New Zealand Orienteering Championships

18 – 21 April 2025

EVENT BULLETIN #1

Nau mai haere mai, and welcome from Peninsula and Plains Orienteers!

We are excited to be hosting the 2025 New Zealand Orienteering Championships (NZOC2025), with events in Christchurch CBD, on the slopes of Mt Cass and in the coastal sand dunes north of Christchurch.

This bulletin provides initial information on the NZ Champs, and will be supplemented by more thorough information in Bulletin 2, a week or two prior to the event.

Please also check out the NZOC **website**.

Please like and follow the official NZ Orienteering Championships **facebook** for updates.

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Central Christchurch

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Saturday 19 April 2025
Waimakariri

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LONG DISTANCE EVENT
Sunday 20 April 2025
Mt Cass

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RELAY
Monday 21 April 2025
Waimakariri

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EVENT LOCATIONS & ACCOMMODATION

Date	Event	Location	Distance from Christchurch airport
Friday 18 April 2025	Sprint	Central Christchurch	11 km
Saturday 19 April 2025	Middle	Waimakariri	30-40 km
Sunday 20 April 2025	Long	Mt Cass	75 km
Monday 21 April 2025	Relay	Waimakariri	30-40 km

Embargoed areas

To see the full Embargo Notice for Nationals 2025 follow this **Link**

Map of area

Christchurch offers a variety of accommodation options, ranging from camping to luxury

Transport information

There is a direct bus departing from Christchurch to Amberley, and the journey takes approximately 46 min, but it will not take you to the event centre destinations. All events centres are located far from the main highway - so you will need private transport to get to the event centre.
The closest car charger to the event is at Amberly Brackenfields Shopping Centre, 123 Carters Rd. It has a dual charger temporarily limited to 50KW. Only just north of Christchurch there is another two: Ravenswood New World, 10 Bob Robertson Drive, with 50kW & 75kW, and Woodend Community Centre Station, 6 School Road, 22 kW & 75 kW.

Accommodation

Christchurch offers a variety of accommodation options, ranging from camping to luxury hotels and motels. There are a number of towns north of Christchurch conveniently located for the forest events: Kaiapoi, Woodend, Rangiora, Amberley and Waipara. Be aware that Easter will be a busy period, so we recommend booking early.

Visa info

You may need a visa to visit, and you may not be allowed to check in to fly to New Zealand if your passport is not valid for travel to New Zealand. Check that it will not expire soon after your visit as well. Check for visa information with NZ Immigration here

Climate info

Mt Cass and Christchurch are at latitude 43 degrees south which is within the Southern Hemisphere temperate zone. Within this zone, westerly winds can predict much of the weather systems, Mt Cass is 525m high and near to the coast, so it can have high wind speeds, but wind levels generally settle from April onwards.In April daylight hours are getting are shorter but the average high-temperature is 16.2°C dipping to 8.3°C at night.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The organising team of the NZOC2025 would like to thank the land owners and managers for their support in enabling us to host this event, in particular:

- **Christchurch central** - Christchurch City Council
- **Waimakariri** - Tūhaitara Coastal Park and Waimakariri District Council
- **Mt Cass** - Matariki forest
- **Waimakariri** - Tūhaitara Coastal Park and Waimakariri District Council

COMPETITION INFORMATION

NZOC2025 awards National titles across all age categories for foot orienteering in Sprint, Middle, and Long distance events, and Relay.

Rules

The events will be run under the latest version of the Orienteering New Zealand (ONZ) 'Competition Rules for New Zealand Foot Orienteering Events'.

A level status : NZOC2025 has A-Level status across all four events: Sprint, Middle, Long and Relay.

WRE: There are three World Ranking Events at NZOC2025: the Sprint, Middle, and Long.

Fair play

All competitors shall behave with fairness and honesty, and must abide by the IOF fair play rules. A competitor who breaks any rule,or benefits from the breaking of any rule, may be disqualified. The expectation is that all competitors compete with fairness and honesty. Attempts to gain any information related to the courses, beyond that provided by the organiser, is prohibited before and during the competition. A competitor who breaks any rule, or benefits from the breaking of any rule, may be disqualified.

World Ranking Event

In addition, the Middle and Sprint event has World Ranking Event (WRE) status, and will run according to the IOF rules 2024 v1.11 WRE. Where the ONZ rules are in conflict with the IOF rules, the IOF rules have precedence.

As per IOF Foot Orienteering rule 21.4, competitors shall not use or carry telecommunication equipment between entering the pre-start area and reaching the Finish of a race, unless the equipment has been approved by the Controller prior to the event. GPS-

enabled devices may be carried, provided they have no map display and are not used for navigation purposes.

Competitors

Entries to NZOC2025 must be from persons affiliated to ONZ or an IOF member organisation, or who pay a one-event participation fee.

New Zealand Championship titles may be held only by individual members of ONZ-affiliated clubs who are also NZ citizens or permanent residents, as defined by the New Zealand Immigration Service. Payment of a one-event participation levy does not grant eligibility.

Competition programme

Date	Event	Location	Controller level	Registration opens	Starts from
Friday 18 April 2025	Sprint	Central Christchurch	A grade	12 pm	1 pm
Saturday 19 April 2025	Middle	Waimakariri	A grade	9 am	10 am
Sunday 20 April 2025	Long	Mt Cass	A grade	9 am	10 am
Monday 21 April 2025	Relay	Waimakariri	A grade	9 am	10 am

Maps and terrain

Sprint | Central Christchurch

Mapping: New area for NZOC 2025 1:4,000 2m for Elite Classes

Terrain detail: Mix of complex buildings,paved areas, open courtyards, laneways and planted areas, with virtually flat or no contours.

Middle | Waimakariri

Mapping: New area for NZOC 2025 1:10,000 2.5m for Elite Classes

Terrain detail: Coastal sand dunes mostly forested but some open land. Runnability varies from fast forest and open land to slower semi open areas with grass and scrub to areas with thick and brambly forest.

Long | Mt Cass

Mapping: New area for NZOC 2025 1:15,000 5m for Elite Classes

Terrain detail: Pine forest and open farmland, some patches of native and manuka, set on the lower slopes of Mt Cass. Runnability varies from fast, clean open, to tight and/or slow underfoot with patches of green. Interesting ground features include multiple gullies which vary from tight to broad and open, boulder clusters, and multiple small cliffs and banks.

Relay | Waimakariri

Mapping: Updated map for NZOC2025 1:10,000 for Elite Classes

Terrain detail: Coastal sand dunes mostly forested. Runnability varies from fast forest and open land to slower semi open areas with grass and scrub to areas with thick and brambly forest.

Map production

- Competition maps will be digitally printed on synthetic waterproof paper (Teslin).
- The maps have been produced using the International Specification for Orienteering Maps (ISOM2017-2) or the International Specification for Sprint Orienteering Maps (ISSprO 2019).

Classes

Competitors are divided into classes according to their gender and age, and any gender may compete in Men's classes:

- Class eligibility is determined by the **participant's age on 31 December 2025**.
- Competitors aged 20 or younger are eligible to run in each class up to the end of the calendar year in which they reach the given age. They are entitled to compete in older classes up to and including 21.
- Competitors aged 21 or older are eligible to run in each class from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the designated age. They are entitled to compete in younger classes down to and including 21.
- NZ Titles are awarded for Elite and A classes (other than 20A and 21A) and NZ Championship medals awarded to all placegetters. Other classes will receive placegetter certificates.

NZOC2025 Sprint, Middle and Long distance classes offered - *Men and Women*

Class	Age	Difficulty
Elite	20, 21	Red (Difficult)
A-Classes	16, 18, 20, 21, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85	Red (Difficult)
	14	Orange (Moderate)
	12	Yellow (Easy)
	10	White (Very easy)

NZOC2025 Sprint, Middle and Long distance classes offered - *Men and Women (continued)*		
Class	**Age**	**Difficulty**
AS-Classes	21, 40, 55	Red (Difficult)
Other classes	10 Novice (shadowed)	White (Very Easy)
	Open Recreational (any age)	Orange (Moderate)
	Open Easy (any age)	Yellow (Easy)
	Open Very Easy (any age)	White (Very Easy)

NZOC2025 Relay Classes offered - *Men and Women*		
Class	**Age**	**Difficulty**
Mixed Open	Open	Red
Mixed Masters	MW40+	Red
Mixed Veterans	MW60+	Red
Mixed Short	Leg 1: Up to MW16, Open Recreation Leg 2: Up to MW12 Leg 3: Up to MW14	Orange White Yellow
Open Short	Any age, gender or club	Red

Relay Teams

Relay teams must be submitted for registration by Sunday 20 April. Individuals without a team can still participate, and we will create composite teams from available participants on the morning of the relay.

Start lists

Start lists for all four events will be published on the event website the week before the event. A copy of the Start List will be available at Registration during the event.

Start time requests

Specific start time requests can only be considered for parents of young children who may need split starts, and event officials, including volunteers.

Complaints and protests

Complaints and protests are handled in accordance with ONZ rules 27, 28, 29 and 30.

Winning times

Foot-Orienteering is its only discipline where winning times for men and women are different in some competitions. Winning times will be in Bulletin 2.

Training opportunities

The Bottle Lake map will be made available for training.

EVENT INFORMATION

Information

The NZOC website (www.ochamps.nz) is the main source of information for the Championships. Bulletin 2, Start Lists, Results and additional resources will become available closer to the event and can be downloaded from the website.

There is a Facebook group page (NZ Orienteering Championships), for commentary and photos, news updates and photos .

Event team

Event Director	Technical Advisors	Senior Event Advisor
Martin Peat	Jenni Adams Carsten Joergensen	Graham Teahan

Event	Planner	Controller	Organiser
Sprint WRE	Ryan Moore	Bruce Steven	Marcus Diprose
Middle WRE	Jason Brown	Briana Steven	Jan Harrison
Long WRE	David Wright	Tane Cambridge	Val Fletcher
Relay	Jean Cory-Wright	Al Cory-Wright	Lisa Chubb

Pre-event enquiries to be directed to the PAPO email address: **info@papo.org.nz.**
In Bulletin 2, we will advise where to direct enquiries during the event.

Previous maps

There are not many older versions of the maps but Bottle Lake map is coastal terrain and will be available under Programme on the event website before the event

Event embargo

All the areas used for NZOC2025 are embargoed, which means there are strict restrictions which all competitors must comply with around access to the competition areas. Refer to the Embargo Notice on the NZOC and ONZ websites for further information.

Punching (timing) system

All events will use the SportIdent (SI) electronic punching system in accordance with the ONZ Policy on contactless punching. This means SI Air+ controls will be enabled on all 4 events, however they will also work with non SI Air+ cards if they are manually punched in the control box. SI cards (dibbers) will be used for recording your punches. If you have a SportIdent Active Card (SIAC) you will be able to use SI Air+ contactless punching.

Your SI card has a number that is specifically related to you as a competitor. Your SI card must not be used by anyone else at the event. SIAC Cards are available to hire through the entry system.

Zero waste and sustainability

NZOC2025 is committed to being an environment-friendly event. Our aim is minimise waste, and ensure that our venues are left in the same condition as we found them. The event will follow a 'take in, take out' policy. So if you bring something in, please make sure to take it out with you, and pick up anything that someone may have dropped inadvertently.

Childcare

Parents will need to make their own childcare arrangements. Split starts for parents with young children can be requested when entering.

Dogs

Dogs are not allowed at any of the events.

Volunteer help

We welcome people from clubs other than PAPO who may be available to assist on one or more of the days with volunteering. Please email if you can help – thank you.

Entries

Online entries (www.entero.co.nz) will be open from early February 2025 opening of entries will be announced via the NZOC2025 website as well as the ONZ website. Early bird rates apply up until midnight 14th of March, after which standard rates will apply up until entries close at midnight on 11th of April. There is no family rate, however we have reduced the junior rates significantly from previous years, and added in a 12 years and under rate as well, to make this more affordable for families of all sizes.

Late entries received after 11th of April. will only be accepted at the organisers' discretion. An additional late entry surcharge of 20% of the standard entry fee will be payable if the late entry is accepted.

Entry fees are payable by credit card. For payment issues, please email us.

Entry withdrawal and refunds

If you must withdraw for whatever reason, please notify the Event Team as soon as possible by email. If a refund is owed, please provide bank account details in your withdrawal notice. Organisers cannot take liability for any loss associated with travel or accommodation cancellation.

Refunds and Changes Policy

Entries and refunds:

- The entry fee does not include any form of personal insurance, including medical or travel insurance.
- Refund of 90% of fees paid for withdrawals prior to early bird entry close date.
- Refund of 75% of fees paid for withdrawals after early bird rates cease, but before entries are closed.
- No refund of fees paid for withdrawals after entries are closed.
- Refunds will be processed after the event.
- If the event is cancelled due to extreme weather or other factors outside of the event organisers control, the organisers will endeavour to refund as much of the entry fee as possible, taking into account any sunk costs.

Changes:

- Each request to change entrant details, course, or start time **after standard entries have closed** will attract a non-refundable NZ$10 administration fee.
- As a last resort, SI Numbers can be changed at the event, in person at the registration desk (bring your new SI Card) at least an hour before the event starts.

Appendices:

(a) PREVIOUS MAPS

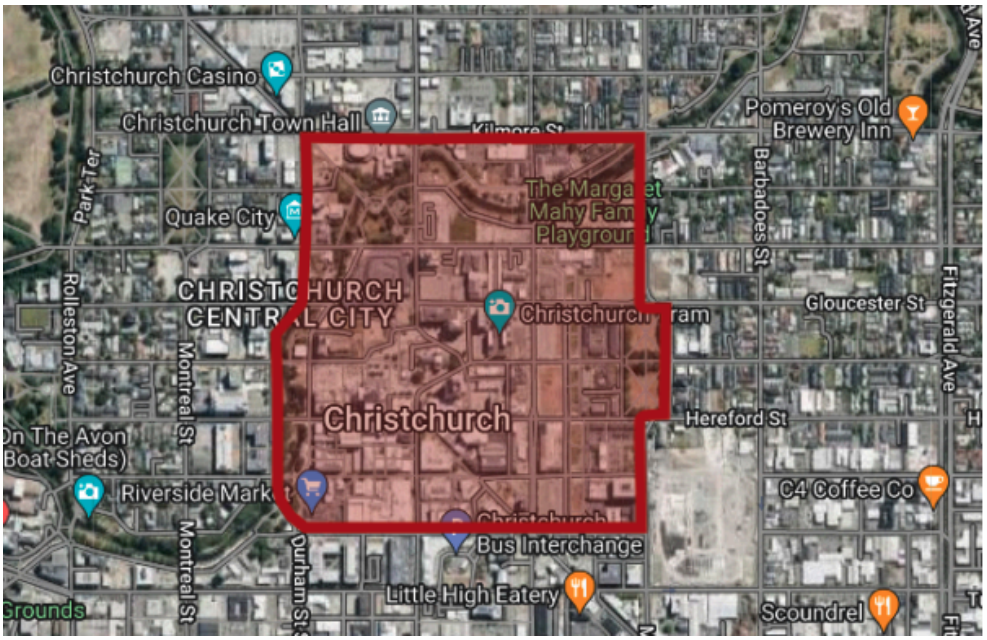
A map of Bottle Lake which has coastal forest terrain is available in higher quality on the event website.
On the day of the competition, the use of this map of the competition area by competitors or team officials is prohibited until the last participant has started.

(b) EMBARGO NOTICES

New Zealand Foot Orienteering Championships 2025

On behalf of Peninsula and Plains Orienteers (hosts of the NZ Orienteering Championships 2025), we advise the following embargoes applying to competition areas.
An embargo is a restriction, which prevents athletes accessing a competition area prior to the competition taking place. All athletes attending the NZ Championships must abide by these embargoes leading up to the events, and anyone breaching these will be non-competitive at Nationals 2025. All the embargoes are on this Google Map here:

NZ Sprint Distance Orienteering Championships | *Central Christchurch*
Friday 18 April 2025



The embargoed area is the central city area bounded by Durham Street North, Cambridge Terrace, Lichfield Street, Madras Street and Kilmore Street. For the avoidance of doubt, the embargoed area includes the footpaths/shared user paths on the east side of Durham Street North and Cambridge Terrace, the north side of Lichfield Street, the west side of Madras Street and the south side of Kilmore Street. There are no restrictions on accessing the public areas within the embargoed area until further notice. The use of orienteering maps and route choice testing is forbidden at all times within the embargo.

A total embargo applies to the published embargo area from 8am on the day of competition (Friday April 18, 2025) until course closure in the late afternoon. This embargo applies to all competitors and other persons, who, through knowledge of the terrain, may influence the results of the competition. The only exception to the embargo on the competition day is permitted routes to the car parking/event arena and start. These routes will be published in

bulletin 2. People who have accommodation in the embargoed area for Thursday night (April 17, 2025) must leave the embargoed area before 8am on the day of competition. People who have accommodation in the embargoed area for the Friday night (April 18, 2025) may not enter the embargoed after 8am on the day of competition - i.e. you cannot check-in at your accommodation prior to the event.

NZ Middle, Long Distances and Relay Orienteering Championships | *Waimakariri and NW Mt Cass*

Saturday 19 April - Monday 22 April 2025

The 3 areas outlined in purple or red on the maps are embargoed with the following restrictions with immediate effect (17-09-2024):

● No access at all to the embargoed areas prior to competition events taking place. ● During competition competitors may only access the competition area via routes specified in the final Bulletin.

● Competitors are not permitted to re-enter the competition area after they have competed, unless they have express permission from the event controller to do so.

● 3 Beach Access and 1 Cycleway Exception has been added to the Waikuku Beach embargo – the exceptions are for following those specific paths only

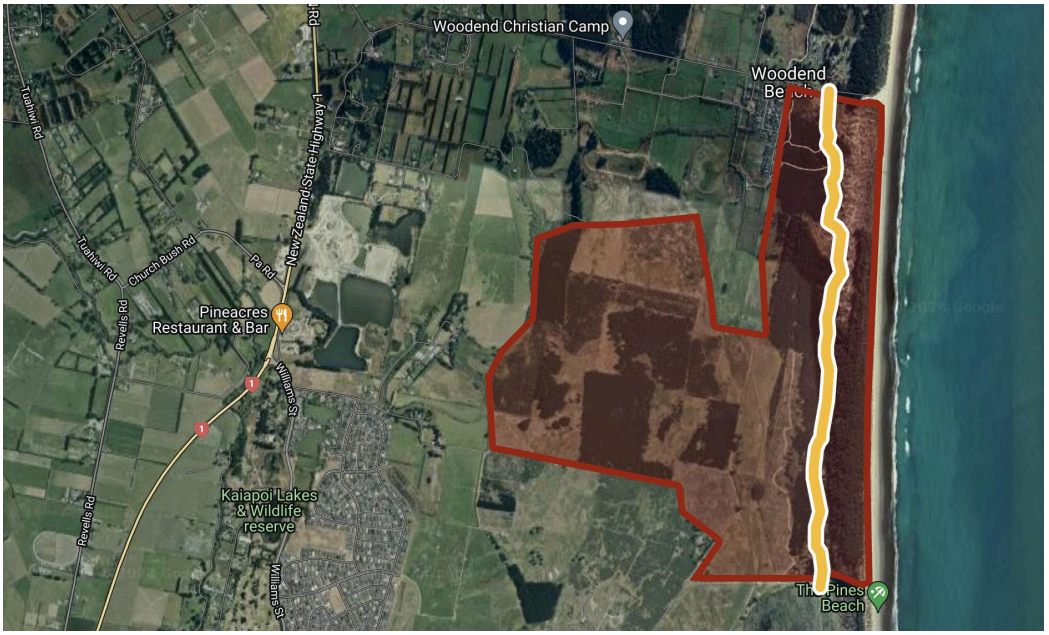
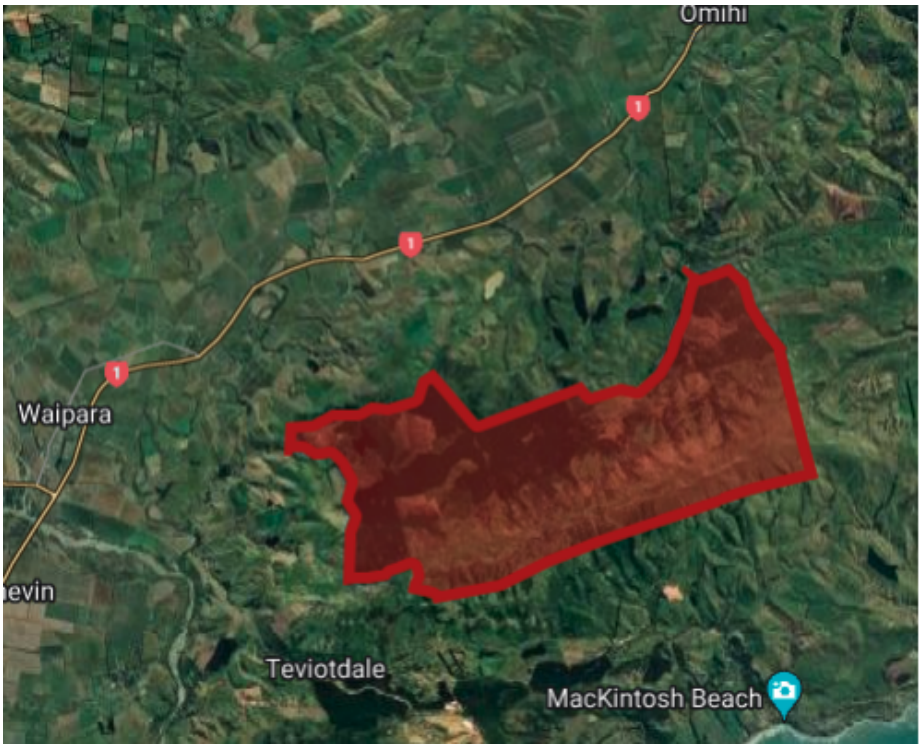
● 1 Cycleway Exception has been added to the Woodend Beach embargo– the exception is for following that specific path only

Google map link to map areas:

View information and locations for all of PAPO's maps, including the embargoed areas and all locations of all PAPO's maps

Leithfield beach and Waikuku beach

Woodend Beach South



NW Mt Cass