



HUNTER S.S.A.  
46<sup>th</sup> ORIENTEERING  
CHAMPIONSHIPS



Thomas H Halton Park

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2024

**VENUE:** Macquarie Drive, Croudace Bay

**EVENT DESCRIPTION:**

Orienteering is a sport that challenges both the body and the mind. The aim is to use a special orienteering map to navigate your way around a course and visit marked check points along the way. This year we have changed the event format. The Champs will now be contested in a more beginner friendly Park environment. Navigation and compass skills will still be required.

All individuals/teams complete TWO courses.

1. Age Division Line Course (straight line distance of 1.2 km to 3 km from start to finish)
2. Open Score Course (30 minute time limit)

**COST:** \$12 per competitor. This entry fee does NOT include transport to or from the venue. The entry fee does cover maps, control cards, etc.

**DURATION:** The duration of the event will depend upon the number of competitors. Typically, the event will begin with a safety briefing at 10 am and conclude by 2:30 pm

**FACILITIES :** Toilets are provided.

**WHAT TO BRING :**

The following items are the responsibility of individual schools/competitors.

- Each individual/pair need to carry a compass and a whistle for safety and a watch to check elapsed time.
- Students should wear comfortable running attire. The event area is mainly open parkland, but due to some overhanging branches, eye protection may also be considered.
- Students are to apply adequate sun protection, and be prepared for wet weather.
- Food and drink is not for sale. Students need to bring their own drink bottles, water, snacks, towels or other personal gear.
- The assembly area has limited shade so consider bringing a shelter, tarp or blanket and folding chairs.

## **HOW TO GET THERE:**

**From Belmont** Travelling north along Macquarie Road, continue past the main carpark entrance with the children's playground and continue for further 500m and turn left into the entrance to the northern carpark.

**From Warners Bay** Travelling south along Macquarie Drive which becomes Bareki Road and turn right into the entrance to the northern carpark. If you get to where the children's playground is located or to Tingira Drive on the left you have gone too far.

**PARKING:** will be in the southern section of the carpark

**ASSEMBLY:** The assembly area is located between the Basketball court and the Covered area.

**TERRAIN:** Open Parkland. The main road, children's playground area, the main carpark and skate park are out of bounds and marked accordingly on the map. There are controls near the OOB areas. The intent of the out bounds areas is to ensure student safety. There will be a number of club officials in the terrain to assist any student in difficulty.

## **ENTRIES:**

Entries will be accepted from **individuals** or from teams of **two** only.

Secondary students from Government schools are asked to enter using the DASH system. However, Primary students are unable to enter via DASH and can enter via Eventor to organise your Line course and payment. Can you contact Geoff Todkill to indicate the entry for the Score course, and any Medical information that would be relevant?

Other students can enter on Eventor or by contacting Geoff Todkill [printing@newcastleorienteering.asn.au](mailto:printing@newcastleorienteering.asn.au)

Schools are asked to enter only serious, reliable students. It is expected that all competitors will conduct themselves in such a manner that *everyone* will be able to have a fair go at the courses.

**The absolute latest date to receive entries is Wednesday 7th August, 2024.**

Maps are being specially printed for this day, and only the required number will be printed. Students cannot just 'turn up' on the day.

## **NSW SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Saturday August 17th 2024: NSW School Championships (Howson Oval, Turramurra)**

**Sunday August 18th 2024: NSW School Sprint Championships (Macquarie University, Marsfield)**

The top finishers in each age group at Regional Championships are particularly encouraged to attend and compete for a state title. This event is open entry with no pre-qualification required. Pre entry is essential via the Orienteering NSW website [www.onsw.asn](http://www.onsw.asn) . Students can choose from an A (moderate to hard) or B (easy) course.

## Details of Courses

ALL COMPETITORS DO **TWO** COURSES –

(i) **Their Age Division Course**

“Age” is at 31/12/2024. (The age turned this year!)

Age divisions (and approximate distances) are:

			BOYS	GIRLS	
Course 1	Very Easy	1.2 km	12	12	
Course 2	Easy	1.4 km	13	13	Intermediate B/G
Course 3	Easy	1.8 km	14	14	
Course 4	Easy/Moderate	2.2 km	15	15	Senior B/G
Course 5	Moderate	2.4 km	16	16+	
Course 6	Hard	2.9 km	17+		

In addition to the above courses, there will be an “Intermediate B/G” course and a “Senior B/G” course. Their lengths will be approximately 1.4 km / 2.2 km and will be navigationally easier than the corresponding age championship courses.

(ii) **An ‘Open’ Course**

This will be a choice of four graded “SCORE” courses with entry open to individuals or teams of two. Select courses based on **experience** rather than age. The courses are graded:

A: Difficult    B: Moderate    C: Easy / Moderate    D: Easy

A “SCORE” course is where you find as many controls as you can within a time limit of 30 minutes. A points penalty applies if you exceed 30 minutes.

### **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT FOR TEAMS:**

Mixed age teams will be accepted provided they run the more difficult course.

Teams of two **MUST** start, do the whole course, record the control code on **ONE** map, and **FINISH TOGETHER**.

Any **team** which splits up at any stage will be disqualified.