

2021

Queensland Orienteering Long Distance Championships

PROGRAM

Stanthorpe

23 and 24 October 2021



Bullecourt Boulder Bounders
Orienteering Club





Mayor's Welcome Message in the 2021 Orienteering Championships - Stanthorpe

The Southern Downs community is delighted to welcome you for the 2021 Queensland Orienteering Championships.

Southern Downs is a great place to live, work, play and stay and the sport of orienteering embodies exactly the intent of the active, outdoor family spirit that exists in our region.

We look forward to hosting some of the sport's elite athletes in this event as they navigate the challenging yet stunning Granite Belt terrain and test their mettle on a wide range of competition courses that organisers have lined up.

I hope that you will also have the opportunity to rest and immerse yourself in our region's natural wonders, relaxed country lifestyle and friendly cellar doors. Drop into our friendly Visitor Information Centres for maps, itineraries and insider's tips on the region.

On behalf of Southern Downs I welcome competitors, spectators, family and friends, and wish you a safe and successful competition.

Vic Pennisi
Southern Downs Mayor

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

Sat 23 October - Day 1		Sun 24 October - Day 2	
11:00 am	Registration opens	8:00 am	Registration open
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Coffee and snacks available for sale	9:00 am - 1:30 pm	Hot food, drinks, coffee available for sale
12:30 pm	First official starts	9:00 am	First official starts
		1.00 pm	Presentations
4.30 pm	Course closure	1.30pm	Course closure

INQUIRIES

Email

2021qldchamps@oq.asn.au

Phone

Liz Bourne – (07) 4683 6374 or 0477 059 063 (during event only)

Entry inquiries should be directed to Rob Crosato – Ph 4698 1538 or 0427107148

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which this event is being held and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Our thanks to the many landowners who have given us access to their land for this event.

The sponsorship support of the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport and the Southern Downs Regional Council is gratefully acknowledged.

KEY PERSONNEL

Organiser	Liz Bourne
Controller	Felicity Crosato
Course setters	Day 1 – Stuart Watt Day 2 – Neil Gannon
Administration/ Entries	Rob Crosato

WELCOME

From the Orienteering Queensland President

Welcome to the highlight of the Queensland orienteering calendar, the Long Distance Championships! With races for every age class, plus short courses and open classes, the two day event offers an opportunity for orienteers of all ages and technical abilities to show what they are capable of.

With abundant granite, the area around Stanthorpe is widely regarded as home to Queensland's best orienteering maps. It now boasts a new map for us to discover during the weekend. Mappers Maurice Anker and Don Barker overcame border closures and unusually wet weather to complete a map that will challenge us in diverse terrains, with vestiges of the tin mining that gave Stanthorpe its name, together with grazing land and granite. It is a great privilege to have access to this area, and we are very grateful to the landowners who are allowing us to orienteer on their property.

Hosting an event of this scale is only possible through the herculean efforts of our volunteers. On behalf of Orienteering Queensland, I'd like to acknowledge the work of Liz Bourne, Neil Gannon, Stuart Watt, Felicity Crosato and Rob Crosato, who have spent many days of fieldwork and deskwork to bring us the Championships, and other local club members who are contributing in smaller but still essential roles. Please remember to thank them when you see them!

After the cancellation of many events in Australia, we are very fortunate to be able to travel to the Granite Belt, compete in our chosen sport, and perhaps find time to

explore the region further and sample some of its famous local produce. The Southern Downs has remained largely COVID-free, so let's make an effort to keep it that way, observing careful hygiene and social distancing practices wherever possible.

I wish all competitors a thoroughly enjoyable weekend of competitive orienteering. May the control flag come into sight just where you were expecting it! And remember, it's only 6 months till we host the national Easter carnival around Kingaroy, so keep up the enthusiasm and the training!

Juliana de Nooy
President, Orienteering Queensland



EVENT INFORMATION

Directions

Allow at least 3.5 hours' drive from Brisbane. From Stanthorpe, head south from the town centre and after crossing over Quart Pot Creek, take the Sugarloaf Road (second on the left). Follow for 4km until it veers left off what now becomes Eukey Road. Continue following the Sugarloaf Road for a further 6.7km before turning left into Lode Creek Road. This is a good gravel road, suitable for all cars. Follow for 2.7km and park as directed. This road is the access for some of our landowners, so be aware of other traffic and do not block it. Car pooling from Stanthorpe is recommended to minimise congestion. Allow 20 mins travel time from Stanthorpe.

When leaving, continue to the end of the road where you will be able to turn around, taking care of pedestrians.

Assembly area

The assembly area will be common for both days. There is some shade but the ground will be damp so bring a waterproof cover to sit on. It is adjacent to a farm dam so parents should supervise young children. The assembly area will be approx.500m from the most distant parking.

Information

The Information Tent will be open from:

- 11:00am on Day 1 – Saturday 23 October; and
- 8:00am on Day 2 – Sunday 24 October.

Competitors who have pre-entered are not required to visit the information tent prior to starting. However, information will be available there on start times and the hire of SI sticks and compasses. Any lost property will also be returned there.

Details of Enter on the Day courses will also be available here.

Catering

A coffee cart will be near the assembly area on both days if a power supply can be organised. A sausage sizzle will be available on the Sunday.

Facilities

Portaloos and a urinal will be provided near the Assembly Area. Water in a large container will be available near the Finish for competitors to replenish their own bottles. To assist the organisers, please bring along your own water supplies. Water bottles have been placed at designated control sites as shown on the control descriptions. Please leave empty bottles near these designated sites, not scattered in the bush!

Social Dinner on Saturday night

A social dinner will be held on Saturday 23 October starting at 6:00pm at the Stanthorpe RSL on the corner of Marsh and Corundum, You can view the menu and price list on <http://www.stanthorperslclub.com.au/menu/> with payment made on the night.

There will be reserved tables set aside for orienteers so you can socialize with your club members and friends.

We requested those interested in coming along to the RSL to indicate their interest as part of entering on Eventor. If you did not do this but would now like to come along, please let the people at the Registration desk know on Saturday before 2pm.

Enter on the Day courses

Limited Enter on the Day courses will be available on both Saturday and Sunday of an Open Hard (Hard 7), Open Moderate (Moderate 2), Open Easy and Open Very Easy standard. Entrants to these courses will not have Championship status and will not be eligible for badges.

EOD Registrations:

Register at the Registration tent on Saturday from 1pm and you may start between 1.30 – 2pm. Report to the “Late Start” official at the start. On Sunday, register from 9am and you may start between 10.00 – 10.30am.

General Enquiries

All comments, queries about results or complaints will be dealt with at the Information Tent. **Please do not disturb the officials in the Finish tent.**

Safety

Whistles must be carried by all competitors but should only be used in cases of severe injury where assistance is required. Whistles will be available for sale at the Information tent. The distress signal is six short blasts repeated at short intervals. If you hear such a signal, you are required to abandon your course and give assistance. Where vehicle or medical assistance is required, this should be reported to the Information tent as soon as possible.

Please report overdue competitors to the Information tent – DO NOT organise your own search. In the event of an emergency, the event organiser should be contacted, via the Information tent.

Snakes are unlikely to be encountered during bush orienteering events. They will generally move away if they sense you coming. Should you be unlucky enough to be bitten, blow your whistle to attract assistance and stay still. If possible, the bitten limb should be immobilised by firm strapping to prevent the venom from travelling to other parts of the body.

If first aid is required, report to the First Aid tent for assistance.

Mobile phone reception is reasonable in the forest, but poor in the east on Day 1. If required during the event, contact the organiser, Liz Bourne, on 0477 059 063.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Awards will be presented to all place-getters at approximately 1pm on the Sunday, using the combined times from both days of competition.

Restrictions

We would ask that you respect the land and try to keep disturbance to a minimum. Please leave gates as you find them and avoid damaging fences if you climb over/under them. There will be cattle on some of the properties so try and avoid disturbing them.

In keeping with Orienteering Queensland policies, competitors are requested to abide by our rules of **no smoking, fires, or littering** at the event (this includes in the Assembly Area). Well behaved dogs will be allowed near the cars but not off leash nor in the assembly area as there could be farm dogs about.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Competition Rules

The competition rules of Orienteering Australia shall apply to the Championships. A copy of these rules will be available for perusal at the Information Tent. In particular, competitors are reminded that controls must be visited in the order shown on the course and that talking to, collaborating with or distracting other competitors during the competition is not permitted.

GPS Devices

Competitors are reminded that you may not use or carry telecommunication equipment between entering the pre-start area and reaching the finish in a race. GPS devices with no visible display or audible signal may be carried.

Control Descriptions

Individual international control descriptions for each course will be provided to competitors at the pre-start at each event with those for the Moderate, Easy and Very Easy standard courses being in English. Control descriptions will also be printed on the front of the maps. For all Hard navigation courses, international control descriptions, only, will be used on the maps. English descriptions will be provided on the maps for all Moderate, Easy and Very Easy courses. An international control description sheet will be available for viewing at the Information tent together with the master control list for each day so if you are uncertain of what a symbol means, please check before you go to the start.

Control Stands

Standard blank control flags will be suspended from T bar stands with an SI unit and punch. The control identification number will be on the top of these units. Please note that some controls will be in close proximity to others. It is the competitor's responsibility to **CHECK** the control number before punching.

Sportident Electronic Timing System

The Sportident electronic timing system will be used for the Championships. SI Air will not be enabled for the event. There will be a unit at the start to turn off SI Air if required.

All competitors should remember to bring their SI stick with them and ensure that they use the same one on each day. Family groups should take particular care not to mix their sticks as this will create major administrative problems for the Finish team at the event. Please check the details on the Start List to ensure we have your correct SI number recorded. If there is an error, please email 2021qldchamps@oq.asn.au or call 4698 1538 as soon as possible, prior to the Championships.

For those competitors who are hiring an SI stick, you can collect these at the Information tent. Please remember to return your hired stick here after Day 2. If you lose your own stick during the event, replacement sticks may be hired at a cost of \$2 per day from the Information tent. If a hired stick is lost, the competitor will be charged its full replacement cost of \$40, so please make certain it is attached with a piece of string or elastic.

Clear and Check

It is important to remember to “clear” and “check” your SI stick prior to each event, to delete previous event information stored on it. “Clear” and “Check” units will be positioned on the way to the pre-start area on each day.

SI use on the Course

If an SI unit at a control malfunctions and does not “beep” or “flash” when the stick is inserted, the competitor must use the punch on the stand to mark one of the three reserve boxes printed on their map. Failure to do this will result in a DNF being recorded. If you need to use a punch at any control, please advise the Finish officials as they will need to take your map at the completion of your course.

Map Presentation

Maps for the Championships are being printed on Pretex paper which is waterproof and tearproof.

START INFORMATION

Start Times

Start times have been randomly distributed. To maximise the participation of volunteers, they have been allocated special start times to allow them to fulfil their official duties before or after they compete. Request for changes to start times cannot be considered unless there are exceptional circumstances. Starting times for those children who require shadowing on Course 12 will be later in the day to enable parents to accompany them to the start and shadow them.

M/W10 N Courses

Shadowing is permitted on this course. Entrants may start at any vacant time during the start window but “shadows” must have completed their course first. Report to the “Late Start” official at the start. Shadowed runners will use a punch start so will not need to start at published start times.

Start Procedure

Both days will use a 2 minute start sequence.

The starter will **not** repeat information provided in published event information.

Clear and Check your SI stick before entering the pre-start.

Competitors enter the pre-start area when the pre-start clock shows your race time (call-up time). This will be six (6) minutes before your official start time.

Your name, the last two numbers on your SI stick and whether your SI stick has been cleared will be checked by officials, so please ensure your stick is clearly visible and that it has been cleared. Only competitors missing from the pre-start area will be called by name.

At the four (4) minute mark, starters will move forward to a table to collect the control description for their course.

At the two (2) minute mark, competitors may move to their map box which will be marked with the course number and age classes. The starter will give any special instructions.

Check that the map is the correct one for your course by looking at the number on the top right hand corner on the back of the map. If you do not appear to have the correct map, please immediately draw this to the attention of the Start Official.

Please ensure that you only pick up one map. On the final “beep” of the start clock competitors must follow the streamers to the Start Triangle as marked on their map and on the ground. A stand with blank control flag with **no** SI unit will be placed at this location.

Late Starts

Competitors who miss their allotted start time on any day should report to the pre-start officials who will direct them to the Late Start Official. They will be started as soon as possible but will be regarded as having started at the time stated on the official start list, unless the organisers are at fault.

FINISH INFORMATION

Finish Procedure

After punching the last control, each competitor must navigate to the Finish banner where there will be multiple units on stands, one of which must be punched. Follow the taped route to the download in the Finish Tent. Your SI stick will be read to record your course details and elapsed time and a print out of your split times will be made available. If you have had to use the traditional punch boxes on your map because of a unit failure, please notify Finish officials so they can take your map

and verify the punch marks. If you are using a rental SI-stick and this is your last event, please return the SI-stick to the Finish Tent after completing the downloading process.

You must report to the Finish even if you have not completed your course. At the course closure time, you must return to the Finish as soon as possible or a search will be mounted for you. Go to the Finish control and proceed up the Finish chute. If injury prevents you from doing this, please ensure that your return to the Assembly Area and report to the Information Tent. The officials here will pass the information on to the Finish team. Any complaints or comments about the course should be made to officials at the Information tent. **Please do not disturb the Finish team.**

Map Return

Maps for people who did not start will be available from the Information Tent.

Results Display

Because of Covid restrictions, the results will not be displayed but live results will be available on your Smartphone. They will be posted online on Eventor as soon as possible after the event concludes.

Complaints and Protests

Any complaint shall be made in writing to the organiser within 15 minutes of the result being posted. A complaint is adjudicated by the organiser. The complainant shall be informed about the decision immediately. If the complainant is still dissatisfied, they may lodge a formal protest, in writing to a jury appointed by the organiser and approved by the controller. The controller will chair the jury meeting but will not vote on the outcome. The decision of the jury will be final. There is no fee for lodging a complaint or protest.

Out-of-Bounds Areas

Competitors and spectators must obey all out-of-bounds signs and keep within designated areas on both days, both near the Assembly Area and on the way to the Starts. Any competitor seen in an out-of-bounds area without the permission of officials, whether before or after their run, will be disqualified.

Day 1 – Saturday 23 October

Map:

Lode Creek, 2021

Mappers: Maurice Anker and Don Barker from NTOC

Scale: 1:10,000 for all courses

Course planner: Stuart Watt **Controller:** Felicity Crosato

Landowners

Ken Hollingsworth; Fran Davies and Ian Cowie

Terrain and Vegetation

Much of this area was mined for tin in the late 1870's and 1880's remnants of this extensive activity can be seen with dams, erosion gullies, pits and mounds throughout the eastern section of the map. The whole area is underlain by Ruby Creek Granite, one of the last stages of the granite intrusions from Warwick to Tamworth. It contained small amounts of cassiterite, tin oxide, which have now been eroded into stream-bed alluvium and these parts have been mined for this ore. Many small one-man shows were worked, leading to the now-thickly-vegetated areas of ponds, depressions and mounds you may meet on your run. There followed a period of little mining activity until the 1950's, when the advent of large machinery allowed bulk removal of the alluvium and treatment in large sluices. The remains of three of these may be seen and the "moonscapes" left behind are crossed by some courses.

There are thicker areas of vegetation along the watercourses in the old mining area but much of the rest of it is reasonably open eucalypt forest. Due to recent rain, some depressions may be filled with water. Some areas are quite rocky, and ankle strapping is recommended.

The western section of the map is more runnable, open grazing country with scattered areas of granite.

Mapping notes

Rubbish left over from the mining activity eg. equipment wreckage etc have not been mapped.

There are a number of deep and dangerous mining pits on the map but courses do not pass close to them.

If you need to climb over a gate, please do so near the hinge. There is a mandated crossing point with a stile over a gate towards the end of all courses

which all competitors must use to avoid damaging the fence. Due to the recent rain, be prepared to get your shoes wet.

Starts

Start times will be from 12.30pm.

The Day 1 start will be an easy 300m walk east along a track from the assembly area.

Warm up areas

The open paddock south west of the entrance into the assembly area.

Out of Bounds

All areas beyond the track to the start and beyond the designated warm up area.

Safety Bearing

West to the fence, then south to the assembly area.

Course closure

Courses will close at 4.30pm.

Course	Difficulty	Classes	Day 1 distance
1	Hard	M21A	7.1km
2	Hard	M20A, M35A	6.4km
3	Hard	W21A, M45A	5.7km
4	Hard	W35A, M16A, M21AS, W20A	5.3km
5	Hard	W45A, M55A, M35AS, W21AS, M20AS	4.9km
6	Hard	W55A, M65A, M45AS, W35AS, W20AS	4.3km
7	Hard	W65A, M75A, M55+AS, W45AS, W16A, Open Hard	3.5km
8	Hard	W75A, M85+A, W55AS, W85+A	2.5km
9	Moderate	M14A, Men's Open B	3.4km
10	Moderate	W14A, Women's Open B	2.9km
11	Easy	W12A, M12A, Open Easy	1.9km
12	Very Easy	M/W10Novice, W10A, M10A, Open Very Easy	2km

Day 2 – Sunday 24 October

Map

Border Hills, 2021

Mappers: Maurice Anker and Don Barker from NTOC

Scale: 1:10,000 for all courses

Course planner: Neil Gannon **Controller:** Felicity Crosato

Landowners

Ken Hollingsworth; Dean and Keith Thorne; Tony Haseldene; David Naylor

Terrain and Vegetation

Much of the map is open and runnable grazing land and forest with areas of scattered granite. There are thicker areas of vegetation along the watercourses and amongst some of the boulder clusters.

Mapping notes

There are many fences on this map, some of which are difficult to get through. They are crossable, but some sections are easier than others. Unfortunately it was not possible to bag all relevant sections. Fence crossings should be considered when planning route choice. Stiles or bagging have been provided on the Very Easy and Easy courses, and these are also marked on the Moderate 1 course in case those competitors also wish to use them. Some fences are electric and we cannot guarantee that they will be switched off on the day of the event because of landowner concern about movement of his cattle. A notice at the start will give the latest update on this. If some of them are switched on, use your map over the wire to act as an insulator or crawl underneath the fence.

If you cross through a closed gate, please ensure it is closed behind you. If you climb over a gate, please do so near the hinge.

Starts

Start times will be from 9am

The Day 2 start will be an easy 200m walk south west of the assembly area,

Warm up areas

In the open paddock on the way to the start.

Out of Bounds

All areas beyond the assembly area and outside the designated warm up area.

Safety bearing

South or west to the fence then east or west to the assembly area.

Courses will close at 1.30pm.

Course	Difficulty	Classes	Day 2 distance
1	Hard	M21A	10.8km
2	Hard	M20A, M35A	9.1km
3	Hard	W21A, M45A	7.9km
4	Hard	W35A, M16A, M21AS, W20A	7.1km
5	Hard	W45A, M55A, M35AS, W21AS, M20AS	5.8km
6	Hard	W55A, M65A, M45AS, W35AS, W20AS	4.6km
7	Hard	W65A, M75A, M55+AS, W45AS, W16A, Open Hard	3.9km
8	Hard	W75A, M85+A, W55AS, W85+A	2.6km
9	Moderate	M14A, Men's Open B	3.7km
10	Moderate	W14A, Women's Open B	3.0km
11	Easy	W12A, M12A, Open Easy	1.9km
12	Very Easy	M/W10Novice, W10A, M10A, Open Very Easy	1.9km

Notes