



AUSTRALIAN ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA. SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 3, 2021

JUNE UPDATE

500 ENTRIES AT CLOSE OF EARLYBIRD

Thank you to all the good orienteers who have already entered the Championships and availed themselves of the discount pricing. We now have over 530 orienteers entering at least one event, with schools' entries still to come so good signs for a well-attended carnival. This is very encouraging for us and we appreciate your commitment to our event.

We are expecting another surge of entries leading up to the deadline of August 22 for standard, normal-priced entries. We offer a generous refund policy so early entries are the go!

Entries for the Australian Schools Championships are due by July 25 and team managers will be sending them to us in coming weeks. Already, New Zealand has indicated that they will be sending two full teams of 20 each, along with coaches and managers.

Although the deadline is still some time away, I urge you to book accommodation and hire car or Spirit of Tasmania as soon as possible. Cars are in limited and in high demand and the Spirit of Tasmania deal has a limited number of tickets available.

Accommodation in St Helens will be fully booked during the week because it is Tasmanian School Holidays and St Helens has some brand-new mountain bike venues that are attracting big numbers of locals to the town.

TURBO CHOOK THREE DAY

By way of clarification, I would like to advise that the *Turbo Chook Three Days*, running on the days of the Australian Schools Championships, is a fun and challenging, three day, cumulative time competition. There will be no awards for single days, only for the overall three day result.



You will see in *Eventor* that a default entry is for all three days of the Turbo Chook but that you are able to enter single days or to deselect a day during the entry process.

- *Turbo Chook Day 1 will provide sprint length courses.*
- *Turbo Chook Day 2 will provide longish distance courses.*
- *Turbo Chook Day 3 will provide middle distance courses.*

Turbo Chooks are out and about at the moment, in full training, and squawking that they can run faster than you - and boasting about it all the way! Will you be boasting in September?

When you enter the Turbo Chook 3 Days be sure to check the correct class that you want to enter. Details are in a flyer in *Eventor*. There are six Hard navigation classes (MA, WA, MB,

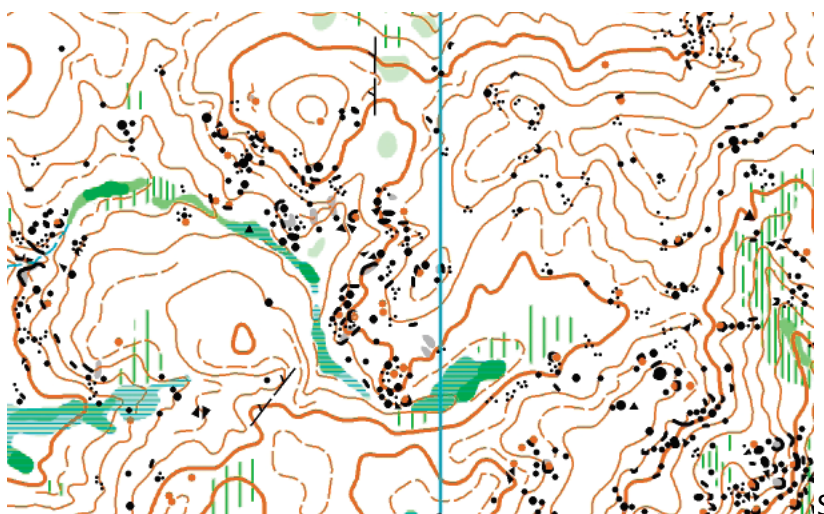
WB, MC, WC), four Moderate navigation (MD, WD, ME, WE), two Easy (MF, WF) and two Very Easy (MG, WG). Approximate lengths are in the flyer.

Please check that you have entered your preferred class. If you need to make a change to your Turbo Chook class that was recorded before the Early Bird deadline, please email warwick.moore@aoc2021.tasorienteeing.asn.au

EVENT ORGANISATION

Our organising team is gearing up and forging ahead with preparations.

- Courses are at the final stage of checking before going to map layout and printing.
- Our Logistics team has visited all event arenas and has planned layout and parking.
- The final bulletin and programmes are already being put together.



Some points of interest to note:

- We will be providing control descriptions at the start (No need to print and bring your own!) See Covid safety below.
- We will provide water in 250ml bottles as per OA rules at all events where it is warranted. Please put the empties in the bag provided.
- SIAir will be available at most events but it will be necessary to punch at the Finish control. (Event details will come in a later bulletin.)
- We will **not** have any SIAC or SI cards for hire. You must bring your own. You can buy timing devices from [Aussieogear](#) or [WildfireSports](#)
- Please bring a water bottle so that you have your own water supply at the event arenas each day.

A COVID-SAFE EVENT

We acknowledge that we have a responsibility to you, to our own orienteering community, and to the local community on the East Coast and throughout Tasmania, to ensure that AOC2021 is conducted in a Covid-safe way. We take this responsibility seriously.

The Government of Tasmania have some specific requirements with which we must abide, including a plan to make our championships Covid-safe. Please assist us to meet these requirements.



Before coming to Tasmania, download the free *Check in TAS* app

<https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au/check-in-tas>

Using the app you will need to scan a QR code when you visit most locations in Tasmania (accommodation, restaurants etc). The organisers are required to use the app to record contact tracing information for all participants, officials and spectators, at all our events.

Once you've downloaded the app, enter your name and the details of all other people, 16 years of age and over, who are travelling with you. This will enable you to provide the required contact tracing information very quickly, with one scan covering all the people travelling with you in your car or bus. You will be faster at Covid check-in and it will help to avoid delays and queues when entering the event parking area at each event.

Control descriptions

For everyone's safety please sanitise your hands at the entrance to the Start and before downloading your SI data after finishing. Sanitiser will be provided at these locations and throughout the arena.

Start, Finish, Arena.

To comply with current regulations, we are planning the layout of the Start and Finish to meet the requirements for maintaining a 1.5m separation. We ask that you maintain social distancing in the arena areas and wherever queuing is necessary (food, coffee, Start and Finish etc).

Any changes to these requirements between now and the start of AOC2021 will be communicated in the final Bulletin approximately 2 weeks prior the championships.

<https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au/check-in-tas>

TRAVEL TO TASMANIA

For your information, the following is an extract from the Tasmanian Government's recent update for the sport and recreation sector relating to travel to Tasmania.



Tasmania's border entry conditions depend on where each traveller has spent time prior to the day of their arrival in Tasmania. Areas are assessed as either low, medium or high-risk based on Public Health advice.

All people [coming to Tasmania](#) must provide their contact and travel details prior to arriving in Tasmania via the Tas e-Travel system. This includes Tasmanian residents who are returning to the state, e.g. if you are returning from participating in a sporting event on the mainland. Register through the [Tas e-Travel system](#), up to three days before your arrival in Tasmania.

Please be aware that if you have spent time in any medium or high-risk areas/premises in the 14 days before arriving in Tasmania you are required to use the [G2G PASS system](#). Travellers from medium or high-risk areas are subject to additional requirements and conditions (such as quarantine) if approved to enter the State.

For the latest information on travelling to Tasmania visit www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/comingtotas

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