

# 2025 NSW Schools Champs Weekend incorporating NSW State Leagues 12 & 13 (& ACT Leagues 8 & 9)

**Southern Highlands  
23 & 24 August 2025**



## **Final Event Information**

*On behalf of ONSW, Bennelong Northside Orienteers and Uringa Orienteers are working together to bring you the 2025 NSW Schools Forest and Sprint Distance Championships weekend in the Southern Highlands. These events are being held in conjunction with NSW State Leagues 12 & 13 (also ACT Leagues 8 & 9).*

### **Sat 23 Aug 2025 - NSW Schools Forest Champs** **(NSW State League #12 & ACT League #8)**

**Planner:** Gordon Wilson, Bennelong Northside

**Controller:** Terry Bluett, Bennelong Northside

#### **Location:**



**Wingello State Forest:** Approx 9km south of Wingello Village.

GPS 34°45'26.4"S 150°08'16.7"E

**Note:** the road is unsealed after leaving Wingello Village and has a number of potholes. Drive with care.

#### **Directions:**

From the Village Store in Wingello, travel SW along Railway Pde for 250m then turn left into Bumballa Rd. Follow Bumballa rd for 4km to a T intersection and turn right. Follow this road for a further 3km then veer right into Tallowa Gully Rd. Proceed on Tallowa Gully Rd 1.2 km to the parking. Please park as directed.

**Parking:** Parking is alongside the forest roads. Distance from the parking to the arena is between 150m and 750m. Please follow directions given by parking marshalls. Parking for buses will be approximately 350m from the arena.

**Map: Tallowa** remapped 2025. Previous maps: Tallowa Gully 1993; Tallowa South 2018.

**Map scale:** 1:7,500 for Very Easy and Easy. 1:10,000 Moderate and all Hard courses. Contour interval 5 metres.

**Terrain:** The terrain for the competition area is gentle spur gully. There is a small amount of rock detail in parts and a scattering of termite mounds. One area of the map is covered in a labyrinth of bike tracks.

The vegetation is variable and consists of a bit of nearly everything from rough open clearings, open native forest, pine forest and areas of thicker scrub. In some areas there is a mix of both native and pine. Some of the pine is young and very runnable. Areas mapped as rough open may contain a few saplings or small trees.

There are a lot of controls in the event area, some close together. Remember to check your numbers to avoid mp'ing.

**Hazards:** In addition to the normal hazards associated with running in the forest be aware that the area remains open to the public and you may encounter motorbikes. Take care if you hear them approaching. Wombats are very active in the area and there are numerous wombat holes to trip you up.

**Marked routes:** Very Easy and Easy courses have some marked routes between controls. These routes are marked on the map as dashed lines and in the forest with pink streamers.

**Safety Bearing:** The map area is bordered by pronounced and unappealing creeks that have steep hills behind them to the north and west. Courses do not cross these creeks, so competitors should not cross these creeks either. If you are lost, head east until you reach a main fire trail. Then follow the fire trail in an easterly direction until you reach the event arena or parking area.

**Whistles:** It is compulsory for competitors to carry a whistle while on their course. If needed (eg, if you are very lost or injured), the standard call is 6 blasts of the whistle at intervals until someone arrives to help. If another competitor hears a whistle blast, they should provide assistance and if necessary, abandon their course.

**Control punching:** SportIdent electronic punching will be used. SIAC contactless punching will be enabled on all field controls and the finish. Competitors must still punch the start unit.

If a control unit fails to record your visit you must use the pin punch on the stand in one of the reserve boxes on the map.

**Control descriptions:**Control descriptions are printed on the front of the maps and loose copies will be available for collection at the starts. Loose copies for school's competitors will also be available at the schools registration. International symbols are used for all hard courses.

English text descriptions are used for Easy and Very Easy.

For the Moderate course international symbols are printed on the map. Loose descriptions will be available in both English text and international symbols.

**Start Window:** Allocated starts from 12:30 – 2.00pm. Courses close 3:30pm.

**Starts:** There will be two starts, both 100m from the Arena.

Start 1: Very Easy, Easy and Moderate. 100m from the arena.

Start 2: All other courses. 100m from the arena.

The map collection is at the start point (the start triangle) for both starts.

**Format:** The event format is middle distance.

#### **State League classes:**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Classes</b>	<b>Dist km</b>	<b>Climb (m)</b>
Hard 1	M21A M35A	5.6	210
Hard 2	M18A M20A M40A M45A M50A M55A W21A	4.7	165
Hard 3	M16A M60A M65A W18A W20A W35A M21AS	3.8	155
Hard 4	M70A W16A W40A W45A W50A W55A W60A M35AS	3.6	125
Hard 5	M75A W65A W70A M45AS M55AS W21AS W35AS W45AS W55AS	2.8	100
Hard 6	M80A M85A M90A W75A W80A W85A M65AS W65AS	2.1	80
Moderate	M open B, W open B,	3.0	130
Easy	Open easy	2.5	90
Very easy	M/W10N Open very easy	2.0	60

#### **Schools Champs classes:**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Classes</b>	<b>Dist km</b>	<b>Climb (m)</b>
Hard 2	M17+A	4.7	165
Hard 3	M15/16A W17+A	3.8	155
Hard 4	W15/16A	3.6	125
Moderate	M13/14A W13/14A M15+B W15+B M junior B, W junior B	3.0	130
Easy	M11/12A W11/12A M14B W14B	2.5	90
Very easy	M9/10A W9/10A M12B W12B	2.0	60

**Enter on day:** Limited enter on day will be available on Very Easy, Easy Moderate and Hard 3.

**Toilets:** Portaloos will be available near parking.

**Camping:** Free camping is available at Wingello Forest Campground. Refer to the State Forests website for details. Camping is not permitted in the competition area.

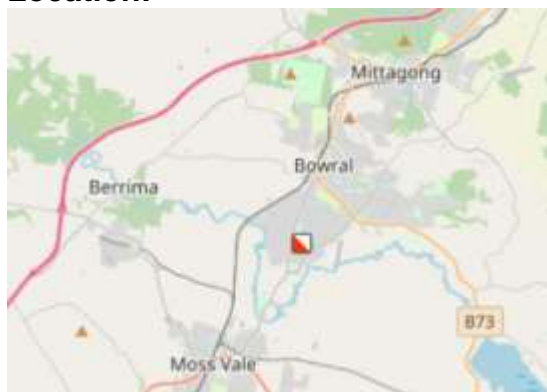
A range of accommodation is also available in the Southern Highlands, including at Moss Vale, Mittagong and Bowral.

## **Sun 24 Aug 2025 - NSW Schools Sprint Distance Champs** **(NSW State League #13 & ACT League #9)**

**Planner:** Dave Lotty, Uringa Orienteers

**Controller:** David Green, Illawarra Kareelah Orienteers

### **Location:**



**Chevalier College**, cnr of Moss Vale Rd and Charlotte Street, Burradoo - south of Bowral.

The entrance to the college is at Gate 1, Moss Vale Road, Burradoo  
(GPS: -34.508095, 150.404680).

### **Directions:**

From the North: Leave the Hume Highway at the Mittagong Exit. Veer left at the lights in Mittagong taking the Moss Vale Rd (15) Travel through Bowral on the Moss Vale Rd. Chevalier College is located approx. 3kms from Bowral.

From the South: Take the Illawarra Highway A48 exit from the Hume Highway. Continue through Moss Vale on Argyle Street and continue on Argyle Street at the McDonalds roundabout signposted "Argyle Street Bowral Mittagong". Chevalier College is approximately 6kms from this intersection.

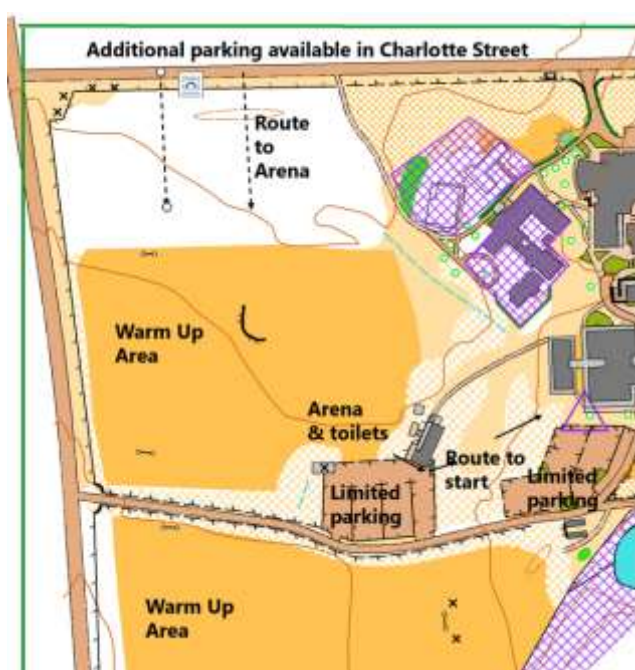
**Parking:** There is limited parking within the school grounds off Moss Vale Rd. Parking is available on either side of Charlotte Street. (Nose or tail in on the Southern Side). Do not block resident's driveways. Please Park any campervans or large vans in Charlotte Street.

**Map: Chevalier College.** Substantive re-map undertaken in 2022 and again in 2023. Minor updates in 2025.

**Terrain:** Chevalier College is a school campus with large playing fields and extensive sport facilities as well as typical campus buildings on a sloping site. There is a limited area with multi-level mapping. The courses are focused more on the campus and providing multiple route choice options including the various underpasses that exist.

Please note the olive-green areas which in some cases are dirt gardens and uncrossable walls. As it is a small campus there are some areas where controls are close to each other so please take care to check numbers. Running surfaces include grass, pavement and some gravel. Some hard surfaces can be slippery if wet. As always, be careful when rounding blind corners.

### **Arena Details:**



**Toilets:** Chevalier have kindly provided us with access to toilets and a demountable building.

**Start:** There is one start 400m from assembly. Follow pink tapes.

**Start:** Allocated starts from 9:30am – 11.15am. Courses close at 1:00pm.

**Map flip:** Courses 1,2A,2B,3A,3B have map flips. When you flip the map for the second part, the control and the number where the course commences will be shown.

**Safety Bearing:** The school is fenced on all sides – head west.

**Clear/Check:** Clear and Check stations will be located on the way to the start and also at the start.

**Courses:**

<b>Course</b>	<b>State League Classes</b>	<b>Distance (approx.)</b>
Hard1	M21A, M16A, M18A, M20A, M35A	3.1kms
Hard 2A	M40A, M45A, M50A, W18A, W20A, W21A, W35A, EOD H	2.5kms
Hard 2B	M55A, M60A, M65A, W40A, W45A, M21AS	2.4kms
Hard 3A	M70A, M75A, W16A, W50A, W55A, W60A, M35AS, M45AS, M55AS	1.9kms
Hard 3B	W65A, W70A, W21AS, W35AS, W45AS, W55AS	1.8kms
Hard 4	M80A, M85A, W75A, W80A, W85A, M65AS, W65AS	1.5kms
Moderate	M14A, W14A, M Junior B, W Junior B, M Open B, W Open B, EOD M	1.7kms
Easy	M12A, W12A, Open Easy, EOD E	1.5kms
Very Easy	M10A, W10A, M/W-10N*, Open Very Easy, EOD VE	1.3kms

<b>Course</b>	<b>School Championship Classes</b>	<b>Distance (approx.)</b>
Hard1	M15-16A, M17+A	3.1kms
Hard 2A	W17+A	2.5kms
Hard 3A	W15-16A	1.9kms
Moderate	M13-14A, W13-14A, M15+B, W15+B	1.7kms
Easy	M11-12A, W11-12A, M13-14B, W13-14B	1.5kms
Very Easy	M9-10A, W9-10A, M11-12B, W11,12B	1.3kms

\* Orienteers in M/W10N shall be permitted to receive assistance on the course (shadowing or direct assistance) and shall also be given the opportunity to study their course with a parent or mentor for up to 10 minutes before their start time. M/W10N is not an orienteer of the year class.

**Footwear:** No shoes with metal spikes or metal studs of any description are to be worn.

## Details for both events

**NSW Schools Champs eligibility:** Only entrants who attend NSW based schools are eligible for places/awards in the NSW Schools Champs events.

**Presentations:** Schools Champs presentations will happen as soon as results are finalised after each race.

**Entries:** Pre entry is closed. Limited entry on the day will be available.

### **Entry Fees:**

Entry fees are for each day. A \$2 surcharge is included for State Forests for the Saturday Middle Champs.

<b>Senior</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>Junior (&lt; 21yrs)</b>	<b>\$16</b>
<b>Sub Junior (&lt; 13yrs)</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Non-member extra</b>	<b>\$4</b>
<b>SI Hire Stick</b>	<b>\$4</b>
<b>EOD extra</b>	<b>\$6</b>

Family entry fees are capped at 2 x senior + 1 x junior or sub-junior. This will be calculated by Eventor if all family members are entered at the same time.

NOTE: Juniors competing in the Schools Champs have a different entry structure and must be entered via TryBooking via <https://www.trybooking.com/DCKFB>, not through Eventor.

To get the family discount if you have juniors competing in the Schools Champs, please contact John Murray at [admin@onsw.asn.au](mailto:admin@onsw.asn.au)

**Start Lists:** Start times will be allocated and Start Lists will be published in the week before the event.

### **Start Procedure:**

<b>+3 minutes</b>	<b>+2 minutes</b>	<b>+1 minute</b>
It is timed start Check names to ensure people are starting at their correct time	Check Unit Loose copies of control descriptions on table	Start Boxes The start triangle is adjacent to the map boxes Punch the start unit!

Late starters should report to the pre-start and will be allowed to start at the starter's discretion. You will be deemed to have started at your allocated start time unless the organiser is at fault.

NB- It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that their SI number matches the number in the start list. It only takes a minute to get it changed before you run but

takes a lot, to do it when you download. Avoid the grumps at the finish by notifying early.

**Control Descriptions:** Descriptions are on the map. Loose copies will be available at in the +2 minute start box.

**Finish:** Upon completion of your course, and immediately after punching the finish control, competitors should proceed to the finish tent to download their SI sticks. All competitors **MUST** register at the finish. If you do not finish your course, you must still report to the finish.

**Map Collection:** Maps will not be collected at the finish. The onus is on competitors not to seek to view maps of runners who have completed their courses before they themselves run, and not to show other comp

**Control Stands:** A mix of standard control stands; trestles and units attached to features will be used. Each will have a SportIdent unit and control flag. Control numbers will be on the unit. **IGNORE CODES ON FLAGS.** Should the SportIdent unit not beep and or flash, use the pin punch to punch your map. Inform an official immediately upon finishing

**Pets:** No pets are to be brought to the events.

**Weather:** The forecast for the weekend includes rain and a maximum temperature of 13C. Please bring warm clothes and waterproofs.

**First Aid:** Limited first aid will be available at the Registration areas. Bowral Hospital is located at 103 Bowral Rd, Bowral.

**Catering:** The NSW Juniors will be providing soup, baked goods and drinks on Saturday, and baked goods and drinks on Sunday. Please support their fundraising efforts.

**O equipment purchases:** Peter and Julie, and Aussie O Gear will be at the event selling O kit.

**Weekend Organiser:** Sheralee Bailey: [sheraleebaileyonsw@gmail.com](mailto:sheraleebaileyonsw@gmail.com), Bennelong Northside