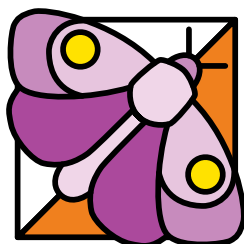
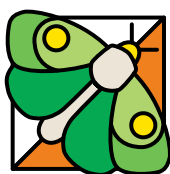


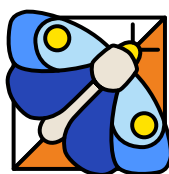
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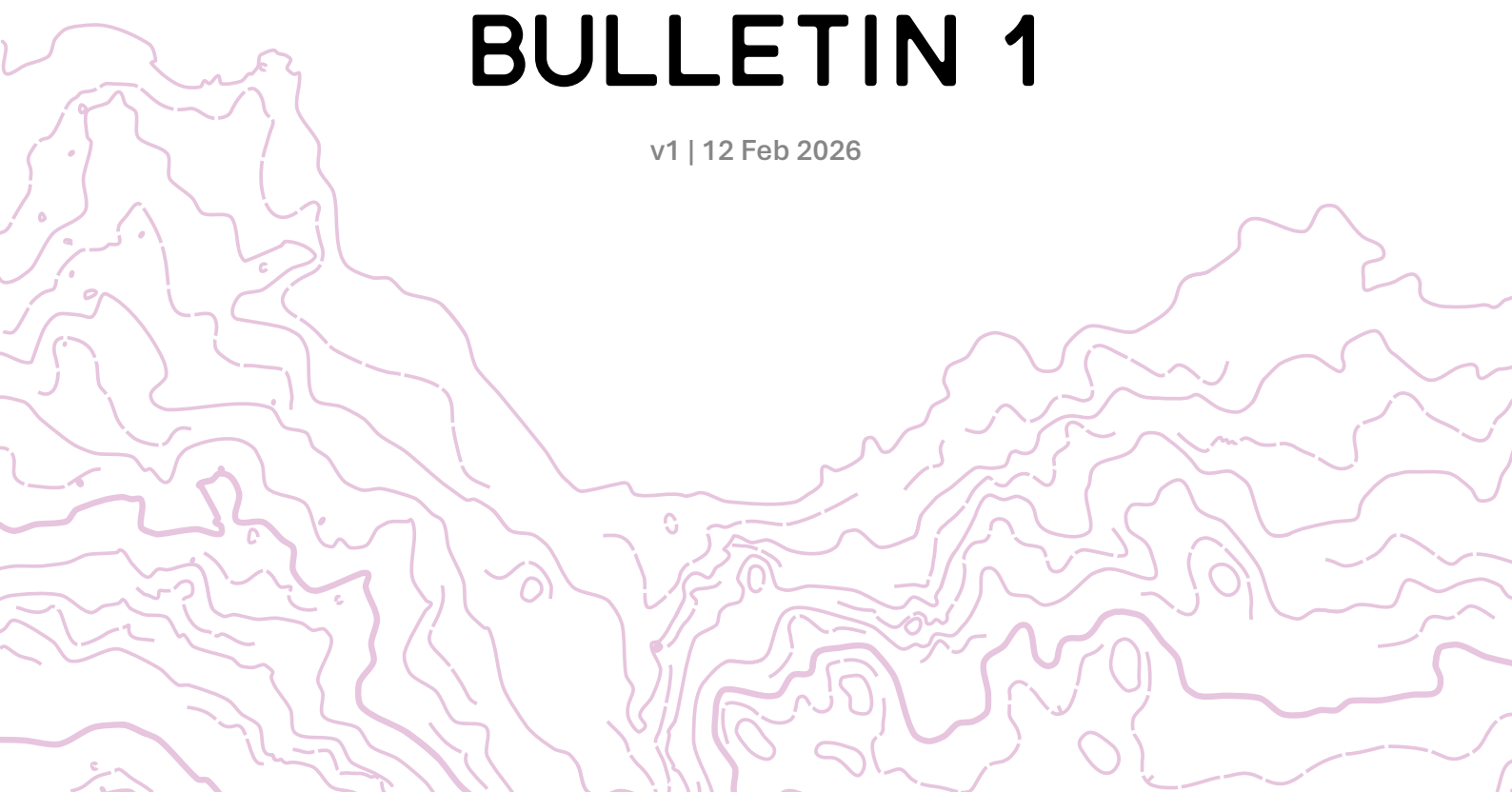
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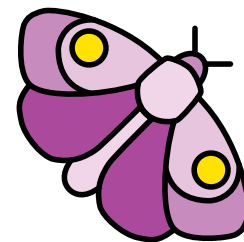
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We acknowledge and celebrate the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet and compete, the Ngunnawal, Ngambri and Ngarigo peoples. We recognise their ongoing connection to and care of this Country and pay respect to the Elders past and present, and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The icon of this carnival, the bogong moth (*Agrotis infusa*), is a native endangered nocturnal migratory moth. They migrate south to the Australian Alps for summer, travelling up to 1000km—perhaps as far as you will travel for this carnival! Historically, Aboriginal peoples from Countries in and around the Alps came together during summer to feast on the moths and conduct intertribal business.



THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

LANDOWNERS

ACT Parks

- ‘Bogong Creek’ in Namadgi National Park
- ‘Honeysuckle Creek’ in Namadgi National Park
- ‘Mt Ainslie’
- ‘Pine Island’
- ‘Stromlo Forest Park’

Orana Steiner School

‘Orana’

Australian National University

‘ANU South’

SUPPORTERS & SPONSORS



THE OCEANIA 2026 TEAMS

ORGANISING TEAM & CONTACT DETAILS

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Oceania Relays	Fredrik Johansson	Eoin Rothery	Cath Chalmers	Emily Walter & Tom Walter
ASOC Sprint	Duncan Currie	Ewan Shingler	Grant McDonald	Dave Meyer
ASOC Long	John Shelton Agar	Oscar Brown	Phil Walker	Deidre Sharkey & Andrew Bishop
ASOC Relays	Jon Glanville	Tara Melhuish	Tate Needham	Liz Abbott & Jill Walker
Oceania Long	Martin Wehner	Matt Crane	Jo Allison	TBC
Oceania Sprint	Duncan Currie	Duncan Currie	Matt Stocks	TBC

OCEANIA 2026 SCHEDULE & LOCATIONS

CARNIVAL SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Map name	Location
Sat 26 Sep	1  Oceania Middle	Bogong Creek	Namadgi National Park
Sun 27 Sep	2  Oceania Relays	Honeysuckle Creek	Namadgi National Park
Tue 29 Sep	3  ASOC Sprint,  Flight of the Bogong Day 1	Orana	Orana Steiner School
Wed 30 Sep	4  ASOC Long,  Flight of the Bogong Day 2	Mt Ainslie	Mount Ainslie
Thu 01 Oct	5  ASOC Relays,  Flight of the Bogong Day 3	Pine Island	Pine Island Reserve
Sat 03 Oct	6  Oceania Long	Stromlo Forest Park	Mount Stromlo
Sun 04 Oct	7  Oceania Sprint	ANU South	Australian National University

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS



The **Oceania Orienteering Championships** are open to athletes who are members of an IOF-recognised orienteering federation with the Oceania Titles awarded to those from the Oceania region. Oceania 2026 will include a middle distance, long distance, and relay. The sprint distance winners will be recognised as the 2027 Oceania Sprint Champions.

Competitors enter age-based classes from elite (M/W21E) to junior, youth, and masters. The Oceania Championship titles will be awarded to the top eligible competitors in the Senior Elite and Junior Elite classes. The senior elite female and male winner will securing a place at the 2027 World Orienteering Championships (WOC).



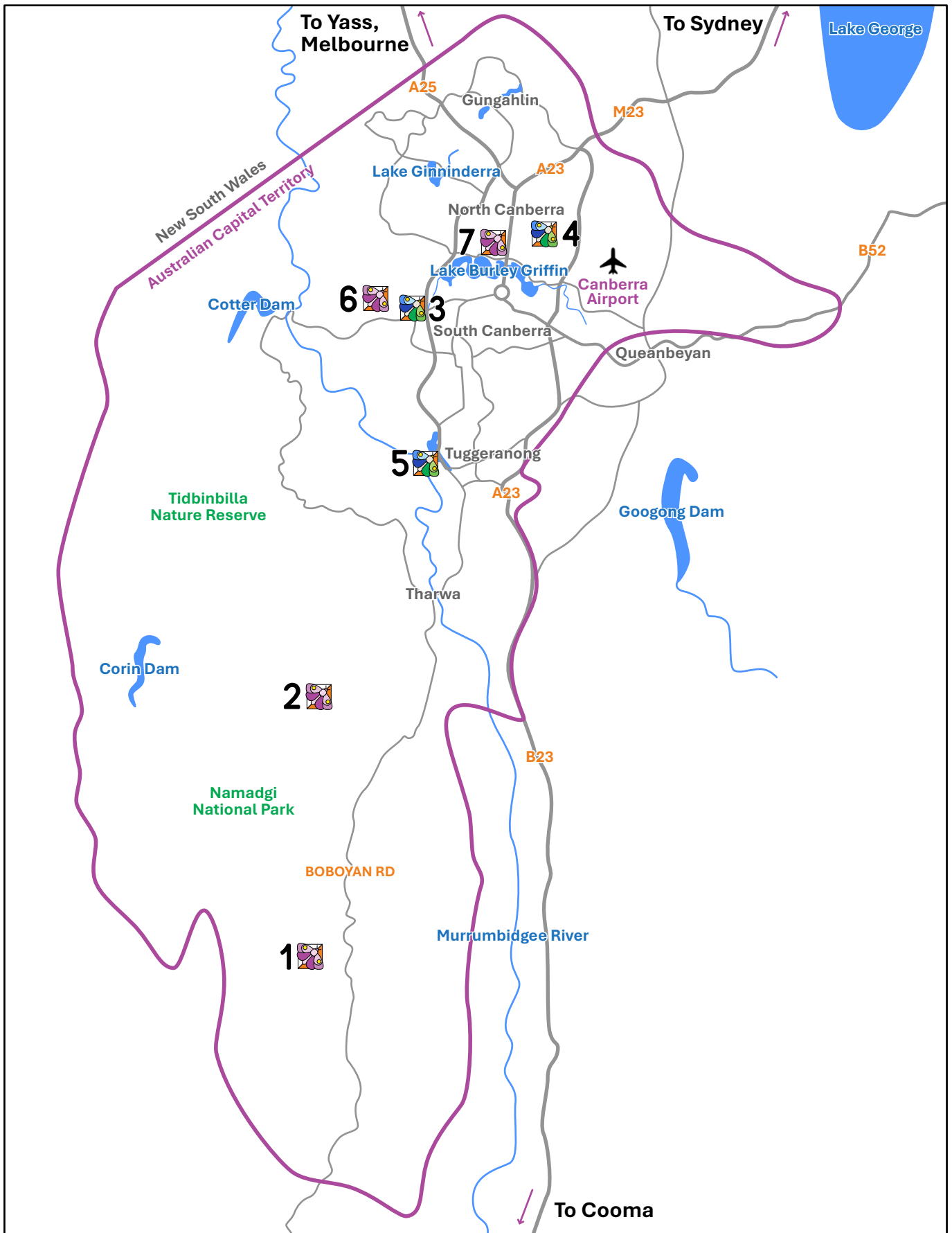
The **Australian Schools Orienteering Championships** (Sprint, Long & Relay) are open to all school students 12-19 years old. They may be members of a State Team or an International Invited Team, or they may be Independent Competitors.



Immediately following each ASOC race, there will be a public event, open to all. Together these are the **Flight of the Bogong**. There will be a presentation to those with the shortest cumulative time across all 3 days in the same class.

MAP OF LOCATIONS

[View all 7 event locations in Google Maps](#) and below.



CLASSES

	Oceania Middle		Oceania Long		Oceania Relay		Oceania Sprint	
Elite	M/W 20E	M/W 21E	M/W 20E	M/W 21E	M/W 20E	M/W 21E	M/W 20E	M/W 21E
A	M/W 10A	M/W 12A	M/W 10A	M/W 12A	M/W 12A	M/W 14A	M/W 10A	M/W 12A
	M/W 14A	M/W 16A	M/W 14A	M/W 16A	M/W 16A	M/W 45A	M/W 14A	M/W 16A
	M/W 18A	M/W 20A	M/W 18A	M/W 20A	M/W 55A	M/W 65A	M/W 18A	M/W 20A
	M/W 21A	M/W 35A	M/W 21A	M/W 35A	M/W 75A		M/W 21A	M/W 35A
	M/W 40A	M/W 45A	M/W 40A	M/W 45A			M/W 40A	M/W 45A
	M/W 50A	M/W 55A	M/W 50A	M/W 55A			M/W 50A	M/W 55A
	M/W 60A	M/W 65A	M/W 60A	M/W 65A			M/W 60A	M/W 65A
	M/W 70A	M/W 75A	M/W 70A	M/W 75A			M/W 70A	M/W 75A
	M/W 80A	M/W 85A	M/W 80A	M/W 85A			M/W 80A	M/W 85A
	M/W 90A	M/W 95A	M/W 90A	M/W 95A			M/W 90A	
A Short	M/W 20AS	M/W 21AS	M/W 20AS	M/W 21AS	M/W 21AS	M/W 55AS		
	M/W 55AS		M/W 35AS	M/W 45AS				
			M/W 55AS	M/W 65AS				
Other	M/W 10N		M/W 10N		Mixed (Hard)		M/W 10N	
	M/W Open B		M/W Open B		Mixed (Moderate)		M/W Open B	
	M/W Junior B		M/W Junior B		Mixed (Easy)		M/W Junior B	
	Open Easy		Open Easy		M/W Open B		Open Easy	
	Open Very Easy		Open Very Easy				Open Very Easy	

The Oceania Relay is contested by single-sex teams of 3 in accordance with the Oceania Orienteering Championships rules. Mixed gender teams may compete in the Mens category

MW-10N is a non-competitive class for young children shadowed by their parents or caregivers, with Very Easy difficulty.

Classes denoted with M/W above indicate that there are separate Mens and Womens classes.

ENTRIES & PRICING

ENTRY DEADLINES

Entries for Oceania 2026 will be open on 1 June 2026 on Eventor Australia.

Entries will close on 5 September 2026. Limited enter-on-the-day (EOD) courses will be offered on most days.

Cancellations up to close of entries will receive a 90% refund. Cancellations after close of entries will not receive any refund.

Competitors entering the Elite classes (M/W21E and M/W20E) should note:

World Ranking Events

The Oceania Middle Distance, Oceania Long Distance and Oceania Sprint Championship events have been designated by the International Orienteering Federation (IOF) as World Ranking Events for M21E and W21E elite classes. At the Sprint this includes all competitors in M20E and W20E since they will be running the same course.

Competitors score IOF Ranking points at these events if they have registered as an Athlete in **IOF Eventor**, have included their IOF Athlete ID in their entry and their entry names matches that associated with the IOF Athlete ID. Any athletes entered in the elite classes without an IOF Athlete ID should register in IOF Eventor before the Carnival.

PRICING

All prices are in AUD and include GST.

Event	Senior (ages 21 and older)	Junior (ages 20 and younger)	Family maximum
 Oceania Middle	\$60	\$35	\$145
 Oceania Long	\$65	\$40	\$170
 Oceania Relay	\$45	\$25	\$115
 Oceania Sprint	\$40	\$20	\$100
 Flight of the Bogong (per day)	\$25	\$15	\$65

GENERAL INFORMATION

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Canberra International Airport serves as a gateway to Australia's capital, just minutes from the CBD. Sydney International Airport is Australia's primary gateway for international travel. Travel to Canberra from Sydney International Airport can be either by a 1-hour domestic flight or a 3.5-hour road trip on the Hume Highway with the flexibility and convenience of a car rental or budget friendly Murray's Coach or FlixBus which depart hourly from the airport.

New Zealand passport holders can travel to Australia without a visa and obtain a visa on arrival at the airport. More information is on [the Department of Home Affairs website](#) ('New Zealand citizens').

All other passport holders need the right visa to come to Australia. You also need to get your visa before you travel to Australia. More information is on [the Department of Home Affairs website](#) ('Entering Australia').

ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORT

Canberra offers a fantastic range of accommodation options. Choose from comfortable hotels, self-contained apartments, and budget-friendly lodges located close to major competition areas. Whether you're part of a team, travelling with family, or exploring solo, you'll find a welcoming base in Canberra to prepare, compete, and enjoy everything the capital has to offer. [VisitCanberra](#) can provide more information.

Competitors are required to provide their own transport to and from each orienteering event. All events are located within 75mins drive of the CBD.

TERRAIN NOTES

The Oceania 2026 Carnival begins with a weekend of racing in Namadgi National Park. The Oceania Middle Distance is to be held on a new map, Bogong Creek. Set in a stunning alpine valley, Bogong Creek combines open, runnable forest and smooth granite terrain with subtle contour challenges. If you have any energy left after your run, consider visiting the one of the two known Aboriginal art sites in ACT at the [Yankee Hat rock shelter](#). These paintings are well preserved and contain the first prehistoric (meaning before recorded history) drawings identified in the ACT.

On the Sunday, we head to Honeysuckle Creek for the Oceania Relay Championships. This top-quality complex granite area rewards precision and flow. This area was previously used for the World Cup in 2000.

The Australian Schools Orienteering Championships including the Southern Cross Junior challenge and the Flight of the Bogong 3-day public races, visit Orana Steinar School for a fast and furious ASOC Sprint race; tackle the tough and steep slopes of Mt Ainslie for the ASOC Long Distance and negotiate the subtleties of Pine Island Reserve, located on the Murrumbidgee River for the ASOC Relays.

The final weekend of racing has competitors navigating the spur gully slopes of Mt Stromlo, an area well known for its mountain bike trails. Competitors' speed, strength and endurance will be put to the test. The final event for Oceania 2026 will be a fast and furious sprint on the grounds of the Australian National University. Quick, accurate decision making will be the key to success.

CANBERRA CLIMATE

In Canberra, the transition from winter to summer occurs in September and October. The average overnight lows are 4°C to 6°C with maximum temperatures varying from 15°C to 20°C. An average of 61mm to 64mm of rain for the month and 12 hours of daylight can be expected.

Note that the Oceania Middle and Relays on the first weekend will be held in Namadgi National Park at over 1,000m elevation. Expect temperatures at these sites to be colder than in Canberra.

PREVIOUS MAPS

Previous copies of the maps where applicable can be downloaded from the relevant event page on Eventor Australia. The Oceania Middle Distance Championships is a new map which will not be displayed prior to the event.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

No formal training areas are provided. OACT runs an annual program of events, some of which may be suitable for use as training. Upcoming events are [listed on OACT's website](#).

EMBARGOES

Several areas are now under embargo, meaning those who wish to compete in an Oceania or ASOC event may not enter the areas. [This Google Map shows all current embargoes for ACT events](#), which includes the Capital O carnival in March and all Oceania, ASOC and Flight of the Bogong events. Details for each embargo are in the side panel of the map and table below.

Some areas may be entered for specific activities (detailed below). The carrying and use of maps, photography or attempts to survey the terrain during any of the allowed activities is not permitted.

Event: map / location	Embargoed until	Embargo details
ASOC Sprint and Flight of the Bogong Day 1: Orana Steiner School	29 September 2026	This embargo applies to prospective competitors, their associates, and coaches of the 2026 Australian Schools Orienteering Championships. No reconnoitring or training, including training with an existing orienteering map of the campus, is permitted. Other activities within the campus are permitted (e.g. attending school).
ASOC Long and Flight of the Bogong Day 2: Remembrance Park / Mount Ainslie	30 September 2026	This embargo applies to prospective competitors, their associates, and coaches of the 2026 Australian Schools Orienteering Championships. Orienteers may enter the embargoed area if they remain only on formed tracks and must not carry an orienteering map.
ASOC Relays and Flight of the Bogong Day 3: Pine Island Reserve	1 October 2026	This embargo applies to prospective competitors, their associates, and coaches of the 2026 Australian Schools Orienteering Championships. Orienteers must not enter the embargoed area.

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Event: map / location	Embargoed until	Embargo details
<p>Oceania Long: Stromlo Forest Park / Mount Stromlo</p>	<p>3 October 2026</p>	<p><u>Mountain Biking</u></p> <p>Until 30 June 2026: Access to the embargoed area is permitted for the purposes of participating in sanctioned mountain bike events including races and group training on formed firetrails and mountain bike tracks. Training and riding outside of a race or formal club activity is not permitted.</p> <p>From 1 July until 3 October 2026: Access to the embargoed area is not permitted. Special permission may be sought for participation in the ACT Secondary Schools Mountain Bike Championships (if held during this time).</p> <p><u>Cycle Criteriums</u></p> <p>Access to the criterium track and adjacent parking area for the purposes of participating in sanctioned criterium racing is permitted. Spectating at these events is permitted.</p> <p><u>Cross Country Running</u></p> <p>Access to the cross country running track and adjacent parking area for the purposes of participating in cross country training and racing is permitted. Spectating at these events is permitted.</p> <p><u>Trail Running</u></p> <p>Until 30 June 2026: Access to the embargoed area is permitted for the purposes of participating in sanctioned trail running events and races.</p> <p>From 1 July until 3 October 2026: Access to the embargoed area is not permitted.</p> <p><u>Stromlo Leisure Centre</u></p> <p>Access to the Stromlo leisure centre and adjacent parking area is permitted.</p> <p><u>Mount Stromlo Observatory</u></p> <p>Access to the Mount Stromlo Observatory and adjacent parking area is permitted for work and/or scientific purposes.</p> <p>The carrying and use of maps, photography or attempts to survey the terrain during any of the above activities is not permitted.</p>

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Event: map / location	Embargoed until	Embargo details
Oceania Sprint: Australian National University	4 October 2026	No reconnoitring or training, including training with an existing orienteering map of the campus, is permitted. Other activities within the campus are permitted (e.g. attending a class). The carrying and use of maps, photography or attempts to survey the terrain during any of the above activities is not permitted.
Oceania Middle: Bogong Creek / Namadgi National Park	26 September 2026	Orienteers must not enter the embargoed area. Note the area includes the Yankee Hat Walking Track Carpark.
Oceania Relays: Honeysuckle Creek / Namadgi National Park	27 September 2026	Orienteers must not enter the embargoed area.