



2015 NSW SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS INVITATION



August 15-16, western Sydney

Western and Hills Orienteers and the NSW Stingers are conducting the 2015 NSW Schools Orienteering Championships. **This is a two-day event. You may enter one day or both.**

Description of the events

Saturday: consists of 2 'sprint' races. Courses are short (1.5-3km depending on the age class), and held mainly in urban environments with clear boundaries (uni campuses, former hospital sites, sporting complexes etc). The winning time in each age class will be approximately 20 minutes.

Venues: [UWS Hawkesbury](#) and [UWS Werrington](#).

Sunday: one 'middle distance' race. Held in a bush environment and designed to test cross-country navigation. Courses are of medium length (1.5-6km depending on the age class). The winning time in each age class will be approximately 40 minutes. All participants must carry a whistle – if you do not have one, we will supply one.

Venue: [Glenbrook](#).

Explanation of age classes for bush events on Sunday:

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| M10A | W10A | 'Very easy' courses: about 1.5 km, navigable without a compass, and following 'handrails', which are linear features such as tracks, fences, well-defined watercourses and vegetation boundaries. Sample map . |
| M9A | W9A | |
| M11-12B | W11-12B | |

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| M12A | W12A | 'Easy' courses: 2-2.5 km, they encourage simple distance estimation and basic corner cutting without a compass. Control sites should be on large visible features within 10m of the handrail. Sample map . |
| M11A | W11A | |
| M13-14B | W13-14B | |

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| M14A | W14A | 'Moderate' courses: 3-4km, requiring a compass to take cross-country routes. There may be a choice of tracks on some legs. Control sites are near obvious 'catching features' or 'attack points'. Sample map . |
| M13A | W13A | |
| M15+B | W15+B | |

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| M17+A | W17+A | 'Hard' courses: 3-6km, requiring fine compass work. They test all types of orienteering skills: map reading and navigational skill, the ability to assess route choice. For experienced bush orienteers only. Features are often small (boulders etc). Sample map . |
| M16A | W16A | |
| M15A | W15A | |

Entry Fees:

| | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Primary School Students | \$14* | \$12 |
| Secondary School Students | \$18* | \$16 |

* This covers both races.

These events use Sportident electronic timing sticks. SI stick hire is free for schools competitors. Please tick the box in Trybooking to indicate you require an SI stick.

Entries: Online entries close 10 August. You must enter individually. It is not the responsibility of the school to enter on your behalf. Payment is by credit card. If you do not have a credit card, please contact Sue Davis on 0414 703 204 or davii@bigpond.net.au

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