

Victorian Sprint Championships 2016

Organising Club: Bendigo Orienteers

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Event Sponsors: City of Greater Bendigo (road closure costs), Vic Health (mapping costs)

Map: Camp Hill Scale: 1:4,000, 2.5m contours

Mapper: Neil Barr in 2016. All terrain is on the one level i.e. no multi-level running.

Terrain: Two school campuses, formal parks, converted jail, fernery, Chinese garden. For a preview

<http://tinyurl.com/jrlpgb4>

Location: Tom Flood Reserve, Bendigo. Approach via Water Street (NOT Park Road which will be closed). Follow signs to parking. We will be sharing the venue with the cycling club.

Entry Fee: Adults \$25 Juniors \$12.50. Includes SI AIR rental, and entry to the Park Street Challenge.

Preliminary Course details:

Course	Distance	Controls	Classes
1	3.5		M17-20A, M21A, M35A
2	3		W17-20A, W21A, W35A, M16A, M45A, M55A
3	2.5		W16A, W45A, W55A, M14A, M60A, M65A
4	2		W14A, W60A, W65A, W70A, W75A, M70A, M75A
5	1.5		W10A, W12A, M10A, M12A

Start and Finish: In close proximity to the assembly area. Start window: 10-11.30am

Start procedure: There will be a three minute pre-start.

Time	Location	Activity
-3 minutes	Box 1	Have name checked, have SI card checked, step into box 1
-2 minutes	Box 2	Collect control descriptions
-1 minute	Box 3	Stand at map trays and try and focus
Start time		Pick up map and go

Late Starts: Report to the start officials, who will start you in an available time slot. Your time will not be adjusted unless your late start was caused by the organisers, or you are a helper.

Finish procedure: Swipe at finish control. Proceed to download. Collect splits. Results will be screen displayed. All competitors must report to the Finish even if their course was not completed.

Course closure: 12.00 midday.

Presentations for Sprint into Spring and Championships: 12.15-12.30

Club Tents: If you bring any erectable structure, be aware that there is a strict NO PEGS rule as a condition of using this venue. Be prepared to weight your structure. There is limited opportunity for tying structures to immovable objects.

Toilets: Public toilets at the venue. Catering: BYO or head into town.

Out of Bounds Areas during your run: To maintain access to this terrain for future events, it is important that runners strictly observe all out of bounds areas marked on the map. This includes ALL garden beds. During mapping all garden beds were mapped as olive green. Some new beds may have appeared and been missed in map updating. Don't cross these either. Some areas of lawn are marked as out of bounds. The usual uncrossable features rules also apply. This includes some high walls. We have made a promise to the land manager to have spies on the course to monitor compliance.

Out of Bounds areas before your run: All of Rosalind Park and the school campuses are out of bounds.

Shoes: No metal spikes.

Safety (traffic): Nearly all of the map will be car free. The main road in the map area will be closed from 10-12. Bendigo Orienteers is grateful for this support from the City of Greater Bendigo. There are some small parking areas on the map which may have cars moving through them. Roads bounding the competition area are marked out of bounds. Stay on footpaths.

Safety (people): The main risk you will face is running into each other. Move away from control stands once you have punched, whilst keeping an eye out for others. This includes members of the public. Be particularly watchful in the narrow passages and blind corners in the campus areas and in the fernery.

Enter on the Day: There will be no enter on the day during the running of the event. A separate Park and Street Challenge is being organised following the event.

SI Air Sticks: All competitors will be provided with SI Air sticks for hire as part of the entry fee. These are sticks designed for sprint orienteering. They allow rapid registration at controls merely by waving the stick over the top of the control. Please use the hire stick, as you will be entered in the event with this SI number. Using an SI stick other than the one allocated to you will result in disqualification. Most competitors will also be running in the Saturday events and will be provided with their SI Air hire sticks at Registration on the Saturday. All sticks will be collected on finishing this event.

Using SI Air:

With SI Air you do not have to 'punch' the control, only bring the stick close to the SI unit. The range is between 30 & 40 cm around the unit and a little more above it. This is not very far and if you run past with your card on the wrong side of your body it might be too far away. The SI Air stick will flash and beep when it has registered.

Touching a unit or swiping very close are the safest procedures.

If you think your card has not flashed and beeped, don't wave it around for a longer time. Instead punch in the normal manner.

Presentations: Sprint Into Spring jerseys and certificates will be presented, as will prizes for age class winners of the Victorian Sprint Championships. The Male winner of Course 1, and the Female winner of Course 2, will receive a perpetual trophy donated by Dandenong Ranges Orienteering Club.

The Rockhopper Trophy for the winning club at the 2016 Relays will also be awarded.