

BULLETIN 4 – GENERAL INFORMATION

2018 VICTORIAN MTBO CHAMPIONSHIPS

2018 National MTBO Series – Round 1b
Middle and Long Distance Championships
2-3 June 2018



EVENT CENTRE

RACV Goldfields Resort, 2 km south of the Melbourne/Dean Road in Creswick on the Midland Highway towards Ballarat. For those not staying at the resort, on arrival please follow signs from the main entrance to the event parking which is on the Practice Fairway accessed from Penny Lane.

All events for the Victorian MTBO Championships are located in and around the RACV Goldfields Resort, Creswick. This excellent venue offers not only great accommodation and dining but also has tennis courts, great walking tracks, swimming pool, day spa and the opportunity to play a round of golf as well. Plenty for everyone to do when people are not riding or for family members and friends who are along to support. [Check the resort out here.](#)

We are only 200m from the resort golf pro shop on the ground floor which includes a cafe with many refreshment options. On the first floor of the resort is the Springs Cafe Bar and Terrace that has spectacular views over the golf course and is open all day. We are sure lots of discussion over maps and route selections will take place in these venues.

Registration and the Download/Results tent will be located adjacent to the parking area on the Resort Practice Fairway. There is space there for club tents – but be prepared to tie them down against the wind!

ENTRIES and START LISTS

Entries are via Eventor and will close at midnight on Thursday 24 May.

Start lists for all events will be posted on Eventor on Monday 28 May.

ENTER ON THE DAY

A limited number of maps on selected courses will be available for entry on the day. Entry cost (\$22 Seniors, \$15 juniors, free for M/W 12 and 14) is the same as for pre-entry.

REGISTRATION

For these events we are providing the option of using SIAC – the SportIdent punching system which does not require you to insert your SI stick into the hole of the control unit. HOWEVER for this event SIAC is optional. If you wish to hire a special SIAC stick, this will cost an additional \$6. Pay via 'Services' on Eventor!

REGISTRATION IS IN THE COMPETITOR CAR PARK.

- If you do have your own SI stick, please still report to the Registration tent on arrival.
- As part of our safety procedures, registration staff will note your phone number and car number or note if you are staying at the resort.
- After your last event, please remember to return your hired SIAC to the finish. Replacement cost for SIAC sticks is \$105.

The Resort – Location map



SPECIAL NOTES ABOUT SIAC

NOTE, YOU MAY USE YOUR USUAL SI STICK FOR THIS EVENT – just dib it into ALL the controls in the usual way.

BUT if you have your own SIAC stick, or hire one for this event, the following notes apply.

For competitors not familiar with using the new touchless SportIdent timing system SIAC: The following paragraphs should help your understanding:

How to wear your stick? IMPORTANT: you must wear any GPS device on the opposite arm due to radio interference issues. Many SIAC competitors customarily carry the SIAC stick on the middle or index finger. Then, they simply reach their hand outwards and the SIAC swishes across directly above the control station.

Battery Check: Your first task at every event is a SIAC battery check. An SI unit will be available to do this 'battery-check' outside Registration – simply dip your SIAC into the hole and wait for the box to beep. The battery check is best done at the event centre rather than up at the Start because then you know in advance what the status of your stick is. If the battery has failed, try to get a replacement stick from Registration. Failing that, you can still use the stick in 'normal' mode by inserting it into the hole of each control unit.

Turning on the radio receiver in your SIAC: When you dip your SIAC into the 'Clear' and 'Check' units (dip, not wave across) – the 'Clear' erases the previous course and the 'Check' unit automatically turns on the SIAC Air+ mode.

In the Start Chute, you will be required to again dip into another 'Check' unit (your SIAC radio will be turned on if you have not previously 'checked') but this time your SIAC number is also captured by the Check unit itself so organisers know you are about to go out on your course.

Going around on your course, pass your SIAC within 30cm of the control unit, and if you have successfully visited the control, your SIAC stick will flash and beep 3 times to confirm your attendance. Of course, if you lightly touch the SI unit, you are obviously close enough for your SIAC to register. If you do not get this audio-visual confirmation, then you should punch the control in the normal way by dipping your stick into the control unit. (As you ride past, please do not hit the control so hard as to knock it over! If you do, it is your responsibility to go back to secure the control upright again. There should be no need to actually touch the box to get the SIAC registration.)

At the Finish – again, ride through within 30cm of the finish control. Your SIAC should flash and beep to confirm. Note: your SIAC Air+ mode will automatically switch itself 'off' as you pass through the FINISH-punch.

WARNING: you should NOT go within 3 metres of the Finish control unless you intend to finish because of the risk that your stick will turn off!

At the Download station, you will then have to insert your stick into the download unit to record your course.

For those unfamiliar with the operation of SIAC, we will have a test station at Registration – turn on your stick, see how it works with the sample SI Unit. Then turn the stick off (battery conservation).

START PROCEDURES:

Clear and Check as indicated above in units located in the vicinity of the entrance to the Start chute.

Please line up in start order as your start time approaches.

The clock at the front of the first start box viewed from the Pre-Start area, will display 'the Start Time for those with that allocated time now being called up'. E.g. if your start time is 11:00 then this will be the time displayed on that clock when you must present yourself to the Start Official. (There will be a second clock actually on the start line – showing the time of those actually starting.)

At each event, the call up will be 4 minutes prior to your start time.

At -4 min	Name and SIAC stick check. Move into first box.
At -3 min	Move to next box. Register in the official Check Box, test your SIAC at the sample control unit.
At -2 min	Move forward to stand at the maps.
At -1 min	Take your map and immediately move forward to the start line. Arrange your map on your map board.
At start time	GO on the 6 th beep of the clock. (there is no Start Punch).

The start triangle will be a little further on, marked with a stand and flag but no punch.

Late Starters

Riders who arrive at the start later than 4 minutes before their allocated start time must report to the Start Official. If possible, the rider will be directed into the correct start box and start normally. Otherwise, the rider will proceed through the late start process and start at the next available half start interval – however, their start will be recorded as per their official allocated start time. If they believe the Event Organiser caused their late start, they should make a written submission and hand to Registration or to an official at the Download after they finish. The officials at the Start and Finish are not authorised to change a runner's start time. The request will be passed to the organiser for consideration.

Volunteers have access to the Late Start process without penalty if they are unable to ride at their allocated start time due to volunteering duties.

SAFETY and COURTESY

The hazards you may encounter will vary over the weekend. Speeding traffic on the main forest roads, 4WD and motor bikes on other trails, and cyclists and walkers on the smaller tracks. And of course other competitors! There are the usual hazards of bush cycling, and of riding in a working pine plantation. Please observe the rules of the road, keep left of approaching vehicles/bikes, give warning to other cyclists/walkers when passing, downhill cyclists give way to uphill, and ride within your abilities.

There will be a small first aid kit and certified First Aiders available at the event. The event organiser's phone number will be on the map. For emergencies, call 000.

RULES

These events will be conducted in accordance with the *Orienteering Australia Competition Rules for MTBO Championship Events*. In particular note:

Rule 20.6: GPS Devices.

This rule states that competitors must not use or carry telecommunication equipment during their race. GPS devices with no map function or signal to aid finding direction may be carried.

Note that the carrying of mobile phones for safety purposes in these events is permitted. The organiser's phone number will be shown on each map. However the rules of Fair Play will be enforced. Any use of or reference to a phone will lead to disqualification except where the use is legitimately for safety eg for another competitor.

Rules 26 and 27: Complaints and Protests

The details of the complaint and any action that you believe should be taken by the organisers on that matter, should be put in writing and handed in to the Registration desk (or if Registration has closed, to an official at the finish.) Complaints (or subsequent protests) should be made as soon as possible. If required, a jury will be formed from a pool of Level2/3 controllers, names to be confirmed.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations will be made to the first three placegetters in the competition classes. (Note that entries to Recreational Classes and Enter on the Day entries are not eligible competition classes.)

Presentations for the Middle Distance Championships will be made as soon as possible after 3:15 pm on Saturday.

Presentations for the Long Distance Championships will be made as soon as possible after 1:30 pm on Sunday.

NATIONAL MTBO SERIES

These two events, plus the Sprint event held in March, comprise the first leg of the 2018 National MTBO Series. For full description, see: <http://orienteering.asn.au/index.php/mountain-bike-national-league/>

In summary, points are awarded to individuals in each class (30 for first, 27 for second, 24 for third, down to 1 for 25th). Over the 8 designated races in 2018 (Aus Champs and ACT Champs to follow), the best 5 accumulated points count for final individual result in each class. The person with the highest point total is the National MTBO Series champion in that age class.

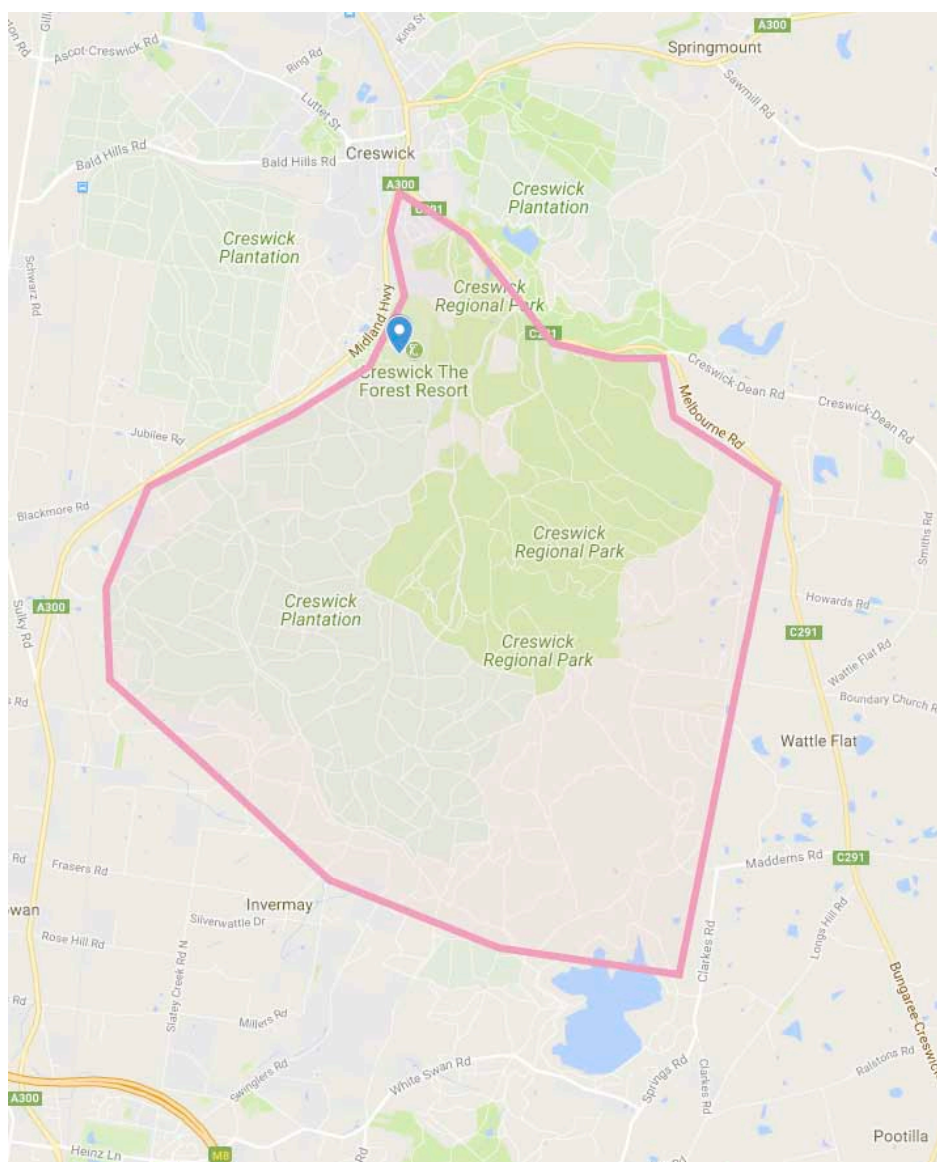
Points are also awarded to each State on the combined finish times of the best 2 riders from each State in each age class. Points from all 8 events are totalled to find the champion state in each age class. Ask Blake Gordon, National MTBO Statistician, at the event for more details or clarification.

EMBARGO

All forest areas (but excluding the RACV Goldfields Resort and its golf course and mountain bike trails) in the vicinity of Creswick, Victoria: south of the Creswick-Melbourne (Dean) Road, east of the Midland Highway, and north of the Invermay-White Swan Road are embargoed until late afternoon Sunday 3 June 2018.

This specifically includes all cycling and driving in the area with the intent to reconnoitre.

Anyone who intends to compete in the Victorian MTBO Championships and who has reason to be in the area, e.g. for work or planning future orienteering events should contact Mark Valentine (EUV) at mark.valentine@ballaratbasketball.com to seek exemption/special consideration.



2018 VICTORIAN MTBO MIDDLE DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 2 June 2018 – from 12 noon

Organising Club: Eureka Orienteers

Course setter: Tony Keeble (EU)

Organiser: Mark Valentine (EU) Ph. 0418 310 125

Event Adviser: Jon Sutcliffe (BK)

Mapper: Tony Keeble (EU)

SportIdent: Ian Chennell (EU)

Venue: Event Centre is at the RACV Goldfields Resort. Parking is at the resort practice fairway.

Registration: will open at 12 noon. It will be situated near the Download tent. Only riders who did not compete on Saturday need to report to Registration on Sunday.

Middle Distance – Mapper and Course Setter Notes

Scale: 1:10,000 **Contours:** 5m. Courses 1 and 2 will be A3 size, others will be A4.

Previous foot O map: *Creswick Diggings* is displayed as an attachment on Eventor.

The map is mainly Eucalypt forest, diggings and urban fringe streets and tracks. It has been converted from the *Creswick Diggings* foot-O map and extended to include the Creswick Resort and part of the Creswick township. Many of the details associated with foot-o maps have been suppressed to improve the readability of tracks while riding to make the map compliant with ISMTBOM 2010.

The tracks along creek running south-north in the middle of the map have been graded according to their dry weather rideability. If there is substantial rain in the week prior to the event, assume these tracks will be harder to ride than marked.

There is a creek crossing that may be route choice on some courses. While not part of the track network, attempts have been made to improve the visibility of the crossing in the bush. However some bike pushing/portage may be required.

You may notice PINK tapes and flags throughout the forest - please ignore them. They are related to an MTB project to extend the tracks in the Creswick region.

The courses are the same as were set for the cancelled event in March. We are using the maps printed for that event. At that time a conscious decision was taken to create courses on the shorter side to take into account of other activities on that weekend.

Off-track rideable areas are shown as symbol 839 orange. Otherwise you must stay on mapped tracks and stay with your bicycle unless abandoning your course. NON-rideable open areas are 'normal' yellow. Tracks/ roads which are out of bounds for riding during the event will be marked on the map with red X X symbols, or with an elongated red wavy line. All forest areas are shown as white, regardless of type of forest or visibility. Some lightly forested areas are shown as 'rough open with scattered trees'.

Start times: 1.00 pm - 2.00 pm. **Start interval:** 2 minutes. Controls will be brought in from 3.30 pm.

Estimated Winning Times

Junior Women36-40 min

Elite Women 45-50 min

Veteran Women.....45-50 min

Junior Men44-48 min

Elite Men..... 55-60 min

Veteran Men.....55-60 min

Middle Distance – Estimated Distance/Controls/Climb

Course	Dist (km)	Controls	Climb (m)	Men	Women	Rec
1	18.0	16	370	M21		
2	13.5	14	280	M20, M40	W21	Rec-2
3	11.9	12	250	M16, M50	W40	Rec-3
4	9.8	11	190	M60	W20, W50	Rec-4
5	8.8	10	180	M14, M70	W16, W60	Rec-5
6	7.7	8	130	M80	W14, W70	Rec-6
6 (S)	7.2	8	100	M12	W12, W80	

Distance to Start: from Car park 1km downhill, follow pink streamers.

Finish and Download:

From the finish control, follow streamers for approx. 500m to the Download tent which is located near registration and parking. Report here even if course is not completed.

2018 VICTORIAN MTBO LONG DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday 3 June 2018 – from 10:15am

Organising Club: Yarra Valley Orienteering Club

Course setter: Kathy Liley (YV)

Organiser: Peta Whitford (YV)

Event Adviser: Jon Sutcliffe (BK)

Mapper: Tony Keeble (EU) *updating previous map*

SportIdent: Ian Chennell (EU)

Venue: Event Centre is at the RACV Goldfields Resort. Parking is at the resort practice fairway.

Registration: even if you competed on Saturday, please let Registration know that you are here today. Registration will open at 8:30am, and will be situated next to the car park.

Map Notes: **Map Scale:** 1:20,000. **Contours:** 5m. **Printed on** Pretex SRA3.

Previous map: *Creswick Forest* (2004) is displayed as an attachment on Eventor.

Off-track rideable areas are shown as symbol 839 orange. Otherwise you must stay on mapped tracks (except if necessary to cross a few metres from the road to the control stand) and stay with your bicycle at all times unless abandoning your course. NON-rideable open areas are 'normal' yellow.

Tracks/roads which are out of bounds for riding during the event will be marked on the map with red X X symbols, or with an elongated red wavy line.

All forest is shown as white, irrespective of visibility, and includes native bush and plantation. The yellow (rough open) clearing symbol has been used for clear-felled areas. Where there are areas of young pines, the semi-rough open symbol has been used.

In addition to the usual usage of the red line 'obstacle' symbol on the map, on one occasion it is used at a location where there was a car wreck and fire. The car body is now removed, but there is some glass and debris remaining along approx 30m of the road which we were not able to completely clear. Take care riding through here. Red tape will be placed across the road at the place where the obstacle is mapped.

Courses 1 and 2 will have a double-sided map. Flip when you get to the last control on the front side, and continue on to the finish using the second side map.

Start times: 10:15am – 11:30am. Start interval: 3 minutes. Controls will be brought in from 2:45pm. If you are near to finishing at this time, you may have time to complete your course.

Long Distance – Estimated Distance/Controls/Climb

Course	Dist (km)	Controls	Climb (m)	Men	Women	Rec
1	36.6	15	805	M21		
2	31.0	13	700	M20, M40		Rec-2
3	27.3	13	570	M50	W21	Rec-3
4	20.5	8	425	M16, M60, M70	W20, W40, W50	Rec-4
5	16.6	7	350	M14	W14, W16, W60	Rec-5
6	12.0	7	190	M12, M80	W12, W70, W80	Rec-6

Distance to start from event centre parking: 1.5 km, slightly uphill. Follow Orange Streamers.

Terrain Notes – Long Distance

This event is set primarily in a working pine forest with some bordering eucalypt forest.

The difficulty/ease of riding on the blue-metal pine forest roads changes from week to week.

The map was completed in January 2018 and maps printed in advance of the cancelled event in March.

Note the ISOM classification: 'track-fast riding' description suggests 75-100% speed; 'track medium riding' 50-75%.

Take care at road junctions in the pine forest areas – the blue metal stones tend to accumulate with turning traffic, making for more hazardous riding at the junctions.

In the pine forest, clearing along the sides of the roads continues apace. Not all the recent road-edge clearing has been marked on the map.

We understand there will be no logging operations on the day of our event. It is therefore permissible to ride past roadside signs with words like "For permission to proceed further, call UHF16" or other signs indicating the road ahead is closed for works – unless you are specifically advised otherwise at the Start.

Finish and Download: The finish control and finish banner are at a track junction immediately south of the parking area. From here, cross onto the Practice Fairway and proceed to the Download Tent. All riders must report to the Download tent even if they have not completed their course.