



25-27 March 2022

# BULLETIN 1

## A Carnival for everyone!

### Round 1 MTBO National League



### Welcome to the 2022 Australian MTBO Championships

The events will be held in the Kurri Kurri and Neath area with the championship events from the 25th to 27th March 2022

Thu 24th	Map Run	From 1.00pm	Killingworth South
Fri 25th	Mass Start	From 1.00pm	Neath
Sat 26th	Sprint Distance	From 9.00am	Stanford Merthyr
Sat 26th	Middle Distance	From 2.00pm	Pelaw Main
Sun 27th	Long Distance	From 9.00am	Neath

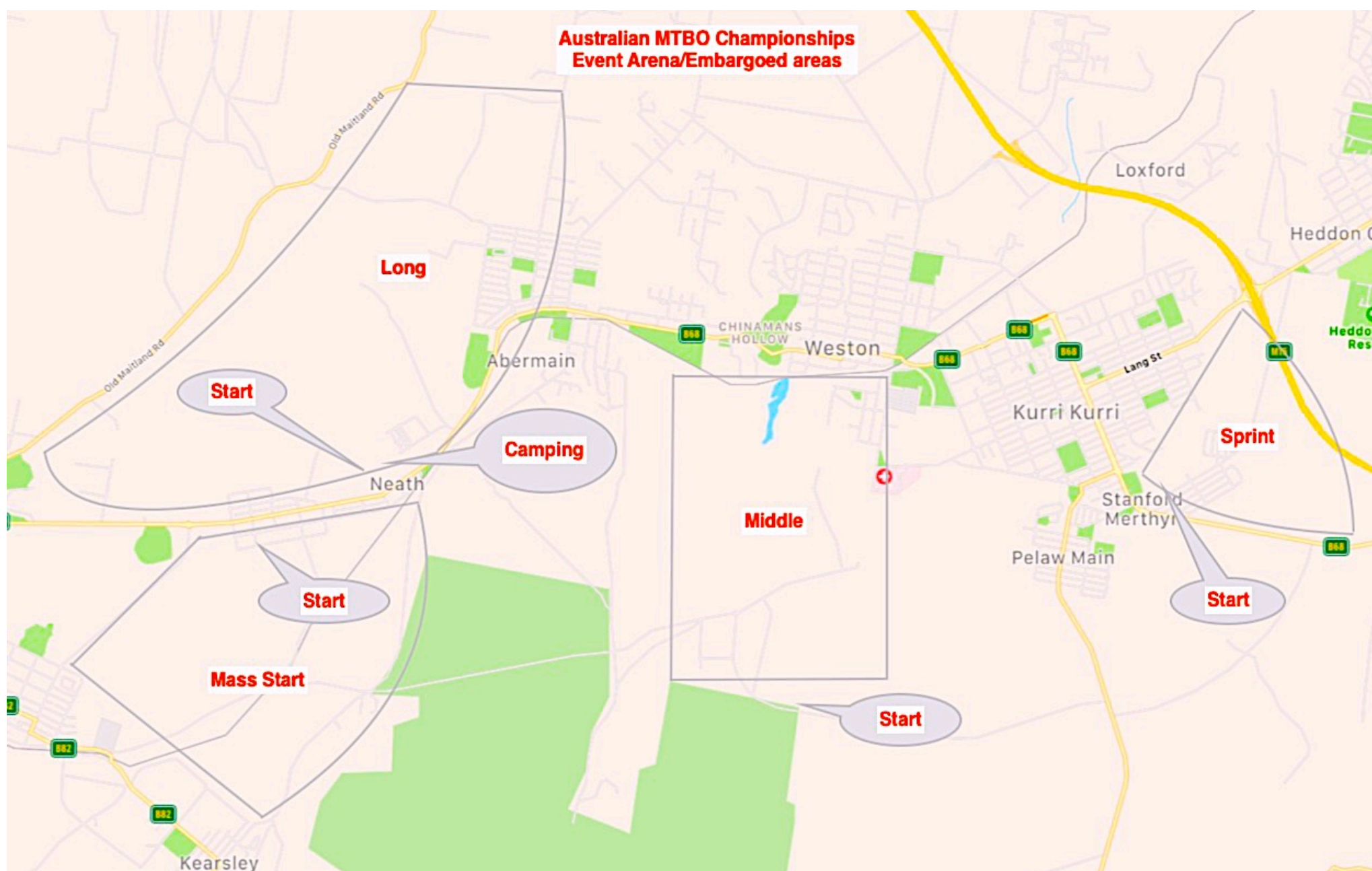
The event centre and camping is at Cessnock Pony Club grounds, Carrs Rd, Neath. Camping will be available at the event centre on the 24th, 25th and 26th March.

The middle and sprint event areas are within 15 minutes driving time from the event centre.

The practice event on the 24th will be held at Killingworth South, near Newcastle.

Further details will be available in Bulletin 2, early February 2022.

## EVENT LOCATIONS AND EMBARGOED AREA





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### COURSE DETAILS

The full course details with lengths and elevations will be included in Bulletin 2

The guide below is in minutes for the expected winning times and there may be adjustments for the Recreational class and some master classes.

	Mass Start	Sprint	Middle	Long
Elite	75-80	20-25	55-60	105-115
Masters	75-80	20-25	55-60	105-115
Juniors	60-65	16-20	45-50	80-90

### PUNCHING SYSTEM

We will be using SIAC- the contactless version of Sport Ident with the range of up to 1.5m from the control. You must approach within 1.5m to register your visit to the control. There will be a limited number of hire SIAC for the weekend. Details on the number of SIAC for hire and the cost will be in Bulletin 2. All competitors will require a SIAC punch to activate the controls.

### START TIMES

The start times are listed on page 1 of this bulletin. The start draw will be undertaken the week before the events and the details posted on Eventor as soon as possible. If you have a special request for a start time please email [gregbacon63@gmail.com](mailto:gregbacon63@gmail.com)

The Mass Start event is in age groups and it may be difficult to organise start times to meet family needs at this event.

### AWARDS/PRIZES

For the Australian Championships age classes, awards will be made to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters. In the Recreational Class awards will be made to 1st place only.

Awards will be presented at the completion of Mass Start, Sprint and Middle events.

Awards for the Long Distance will be presented on completion of the event at approximately 12.30pm.

### PRESENTATION DINNER

At this stage a formal presentation dinner has not been organised however there are several dining locations near the event arenas. Further details on dining for the Saturday night will be posted in Bulletin 2

### RULES

The event will be held under the Australian MTBO Rules as described in the following link:

<https://orienteering.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/OA-MTBO-RULES-2019.pdf>

### ACCOMMODATION/CAMPING

Camping will be available at the event centre on Thursday from 12 noon 24th to Sunday 27th March, until completion of the Championships. The three nights accommodation fee is \$20 per head and two nights \$15 per head, with a family maximum of \$40. This will be payable via Eventor when entries open. The camping area has toilets onsite and showers. There are several motels, hotels and resorts in the Kurri Kurri/Cessnock area that are within 15 minutes drive of the event centre. There is an Italian restaurant in the Hotel opposite the camping area.

Check out the various accommodation booking websites for the best deals, Wotif, Trivago and Expedia.





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### ENTRY FEES

Entries are to be made through Eventor. You may select more than one event to allow a single payment. Instructions on how to use Eventor are :

<https://www.onsw.asn.au/events/eventor-faq>

### NORMAL ENTRIES CLOSE ON TBA

To be eligible for an Australian Championship award you must be a member of an Orienteering Australia club or another National Orienteering Association.

Non members may compete in the Recreational Class.

Children under 14 Free Entry. There is no entry fee for the Map Run event.



	Mass Start	Sprint	Middle	Long
Senior	\$30	\$35	\$35	\$40
Junior (M/W 14-16)	\$10	\$15	\$15	\$18
Recreation	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$20

### ENTRIES ON THE DAY

All entries for the championships events must pre -enter through Eventor.

There will be a limited number of maps available on the day in the Recreational class.

There will be no enter on the day for the Mass Start event. If you wish to enter on the day it is advisable to attend registration as early as possible to reserve a map. Enter on the day competitors will use a normal Sport Ident stick.

### CLASSES

A full range of classes will be offered for the Championships :

M/W 12,14,16,20,21,40,50,60,70,80,

Two Recreational classes will be on offer at each event. Details on the classes will be in Bulletin 2.

There will be a E-mtb Recreational Class for Men and Women with two courses on offer.

Pairs. You may ride as a pair in the Recreational class with the standard event entry fee applied to each competitor.

Families. Children under 12 may ride with their parents in the Recreational Class. Single entry fee applies to the family class.

### WEATHER/TRACK CONDITIONS

The average temperatures in March are between 27 deg and 15 deg.

March can get a little wet with thunderstorms.

The tracks dry out quickly in the area after rain with the majority of the single tracks still being in good condition when wet as it has a gravel and ash base.

Some of the fire roads can get a little tacky with water puddles to negotiate.

### TERRAIN DESCRIPTION

**MASS START:** From fast fire roads to rough ones, old railway line corridors and a splattering of single tracks to the odd single track down creek beds. You will need to dismount and cross an old railway line in a few places. The challenge will be getting your head into the navigation from the mass start and keeping on the ball with competitors close by.

**SPRINT DISTANCE:** Open land with bushland surrounding the village of Stanford Merthyr. Throw in some very fast and open roads, some tight and twist tracks then a great single track section around gullies, perfect for a sprint event.

**MIDDLE DISTANCE:** Undulating to hilly area with a large dam and open areas. Some very fast tracks even though they are a little bumpy. There are heaps of single tracks over the whole course with some of the paths very flowy and fast. Watch your handlebars while twisting and turning through the trees at full revs. Navigation and route choice will be challenging.

**LONG DISTANCE:** This will not be your typical long distance event! This map has everything!. You will think that you are on a middle distance course as there are quite a few controls for a long event. Big hills, big fast roads where you can get some serious air, single track fast and slow. Some difficult climbs and descents, old mining area with some very intense navigation. Most legs have several route choices, all of them fun. No time to relax in this area!

To sum up, even though the areas are close together they will throw up a different riding and navigation experience.

You will probably want to stay an extra day and go for a fun social ride. It is a huge riding area!