



2010 Tasmanian Sprint Distance Orienteering Championships Sunday May 30th

WROC invite all orienteers to take part in the 2010 Tasmanian Sprint Distance Championships on only the second ever map produced specifically prepared for this exciting format of orienteering in Tasmania. "Sprint" style orienteering has a different type of challenge where the navigation may appear easier but as you seem to be moving a little faster than in a typical "bush" style event, the smallest navigational mishap can prove costly if you are racing for victory. The challenge is to "hit" all controls cleanly.

To add to the excitement of the day there will be two races for your enjoyment. The first race (qualification) will determine the start order for the second Championship race.

Location: Weston Park – Austins Ferry

Landowners: WROC thanks the Glenorchy City Council and St Virgils College for their kind assistance in supporting this Championship event with access to the council park and College grounds.

Directions:

From the North
After crossing the Bridgewater bridge, turn left and follow the old Main Road, follow this for approx 3.5km to pass St Virgils College. About 900m past St Virgils turn left into Austins Ferry Road and then right into Weston Park.

From the South
Follow the Brooker Highway and take the Cadbury/Claremont exit. Turn right onto Claremont Link Road which then turns into Main Road. Follow this through Claremont towards Austins Ferry and Granton for 2.5km. You will pass Poimena Reserve on the left just before you need to turn right into Austins Ferry Road. Turn right off this road into Weston Park.

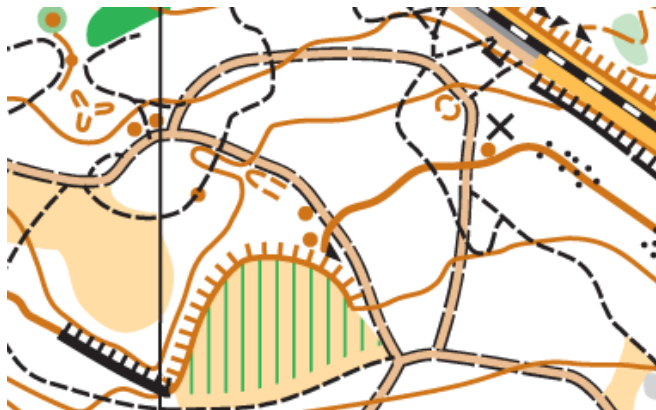
Parking: Please park in the car park immediately to the west of the assembly area upon entering Weston Park.

Course Setter: Michael Dowling
Controller: Sue Hancock
Helpers: Anne, Patrick and Nick Sampson

Map: Austins Ferry
Map Scale: 1: 5000 contour interval 2.5metres
Mapper: Patrick Saile Autumn 2010 from original map produced by Mark Hey. The map will use the ISSOM (special international map symbol) standard for sprint format orienteering. Posters with the ISSOM standard map symbols will be on display at event registration.
NOTE: There will be no map legend on the competition map.

**Terrain
Description:**

The competition terrain consists of parkland, some streets and the grounds of St Virgils College. The College grounds are a mix of buildings, sports grounds and bushland. There are many minor tracks in the bushland area created by mountain bikes and patches of variable vegetation which will make for interesting sprint style orienteering. The complex track network can make navigation confusing. Some of the minor tracks can be difficult to see when crossing at right angles.



Sample of competition map using the Sprint map symbol specification

NOTE: Care should be taken by all competitors crossing any public roads while on their course. Please look both ways before crossing any such roads. Course 7/8 will cross a public road on both their courses. A marshall will be stationed at the crossing point in the interests of safety for participants on this course.

Entry Information:

The preferred method of entry is online via EntryHub (www.entryhub.net) with payment either via PayPal or by cheque.

Entries close on Tuesday May 25th.

Late entries may be possible by directly contacting the organising team care of Mike or Sue by phone (62447173 or 0410 775 799) or email at smaz@isage.net.au. Please note a late fee of \$2 per entry will be charged.

If you elect to pay by cheque please make cheques payable to WROC and send to Tas Sprint Distance Champs, c/- 17 High Street, Bellerive, 7018.

A paper entry form is also available on the OT website.

An event program, including start list, will be distributed late in the week prior to the conduct of the Championships.

Start Location:

The start will be located relatively close to the assembly area.

“Qualification” event walk to start is 350m from assembly area.

“Championship” event walk to start is 250m from assembly area.

First Start:

From 10.15am for the “Qualification” event.

From 12.00noon for the “Championship” event.

Start Intervals:

1 Minute

Start Procedure:

Competitors are advised to be at the start 6 minutes prior to their allocated start time. Maps will be pre-marked. Control descriptions will be available at the start and will be printed on the map. SportIdent electronic punching will be used.

Course Closure:

Course Closure will be 1.30pm.

Finish:

The Finish is adjacent to the Assembly Area.

Toilets:	Toilets are available 100m from the assembly area, across the bridge in Shoobridge Park.
Enter on the Day:	Enter on the day will not be available.
Catering:	A fundraising BBQ in support of the 2010 Tasmanian Schools team will hopefully be available.
Presentations:	Presentations of trophies and awards will be made as soon as results are known. It is anticipated that this will be around 1.00 to 1.15.
SportIdent Electronic Punching:	PLEASE NOTE: If you do not own a SportIdent electronic punching stick, we will allocate one to you for the Championships on a hire basis of \$2, payable on the day at registration.

Course Information:

Target winning times for the “Qualification” will be around 15 to 18 minutes and for the “Championship” will be around 16 to 20 minutes. There will be lots of controls on each course. The aim is to provide a “value for money” experience of this type of orienteering, with expected winning times just a touch longer than recommended by the rules.

NOTE: Your age class is determined by your age at December 31 2010.

Course	Classes	Qualifier Distances	Final Distances
1	M21A	2.8km	3.3km
2	W21A. M17-20,35,40	2.6km	3.0km
3	W17-20,35. M16,45,50	2.4km	2.6km
4	W-16,40,45,50. M55,60, Open Men Short	2.2km	2.4km
5	W55,60,65,70,75 Open Women Short. M65,70,75	2.2km	2.2km
6	W14,80+. M14,80+	2.3km	2.3km
7/8	W10,12. M10,12	1.1km	1.2km

