



Sunshine Orienteers

MTBO State Series 5 at Twin Peaks, West Beerburum SF



Sunday 28th July 2019

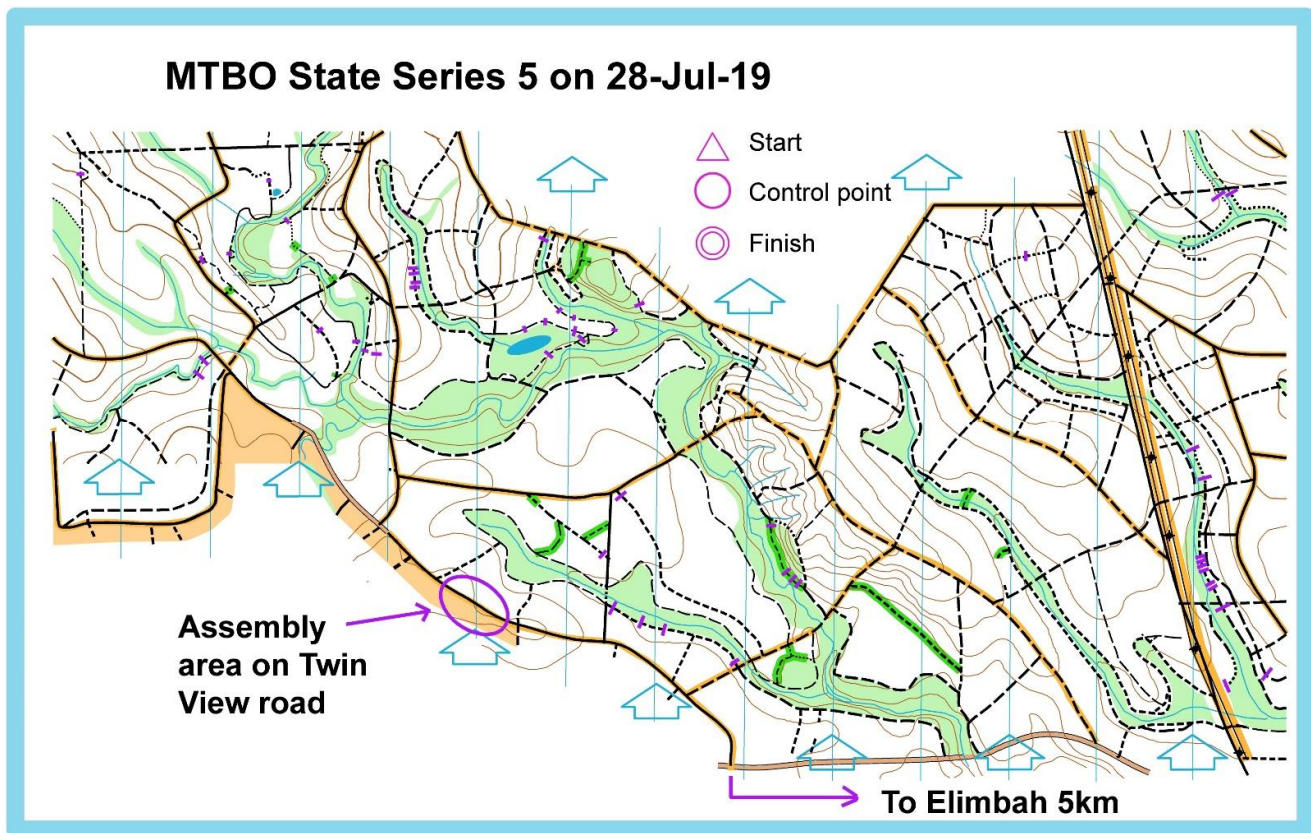
Important Points

- Rego Opens at 8:00 am for competitors. Please make sure that all outstanding monies have been paid prior to the event. **ALL** competitors are required to go to registration. Your entry details will be confirmed. If you own an SI stick bring it to registration so that the number can be checked. You will be issued with an SI stick and/or map board if you hired one.
- There will be a mass Start for all riders on the 3 hour score event at 8:30am.
- Other competitors can start from 08:35 to 10:00 am.
- Allow 10 minutes to ride from assembly to the start.
- All courses close at 12:00 noon – All riders must return to the Finish / Assembly area and return any hired equipment.
- Sausages in bread and also drinks are available at the administration area.
- Pit toilets will be erected at the event site. Please use them courteously.
- Mobile phones, including smartphones, may be carried for emergency use only. They must not be visible whilst riding and are obviously not to be used during the event for navigation.
- GPS enabled devices may be used during the event, provided they don't display a map or breadcrumb trail. If in doubt about your device ask the Organiser.

DIRECTIONS

From Brisbane: Travel north along the Bruce Highway M1, take Exit 152 for the Caboolture Bypass / State route 85. Then turn right on Route 60 to Beerburrum. At Elimbah turn left onto Twin View road and follow it for approx. 5 km where it turns sharp right. An Orienteering sign will be here. Travel along this gravel road for 1 km to the assembly area, parking on the left.

From Sunshine Coast: Travel south along the Bruce Highway M1 and take exit 163 to Beerburrum, via Steve Irwin way. From Beerburrum drive south on Route 60 toward Caboolture. At Elimbah turn right onto Twin View road and follow it for approx. 5 km where it turns sharp right. An Orienteering sign will be here. Travel along this gravel road for 1 km to the assembly area, parking on the left.



PARKING

Please park on the left verge of Twin View Road near the open farmland.

REGISTRATION

All competitors are required to go to Registration to check in and make any outstanding payments.

If you hired an SPORTIDENT Air timing stick or a map board when you entered, you can collect them at registration.

COURSES

Course	Length	Climb	Classes
1	25.8 km		M21, Long, E-bikes
2	22.5 km		W21, M40, M20
3	18.5 km		Medium, M50, W40
4	16.0 km		M60, W50, W20
5	13.0 km		Short, M14, M16, M70, W14, W16, W60, W70
Score	3 hour		Solo rider and teams
Score	90 min		Solo rider and teams

For the Score class, there will be a number of controls on the map that may be visited in any order. The aim is to accumulate the maximum number of points and return within the given time limit. Each control is worth a multiple of ten. Eg. Control 57 equals 50 points, Control 65 equals 60 points, and Control 93 equals 90 points.

In the event that more than one rider visits all the controls, the winner will be the rider that returns in the quickest time.

10 points will be deducted for each minute, or part of minute after the course finish time up to the time the rider punches a "Finish" control. Riders finishing more than 30 minutes after the course finish time will have all points deducted. There are no extra points for finishing before the finish time.

START

After you register for MTBO, you can start whenever you're ready between 8:35am and 10:00 am, unless you are riding the 3 hour score event in which case there is a mass start for all riders at 08:30 am.

Note: you must **Clear** and **Check** your SPORTIDENT Air stick, as this wakes it up. There will be a **Test** unit after the Clear and Check to test your Sportident Air stick has turned on.

Note: you're unable to change courses at the start. Do this at Rego beforehand.

FINISH

At the finish, riders must punch or wave one of the "Finish" controls to end their event and record a finish time. After punching the finish control, proceed to the download desk at the administration tent to download your results and receive your time. If you have a hired SPORTIDENT stick, we'll retrieve it from your bike/person. If you hired a mapboard this will also be recovered. Riders who finish more than 30 minutes after the official course closure time will be disqualified.

For safety reasons, all riders must report to the finish and then the download tent to indicate they have returned safely, irrespective of what time they return, to avoid search and rescue procedures.

DO NOT GO HOME WITHOUT DOWNLOADING.

Tip: The Finish control turns off your SPORTIDENT Air stick, so you must go there to end your ride and conserve its battery.

TERRAIN

The event area is mainly plantation pine separated by areas of native bush. It contains a network of dirt roads and some 4-wheel drive tracks and some narrow single track. The majority of the area is gently undulating. A few of the tracks can be more difficult to identify and may be overgrown. Most tracks have survived the recent rains well but some tracks are prone to standing water (mud) at watercourse crossings and a few are badly rutted. There are some large puddles but most will be able to be ridden or walked around. The biggest puddles occur on the western side of the map and are shown in blue on the. There are some sandy track sections. All tracks are shown with a rideability (speed) grading. Any 'Rough Open Land' areas can be ridden across. These areas are shaded in yellow on the map. You may decide to bring your own plastic map bag just in case it rains.

Capturing all track changes are beyond our mapper's control, so things might appear differently on the ground.

COURSE CLOSE

All courses close at 12:00pm. Controls will turn off at that time, so if you are still on the course, return to the Finish and then the Download desk.

OUT OF BOUNDS

Prohibited areas are marked on the map with a regular, purple, striped pattern. You are not to ride on any road or track within the Out of Bounds area. You must stay on tracks and open land areas marked on the map. You must also remain with your bike at all times. No shortcutting through the bush is allowed.

There are roads that you are not permitted on during competition. They are marked on the map with purple crosses to clearly indicate that you can't travel on them.

TRACK GRADING

The maps have been prepared to the IOF standard for MTBO maps with the exception that we are using the Australian 2 x 4 track grading system, briefly explained below. If you are unsure about the track grading system, study the map legends available at registration. If you have any questions, please ask of our helpers.

Road Legend

	fast	medium	slow	difficult
Bitumen road				
Dirt roads	1	2	3	4
Dirt tracks	5	6	7	8
Open / Overgrown / Water over road				

Fast – little or no restriction to the speed which a rider can attain. Generally, these are tracks that would be suitable for a standard 2WD vehicle. Roads shown as a wide full line, and tracks as a narrower full line.

Medium – generally good riding with some reduction in speed and a requirement to keep an eye on where you are going to avoid obstacles such as potholes, rocks, ruts, sand, vegetation etc. Generally, these are tracks that would be

suitable for a light 4WD vehicle. Roads shown with a wide line and a long dash and tracks with a narrower line and a long dash.

Slow – sufficient obstacles to require the rider to pick lines to avoid obstacles. Consistently potholed, rocky, rutted, vegetated or sandy. Skilled, fit riders should be able to ride almost always. Less skilled and fit riders may have to dismount. Roads shown with a wide line and a short dash and tracks with a narrower line and short dash.

Difficult – a technical track/path which may require the rider to dismount. Skilled, fit riders may be able to ride without dismounting.

Overgrown – track existed at some earlier stage to a standard indicated by the black line symbol, but may be obscured by plant growth.

Water over road – a few puddles cannot be ridden around and where known these are shown by blue patches on the map

MAP SYMBOLS

Map Features

 Contour	 Out-of-bounds
 Index Contour	 Forbidden route
 Watercourse	 Start
 Rough open land	 Control point
 Pine Forest	 Finish
 Native Forest	
 Major power line	
 Fence	

SMOKING

Orienteering is a Smoke Free sport, so our assembly and event areas are smoke free zones.

WATER

Drinking water may be available for purchase at administration. It is advisable to bring your own water for before, during and after the event. Competitors are strongly advised to have plenty to drink prior to competing to help minimise the effects of dehydration and to take sufficient water with you.

SAFETY

In an emergency call the number on the map or Triple Zero (or 112 if you don't have reception from your usual mobile carrier).

If you encounter an injured rider, you **MUST** abandon your course and render whatever assistance you can. Send another rider back to registration for assistance, if possible. Mobile phone coverage may be limited on the course and assembly area. The emergency contact at the assembly area is marked on the map.

A first-aid kit will be available in the assembly area for emergencies. There will also be a trained first-aider in the assembly area.

Hazards on this course may include fallen trees, potholes, long grass, wildlife, horse riders, motor bike riders, vehicles and trucks on public roads, 4WD's. Please keep alert and ride to the conditions. You must obey all road rules.

We recommend and use the Emergency + App, to assist Emergency Services to locate you...



Emergency Plus app

'Emergency +' is a national app developed by Australia's emergency services and their Government and industry partners, helping people to call the right number at the right time, anywhere in Australia. ... Triple Zero calls are free.

Android - https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.threesixtyentertainment.nesn&hl=en_AU

Apple - <https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/emergency/id691814685?mt=8>

Please carry a whistle with you and blow 6 blasts at 5 min intervals should you require assistance.

RULES

http://www.mtbo.com.au/mtbo_rules.pdf

The Australian MTBO rules shall apply to this event. These can be found on the [MTBO Club page](#). All competitors are urged to read and understand these rules. Some key items include:

- All MTBO competitors must wear bike helmets.
- Competitors must stay on the tracks marked on the competition map. If terrain or road conditions force the rider to dismount, they must carry the bike on a marked track. No off-road shortcuts through the bush are permitted.
- Competitors on normal courses must visit the control sites in sequential order. Check the control number on the marker is the same as the one on your map before punching.
- Competitors must not become separated from their bike during a competition, unless through injury or mechanical failure.
- **Courtesy and sensible behaviour is expected when mountain bike riders encounter, horseback riders, and motor vehicles during an event.**
- Competitors and officials must avoid disturbing local flora, fauna and stock at the event and respect the local environment.
- Practice and observe the rules of the road – keep to the left on roads and tracks.
- Approach all track/road crossings, corners and hillcrests with caution.
- Ride defensively and in control at all times.
- Give way to faster riders wishing to pass on narrow tracks.
- Riders going downhill should give way to riders going uphill
- Calling out to other riders, sharing information about control locations, or seeking assistance with regards to your location, will bring instant disqualification unless you are riding on a social course.
- Give assistance to injured competitors on the course. Organisers may give a restart or organiser points for the rider who gave assistance.

EVENT TIMING



This event will be using the SPORTident Electronic timing system. SPORTIDENT sticks are hired for a small fee. Lost hire sticks will incur a replacement charge of \$95.00.

SPORTIDENT Air Contactless Punching

Familiarise yourself with how the system works by reading the guides that we've sent to you.

Control Stands and Flags:

Orange and white control flags will be suspended from pickets with a SPORTident unit and manual punch device. The control identification number will be the Sportident unit on the top of the stand. This will match up with the control number on the map.

Clear & Check:

It is important to remember to “clear” and “check” your SPORTIDENT stick prior to each event, to delete previous event information stored on it. Special “Clear” and “Check” units will be positioned in the pre-start area of each event. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that they have the correct SPORTident stick and that it is cleared of previous race data before they start. If you do not clear your SPORTIDENT stick it may not have enough memory to record all your controls.

SPORTIDENT Air Check:

There will be an SPORTIDENT Air Test unit after the Clear/Check units to test your SPORTIDENT Air stick.

SPORTIDENT Air use on the Course:

If a SPORTIDENT unit at a control malfunctions and does not “beep” or “flash” when the stick is inserted, the competitor must use the punch at the control to mark one of the boxes printed on the plastic strip distributed to all competitors. If you lose your strip, punch on the map instead. Failure to do this will result in a DNF (Did Not Finish) being recorded. If you need to use a punch at any control, please advise the Finish officials as they will need to take your strip or map at the completion of your course, to confirm that you have completed the course. If the SPORTIDENT stick can't be found any controls it contained can't be confirmed and no points will be awarded.

EVENT RESULTS

Placings, Split Times and Replays will be available in Eventor and our club website shortly after the event...
www.sunshieorienteurs.com.au

QLD MTBO STATE SERIES POINTS

For all the details of this series, visit the series page - <https://oq.orienteing.asn.au/mtbo-state-series>

TIP: State Series Points are published on the MTBO Club Results page - www.mtbo.com.au

PROTESTS

Complaints may be made in the first instance verbally with the Event Organiser at the Registration Desk. The Organiser will assess the complaint and make a ruling. If the complainant is still dissatisfied, they may lodge a formal written protest with the Registration Desk. The Event Advisor will then appoint a three-person jury to assess the complaint. The Event Advisor will chair the jury meeting but will not vote on the outcome. The decision of the jury will be final.

REGO PLATES

Don't cop a fine on the way to the event by obstructing your rego plate like this guy...



Either relocate your existing one so it can be seen or buy an 'accessory' plate...

<http://www.ppq.com.au/infocenter/plateinformation/accessoryplates.aspx>



Anything Else? Contact Brenden Henry (Organiser) 0403 348 792 or Mark Petrie (Controller) 0429 899 928

Thanks to Craig Steffens from MTBO Club for his original Final Instructions.

Behind the scenes: Thank you to the numerous people that have helped to bring this event to you. From course planners, event controllers, event organisers and mappers to the people who tow trailers, help run the day, cook sausages and collect controls after the event.

Constructive Criticism welcome but a hand at the next event will be mandatory!