

# SOUTH ISLAND SCHOOLS' ORIENTEERING FESTIVAL

## INCORPORATING ...

- South Island Secondary Schools' Orienteering Championships
- South Island Year 7 & 8 Schools' Orienteering Champs
- South Island Primary Schools' Orienteering Champs
- Top of the South Schools' Orienteering Champs
- Pelorus Challenge OY Long Event
- Nelson Orienteering Club Sprint Event

**SATURDAY 20 May 2017 - Maitai**

**AND**

**SUNDAY 21 May 2017 – Nelson Central**



nelson orienteering club



## WELCOME

The Nelson Orienteering Club extends a very warm welcome to everyone attending the SOUTH ISLAND SCHOOLS' ORIENTEERING FESTIVAL and especially those who have travelled from outside of the Nelson region to compete.

Through the generosity of the Nelson City Council, Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology, St. Josephs School and Nelson Central School we have been able to provide two days of orienteering, right in the heart of Nelson City.

A big thank you also to all of our club members who have volunteered many hours of their time to make this event happen.

Enjoy your stay in the Nelson region and good luck out there!

*David Mangnall*

President

Nelson Orienteering Club

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### REGISTRATION

There is no requirement for competitors to check in or pick up a race pack from registration on the day of their events.

If you have hired a SPORTident these will be available at registration for you to collect.

### ON THE DAY ENTRIES

On the day entries will be taken at registration if appropriate start times are available.

### RESULTS

Results will be displayed and updated regularly throughout the day at the event centre. Final results will be published as soon as possible after the weekend.

### RULES

This competition will be run in accordance with the NZOF Competition Rules for New Zealand Foot Orienteering Events. These rules may be viewed on the NZOF website [www.orienteering.org.nz/](http://www.orienteering.org.nz/) under "Resources" .

### COMPLAINTS AND PROTESTS

If you wish to make a complaint regarding an infringement of the rules or the organisers' directions, please do so in writing at registration. This must be done within 60 minutes of completing your course. The event controller will consider the matter that you have raised and let you know their decision within 60 minutes of you making the complaint. There is no charge for making a complaint.

If you are not satisfied with that decision, you may ask that the complaint be considered as a protest within 60 minutes of being informed of the Controller's decision. A fee equal to the entry fee that you paid for that day's course is then payable but this fee will be returned if your protest is upheld.

Protests will be considered by a panel convened as appropriate with respect to the protester's family and club.

### MAPS

Waterproof paper will be used. Plastic bags will also be provided should competitors wish to use them.

### CONTROL DESCRIPTIONS

Control descriptions will not be issued at registration. You will pick them up at the starting grid, so we recommend you have a control description holder to put them in.

Red courses control descriptions use IOF symbols only. Orange courses will have control descriptions on map in symbols and available in both symbols and English at the start. Yellow and White courses will have control descriptions only in English. If you are unfamiliar with IOF pictorial control descriptions refer to the IOF Resource "IOF Control Descriptions" .

## START PROCEDURES

All participants need to be aware of the information in this event programme as details contained in this programme will not be announced at the start. If required, there may be brief instructions at the start if the details are not included in this programme.

All competitors are expected to be present through each step of their start time allocated pre-start procedures.

### **PLEASE REPORT TO THE START AREA AT LEAST 6 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR START TIME.**

The following are the Start procedures for all events:

At the start there will be a clock displaying the RACE TIME.

-3 minutes – Competitors are called up to the prestart area and clear SI card on entry. Their SI Card number will be checked against the entry list. Special instructions are given.

-2 minutes – Competitors receive control descriptions.

-1 minute – Final portion of start box. There will be a final check station.

Start – Start time will be indicated by the start clock.

**If you are late for your PRE-START CALL UP TIME**, tell the start official. It will be at the discretion of the start team whether they can fit you into your allotted slot or fitted into the first convenient time.

## SAFETY AND FIRST AID

Hazards specific to a particular event will be identified on a hazards board at registration or advised at the start. A complete hazard management plan has been prepared and will be kept at the events by the Event Coordinator.

Competitors are expected to render assistance on their course to anyone who is injured and requires physical assistance. Please render assistance as needed, and make Registration aware of the issue. Depending on the nature of the problem, we will organise the appropriate response, either using first aid trained people attending the event, or in the event of a serious injury, organising specialist medical help or ambulance.

For non-emergency medical support we recommend people attend the Nelson Medical and Injury Centre at 98 Waimea Road.

The nearest A and E is at Nelson Hospital, Waimea Road, Nelson.

**If there a life-threatening medical issue, call 111 as soon as possible and send someone else to notify Registration and the Controller.**

## WHISTLES

Whistles are recommended to be carried on the Long courses. The recognised distress signal is a series of six short blasts on a whistle. Use your whistle if you need urgent help because of an injury or distress.

## ROADS

All courses have unmanned road crossings. There will be cars using the roads. Please use caution while crossing. Nelson Orienteering Club will accept no responsibility for competitors who fail to observe road rules or cross without looking resulting in injury.

REMEMBER THE ROADS ARE **NOT** CLOSED TO VEHICLES.

## OTHER USERS

There will be members of the public using paths, tracks and roads on all courses. Please be courteous and give way to other users.

## CANCELLATION

In the unlikely event that we need to cancel an event we will post the details on our website home page and Facebook site as soon as possible after the cancellation decision has been made. If in doubt please check these sources first.

## ELECTRONIC PUNCHING SYSTEM

We will be using the SPORTident electronic punching system for all events.

### USING THE SPORTIDENT CARD

If you have not used a SPORTident Card before, the thin long elastic band is worn around the wrist as a backup to avoid loss and the SPORTident card is worn on the index or middle finger. Adjust the finger band so it is tight and comfortable on the finger. If you are unsure, please don't hesitate to ask at registration or another competitor to show you how to use it.

*Note – it is the competitors responsibility to ensure the SPORTident control unit flashes and/or beeps, when they place their SPORTident Card in it at each control and finish. Failing to do this may result in a misspunch, and a void run of their course.*

### CLEAR AND CHECK SPORTIDENT CARD BEFORE STARTING

The SPORTident Card must be electronically cleared and checked before you start your course.

1. As you enter the start area, place your SPORTident Card into the “**CLEAR**” control unit. It will be clearly marked. Hold it there for a couple of seconds and you should be given a red light and a beep, confirming that your card is working and has been cleared.
2. Next, place your SPORTident Card into the “**CHECK**” control unit, to confirm that it is has been properly cleared.

### CONTROL PUNCHING

At each control, place the end of the SPORTident Card into the hole in the top of the flat box mounted on the control stand. Hold it there briefly until a red light or a beep indicates that the control unit has transferred its number and time on to your SPORTident Card. If in doubt, do it again – it does not matter if you record the same control twice.

If a control unit should fail during the event and not give you a red light and a beep after a couple of tries, use the clipper on the control stand to punch one of the boxes printed on the edge of your map. Make sure you draw this to the attention of the staff at the finish.

Proof that you have visited a control is by the data carried on the SPORTident card or a clip punch on the side of the map **ONLY**.

If you put your SPORTident Card into a control unit that is not yours, don't worry. Just find the correct control and go through the process again. The wrong one will be discarded.

### FINISH CONTROLS

When you reach the finish line, don't forget to put your SPORTident Card into one of the control units situated directly on the finish line. Again, wait for the beep and the red light, confirming your finish. Then proceed down the short chute to the download station, which will read the information off your SPORTident Card and print out a sheet showing your course time and the split times between all controls.

*Your SPORTident Card has a number that is unique to you as a competitor. The cards must not be loaned to anyone else during the event. If you lose a hired SPORTident Card there will be a charge of \$75 to cover the cost of a replacement.*

## SATURDAY 20 MAY – MAITAI, NELSON – LONG DISTANCE

### DIRECTIONS

From central Nelson, head east along Nile Street before taking a left turn into Maitai Valley Road.

The event centre, including registration, start and finish areas will be at Branford Park, 1km on the left along Maitai Valley.

Parking is available along Maitai Valley Road and in the carpark across the road from the event centre.

### MAP

Maitai – remapped in 2017 by Michael Croxford.

Terrain is a mixture of urban park, farmland and native forest with moderate to steep hills.

### COURSE LENGTHS AND DETAILS:

Course	Schools' Event	OY Event	Length (km)	Climb (m)	No of controls
Long Red		Open Men, Open Women	4.8	380	19
Medium Red	Senior Boys Champs Senior Girls Champs	M20 W20 M40-59 W40-59	3.7	275	14
Short Red		M60+ W60+	2.3	180	10
Orange	Senior Boys Std Senior Girls Std Int Boys Champ Int Girls Champ	Open Social Men Open Social Women	3.2	200	15
Yellow	Senior Boys Novice Senior Girls Novice Int Boys Std, Int Girls Std Jun Boys Champ, Jun Girls Champ Yr 7/8 Boys Champ Yr 7/8 Girls Champ	Novice Men, Novice Women	2.1	155	13
White	Jun Boys Std, Jun Girls Std Yr 7/8 Boys Std Yr 7/8 Girls Std Primary Boys Champ Primary Girls Champ Primary Boys Std Primary Girls Std	First Time Men First Time Women	1.6	110	13

First Start for the Schools' events is 11:15AM and for the OY events 1:00PM.

## DIRECTIONS

The event centre and finish area is at the NMIT campus. This will be sign posted. Registration, toilets, spectator controls and the finish are all located close to the event centre.

Parking is along Alton Street and Nile Street to the east. There is also parking in the carpark to the east off Alton Street. Please do not park in any adjacent streets to the South, West or North of Alton Street other than Nile Street.

There will be one start for all events - opposite the NMIT campus at Nelson Central School, on Nile Street.

## MAP

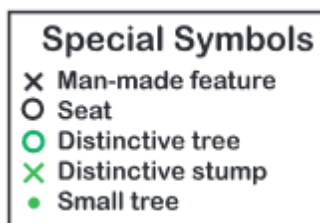
Nelson Central. Mapped in 2015/16 and used for the 2016 National Championships.

The map includes multiple areas of garden that are mapped olive green. These are strictly out of bounds and competitors must not enter these areas. Crossing olive green will result in instant disqualification.

All school campuses including NMIT contain many seats, rubbish bins and small signs. For clarity these have not been mapped, unless their presence affects runnability. They are not used as control sites and have little bearing on navigation.

Playgrounds within the school grounds have been mapped with a black "x" symbol. This is indicative of the playground as a whole and does not signify individual playground structures. This has been done for the sake of map clarity.

The map includes some special symbols as shown below:



The terrain is a mixture of dense modern school buildings, residential areas, and parkland. Terrain changes and intricate building detail are some of the most challenging features. Underfoot surfaces will vary - hard paved roads and paths, grass playing fields, rough parkland. Runnability is mostly very good to excellent. Metal spikes are not permitted as courses may pass over synthetic court surfaces.

COURSE LENGTHS AND DETAILS:

Course	Schools' Event	OY Event	Length (km)	No of controls
Red 1	Senior Boys Champs Senior Girls Champs	Open Men, Open Women M20 W20 M40-59 W40-59 M60+ W 60+	2.6	26
Orange	Senior Boys Std Senior Girls Std Int Boys Champ Int Girls Champ	Open Social Men Open Social Women	2.2	25
Yellow	Senior Boys Novice Senior Girls Novice Int Boys Std, Int Girls Std Jun Boys Champ, Jun Girls Champ Yr 7/8 Boys Champ Yr 7/8 Girls Champ	Novice Men, Novice Women	1.3	20
White	Jun Boys Std, Jun Girls Std Yr 7/8 Boys Std Yr 7/8 Girls Std Primary Boys Champ Primary Girls Champ Primary Boys Std Primary Girls Std	First Time Men First Time Women	1.0	21

First Start for the Schools' events is 10:45AM and for the OY events 12:00PM.