

COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

Newcastle Orienteering Club

NOY5 The Tank Paddock (Minmi) – 13 SEP 2020

Orienteering events in NSW are being conducted under the Orienteering NSW COVID-19 Safety Plan (current version 19th August 2020). All organisers and competitors must comply with the ONSW COVID-19 Safety Plan and are advised of this as part of the entry process.

This plan is to address specific issues and details in relation to Newcastle Orienteering Club's NOY5 event to be held at The Tank Paddock (Minmi) on 13th September 2020.

Officials

Course setter (planner) – David Kitchener

Course vetter (checker) – Denis Lyons

Public Officer – David Kitchener

Organisers – Geoff Peel and Andrew Power

Entry and Results – Jeff Guy and Joy Guy

New competitors – Joy Guy, Carolyn Rigby and Geoff Todkill

COVID-19 Distancing Management – Joy Guy, Carolyn Rigby, Geoff Peel and Andrew Power

Starter – Denis Lyons, David Kitchener

Responsibilities

Course setter and vetter will determine location of start, map boxes, start units, finish chute, etc.

In planning, care should be taken to ensure separation of the two principal areas in which people may be likely to congregate – the start and the assembly/administration/information area. A minimum separation of 50 metres is reasonable.

Two assembly areas and two start chutes will be designated. One for metropolitan Greater Newcastle competitors and one for rural Greater Newcastle & Central Coast competitors.

Barrier tape, bollards and directional signage should be used freely, with the aim being to create a logical flow of people through the site, clearly identify locations such as 'Start' and 'Information', while minimising the opportunities for random mingling.

Clear, legible, frequent signage reminding people to socially distance by a minimum of 1.5 metres or 2 arm lengths is to be erected in all areas of the site, other than on the competitive courses themselves.

In setting up the start, particular care needs to be taken to separate the different courses, so that competitors starting at the same time are able to maintain the minimum 1.5 metre separation. Preference should be given to a start location which allows separation to be maximised. Barrier tape and signage should again be freely used to reinforce the message of separation to competitors.

Public officer will approve COVID-19 Plan and monitor compliance.

Organisers will set up assembly area, start, finish and download in accordance with social distancing rules and in consultation with the course setter and vetter. Will erect appropriate signage as detailed above and set up hand cleaning stations at the most likely point(s) of entry to the site.

Entry and results will advise all competitors who have not entered prior to the event how to enter on line and of online payment options. Will issue and collect hire SI sticks without contact. Will also manage the download of results.

New competitors will be greeted and stepped through the fundamentals of orienteering and the event. This needs to be done by remaining 1.5m from the competitor(s).

COVID-19 social distancing and monitoring will be monitored and if necessary competitors will be requested to separate, asked to spread out in the assembly area, leave the assembly area if they are finished their course, etc.

Starters will monitor social distancing in the start que and ensure starters register before departing on their course.

All roles can engage the assistance of other club members as necessary to ensure compliance with COVID-19 requirements.

Entry

All entries will be via Eventor and all payment via electronic means.

- Entry can be via Eventor at any time up to the time of last start.
- Andrew Power will set up the event in Eventor to allow pre-entry and payment.
- Jeff Guy will coordinate and advise regarding on line entry at the event.
- Andrew Power will print the entry list prior to attending the event.

Contact Information

All organisers, competitors and spectators must provide contact information for later tracing if required. If you enter via Eventor please check that your information is up to date. If you are at the event without entering via Eventor please report to Entry and Results and provide your information.

- Andrew Power will print the entry list at 7am on the morning of the event.
- Geoff Peel will create a sheet to register details of people who attend but do not compete.
- Jeff Guy will record attendee details on the sheet if required.

Start

All starters will be marked off or recorded on a start list.

Preferred start times are

From 9:00am for club members outside of the Greater Newcastle area and Central Coast Competitors

From 9:30am for entries from rural Greater Newcastle (Cessnock, Maitland, Port Stephens)

From 10:00am for entries from metropolitan Greater Newcastle (Newcastle, Lake Macquarie)

Results

No results board will be available to reduce the opportunity for competitors to congregate.

Finishers will be given a printout of their individual splits.

Live results will be periodically uploaded to

<http://sportident.itsdamp.com/directory.php>

Final results will be posted on Eventor soon after the event.

Hire SI Sticks

Competitors who require a hire SI stick will collect it from the box themselves and dictate the number to entry and results.

Competitors will return SI stick by dropping them into a container.

- Joy and Jeff will arrange for the hire SI sticks to be cleaned after the event.

Keys

No key box will be provided. A key board will be available and can individually store approximately 30 sets of keys. Other keys should be left in a bag in the assembly area.

Assembly Area

Competitors are to spend the minimum amount of time possible in the assembly area. They should arrive in time to prepare themselves and then start. Following completion of their course they should leave the assembly area as soon as possible.

We always welcome people to assist in the collection of controls and pack up. If you are able to assist please either plan to complete you course close to course closure time or return to the assembly area at course closure time.

Water

No water will be provided in the assembly area or on any courses. Competitors should bring their own water to the event and if they expect to require water while on the course will need to carry it with them.

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