



# OCEANIA SPRINT ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS JAN / FEB 2024



27 January – 6 February 2024

## Bulletin 1



## 1. Welcome

With a view to sprint WOC 2024 Orienteering New Zealand, Orienteering Taranaki and Auckland Orienteering Club are proud to present the 2024 Oceania Sprint Championships, including the inaugural Oceania Knock-out Sprint Championships and Oceania Sprint Relay Championships. The events will be split between the cities of New Plymouth, in the shadow of 2518m Mount Taranaki, and Auckland, the city of sails and venue for the 2021 America's Cup. The Oceania Championship races will be held in conjunction with two sprint series, the Lonely Mountain Sprints (LMS) and Auckland Triple Crown (ATC) Sprints, which will offer high quality, competitive sprint racing for all classes.

## 2. Organization

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Website: [www.oceaniao.nz](http://www.oceaniao.nz)

## 3. Venue and access

Auckland, New Zealand's largest city, lies in the northern part of the North Island and is served by many international airlines. There are also international airports at Wellington, Christchurch and Queenstown. New Plymouth, in the west of the North Island can be reached by domestic air connections.



Driving time from either Auckland or Wellington to New Plymouth is about 4.5 to 5 hours.

For most countries a visa is not required to enter New Zealand. However, except for New Zealand and Australian citizens, a New Zealand electronic Travel Authority (NZETA) is required. To check requirements please visit <https://www.airnewzealand.co.nz/travel-requirements-new-zealand> .

## 4. Programme and classes

The overall programme is shown below.

<b>Oceania 2024 Sprint Events</b>		
<b>New Plymouth/Ngāmotu</b>		
1	pm, Friday 26 January	Warm-up event
2	am, Saturday 27 January	LMS1 – all classes
3	pm, Saturday 27 January	LMS2 – all classes
4	am, Sunday 28 January	<b>Oceania KO Sprint Championships (Qual, QF)</b>
5		LMS3 – all classes
6	pm, Sunday 28 January	<b>Oceania KO Sprint Championships (SF, F)</b>
7		LMS4 – all classes
8	am, Monday, 29 January	<b>Oceania Sprint Relay Championships</b>
<b>Auckland/Tāmaki Makaurau</b>		
9	pm, Saturday 3 February	<b>Oceania Sprint Championships (ATC1)</b>
10	am, Sunday 4 February	ACT2 – all classes
11	Monday 5 February	Training maps/rest day
12	am, Tuesday 6 February	ACT3 – all classes

The Oceania Sprint Championships, and the Lonely Mountain and Triple Crown sprints will offer the full range of age classes:

M/W-10, -12, -14, -16, -18, -20E, 21E, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80

The Oceania Knock-out Sprint Championships will offer M21E and W21E. These will be open classes.

The Oceania Sprint Relay Championships will offer 21 and -18 classes. An sprint relay may also be offered for other age classes.



## 5. Embargoed areas

A full list of embargoed areas will be published on the website [www.oceaniao.nz](http://www.oceaniao.nz) and, for New Plymouth areas, can be found here:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=11yoA7f3JunbmW5D80XPoXwWu7AeTprQ&usp=sharing>

and for Auckland areas, Here:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1M1ZTiLB58pPVPAD6zpJLIwxv3325HQ8&usp=sharing>.

## 6. Punching system

All races will use the SI Air touch free punching system.

## 7. Entries

Entries open on 1 August 2023. There will be a single entry system for all races which can be accessed through the event website.

Entry fees are in NZ\$.

	Junior	Senior	M/W20E	M/W21E
Oceania KO Sprint Championships*	-	-	\$50	\$75
Oceania Sprint Relay (per person)	\$20	\$30	\$30	\$45
Oceania Sprint Championships	\$20	\$30	\$30	\$45
Lonely Mountain Sprints (per race)	\$20	\$30	\$20	\$30
Auckland Triple Crown (per race)	\$20	\$30	\$20	\$30
Warmup event	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$15

\* Athletes who do not qualify for the KO Sprint rounds, or who are eliminated at the Quarter-Final stage will be given automatic entry into LMS4 on Sunday afternoon.

## 8. Weather and climate

January and February are the height of the New Zealand summer. Average temperatures and rainfall for both New Plymouth and Auckland are:

	Daily Temperatures (°C)			Monthly Rain
	Av	Max	Min	mm
New Plymouth	17-18	22-23	12-13	74
Auckland	20	23-24	16-17	16

## 9. Accommodation

Entrants will need to make their own accommodation arrangements. There are many hotels and motels in both New Plymouth and Auckland, as well as AirBnB properties.

For New Plymouth, visit <https://www.taranaki.co.nz/visit/>

For Auckland, visit <https://www.aucklandsite.com/>

## 10. Tourist opportunities

Overseas visitors are encouraged to use Oceania 2024 as an opportunity to explore New Zealand more widely. To do justice to this we recommend spending at least another week in New Zealand. For example, while travelling from New Plymouth to Auckland between the two weekends that Oceania encompasses, it will be possible to explore the volcanic and geothermal wonders of the central North Island.

