

Event Information – Tasmanian Sprint Championships

Location	Event Date	Event Category	Event Series
Randalls Bay	16 August	Sprint	Tasmanian Championships

COVID-19 Compliance

To comply with government regulations there are changes to the way orienteering in Tasmania takes place:

- You must enter using the online entry system [Eventor](#) by the Wednesday evening before the event.
- There will be no entry or payment on the day. If you turn up without pre-entering you will not be allowed to participate.
- Before you come, read the [COVIDSAFE Participant checklist](#).
- Bring your own water – no water will be available on the course or at the assembly area.
- Bring your own snacks/lunch – no catering will be available.
- Social distancing and a range of hygiene measures will be enforced.

If you have COVID-19 symptoms, have been in recent contact with a COVID-19 case, or have travelled overseas recently please stay home.

About This Event

This is NOT your average sprint terrain. No streets (OK, there's one), no parkland, no school campuses. In fact, according the description of sprint orienteering in the rules, this won't really be a 'Sprint'. Perhaps you could call it a 'forest sprint' but really 'short middle' would be more accurate.

This will be real forest orienteering with some very intense technical navigation on short legs in old sand quarries, including a few decent route choices.



The map also covers some coastal reserve including Mickeys Beach, Randalls Bay Beach and some beautiful rugged coastline.

There is a lot of green on the map, and the harder courses will have to spend a little bit of time in it. The dark green is very slow but its not impenetrable and if you want to go through it for a short stretch you can definitely do so.

It may not be your usual sprint race but it will be a real test of orienteering in unique and beautiful terrain. And quite possibly Australia's southernmost orienteering map.

A large part of the map covers the Quarry Reserve area recently acquired and managed by Friends of Randalls Bay (FORB) conservation group, which also manages the nearby Echo Sugarloaf walk. Quarry Reserve is a former sand mine which became a local rubbish dumping ground, but has been largely rehabilitated by FORB.

Please consider making a small donation to FORB when entering the event on Eventor - this can be done by clicking on the Available Services drop down menu and choosing either a \$5 or a \$2 donation. Donations are entirely optional.

Where is the Start?

The start is approximately 600m (20m climb) from the registration/assembly area, along the sealed road south and then west from the registration area. Please take care and walk on the side of the road. Most of the walk to the start is in a 40km zone but some of it is 80k. Traffic is typically very light and we will have signs warning cars of runners on the road, but please take care going to the start and while running along or crossing the road out on your course.

You are encouraged to car pool to the event as parking is limited.

Randalls Bay is an hour from central Hobart. Google maps will probably give you three options for getting there:

- Via Huonville and Cygnet
- Via Margate, Oyster Cove, Nicholls Rivulet
- Via Margate, Oyster Cove, Woodbridge and Gardeners Bay.

The Woodbridge route is probably the most spectacular but please take care on the Woodbridge Hill Road.

The registration area is at Randalls Bay beach picnic shelter.

When Can I Start?

You will receive an allocated start time. First starts will be at 9.30am. We envisage last start will be roughly 10.45.

Start times will be published on Eventor on Friday 14th and advertised at the Snug and Kingston High sprint events on Saturday 15th August.

When do I Have to Finish?

You need to finish before the course is closed at 12 noon. If you cannot complete your course in time you will need to abandon it and head back to the assembly area to arrive by course closure time.

Whether or not you have completed your course, you must download your SI at the computer, so that we know you have returned safely, and don't organise a search party for you. Also be aware that as soon as the course is closed, the organisers start bringing in controls.

Note that there is a remote finish – there is a gentle 500m walk back to the parking area along the lovely coastal walk.

The finish will not be SI-Air enabled - you will need to physically punch the last control.

Which Map is Being Used?

Map: Randalls Bay (new map from Rob Plowright)

Scale: 1:4000

Contour Interval: 2.5m

What are the Courses?

All courses will have a winning time of 15-20 minutes.

Course	Navigation	Distance (Approx)	Classes
1	Hard	2.5 km	M21, W21, M17-20, M35, M40
2	Hard	2.1 km	W17-20, W35, M16, M45, M50, W16, W40, W45, W50, M55, M60
3	Hard	1.6 km	W55, W60, W65, W70, W75 M65, M70, M75
Moderate	Moderate	1.6 km	W14, M14, M/W Open B, W16+B, M16+B, W80 and above, M80 and above
Easy	Easy	1.2	W10, M10, M12, W12, M12B, W12B M14B, W14B,

Do I Need an SI Stick or P Card?

All Tasmanian Orienteering clubs use the SportIdent (SI) electronic punching system so an SI-stick or a P card is required at all events. Due to COVID-19 we strongly encourage everyone to buy their own timing device.

This event will use SI Air punching (but you will need to physically punch the last control – because some competitors might pass close to the finish on a route choice, the finish will not be Air-enabled)

P-cards are suitable for all local events, but for bush events it is preferable to have an SI-stick – they are faster to use and register more controls.

If you do not own an SI-stick or P card, you can hire one for \$4, or buy a P-card for \$20 when you enter online. Hire sticks will be disinfected between events.

If you would like to buy an SI-stick for \$60, see aussieogear.com.

How do I Enter?

To comply with COVID-19 regulations you must enter online by midnight on the Wednesday 12 August before the event.

- If you are a newcomer, see *Information for Newcomers* below
- Enter using [Eventor](#) – the online orienteering entry system.
- If you need help to enter, follow the [How to Enter guide](#).
- There will be no entry or payment on the day.
- To enter online you need to be [registered as a casual or full member of Orienteering Tasmania](#). Casual membership is free!

Information for Newcomers

Newcomers are encouraged to come along and give bush orienteering a try. Wear comfortable clothing and foot wear suitable for walking or running; bring warm clothes and wet weather gear in case the weather is inclement. Long pants are a good idea if you plan on doing a course that takes you off tracks and through the bush.

For OST events enter class M/W Open B for a moderate navigation course or class M/W Open C for an easy navigation course.

When you arrive at the event come to the registration desk and let the organisers know you are new; an experienced member will help you through the registration, start and event procedure.

Your first orienteering event will be free of charge. Our online entry system is not set up to allow free entry, so if you are a newcomer please [register as a casual or full member of Orienteering Tasmania](#) and then email sportident@tasorienteering.asn.au. Let them know who will be attending and the course each person would like to do.

How Much Does it Cost to Enter?

Event Fees	Adult	Adult	Youth or Concession	Youth or Concession	Family	Family
	Casual Member	Full Member	Casual Member	Full Member	Casual Member	Full Member
Orienteering Series Tasmania (OST event)	\$24	\$16	\$12	\$8	\$60	\$40

Late entries are discouraged but will be available until late Friday, at increased cost.

Contact Information

To contact the organiser for this event, email paul.liggins@gmail.com

For Southern Tasmanian orienteering information, email australopers@tasorienteering.asn.au

For Northern Tasmanian orienteering information, email evoc@tasorienteering.asn.au

For North-Western Tasmanian orienteering information, email pathfinders@tasorienteering.asn.au

For Statewide orienteering information, email info@tasorienteering.asn.au

Course Planners and Course Controllers

Course Planner: Paul Liggins with plenty of guidance from Rob Plowright.

Course Controller: Clarabelle Hawthorne

What Else do I Need to Know?

As Orienteering Tasmania events are often conducted on private property we have a blanket policy of not permitting dogs at our events. Please leave your dog at home if going orienteering. As well, please leave gates closed or open as you find them.

Local Attractions?

After the event you can do the lovely short local Echo Sugarloaf walk, which starts at the assembly area, to take in stunning 360 degree views of the Southwest National Park, Huon River and D'Entrecasteaux Channel. This walk was constructed by FORB and an extension of the track to make it into a loop is underway (but unfortunately won't quite be finished prior to the event).
