	Yes	1:10000
W21 Sport	4.0	155	17	No	1:10000
W20 Sport	3.6	135	15	No	1:10000
Hard 1	5.2	185	22	Yes	1:7500
Hard 2	4.6	175	20	Yes	1:7500
Hard 3	4.0	155	17	No	1:7500
Hard 4	3.6	135	15	No	1:7500
Hard 5	2.4	70	12	No	1:7500
Hard 6	1.5	45	8	No	1:7500
Moderate 1	3.5	110	13	No	1:7500
Moderate 2	2.8	90	10	No	1:7500
Easy	2.5	90	10	No	1:7500
Very Easy	1.9	55	10	No	1:7500

Sunday 19th May Wildfire Autumn Classics Day 2

2024 National Orienteering League Round 4, Race #2

2024 ACT League #8



Organising Club: Bushflyers
Organiser: Alison Inglis
Day Controller: Matt Stocks

Event Controller: John Scown
Course Planner: David Stocks

Location: Lake George, NSW.

Map: Awoonga 2011. Many minor updates up to and including 2024.

Scale 1:10,000, 5m contours – NOL and Hard 1-4.

1:7,500, 5m Contours – Hard 5, Hard 6, Moderate, Easy and Very Easy classes.

This is fast and very open spur-gully terrain. Scattered rock and termite mounds cover much of the map. All mapped point features are generally small, except on the Eastern section of the map where termite mounds can reach up to 2m. While mapped features are often low to the ground, the terrain's excellent visibility makes these features easy to spot over a decent distance.

Termite mounds are in active generation and decay. Very small or clearly decaying termite mounds are not mapped. Care should be taken with navigation by termite mounds mid-leg, but termite mounds are generally well mapped, particularly near control sites.

The area was last used in August 2020.

Driving Directions:

Proceed on the Federal Highway from Canberra towards Lake George and immediately before the escarpment (at the Weereewa lookout) turn left into Hadlow Drive (the old highway) then after approximately 200m turn right into Ridge Road which is a somewhat eroded dirt road. After 500m turn left immediately after the cattle grid into Nerrin Lane and follow it for 1km. Nerrin Lane is a private road leading to private property. While this is 2 WD negotiable please drive slowly and take care. Turn right and park as directed along the fire trail. A gold coin donation will be sought for the landowners.

Parking to Arena:

Follow tapes from the Northern end of parking through the forest and then on a dirt road for a total of 1km. Do not deviate from the taped route as you may enter the competition area which is out of bounds.

Toilets: are located 500m back (east) along the road from the assembly area. Continue along the road rather than following the tapes through the forest back to the parking.

Event Formats:

National League: Relay

ACT League: Middle Distance

Course Planner's notes:

Courses will utilise the beautiful runnability of the area, with some longer legs and many tight forkings to be expected in the NOL relay classes. There are lots of controls in the terrain. All competitors are strongly encouraged to check their numbers!

Fences and Crossing Points

All courses excluding the Very Easy will cross fences.

Optional crossing points to assist in fence traversal have been placed on the map and marked in the terrain with pink tapes. It is recommended that these crossing points be used by competitors as some can be difficult to cross, but none are compulsory.

Some broken/ruined fences are indistinct on the ground. Take care in the vicinity to avoid tripping on wire.

Taped Routes

Very Easy and Easy courses will have some taped routes between controls. These will be marked using bunches of blue, pink and yellow streamers.

Spectator Run-Through

NOL classes and courses Hard 1-4 will have a spectator run-through.

Starts:**National League Relay:**

Race Briefing: 0915.

Relay Mass Start: 0930

A second mass start for all remaining NOL competitors will occur at: 11:30am.

Relay Details:

Teams must collect their relay bibs from Registration either on Saturday or before 0900 Sunday. Any team changes must be made at Registration before 0900 Sunday.

A spectator run-through will occur late in the relay courses and will act as a pre-warning for the finish. In preparation for the changeover, 2nd/3rd leg runners will clear and check, and collect their map (rolled up). After the current runner punches the finish control, they will proceed to the tagging zone to changeover to the next teammate. Once the runners tag, the next teammate may unroll their map and proceed to the start triangle to begin their course.

As always, first 3rd leg runner across the finish line wins!

Public Courses:

Starts between 1000 and 1200. Queuing starts by course at two-minute intervals or as determined by the Starter.

Courses close 1400 (2:00pm).

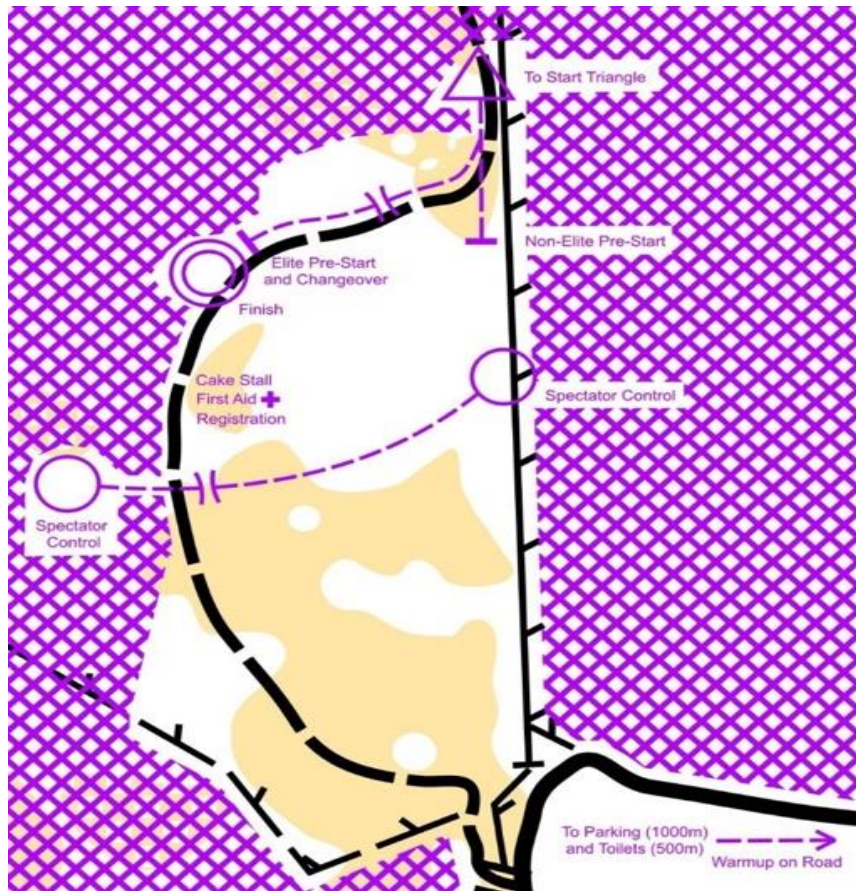
You must return to the Finish by 1400 whether you have completed your course or not.

Please punch the finish unit and proceed to the download tent to register your return.

Controls will be collected from this time.

Water:

One water control will be available on each course except Very Easy. Competitors should consider carrying their own water.

Arena Layout**Course/Class Detail:**

Class	Distance	Climb	No of Controls	Spectator Run-Through	Scale
M21E	6.5km	275m	16	Yes	1:10000
M20E	6.1km	235m	16	Yes	1:10000
W21E	5.3km	185m	13	Yes	1:10000
W20E	4.6km	160m	11	Yes	1:10000
Hard 1	6.5km	260m	16	Yes	1:10000
Hard 2	6.1km	230m	16	Yes	1:10000
Hard 3	5.3km	170m	13	Yes	1:10000
Hard 4	4.6km	155m	11	Yes	1:10000
Hard 5	3.3km	125m	10	No	1:7500
Hard 6	2.4km	80m	8	No	1:7500
Moderate 1	3.9km	140m	11	No	1:7500
Moderate 2	3.2km	115m	9	No	1:7500
Easy	3.1km	105m	12	No	1:7500
Very Easy	1.8km	55m	9	No	1:7500

Accommodation Options

Alivio Tourist Park 20 Kunzea Street, O'Connor Sponsor of 2024 Australian MTBO Championships
Use the code **MTBO** when booking, 2-night minimum stay, for a 15% discount
<https://aliviogroup.com.au/>

Crest View Tourist Park 81 Donald Street, Karabar (Queanbeyan)
<https://crestview.com.au/>

Southside Village 250 Canberra Avenue, Symonston
<https://www.southsidecanberra.com.au/caravan-park-canberra>

Eagle Hawk Park 1246 Federal Highway, Sutton
<https://eaglehawkpark.com.au/>

There are several other accommodation options available in the Canberra/Queanbeyan region.
See <https://visitcanberra.com.au/accommodation> for more choices.

Accommodation options in the Yass Valley can be found here <https://www.yassvalley.com.au/>.



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