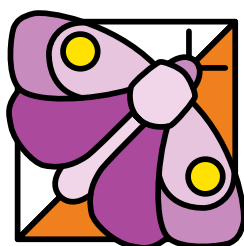
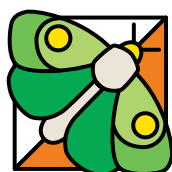


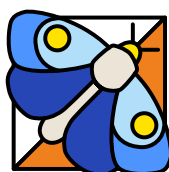
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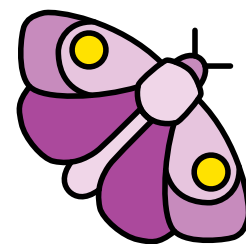
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We acknowledge and celebrate the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet and compete, the Ngunnawal, Ngambri and Ngarigo peoples. We recognise their ongoing connection to and care of this Country and pay respect to the Elders past and present,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



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‘Bogong Creek’ in Namadgi National Park
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‘Pine Island’
‘Stromlo Forest Park’

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‘Orana’

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‘ANU South’

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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
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Oceania Sprint	Duncan Currie	Duncan Currie	Matt Stocks	Chris Andersen

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

MAP OF LOCATIONS

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

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

The Oceania Carnival incorporates the 2026/2027 Oceania Orienteering Championships, the 2026 Australian Orienteering Schools Championships (ASOC) and the Flight of the Bogong events.

International Orienteering Federation (IOF), Orienteering Australia (OA) and Orienteering New Zealand (ONZ) Rules state that Forest Oceania Championships should be held in odd years (i.e. 2027). However, if local conditions are likely to prevent use of suitable orienteering areas, then they may be held late in the previous year. Therefore, our events are the 2027 Championships held in 2026: the 2026/2027 Oceania Championships.



The **Oceania Orienteering Championships** are open to all orienteers from all countries.

The Oceania Champion titles are awarded to orienteers who are members of an IOF-recognised orienteering federation within the Oceania region.

The Elite (M/W21E and M/W20E), Junior (M/W18A) and Youth (M/W16A) classes will be official IOF regional championships and eligible placegetters will be awarded IOF medals. Winners of the Long and Middle distance M21E and W21E races will secure personal places in those races at the 2027 World Orienteering Championships.

For the Long, Middle and Relay races, elite, junior and youth competitors may run their 2026 age classes, but for the Sprint, they must run in their 2027 classes.

Competitors in all non-IOF classes and grades (i.e. M/W10–14, M/W35 and above, M/W20A, 21A, all short and B grades), may run in their 2026 age classes in all events.



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 (Men/Women A–G).

CLASSES & COURSES



OCEANIA CLASSES

	Oceania Middle		Oceania Long		Oceania Relay		Oceania Sprint	
IOF Championship classes	M/W 21E M/W 18A	M/W 20E M/W 16A	M/W 21E M/W 18A	M/W 20E M/W 16A	M/W 21E M/W 18A	M/W 20E M/W 16A	M/W 21E M/W 18A	M/W 20E M/W 16A
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 20A	M/W 14A	M/W 20A	M/W 55A	M/W 45A	M/W 14A	M/W 20A
	M/W 21A	M/W 35A	M/W 21A	M/W 35A	M/W 75A	M/W 65A	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	M/W 95A
A Short	M/W 20AS M/W 55AS	M/W 21AS	M/W 20AS M/W 35AS M/W 55AS	M/W 21AS M/W 45AS M/W 65AS	M/W 21AS	M/W 55AS		
Other	M/W 10N M/W Open B M/W Junior B Open Easy Open Very Easy	M/W 10N M/W Open B M/W Junior B Open Easy Open Very Easy			Mixed (Hard) Mixed (Moderate) Mixed (Easy) M/W Open B		M/W 10N M/W Open B M/W Junior B Open 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

M/W 10N are non-competitive classes 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.

ALL COURSES

The **draft** course lengths for classes are provided for entry planning. Note that these are draft only and subject to change. All courses will be designed to meet the winning time parameters.



OCEANIA MIDDLE

Course	Classes	Winning time (mins)	Distance (km)	Total climb (m)	Map scale
1	M21E, M20E	30–35	5.6	120	1:10 000
2	W21E, W20E	30–35	4.7	110	1:10 000
3	M35A, M18A	30	4.3	110	1:10 000
4	M16A, W18A	30	4.3	100	1:10 000
5	M40A, M45A	30	4.1	110	1:10 000
6	W16A, W35A, M21A	30	3.9	100	1:10 000
7	M50A, W40A	30	4.0	95	1:7 500
8	M55A, W45A, W21A, M20A	30	3.6	95	1:7 500
9	M60A, M65A	30	3.5	90	1:7 500
10	W50A, W20A, M55AS	30	3.2	85	1:7 500
11	M70A, W55A	30	2.9	80	1:7 500
12	M21AS, M75A, W60A	30	2.7	70	1:7 500
13	W65A, W70A, W55AS	30	2.3	70	1:7 500
14	W75A, M80A, W21AS	30	2.0	50	1:7 500
15	M85A, W80A	25	1.7	50	1:7 500
16	M90A, W85A, W90A, M95A, W95A	25	1.5	50	1:7 500
17	M14A, M Open B, M Junior B	25	3.5	50	1:7 500
18	W14A, W Open B, W Junior B	25	3.0	30	1:7 500
19	M12A, W12A, Open Easy	25	2.1	30	1:7 500
20	M10A, W10A, M/W10N, Open Very Easy	20	2.1	30	1:7 500



OCEANIA RELAY

Course	Classes	Team winning time (mins)	Distance (km)	Total climb (m)	Map scale
1	M21E	120	5.5	200	1:10 000
2	M20E, M35A	120	4.9	180	1:10 000
3	W21E, M18A, M45A	120	4.6	180	1:10 000
4	M16A, W35A, W20E	120	3.9	130	1:10 000
5	W18A*, W45A, M55A, Mixed (Hard)	105	3.6	130	1:7 500
6	W16A*, W55A, M65A, M21AS	105	2.8	90	1:7 500
7	W65A, M75A, W21AS, M55AS	105	2.2	75	1:7 500
8	W75A, W55AS	105	2.0	70	1:7 500
9	M14A, M Open B, Mixed (Moderate)	90	2.3	80	1:7 500
10	W14A, W Open B	90	2.2	80	1:7 500
11	M12, W12, Mixed (Easy)	45	3.0	TBC	1:7 500

* Scale 1:10 000



ASOC & FLIGHT OF THE BOGONG

Course	Classes	Difficulty	Sprint distance (km)	Long distance (km)	Relay / Mass Start distance (km)
1	Senior Boys, Men A, Women A	Hard	2.8	6.4	5.0
2	Senior Girls, Men B, Women B	Hard	2.3	5.2	3.8
3	Men C, Women C	Hard	1.9	3.6	2.6
4	Men D, Women D	Hard	1.5	2.9	2.0
5	Junior Boys	Moderate	2.4	4.2	3.8
6	Junior Girls, Men E, Women E	Moderate	2.0	3.6	2.8
7	Men F, Women F	Easy	1.8	2.8	1.8
8	Men G, Women G	Very Easy	1.6	2.0	1.4

Course	Classes	Winning time (mins)	Distance (km)	Total climb (m)	Map scale
1	M21E	90	13.9	520	1:15 000
2	W21E	90	11.0	480	1:15 000
3	M20E	75	11.0	460	1:15 000
4	W20E	75	8.5	390	1:15 000
5	M35A, M40A, M21A	65	9.2	415	1:10 000
6	M18A, M45A, M20A, W35A, W21A	60	8.3	355	1:10 000
7	M50A, W40A	55	7.0	330	1:10 000
8	W18A, M16A, W20A	60	6.5	275	1:10 000
9	M55A, W45A, M21AS	50	6.0	320	1:10 000
10	M60A, W50A, M20AS	50	5.6	240	1:7 500
11	W16A, M65A	50	5.5	210	1:7 500
12	M70A, W55A, M35AS, W21AS	50	5.1	130	1:7 500
13	W60A, M75A, M45AS	50	4.5	110	1:7 500
14	W20AS, W35AS, W45AS, W65A, W70A, M55AS	50	4.0	110	1:7 500
15	M80A, W75A, W55AS, M65AS	45	3.3	75	1:7 500
16	M85A, W80A, W65AS	45	2.6	45	1:7 500
17	W85A, W90A, M90A, W95A, M95A	40	1.6	30	1:7 500
18	M14A, M Open B, M Junior B	35	5.1	150	1:7 500
19	W14A, W Open B, W Junior B	35	4.3	115	1:7 500
20	M12A, W12A, Open Easy	25	2.2	35	1:7 500
21	M10A, W10A, M/W10N, Open Very Easy	20	1.9	20	1:7 500

Course	Classes	Winning time (mins)	Distance (km)	Map scale
1	M21E, M20E, M18A	12–15	3.2	1:4 000
2	W21E, W20E, W18A	12–15	2.7	1:4 000
3	M40A, M35A, M45A, M16A	12–15	2.8	1:3 000
4	M50A, W35A	12–15	2.6	1:3 000
5	M21A, W40A, M55A, W16A	12–15	2.4	1:3 000
6	W45A, M60A, M65A	12–15	2.2	1:3 000
7	W21A, W50A, M70A, W55A	12–15	2.0	1:3 000
8	M75A, W60A, W65A	12–15	1.7	1:3 000
9	W70A, M80A, W75A	12–15	1.4	1:3 000
10	W80A, M85A	12–15	1.2	1:3 000
11	M90A, W85A, W90A, W95A, M95A	12–15	1.1	1:3 000
12	M14A, M Open B, M Junior B	12–15	2.4	1:3 000
13	W14A, W Open B, W Junior B	12–15	1.9	1:3 000
14	M12A, W12A, Open Easy	12–15	1.6	1:3 000
15	M10A, W10A, M/W10N, Open Very Easy	12–15	1.4	1:3 000

ENTRIES & PRICING

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

All events are open to all orienteers from all countries.

OCEANIA ELIGIBILITY

The IOF Oceania Championship titles will be awarded in the Open (21 Elite), Junior (20 Elite), and Youth (18 and 16) classes.

Competitors must be representing a member Federation of the IOF belonging to the Oceania continent as defined by the International Olympic Committee to be eligible for the Oceania Championship titles (and prizes). Competitors from Federations outside of the Oceania continent can compete but will not be eligible for the Oceania Championship titles (or prizes).

Note also according to IOF Competition Rule 6.1 – A competitor may represent only one Federation at any one time. They must be a citizen of the country of that Federation. All competitors must ensure that the Orienteering Federation they represent is correctly recorded in IOF Eventor.

For all other classes, eligibility will be in accordance with the Oceania Rules. If you have doubt over your eligibility, please let us know.

WORLD RANKING EVENTS

The Oceania Middle Distance, Oceania Long Distance and Oceania Sprint Championship events have been designated by the 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 Eventor Australia profile and their entry name 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 and add their ID number to their Eventor Australia profile.

OCEANIA SPRINT ENTRIES

As the 2026 Oceania Sprint Championships were held in the Central Coast in January 2026, the sprint event in this carnival will be the 2027 Oceania Sprint Championships. Therefore, competitors in IOF Classes (M/W21E, M/W20E, M/W18, M/W16) must run in their 2027 age classes.

Competitors in all non-IOF classes and grades (i.e. M/W10–14, M/W35 and above, M/W20A, 21A, all short and B grades) may run in their 2026 age classes in the Oceania Sprint.

NATIONAL ORIENTEERING LEAGUE TEAMS COMPETITION

Oceania 2026 is the final round of the teams competition of the Australian National Orienteering League (NOL). Only Oceania Championships individual races will be included. The team point scores will be calculated as per section 2.6.2 of the [National Orienteering League Rules and Guidelines 2026](#).

As this is an international event with entrants from multiple countries we will not be naming the A classes as Sport. At the Oceania Middle and the Oceania Long Championships, M/W21A and M/W20A classes are offered. As per the NOL Guidelines, we presume that the NOL managers will use these classes when calculating Sport Class points.



FLIGHT OF THE BOGONG ENTRIES

Available with a 3-day multi-day entry or with single day entry options. If you wish to enter just one or two days of the Flight of the Bogong event series, you will have to select the races to enter within the 3-day event.

You must enter the same class consistently (i.e. course class/difficulty levels A to G) to be eligible for cumulative event status and prizes.



ENTER ON THE DAY

A select and limited range of enter on the day courses will be available, matching the Australian course settings levels of Very Easy, Easy, Moderate and Hard. These will be available at the 3 individual Oceania events and at the Flight of the Bogong 3-day public events. No entry on the day is available for the Oceania Relay Championships.

Enter on the day competitors are not eligible for any of the event prizes.

Fees will be taken by EFTPOS at the daily information desk; or by cash if there are no EFTPOS facilities. No family discounts are available. No entry via Eventor.



SPLIT STARTS

Available at the Oceania Sprint, Oceania Long and Oceania Middle Distance events only.

Consideration will be given to requests from competitors for a late or early start to facilitate their child-minding requirements. However, this may not be possible in a race with a narrow start window or where the start list is based on rankings or previous results.

Competitors requesting split times for child minding need to [complete the request form](#) (also available on Eventor) **by 5 September 2026**.

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	\$155
 Oceania Long	\$65	\$40	\$170
 Oceania Relay	\$45	\$25	\$115
 Oceania Sprint	\$40	\$20	\$100
 Flight of the Bogong (per day)	\$25	\$15	\$65

ENTRY DEADLINES

Entries will close on 5 September 2026.

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

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 and 5 events are within the metro area.

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 the Australian Capital Territory (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 Steiner 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. Orienteering ACT (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 all Oceania, ASOC and Flight of the Bogong events. Details for each embargo are in the side panel of the map and on the [Oceania 2026 website](#).

MERCHANDISE

The Oceania 2026 running top can be purchased [directly from Wear It](#).

Merchandise orders close 31 August 2026 for collection at event.

When ordering, select **PICK UP** when finalising purchase for free delivery to the carnival, where it will be waiting for you at Registration.

