

Australian Schools Orienteering Championships

Brisbane, Queensland 2025

Saturday 27th September to
Sunday 5th October 2025

Schools Bulletin #2



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INVITATION

Students from all of Australia and New Zealand and other regional orienteering nations are invited to compete in the 2025 Australian Schools Orienteering Championships (ASOC), incorporating the Southern Cross Junior Team Challenge, as part of the Australian Orienteering Championships Carnival-AOC 2025.

LOCATION

The carnival will be held across Brisbane (Meanjin) stretching from Moreton Bay to the foothills of the Great Dividing Range. The Carnival will be held on the traditional lands of the Turrbal and Jagera (Yuggera) peoples.

We acknowledge Turrbal and Jagera (Yuggera) peoples as Custodians and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

ASOC25 is organised by Orienteering Queensland in conjunction with Orienteering Australia.

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INTENDED AUDIENCE

This ASOC25 Bulletin is intended for all ASOC 25 Competitors and their support persons, team managers and coaches. It should be read in conjunction with the current AOC Bulletin for official information regarding the Competition Events.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

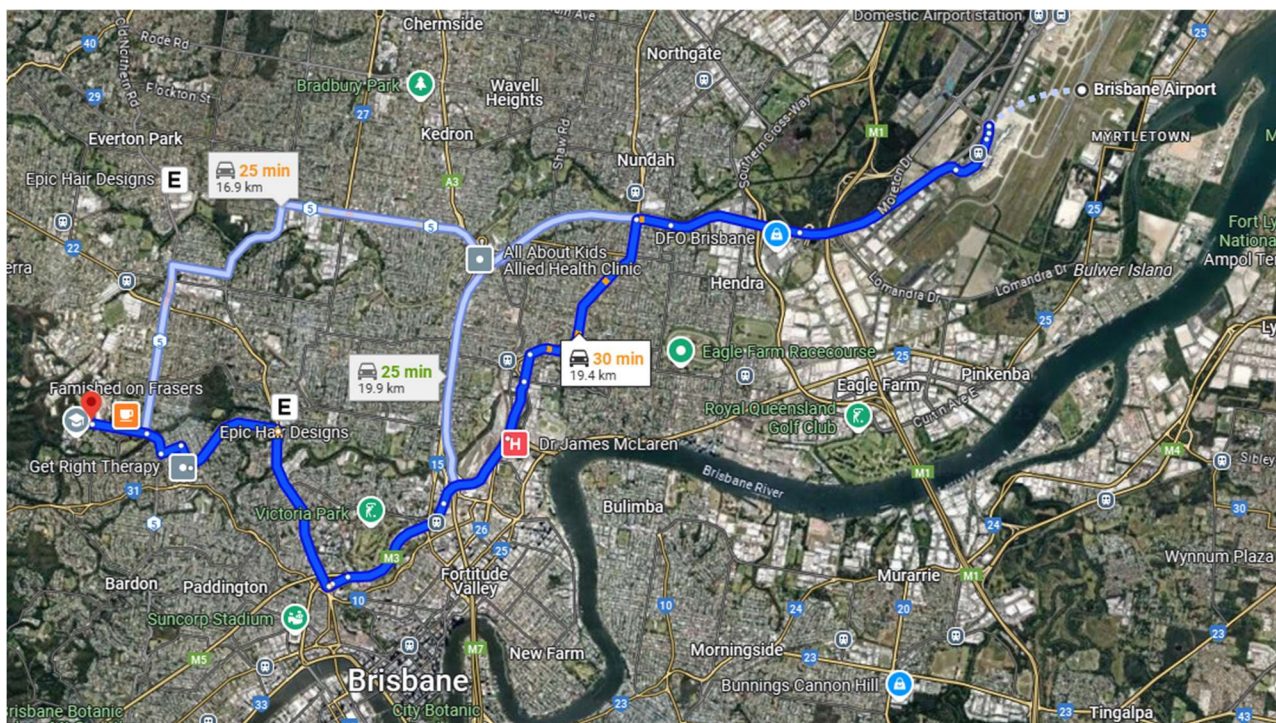
DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday	26/09/2025	Arrival of Teams to Marist College, Ashgrove - Late afternoon	Marist College, Ashgrove
Saturday	27/09/2025	1 AUSTRALIAN SPRINT DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS WRE & NOL TEAM	University of Queensland
Saturday	27/09/2025	✳️ \$\$ DASH FOR CASH \$\$ ✳️	University of Queensland
Sunday	28/09/2025	2 AUSTRALIAN LONG DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS NOL TEAM	Bigges Hill Wivenhoe
Monday	29/09/2025	Rest (Social Day)	
Tuesday	30/09/2025	3A AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS 3B RUN THE RIVER 3 DAYS	St Peters - TBC
Wednesday	01/10/2025	4A AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS LONG DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS 4B RUN THE RIVER 3 DAYS	Old Hidden Vale
Thursday	02/10/2025	5A AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS 5B RUN THE RIVER 3 DAYS	Deebing Ck
Friday	03/10/2025	Rest (Social Day)	
Saturday	04/10/2025	6 AUSTRALIAN RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS WRE & NOL TEAM	Logans Inlet Wivenhoe
Sunday	05/10/2025	7 AUSTRALIAN MIDDLE DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS WRE & NOL TEAM	Sandstone Gardens, White Rock
Sunday	05/10/2025	Departure of Teams	

INFORMATION FOR SELECTED STATE TEAMS (incl. SELECTED NZ TEAMS) ONLY

ARRIVAL

Teams should travel to Brisbane on Friday 26th September and aim to arrive at their accommodation at Marist College Ashgrove (MCA) by late afternoon/early evening. Early arrival will allow teams to settle into rooms. The drive is approximately 30 minutes from the Brisbane Airport. Entry is via the northern entry – Frasers Road – and the recommended passenger drop off is at the McMahon Oval bus loop.

Friday night dinner is from 6 to 7.30pm (TBC), with an activity free evening for teams to settle in and have an early night.



Brisbane Airport to Marist College Ashgrove – route without tolls

DEPARTURE

Departure will be on Sunday morning October 5th. Checkout from MCA will be after breakfast & before leaving for the final day's event. All teams need to vacate the College by 830am (TBC).

TRANSPORT

Teams will be able to park their minibuses at MCA and use them to transport the teams to & from each event. Parking will be in the bus bays, McMahon Oval car park and overflow if necessary onto the Moola Rd entry carpark. All events will be accessible to 2-wheel drive vehicles unless very wet.

ACCOMMODATION

All Australian & New Zealand Schools Teams, managers & coaches will be staying in the boarding school at MCA for the entire week of the Championships.

MCA only provides a fitted sheet and a top sheet so Teams must provide their own linen (or sleeping bag), pillowcase & towels. New pillows will be supplied by the ASOC Organisers and will be collected at the end for donation to Charity.

Rooms are divided style alcoves within a large Dorm style floor plan that includes Common spaces with lounges, kitchenette and some games facilities.

Organisers will attempt to group each Age Class and Gender within a single dorm room. Managers and coaches will have their own rooms and bathrooms.

The grounds are extensive and teams will be able to access a sport field for activities. The MCA School pool will be booked for Schools Team use on the afternoon of the ASOC Sprint. School Teams are NOT allowed to use the swimming pool outside of this time, but other nearby swimming options will be recommended (TBA). Other groups may be booked in for day activities at the College and managers and teams are asked to be cognisant of usage and availability.

MEALS

Meals will be a combination of MCA catered plus a catered BBQ at the Australian Relay Champs. Dietary requirements will be catered and must be advised on the Team information Sheets.

All Breakfasts from Saturday 27/9/25 to Sunday 5/10/25, including a hot breakfast, will be provided at MCA.

Take away lunches will be provided by MCA (to be collected by team officials from the kitchen at Breakfast time) each day from Saturday 27/9/25 to Sunday 5/10/25.

Dinners will be a combination of:

- MCA provided meals (including BBQs on 2 evenings), plus
- Catered BBQ dinner at the Australian Relay Championships on Saturday 4th October.

As a courtesy, menus will be advised in advance but are not able to be altered.

LAUNDRY

Self-service laundry facilities are available for use by Teams. Teams are to supply their own detergent.

COSTS

Preliminary estimates indicate the cost will be \$1250 per person. However there may be some changes in the final amount depending on final numbers. The current estimate per head includes ASOC Team accommodation, general levy and the 3 ASOC Event Entry Fees.

Team management must also take into account the AOC event entry costs, bus costs, fuel and various tourist opportunities on the rest days.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS & QLD BLUE CARDS

The Queensland Government does not recognise working with children checks conducted outside of Queensland. Therefore all Team Officials and those volunteering in a supervisory capacity with Juniors (including with Independent competitors) will need to obtain a Qld Blue Card.

Although it is quick and straightforward for Queenslanders to obtain a Blue Card, the timeline for interstate and overseas applicants could be months rather than weeks.

Carnival Organisers will need proof that supervisors of each team have Blue Cards before accommodation can be approved for that team.

We therefore urge all State Team Managers to ensure those concerned commence the application process as soon as possible.

Please see details of the Application Process at the end of this Bulletin.

ASOC 2025 RULES

More information about ASOC, including the Rules and Conditions of Competition is available on the Orienteering Australia website: [Current ASOC Rules \(8 March 2025\)](#)

Please note Clauses 3.2.2 and 3.2.3:

3.2.2 The Competition Cohorts shall be as follows:

- Boys 19 years and under
- Girls 19 years and under
- Boys 15 years and under
- Girls 15 years and under

3.2.3 Each OA affiliated state/territory may nominate a State Team, or in the case of the NT, may nominate a specific NT team, with a maximum of twenty (20) Competitors and four (4) team officials, dependent on host state capacity. The State Team will consist of a maximum of six (6) runners in each Competition Cohort. No reserves are nominated.

Any State Team competitor in any Competition Cohort is eligible to earn individual points which contribute to State Team points and receive awards. (We are assuming that all Teams will have a maximum of six in a class).

MORE AOC 2025 INFORMATION

For more information on the 2025 AOC carnival, including competition areas, embargoes & public events etc, see the [AOC2025 website](#).

REST DAYS

Monday & Friday are designated rest days.

The teams (may chooses to) can meet at the SouthBank Parklands for a swim on Monday 29th September.

The ASOC Social Co-Ordinators are organising discounted day passes for Wet'n Wild Theme Park for Friday 3rd October for all ASOC Competitors.

Suggestions for other activities on offer around Brisbane are:

- Work on the Scavenger Hunt activities
- Hike, swimming and paddleboarding Enoggera Reservoir
- Gold Coast surf beaches
- Sunshine Coast surf beaches

Keep an eye out for the ASOC Social Calendar in later Bulletins for more details.

STATE TEAMS PRESENTATIONS

A presentation evening for State Teams only will be held on Thursday 2nd October from 5.30 to 7pm at MCA. Presentations for All State Teams individual and Team awards will be made on this evening including the announcement of the Australian Honour Team.

This will be an informal BBQ dinner from 7-7.45pm. Guests – parents, family and friends – are welcome to attend the presentations.

INFORMATION FOR ALL ASOC COMPETITORS including INDEPENDENT COMPETITORS

ENTRIES

Details about entry processes and dates will be provided in the next Bulletin

START DRAW

The opening ceremony and the start draw for the ASOC sprint event will take place on Monday 29th September at MCA. This will be a public event so ALL ASOC competitors are welcome to attend and to invite family & friends.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

Throughout the week there will be social activities at MCA or around Brisbane involving all ASOC competitors.

TECHNICAL PROGRAM

It is envisaged that Technical Presentations and discussions will be provided at MCA for all competitors after dinner on Tuesday 30th Sept and Wednesday 1st Oct. The presenters and topics will be confirmed closer to the date.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations for the ASOC Open Individual and ASOC Relay events (incl SCJC) will be made on the day of the event in the arena.

INDEPENDENT competitors

Independent competitors are invited to join the Development Camp at Tyamolum Scout Camp on the western outskirts of Brisbane. Refer to [Eventor Australia - Event information: Independent Athlete Development Camp Aus Champs 2025](#).

Independent competitors entered in the ASOC 2025 events are welcome and encouraged to attend a range of Social and Technical activities throughout the week.

The ASOC Final Bulletin will contain information with respect to which Social Events Independent competitors may attend if supervised.

Team personnel, Independent Athlete Camp personnel or where Independent Competitors are residing with their parents/guardians, all will be required to provide supervision & transport to & from all events including the social/technical events.

All Independent Competitors will be required to be supervised by a designated adult whenever in attendance at any ASOC Social or Technical talks.

COVID (PANDEMIC) CONSIDERATIONS

ASOC 2025 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 competitors, coaches, managers, and community is our utmost priority.

Blue Card Interstate/ International Application Process

1. **Why do I need a Queensland Blue Card?**

The State of Queensland does not recognise working with children checks conducted outside of Queensland. If you are working in Queensland in regulated child-related employment for more than 7 days in a calendar year, you will need a blue card. Therefore you will need a blue card to attend ASOC2025 as a team manager, coach, driver, or anyone in a supervisory role.

However, you can't work in restricted employment if you are a restricted person under the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000 (see definition in FAQ 3.1).

2. **Overview of how to apply**

There are four steps to applying for a Queensland Government issued Blue Card. An overview is provided below.

Step 1 – Apply for your Qld CRN

Step 2 – Obtain a Blue Card Account Number

Step 3 – Send your Blue Card Account Number & Date of Birth to Orienteering Qld

Step 4 – Apply for your Blue Card

Finally – Once your application is approved, wait to receive your Blue Card

STEP 1 Apply for your Queensland Government Customer Reference Number (CRN)

Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) are used to verify a person's identity so a photo can appear on the blue card. This can be done by completing the remote pack if a person lives interstate or overseas (i.e. is not in the Queensland system).

The TMR issued customer number is only valid for six months from time of issue and will expire if not used for any purpose.

Complete Remote pack

- Complete the [New Customer / Photo and Signature Remote Application \(for agency card\)](#) form to obtain your CRN or update your photo. Be sure to have your documents witnessed by an approved person.
- If you need help completing this form, take a look at [Getting a Customer Reference Number for your blue card application remotely](#) and [Your digital photo... The right way](#) to ensure you meet the photo requirements.

Post paperwork

You will need to post your form, documents, and photos to:
The Manager

Department of Transport and Main Roads Dalby Customer Service Centre
PO Box 767
Dalby QLD Australia 4405

Watch the blue card services videos to learn more about applying for a CRN using a remote pack for a blue card application if you're from [interstate](#), [overseas](#).

What happens next at TMR?

- This process could take up to 8 weeks.
- TMR will process your application / photo.
- Once you have been issued with a CRN, TMR will send you a confirmation email.

Once you have received your confirmation email, you can register for a Blue Card account.

STEP 2 Register with Blue Card Services to obtain a Blue Card account number

Things you need to know before applying for a blue card. Have your CRN nearby to reference. You will need this to register for a Blue Card account.

[Register for a Blue Card account](#) through the Blue Card Services website at <https://my.bluecard.qld.gov.au/login>. This is how the Queensland Government will verify your identity and obtain your photo for your Blue Card. You will be issued with a Blue Card account number during this registration process.

STEP 3 Notify Orienteering Queensland of your Blue Card account number

Please email your **Blue Card account number** and **Date of Birth** to admin@oq.asn.au and copy to aocschools2025@orienteering.asn.au. To be eligible for a free volunteer Blue Card, Orienteering Queensland must link this number to OQ via a Government portal.

You will receive confirmation once this is done, and you will then be able to proceed to the final step of applying for your Blue Card.

STEP 4 Apply for your Blue Card

Log back into the [Blue Card Services Applicant Portal](#) and complete your Blue Card application. The Blue Card Approval can take 7 – 21 days approximately from the time the application is completed.

Once your Blue Card is approved, you will be advised by email. Your card will be

posted to you approximately three weeks after receipt of the email.

3. FAQs

3.1 A Restricted Person

is a person who either:

- has been issued a negative notice
- has a suspended blue card
- is a disqualified person
- has been charged with a disqualifying offence that has not been finalised, or
- is the subject of an adverse interstate Working with Children Check decision that is in effect.

Your Obligations

As an applicant, you must let Blue Card Service know within 7 days if:

- your personal details change
- your employment circumstances change.

As a card holder, you must let Blue Card Service know within 14 days if:

- your personal details change
- your employment circumstances change
- you lose your blue card
- your card is stolen

4. Some useful links

- Video on how to get a CRN - Interstate - <https://bit.ly/471gRIU>
- Video on how to get online account - <https://bit.ly/3MmLNet>
- Video on how to apply through the portal - <https://bit.ly/45LJ4C9>