

NZSSOC 2015 – Relay Event

Race Report 2 – Michael Croxford – 4 August 2015

The Relay Event for the NZ Secondary Schools Orienteering Champs was held at Rabbit Island on Saturday 21 July 2015. Upon publishing of the results the Event Controller received two requests for a review from Intermediate Girls teams from both Pukekohe High School (Team 148), who had been awarded the win, and from Kristin School (Team 147) who had crossed the line first but recorded as a mispunch. As the results were not able to be released on the day, for reasons given in Race Report 1, then no protest relating to this was received in the day.

In the interest of fair play under competition Rule 26.1, the Event Controller, Michael Croxford, undertook a review of the preliminary results in order to determine whether the issue raised from the two teams were fair and reasonable. The review was submitted for feedback prior to the official results being republished from two Controllers in attendance at the event, Jan Harrison from Peninsula and Plains Orienteers and Derek Morrison of Hawkes Bay Orienteering Club. The decision is the Event Controller's and is now final.

The decision of the Event Controller is to amend the result of the following eight runners which reinstates six teams into the official standings. The analysis below details the reasoning behind the decision.

Nelson Orienteering Club would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused by this error. The official results in the affected grades are now published on the NOC website.

As Controller, I would like to commend the attitude of Sheena O'Brien, Pukekohe High School Orienteering Girls Captain for raising the issue with the event organisers in a polite and mature manner. As a consequence of the review her team has lost out on a national title. She has truly demonstrated fair play and I apologise unreservedly to her, her team and to Kristin School for any distress this mistake may have made.

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Course 1 to 4 all had three forkings with a 3-2-3 configuration. The third forking was shared on all four courses and involved Controls 124, 137 and 138, referred to as variants A, B and C respectively. Eight runners across three classes were recorded as having mispunched their control on this forking.

Grades affected

Intermediate Girls – Intermediate Boys – Senior Girls.

Issue raised

The issue was raised by both Kristin School, whose team was recorded as a miss punch, and Pukekohe High School, whose team were recorded as first in official results released soon afterwards. Both teams provided the same information confirming that the forking code on the map given to the affected runner at the start did not match the forking code in the results software.

How did this affect results?

The Intermediate Girls grade was significantly affected with five of the ten official teams recording a mispunch. The following runners' times have been reinstated based on the evidence provided by Kristin and Pukekohe. The revised official results are included.

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS

Hannah Rawnsley	Team 142	Napier Girls High School
Ella McKenzie	Team 144	Diocesan School
Arabella McLeay	Team 145	Havelock North High School
Georgina Dibble	Team 147	Kristin School
Cheyenne Vaughan	Team 150	Pukekohe High School
Dayna Lowry	Team 154	Composite

Official Results: Intermediate Girls

1	Team 147	Kristin School	1:10:33
2	Team 148	Pukekohe High School	1:13:16
3	Team 145	Havelock North High School	1:19:56
4	Team 149	Pukekohe High School	1:35:13
5	Team 141	Napier Girls High School	1:37:44
6	Team 150	Pukekohe High School	1:43:07
7	Team 144	Diocesan College	1:44:53
8	Team 146	Havelock North High School	2:02:40
9	Team 142	Napier Girls High School	2:30:13
10	Team 143	Napier Girls High School	2:46:30

INTERMEDIATE BOYS

Felix Harrison	Team 193	Composite
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Official Results: Intermediate Boys – No change

1	Team 190	Auckland Grammar School	1:07:07
2	Team 181	Napier Boys High School	1:11:53
3	Team 187	Wellington College	1:14:20
4	Team 192	Pukekohe High School	1:14:26
5	Team 194	Waiuku College	1:19:29
6	Team 191	Onslow College	1:19:40
7	Team 185	Long Bay College	1:20:11
8	Team 182	Napier Boys High School	1:25:05
9	Team 188	Havelock North High School	1:26:15
10	Team 184	St Andrews College	1:39:27
11	Team 183	Napier Boys High School	2:02:28
12	Team 189	Havelock North High School	2:04:40
13	Team 186	Long Bay College	2:15:11

SENIOR GIRLS

Bella Holt	Team 202	Napier Girls High School
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Official Results: Senior Girls

1	Team 201	Napier Girls High School	1:45:50
2	Team 204	Diocesan College	1:46:19
3	Team 209	Onslow College	1:58:00
4	Team 203	Long Bay College	2:08:13
5	Team 206	Havelock North High School	2:17:07
6	Team 210	Pukekohe High School	2:20:35
7	Team 214	Rangiora High School	2:20:47
8	Team 212	St Chilton St James	2:30:54
9	Team 207	Havelock North High School	2:50:33
10	Team 202	Napier Girls High School	2:52:48