



Event Information

2020 Tasmanian Middle Distance Championships

| Location | Event Date | Region | Series |
|-----------------|------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Pittwater Dunes | Sunday 25 October 2020 | Statewide | Championships |

COVID-19 Compliance

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

- You must enter using the online entry system [Eventor](#) several days prior to 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.
- 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

The 2020 Tasmanian Middle Distance Championships provide a second chance to excel at Pittwater over the weekend. The event will delight the navigational nerd, confound the careless and provide opportunities to float through the trees on a carpet of pine needles.

Courses provide distinct variation in terrain types (well, all of it is sand dunes): there will be subtle lumpy open terrain, just a little bit of steep-ish pine-forested slopes, gently undulating open pines with a carpet of pine needles to make footing firm and soft open dunes with dense marram grass. There were once places with numerous fallen trees amongst the pines, but these have mostly rotted, breaking down and opening the area. So it's heaps good eh.

Where is the Venue/Parking?

From Hobart, follow the Tasman Highway to the airport roundabout, take the second exit from the roundabout, then after 1.7 km, turn right along Pittwater Road. Follow Pittwater Road for 2.7 km then turn left onto Centre Road.

Please be aware of the speed bump on the gravel road next to the sign. It is particularly well hidden when leaving the venue. Continue approximately 4 km along Centre Road and then turn left at the junction followed immediately by a right turn 10m later. Continue for another kilometre to parking.

Note - there are two barrier gates on Centre Road. The first of these is approximately 900 m from the Centre Road and Pittwater Road intersection, and the second approximately 600 m after the first gate. Please close the gates after passing through them. The first gate is held closed by sliding bolt. It might appear locked; however it will be unlocked. At the second gate, just lift the bolt from the locking mechanism to open, then replace when closing the gate.

When leaving please don't accelerate away from the final gate too noisily as it can scare the horses and disturb the neighbours.

Where is the Assembly area?

Continue along the sandy track to the East of parking, turning south until you reach the assembly area by the water. It is a flat 600m walk. Bring your bathers and a towel if you fancy a swim after your run!

Where is the Start?

Follow pink pin markers 1.2 km to the west from the assembly area along a mostly flat, firm sandy track with a short climb at the end to arrive at the pre-start. Total climb 25m. By the time you get to the pre-start area you will be warmed up!

What is the Start procedure?

You can enter the pre-start area 2 minutes before your start.

Collect a control description sheet if you like and check you are lined up behind the box with a map for your **course**.

Start times have been allocated so there is no need to punch a start box.

If you arrive late, see the start official for the next available start time. Please wait until they are not busy.

When Can I Start?

Start times have been pre-allocated from 9:30am. This will give us time for presentations and allow the northerners to leave before too late.

Start lists are published on Eventor:

<https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/StartList?eventId=10140&groupBy=EventClass>

When do I Have to Finish?

You need to finish before the course is closed at 1:00pm. 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.

When will presentations be held?

We will hold presentations as soon as we can after all placegetters have finished. Maybe have a swim, throw a frisbee or go fishing to pass the time.

Which Map is Being Used?

Map: Pittwater Dunes

Scale: 1:7500

Contour Interval: 2.5m

What are the Courses?

| Course | Target Winning Time | Navigation | Distance (Approx) | Climb | Number of Controls | Age Group Classes |
|--------|---------------------|------------|-------------------|-------|--------------------|---|
| 1 | 25 – 35 mins | Hard | 3.7km | 125m | 19 | M21 |
| 2 | 25 – 35 mins | Hard | 3.3km | 105m | 17 | W21, M17-20, M35, M40 |
| 3 | 25 – 35 mins | Hard | 2.8km | 80m | 13 | W17-20, W35, M16, M45, M50, M Open AS |
| 4 | 25 – 35 mins | Hard | 2.4km | 80m | 12 | W16, W40, W45, W50, W Open AS, M35-50AS, M55, M60 |
| 5 | 25 – 35 mins | Hard | 1.9km | 80m | 10 | W35-50AS, W55, W60, W65, W70, W75, M65, M70, M75 |
| 6 | 25 – 35 mins | Hard | 1.6km | 50m | 9 | W80+, M80+, M/W Open A, MW55+AS |
| 7 | 25 – 35 mins | Moderate | 2.6km | 40m | 13 | W14, W16+B, M14, M16+B, M/W Open B |
| 8 | 20 mins | Easy | 1.9km | 30m | 14 | W12, M14B, M12, M14B, M/W Open C |
| 9 | 20 mins | Very Easy | 1.7km | 25m | 10 | W10, W12B, M10, M12B |

How do I Enter?

Entries are now closed.

Contact Information

To contact the organiser for this event, email jmccomb@infoasis.com.au

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

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

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

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

Course Planners and Course Controllers

Course Planner: Jon McComb

Course Controller: Peter Cusick

Where can I find results?

Results from an event are presented in four different places on our website in slightly different ways.

- **Live Results** are available as competitors download during some events. Go to [Results/Live Results](#) and choose Australopers.
- **WinSplits** shows everyone's times for each leg, and is usually available the evening after the event. Go to [Results/Recent Results](#) and click [Tasmania Results in Winsplits](#) at the top.
- **Eventor** shows overall results for each course or class, and will be available the evening after the event. Go to [Results/Recent Results](#) and click on results for that event.
- **Livelox** shows the routes people have taken on the course (if they have used a GPS and uploaded the data). Go to the Eventor results and then click on Livelox either in the top bar or for each class/course.

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.

Course Setters Notes

There are some unmapped informal tracks where vehicles have driven through the dunes. These may:

1. Look like a trail of flattened marram grass, or
2. Show a mix of soft sand and pine needles under two distinct parallel tyre tracks.

In contrast the mapped trails are either soft sand or pine needles across the full width of the track. Sometimes these tracks can be hard to spot when the covering of pine needles is particularly dense. An example of this dense covering of pine needles on a mapped track can be seen at the start triangle!

Any Food, Entertainment, Coaching or Other Special Attractions?

No, please bring food and drink to satisfy yourself and perhaps a tasty treat to share with your friends.