



2017 NSW SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS INVITATION



August 19-20, Wollongong

The 2017 NSW Schools Orienteering Championships are a **two-day event**. You may enter **Sat or Sun or both days**.

Description of the events

Saturday: 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: Cataract Scout Park, Appin (afternoon).

Explanation of age classes for bush events on Saturday:

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	

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	

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	

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	

Sunday: 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 15-20 minutes.

Venues: University of Wollongong and TAFE Illawarra (morning and lunchtime).

Entry Fees (* means the fee covers both races):

	Saturday	Sunday
Primary School Students	\$15	\$15*
Secondary School Students	\$20	\$20*

Electronic timing hire is free for schools competitors. Please tick the box in Trybooking to indicate you require a stick.

Entries: Online entries close **14 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

Enter via www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=279242

Practice events: Sat Aug 12 Lane Cove, Sun Aug 13 Southern Highlands, Newcastle, Orange, Armidale, Abbotsbury

