

WA Sprint Distance Orienteering Championships 2017

Swan Valley Adventure Centre – Saturday 17 June

The Swan Valley Adventure Centre was formerly known as Swanleigh Hostel, and is run by the Anglican Schools Commission. It is situated next to the Swan River in Middle Swan, and comprises 89 acres of park and bushland, with several, magnificent old buildings.

Setter: Tony Simpkins
Controller: Dan Greig
Organiser: Jennifer Binns
Organising Club: LOST

Courses:

No.	Length	Difficulty	Classes
1	2.8 km (3.4)	Hard	M21, M17-20, M35, M45.
2	2.1 km (2.6)	Hard	W21, W17-20, W16, W35, W45, W55 M16, M55, M65, M70 Non championship: M21B.
3	1.5 km (1.8)	Hard	W14, W65, W70, W75, W80 M14, M75, M80 Non championship: W21B.
4	1.5 km (1.6)	Easy	W-10, W-12, M-10, M-12.
5	1.9 km (2.4)	Hard	EOD Hard
6	1.5 km (1.5)	Easy	EOD Easy

NB Course lengths are shown as straight line distances. An estimate of the actual running distance is shown in brackets.

Bring: SI tag, compass.

Facilities: Toilets, Tea- and coffee-making facilities inside the Sports Centre, bring your own milk and beverage.

Map: Swan Valley Adventure Centre, ISSOM, 1:4000, contour interval 5m.

Directions: The Centre is located on Yule Avenue, Middle Swan. Enter Yule Ave from Reid Highway 200m West of the junction with Great Northern Highway, and follow signs for approx. 350m, then turn right and proceed a further 100m to the parking area. From the carpark, follow the cones across the oval, passing the netball court and a line of trees to the Sports Centre, which is a small building on a slight rise above the oval.

The Finish and Assembly Area is located in front of the Sports Centre, and Registration, Download, etc will be under a canopy, or inside if the weather is unsuitable. Toilets are at the

rear of the Sports Centre. **WHEN USING THE TOILETS, DO NOT GO INTO THE OUT OF BOUNDS AREA BEYOND THE END OF THE SPORTS CENTRE BUILDING.**

Out of bounds – before starting: The whole area is out of bounds, except for the approach to the parking area along Yule Ave, and the Assembly and warm-up areas. Warm up on the part of the oval between the car park and assembly area. **DO NOT CROSS THE PATH ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE OVAL, AND STAY IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY THIS PATH, THE CAR PARK, THE FENCE ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE COMMANDO COURSE, AND THE TREES TO THE SOUTH OF THE FLYING FOX. This warm-up area will be marked with cones.**

Out of Bounds – on the course: in addition to gardens, buildings, water, etc. (see Impassable features below) there are some out of bounds areas on the courses. These include the area under the flying fox, the commando course, and the kitchen garden/livestock area. **For the flying fox and commando course a purple shade has been used to show out of bounds,** rather than the traditional purple stripes used elsewhere.

The pre-start for all courses is just North of the Sports Centre.

Start times are from 1.30 pm for championship competitors. Non championship competitors will start at or shortly after 2pm.

Start Procedure: Please clear and check SI sticks before entering the start area. Competitors will be called up three minutes before their start time. Box 1 – name and SI stick checked. Box 2 – SI checked and control descriptions collected. Box 3 – competitors move to the correct map box and write name on back of map. Start time – competitors pick up their map (printed on waterproof Pretex paper) and follow cones to the start triangle (60m).

Late starters Late starters should report to the Start officials. They will be started as soon as possible but timed from their original start time unless delayed by a fault of the organisers or by events considered by the controller to have been unavoidable by the competitor.

Water will not be available on courses, but is available at the Finish. There are drink fountains accessible from most courses.

Sportident Tags If you have hired an SI tag, collect it from Registration before going to the start. Clear and Check bricks for SI tags will be at the start. If a Sportident control station fails, you must punch your map using the punch on the control stand and then mention this to the caravan crew when downloading your results.

Control descriptions will be printed on the front of the maps. IOF symbols will be used for courses 1- 3 and for EOD Hard, and English descriptions will be used for course 4. Loose control descriptions, including in English for the EOD course, will be provided at the pre-start.

Take care – look for traffic - when crossing car parks and access roads.

Map Flips: All the Hard courses will have a map flip. The course will be split into two parts, one on each side of the map. On reaching the control at the end of the first part of the course, turn the map over to see the second part of the map, where a start triangle will show the position of the changeover control. **DO NOT FORGET TO PUNCH THE CONTROL!** Control descriptions for each part of the course are shown on that side of the map.

Impassable features: Competitors should be aware of special provisions relating to impassable features and prohibited areas on Sprint Orienteering maps. There is a document showing these on the Nav Dash page of the Orienteering Western Australia website. **The main ones to remember are:** *impassable fences and walls (thick black line), water, ie the Swan River and Jane Brook, gardens (olive green), impassable vegetation (very dark green), buildings (dark grey), and other out of bounds (purple stripes).* **Crossing or entering any of these features will result in disqualification.** Marshalls will be monitoring certain points of the courses. Jane Brook is only crossable by two bridges – even if you think you could jump across, jumping is not allowed. There are some narrow garden beds – it is forbidden to jump across these. There are also some areas mapped as garden that may not look like a garden to you – crossing is forbidden.

Other Mapping Issues: (1) There are a number of temporary earth/woodchip mounds and log piles which have not been shown on the map; (2) Crossable fences vary in ease of crossability from very easy to fairly difficult; (3) While some fences appear to have an electric wire, none of these is 'live'; (4) Some fences appear crossable, but are shown as impassable on the map for the reason that they surround a 'No-Go' area; (5) Gates shown as open will be open, all others will probably be closed.

Complaints and protests Complaints should first be made orally at the event to the Organiser (Jennifer Binns) who will advise the complainant of the result of their complaint in due course, after consulting other officials including the Controller. Protests about the outcome of a complaint must be made in writing and given to the Organiser. If this occurs, a jury consisting of three Level 2/3 Controllers will be convened to consider the protest. Protests should be submitted by 3.15pm.

Enter on the Day (EOD) Two EOD courses will be available after official (Sprint Champs) competitors have started. It will not be possible for members to do a second championship course. One EOD course will be similar in standard to courses 1 and 2, length 2.4 km, and the other will be similar to course 4 (Easy). Register at the caravan from 1.15pm to 2.30pm. When starting, EOD competitors must punch the Start SI brick before proceeding to the start triangle. The last start time is at 3.00pm.

Presentations: Awards will be presented at approximately 3.30pm or as early as is practicable.

Courses close: Courses close at 4.00pm. Controls will be collected from this time.