



OCEANIA SPRINT ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS JAN / FEB 2024



27 January – 6 February 2024

Bulletin 2



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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Oceania Website: www.oceaniao.nz

LMS Website: <https://lonelymountainsprints.weebly.com/>

ATC Website: <https://akltriplecrown.weebly.com/>

3. Venues 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

Date	Oceania Races	Public Races
Fri 26 January	Model event	Model event
Sat 27 January	-	am: LMS 1 pm: LMS 2
Sun 28 January	Oceania KO Sprint Champs	am: LMS 3 pm: LMS 4
Mon 29 January	Oceania Sprint Relay Champs	Sprint Relay
Sat 3 February	Oceania Sprint Champs	ATC 1
Sun 4 February	.	ATC 2
Mon 5 February	-	-
Tue 6 February	-	ATC 3

5. Embargoed areas

A full list of embargoed areas is published on the website www.oceaniao.nz with details of restrictions.

For only New Plymouth areas:

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

and for Auckland areas:

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

6. Training opportunities

There will be a sprint training camp held in Wellington from Saturday 20 to Monday 22 January.

In addition, a variety of training maps in the Manawatu/Wanganui area (between Wellington and New Plymouth) and the central North Island will be made available for download.

Full details will be posted on <https://www.oceaniao.nz/training/>

7. Rules

The Oceania KO Sprint, Oceania Sprint Relay and Oceania Sprint will be run under IOF Rules. These can be found at

<https://orienteering.sport/orienteering/competition-rules/>

Public races will be run under orienteering New Zealand Rules. These can be found at <https://www.orienteering.org.nz/resources/rules/>

8. General Competition Information

Punching

All Oceania races will use Sport Ident Air system.

Mapping

Maps have been updated to ISSprOM2019 (ver. 2022) by Russell Higham. No legends are supplied, but they will be on display at the event centres.

Registration

All competitors must report to registration prior to their first race to collect their bib, any hire SI cards and pay any outstanding fees owing.

Registration will be open at the Model Event on 26 January from 16:00 to 19:00 and at the event centres on Saturday 08:00 to 10:00. Sunday 7:30 – 10:30am

Paper

All maps are A4 and will be printed on waterproof paper. No plastic bags will be supplied.

Start Procedure

The start procedure for the Oceania KO Sprint Qualification and the Oceania Sprint Championships is shown below.

Time	Action
-4 minutes	Call up
-3 minutes	Control descriptions
-2 minutes	Check box
-1 minute	Map box
Start time	Start

Finish Procedure

The finish will be through a SportIdent Gate. For those of you who have not used the gate before, this is just the same AIR technology, but slightly longer range so that you can run through the gate without slowing down.

You are responsible for noting that your SI stick beeps. In the event that there is a failure, you should punch the finish control which is immediately after the gate.

Relay Registration

The deadline for registering for the Oceania Sprint Relay is 14:00 on Saturday 27 January.

GPS Tracking

GPS Tracking will be used for Semi-finals and Finals of the Oceania KO Sprint. Selected competitors may also be tracked in the Oceania Sprint.

9. Event Information

Only the Oceania KO Sprint, the Oceania Sprint Relay, and the Oceania Sprint are covered in this section. Information on the public races can be found at <https://lonelymountainsprints.weebly.com/> for LMS, and at <https://akltriplecrown.weebly.com/> for ATC.

9.1 Oceania KO Sprint – Sunday 28 January

Map:	Pukekura Park (Qualification and Quarter-Final), Scale 1:4000, 5m contours Western Institute of Technology/New Plymouth Boys HS (Semi-Final and Final), Scale 1:4000, 5m contours
Planner:	Malcolm Ingham (Red Kiwis)
Controller:	Russell Higham (Red Kiwis)
National Controller:	Gillian Ingham (Wellington)
IOF SEA:	Cathy McComb (AUS)
Directions:	Qualification and QF – the event centre is at the TSB Stadium. From the centre of New Plymouth travel south on SH3. Immediately before New Plymouth Raceway turn right on to Rogan Street and follow it to the stadium. Parking is in the TSB Stadium carpark. SF and Final – the arena is on the main playing field at New Plymouth Boys HS. Cars must be left at TSB Stadium. From TSB Stadium it is possible to access the arena on foot down Pendarves Street – from the junction of Rogan Street and SH3 head towards the city centre, Pendarves Street is the first turn on the right. Note that all areas of

Western institute of Technology and New Plymouth Boys HS are strictly out of bounds.

Timetable:

08:00 First start Qualification.
11:00 Start of Quarter-Finals –Women’s QF 5 minute intervals from 11:00, Men’s QF 5 minute intervals from 1130.
14:00 Start of Semi-Final – first Women’s SF 1400, first Men’s SF 1430.
17:30 Women’s Final.
17:45 Men’s Final.

Terrain: Pukekura is an area of public gardens and native bush around a central valley containing several lakes. There is an extensive network of tracks and paths.

New Plymouth Boys HS/WITT are typical campus maps with multiple buildings, sometimes on different levels.

Old maps of both areas can be found at www.oceaniao.nz

Mapping Notes:

(1) Flower beds, cultivated areas and bush that are out of bounds are shown in the usual olive green colour. It is forbidden to enter these areas.
(2) Seats and benches are not mapped.
(3) Individual items of playground equipment are not mapped.

Hazards: Be aware that Pukekura gardens are open to the general public and take care to avoid running into people. Take particular care around playgrounds where there may be small children.

The qualification courses cross one minor road. Give way to traffic and take extreme care when crossing. There may also be vehicles in other areas of the gardens.

Start locations: Qualification – the start is an approximately 900 m walk from TSB Stadium. Go back along Rogan Street, turn left on to Gover Street and then left on to Fillis Street. The pre-start is at the end of Fillis Street.

Quarter-Final -the start is a 500 m walk from TSB Stadium. Follow Rogan Street around the south edge of the Raceway and turn right on the road to Bowl of Brooklands.

Semi-Final and Final – both starts are on/adjacent to the main playing field at New Plymouth Boys HS.

Quarantine: There is no quarantine for the Qualification. Quarantine for the QF is 500 m east of TBS Stadium, adjacent to the racecourse. All qualified athletes must be in quarantine by 1055. For SF and F there will be a designated area adjacent to the SF/F arena. All qualified athletes for SF/F must be in this by 1345 for the SF and 1715 for the F.

Crossing points: In the SF there is a single marked crossing point over a fence. This is not compulsory

Control descriptions: Apart from for the qualification, control descriptions will be on the maps only.

Courses:

	Length (km)	Climb (m)	Controls
Qualification - Men	2.67 – 2.71	75 - 85	17-18
Qualification - Women	2.28 – 2.31	55 - 65	16
Quarter-Final	1.78	60	14
Semi-Final	1.74	35	14
Final	1.72	30	11

Qualification: For both Men and Women the top 12 athletes in each of three parallel heats qualify for the Quarter-Finals. In each Quarter-Final the first 3 finishers qualify for the Semi-Finals. In each Semi-Final the first 2 finishers qualify for the Final.

KO Allocation: Allocation of Quarter-Final heats will follow the IOF Standard as shown below.

QF1	QF2	QF3	QF4	QF5	QF6
1 Heat 3	2 Heat 2	1 Heat 1	2 Heat 3	1 Heat 2	2 Heat 1
4 Heat 1	3 Heat 3	4 Heat 2	3 Heat 1	4 Heat 3	3 Heat 2
5 Heat 2	6 Heat 1	5 Heat 3	6 Heat 2	5 Heat 1	6 Heat 3
8 Heat 3	7 Heat 2	8 Heat 1	7 Heat 3	8 Heat 2	7 Heat 1
9 Heat 1	10 Heat 3	9 Heat 2	10 Heat 1	9 Heat 3	10 Heat 2
12 Heat 2	11 Heat 1	12 Heat 3	11 Heat 2	12 Heat 1	11 Heat 3

Qualifiers from QF1 and QF2 will go into SF1, qualifiers from QF3 and QF4 will go into SF2, qualifiers from QF5 and QF6 will go into SF3.

Splitting: Course splitting using the approved formats may be used for the Knock-out rounds.

Oceania Championships: It is an IOF requirement that there be 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings for Oceania athletes in the Oceania Championships. Should there be less than 3 Oceania athletes in a Final then a B Final will also be held and timings listed above will vary.

9.2 Oceania Sprint Relay – Monday 29 January

- Map:** Pukeiti Gardens, Scale 1:4000, 5m contours
- Planner:** Thomas Higgins (Orienteering Taranaki)
- Controller:** Marquita Gelderman (North West)
- National Controller:** Gillian Ingham (Wellington)
- IOF SEA:** Cathy McComb (AUS)
- Directions:** Pukeiti is on Carrington Rd, 23 km or approximately half an hour's drive from the centre of New Plymouth or the TSB stadium. Parking space is very limited, so non-elite runners and spectators are asked to please car-pool (see details on LMS website). Elite runners will all travel by bus from New Plymouth (see below).
- Transport:** All elite runners will travel to and from Pukeiti by bus. Buses will leave the TSB Stadium, New Plymouth at 7.30 am and return as soon as possible after the presentation. See directions to the TSB Stadium given for the KO sprint qualification and quarter final. Parking will be available at the TSB Stadium.
- Timetable:**
- 07:30 Buses leave TSB Stadium for all elite runners (M/W21 and M/W18)
 - 07:45 Registration opens
 - 08:00 Buses arrive at Pukeiti
 - 08:45 Oceania sprint relay briefing
 - 09:00 Mass start of first leg runners
 - 10:15 Briefing for all other (LMS) relay classes
 - 10:30 Mass start of first leg runners all other classes
 - 12:15 Prizegiving
 - 12:45 Buses leave to return elite runners to TSB Stadium
- Terrain:** Pukeiti is an undulating area of gardens and native bush with an extensive and complex network of tracks and paths.
- Mapping Notes:**
- (1) Most of the bush and cultivated gardens are **out of bounds**. The flower beds and cultivated areas that are out of bounds are shown in the usual olive green colour. The native bush is shown as slow run. This enables runners to distinguish between the two vegetation types, and to read contour detail more easily. Please note however that both shades of green denote areas that are **out of bounds**! See the example above.
- (2) The new black triangle symbols in conjunction with a diagonal stripe screen have been used to denote two-level areas that can be



accessed on either level. In general use of the triangles means that you cannot get from one level to the other. See the example on the right. (3) The following special symbols have been used



Black cross x = seat or bench

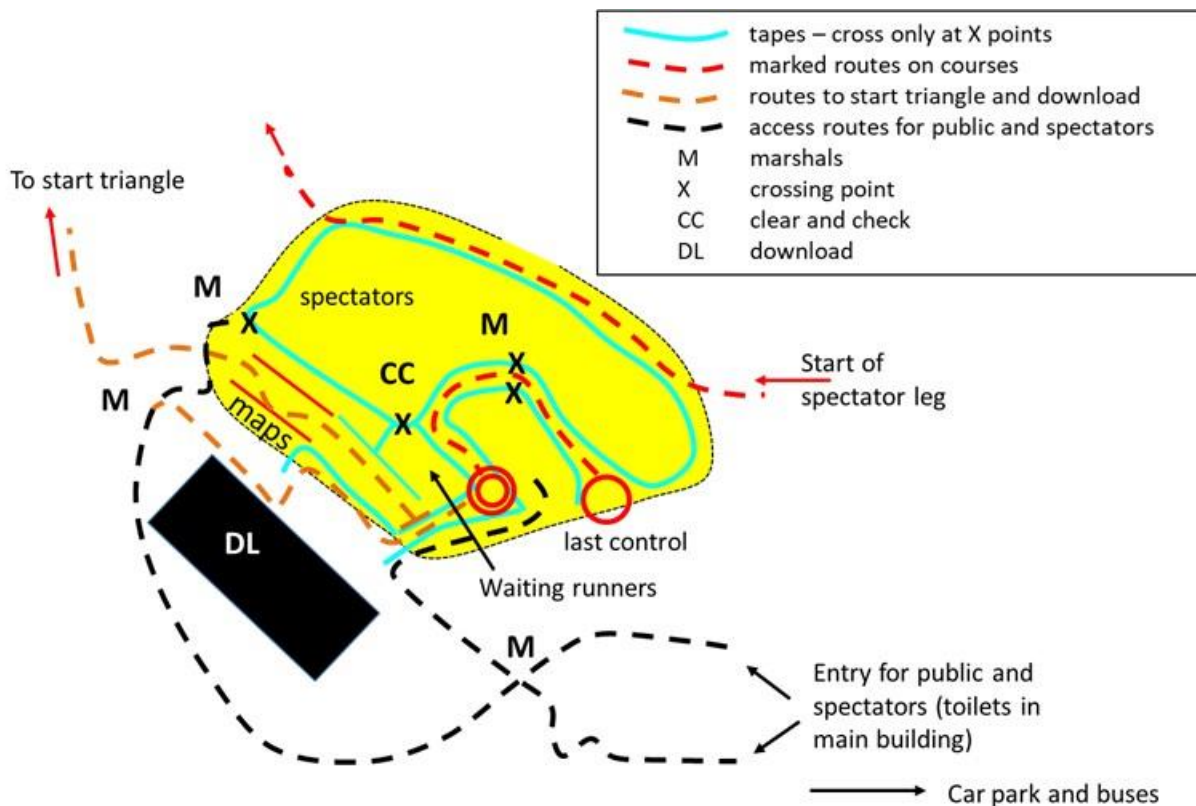
Black circle with a central dot = art work

Hazards:

Pukeiti will be open to the public. Some paths are narrow, they may have runners going in both directions, or may have members of the public on them. Please take care to avoid collisions. Generally, try to pass other runners or members of the public on the left side. Paths and steps will be slippery if wet.

Arena:

The start, finish and changeover will be alongside the main spectator area on the main lawn adjacent to the gardens information building and café. Please look at the sketch map below and follow marshals' instructions. Competitors are not permitted beyond the arena area until after their team has completed its course. A spectator leg runs around the north side of the arena – this is roughly two-thirds of the way around courses.



Quarantine:

There is no quarantine for the Elite sprint relay.

Control descriptions: Control descriptions will be on the maps only. All courses include multiple split controls. Runners should check their control descriptions carefully.

Map Flip: All courses include a map flip at the control leading into the spectator leg.

Spectator Leg: Runners must follow the taped route between the beginning and end of the spectator leg.

Courses:

	Women (Legs 1 and 4)			Men (Legs 2 and 3)		
	Length (km)	Climb (m)	Controls	Length (km)	Climb (m)	Controls
M/W21E	2.7 – 2.8	40	17	3.0 – 3.1	65	19
M/W18E	2.3 – 2.4	50	17	2.7 – 2.8	40	17

9.3 Oceania Sprint – Saturday 3 February

Map: University of Auckland, Scale 1:4000, 2m contours

Planner: Alison Comer (Auckland)

Controller: Martin Crosby (Auckland)

National Controller: Marquita Gelderman (North West)

IOF SEA: Cathy McComb (AUS)

Directions:



The Event Centre is the plaza of the Owen G Glenn Building, 12 Grafton Road. If arriving by car, access Grafton Road from either Symonds Street or Stanley Street, then park in the basement of the Owen Glenn Building . Cost is \$6 per car for the day. Payment is via credit or debit card at one of the pay stations (no pay-wave). Once you have parked your car, take the lift to the Ground Floor and then exit to the event centre.

If arriving by public transport (bus) choose a bus that travels via Symonds Street, hop off on Symonds Street at the University stop and then walk down Grafton Road.

If walking from the downtown train station or ferry terminal, from Customs Street/Beach Road, head up Anzac Avenue to Symonds Street then walk down Grafton Road.

The whole of the University of Auckland Campus, Albert Park, Princes Street and Alfred Street are embargoed from 9am on the morning of the event until event closure. Competitors may use Symonds Street and Grafton Road to travel to the event but must not deviate from these roads – the campus either side of these roads is strictly out-of-bounds (see map above).

Timetable:

- 13:30 Registration opens
- 14:45 Closure of Quarantine
- 15:00 First start
- 17:00 Last start
- 18:00 Course closure

Terrain: Classic University campus with a mix of larger building shapes and smaller buildings making for more complex areas. There are also areas of more open parkland with ornamental gardens and large trees.

The terrain is moderately sloping with some steeper areas and stairs that traverse the different levels.

Footing for the most part is excellent but grip in the steeper park sections could be slippery if wet.

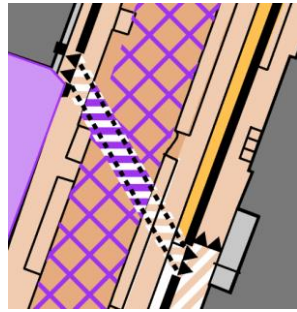
Mapping Notes: (1) The symbols for prominent man-made and vegetation features have been used to denote the following features:

✘ Statue, art installation or historic monument

✘ Tree stump or log

(2) There are several large construction areas shown on the map using symbol 714 (temporary construction or closed area). The borders of these areas are well fenced and well defined so should not present any confusion to runners.

(3) There are several parts in the map where multi-level mapping



symbols are used to show the area can be run at two levels or, as in the example shown, where an underpass can be accessed to run beneath an out-of-bounds area. The colour of the candy-stripe always denotes the upper level, the dotted lines the boundary of the lower level. The arrowheads show the

entry point to the lower level.

(4) There are other areas with several levels where the other levels are not runnable and are therefore not mapped. The level not mapped will be taped off and entrances to these will show on the map as uncrossable. Some entrances to unmapped levels need to remain open to the public so will not be fully closed off.

(5) Areas of vegetation mapped as out of bounds which are obvious, such as formal gardens, will not be marked in any way on the ground. In some areas, where it is less obvious where the out of bounds starts and finishes, the out of bounds will be taped.

Hazards:

University Term 1 will not yet have started, so the campus is expected to be quiet, but the University will still be open and there may be staff and students moving around. Some courses also enter Albert Park, which is a public domain. Please respect the public throughout the map and make sure you avoid collisions with them, and other runners, especially in narrow passageways and on stairs.

The map is bisected by two roads:

- Traffic on one of the roads can be busy, therefore this road is out-of-bounds to all competitors. It is marked on the map as **out-of-bounds** using symbol 709 (purple hash). This road must only be crossed by using the mapped underpasses (see multi-level notes above).
- Traffic on the other road is expected to be light and travelling slowly. Courses have been designed to make use of a pedestrian crossing where there will be marshals on course to warn runners of oncoming traffic. However it is the competitors' responsibility to ensure they look for traffic and cross safely. The pedestrian crossing is marked on the map using symbol 710 (crossing point). Note – this is not a mandatory crossing point so runners may cross elsewhere if they choose.

There may be some other local traffic within the University grounds. It will be travelling slowly but care will still be needed when crossing or running on any internal roads.

The steps and tiled areas could be slippery, especially if wet.

Start location:

There is a 500m walk from the event centre to the start. Allow yourself 5-10 minutes – longer if you wish to make use of the model map or warm-up area described below. The route will be marked by tapes and/or chalk to show the way (or you can follow the course marked on the model map).

Ensure you are at the start area before your call-up time.

In addition to using the model map as a warm-up, at the start competitors are allowed to run up and down the footpath alongside the road adjacent to the start, but must not cross the road or go beyond the start area. Signs will indicate the warm-up area.

Model map:

A small model map with controls placed on the map (together with flags on the ground) is available on the way to the start. Following the course marked on the model map will take you from the event centre to the start.

Quarantine:

A quarantine will be in operation for competitors running W20E, W21E, M20E, and M21E. All competitors in these grades must check-in to the quarantine area **no later than 2:45pm**. The quarantine area is adjacent to the start and will be clearly signposted – follow the directions to the start as described above. Allow yourself 5-10 mins (more if you want to spend time on the model map) to get to the quarantine area from the event centre.

Once you have checked in to the quarantine area you may only leave this area (other than when it is time to go to the start) if you wish to use the warm-up area described above.

There are toilets and water available in the quarantine area. If you take a bag to the quarantine area you will not be able to collect it again until after the last Elite runner has started.

Competitors are not permitted to use their phones while in the quarantine area.

Courses:

Course	Classes	Length (km)	Climb (m)	Controls	Scale
1	M20E, M21E	3.9	60	32	1:4000
2	W20E, W21E M16, M18	3.1	55	23	1:4000 1:3000
4	W16, W18	2.6	45	22	1:3000