



## SPORTS INFORMATION GUIDE

World Masters Orienteering Championships 2017  
at World Masters Games 2017, Auckland, New Zealand  
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### 1.0 Organisers

Orienteering New Zealand (ONZ), on behalf of the International Orienteering Federation (IOF) and World Masters Games 2017 (WMG2017), are responsible for organising the delivery of the Orienteering competitions for WMG2017 and the World Masters Orienteering Championships 2017 (WMOC).

#### 1.1 Controllers

- IOF Senior Event Adviser: Nick Dent (Australia)
- IOF Assistant Senior Event Adviser: Greg Hawthorne (Australia)
- National Controller: Gillian Ingham (New Zealand)

The IOF Senior Event Adviser will also act in the role of Technical Delegate for the WMG2017 Orienteering competition. The Technical Delegate will oversee the implementation of all sport specific rules and requirements at the event.

#### 1.2 Contacts and information

- World Masters Orienteering Championships 2017

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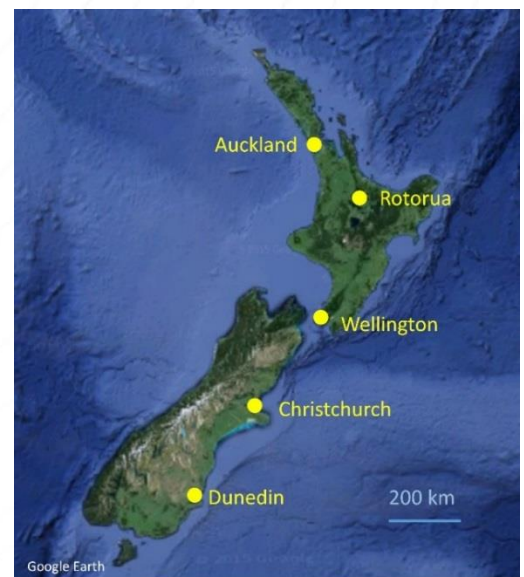
## **2.0 Event Location**

Auckland is New Zealand's largest city. The Auckland region is home to 1.5 million people; about a third of New Zealand's total population.

As host city for the ninth World Masters Games, Auckland will welcome 25,000 athletes from more than 100 countries, competing across 28 different sports for the ten days of competition from 21 to 30 April 2017.

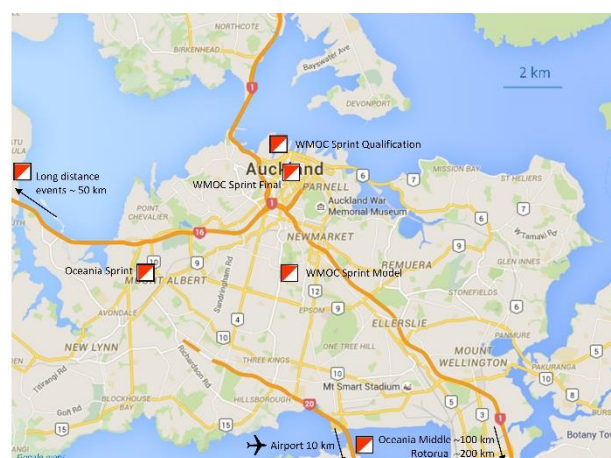
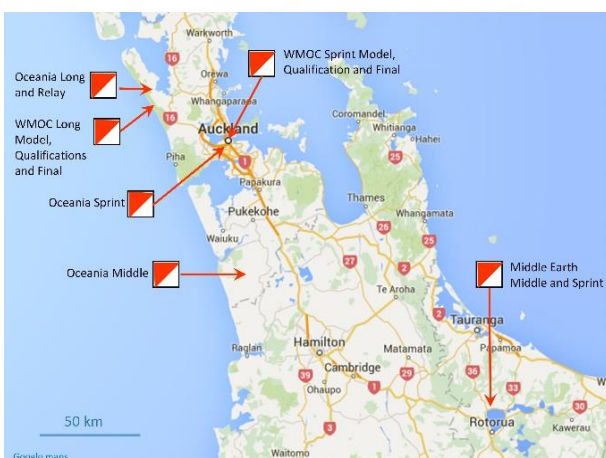
You are warmly invited to the WMOC which will be held as part of WMG2017.

Come early to acclimatise and familiarise with New Zealand's Orienteering terrain at the Oceania Championships over Easter weekend, and the Middle Earth events to be held near Rotorua, in the Central North Island's geothermal region during the intervening week. Then stay on afterwards to explore our beautiful country.



## **3.0 Event Centre**

The WMG2017 event centre (and entertainment hub) will at a central Auckland location soon to be announced. The centre will be open for accreditation collection from early in the week of 17 April 2017.



## **4.0 Competition Dates**

The Orienteering competition schedule for WMG2017/WMOC is as follows:

	21/4 Fri	22/4 Sat	23/4 Sun	24/4 Mon	25/4 Tue	26/4 Wed	27/4 Thu	28/4 Fri	29/4 Sat	30/4 Sun
Sprint – Model event										
Sprint – Qualification										
Sprint – Final										
Long Distance – Model event										
Long Distance – Qualification 1										
Long Distance – Qualification 2										
Long Distance – Final										

Tuesday 25 April 2017 is also Anzac Day – a national day of remembrance in New Zealand and Australia, which commemorates servicemen and women who have served and died, and honours those that have returned. In line with the respect and tradition afforded to this national day, any sport competition on Anzac Day will not commence until the afternoon.

All dates are subject to change, pending final entries received. A detailed schedule for each age category, including the range of individual category start times, will be developed throughout 2016 and early 2017.

### **4.1 Ceremonies and social programme**

The Opening Ceremony for WMG2017 will be held at Eden Park, New Zealand’s largest sports stadium, and is scheduled for the evening of Friday 21 April 2017. The Closing Ceremony for WMG2017 will be held on the evening of Sunday 30 April 2017 in a central Auckland location soon to be announced.

There will also be brief WMOC Opening and Closing Ceremonies, with the raising and lowering of the IOF flag, welcomes by representatives of the Federation and Orienteering New Zealand. These will be held at the conclusion of the Sprint model event on Saturday 22 April and after the Long Distance medal ceremony on Saturday 29 April, at the Orienteering venues.

Orienteering medal ceremonies will be held at the conclusion of the Sprint and Long Distance finals at the respective Orienteering venues.

Details of WMG2017 and WMOC social programmes will be posted on websites as available during 2016 and early 2017.

## **5.0 Competitions**

All races will be run in accordance with the current versions of IOF Rules and WMOC Guidelines and under the Participation Terms and Conditions of WMG2017.

### **5.1 Age categories**

All orienteers aged 35 years of age or over on 31 December 2017 are eligible to compete.

The following age categories will be offered:

- Men's / Women's: 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95.

### **5.2 Sprint**

The Sprint event comprises two races: a qualification and a final.

Both races will take place in the heart of the city. The qualification race will be around Auckland's newest waterfront development: formerly a large industrial area, it is now a vibrant harbour-side of cafes, sleek apartments, parks and gardens. The terrain is varied, with areas of fine detail and lots of route choice, but little elevation difference.



The Sprint final will be held on The University of Auckland's City Campus – a complex maze of university buildings set in undulating park-like surroundings with some formal gardens.

### **5.3 Long Distance**

The two qualification races and the final will all be run in Woodhill Forest, an extensive commercial exotic forest and recreation area northwest of the city. The forest is mostly radiata pine planted on undulating to moderately steep sand-dune terrain, with good runnability.

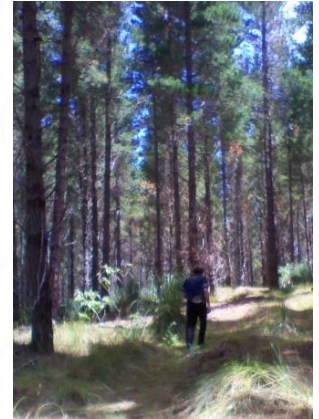
There are also small pockets of native New Zealand bush with reduced visibility and runnability, and a coastal strip that contains more intricate dune systems and variable vegetation including some rough open areas and some areas of windblown sand. There is a network of widely spaced forestry roads and some motorbike tracks, but otherwise there are few paths. The terrain is similar for all three races.



The distance to the city centre is approximately 50km. Transport will be provided from central Auckland for holders of Silver and Gold registration packages.

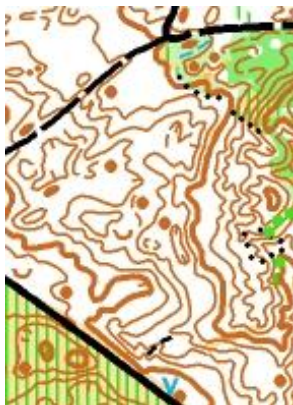
Bronze package holders will be able to purchase tickets for bus transport into the event from a park-and-ride hub to be set up near the forest.

No cars will be allowed into the forest.



#### 5.4 Maps and embargoed areas

- Sprint: ISSOM standard, scale 1:4000, contour interval 2.0m, made in 2015 and to be re-surveyed during 2016-17.
- Long Distance: ISOM standard, scale M/W35-45 1:10000; M/W50-95 1:7500; contour interval 2.5m. Surveyed in 2015-16.
- Embargoed areas and old maps can be found at [www.orienteering.org.nz/world-masters-2017](http://www.orienteering.org.nz/world-masters-2017) and [www.worldmastersgames2017.co.nz/en/sports/orienteering](http://www.worldmastersgames2017.co.nz/en/sports/orienteering).



#### 5.5 Punching system

The SPORTident punching system will be used in all races. You will need an SI-Card. SI-cards may be hired from the organiser by selecting this option when registering. SIAC touch-free will not be used.

## 5.6 Course lengths and winning times

Courses will be set to meet IOF recommended winning times:

- For the Sprint event this is 12-15 minutes for all classes in both qualification and final races.
- Long Event target winning times (minutes):

Class	Long Qualification	Long Final	Class	Long Qualification	Long Final
M35	60	70	W35	45	55
M40	55	65	W40	40	50
M45	50	60	W45	35	45
M50	45	55	W50	35	45
M55	40	50	W55	35	45
M60	40	50	W60	35	45
M65	40	50	W65	35	45
M70	40	50	W70	35	45
M75	40	50	W75	35	45
M80	40	50	W80	35	45
M85	40	50	W85	35	45
M90	40	50	W90	35	45
M95	40	50	W95	35	45

## 6.0 Athlete Registration

Registration, including entries for all WMG2017 and WMOC events, can only be done only via the WMG2017 website [www.worldmastersgames2017.co.nz](http://www.worldmastersgames2017.co.nz).

Registration will commence in mid-February 2016 and close on 31 January 2017.

You must complete your registration, entry and payment in one session, which will take approximately 10-15 minutes. Payment options are detailed in the registration system including credit and debit card options with Visa, MasterCard, Diners (including Discovery) and American Express accepted.

If possible please have a photo (.jpg file recommended, maximum size 60 kB) ready for upload – for your accreditation pass – or be ready to take a photo using your webcam (Flash must be installed in order to do this). Photos will only appear on your accreditation pass if uploaded during the registration process.

If you are a participant travelling from outside of New Zealand, please also have your passport details to hand, as these will be required during the registration process.

## 6.1 Event fees

There are three levels of registration for WMG2017: Bronze, Silver and Gold.

All packages include entry to all WMG2017/WMOC Orienteering races and model events, as well as the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

Registration fees	Athlete	Non-Playing Official / Supporter
Bronze	\$295	\$145
Silver	\$395	\$245
Gold	\$825	\$625

WMG2017 will collect an additional surcharge of NZD\$69 for each Orienteering athlete, as part of the rights to host the WMOC. This fee also includes statutory collection of GST (goods and services tax) and financial handling charges relating to foreign currency exchange.

Silver and Gold packages include transport to the Long Distance events at Woodhill Forest from central Auckland. Bronze package holders will need to make their own way to the park-and-ride hub near the forest and pay separately for bus transport into the events. The fare, to be announced later, will be kept as low as possible. No individual vehicles will be allowed into the forest.

All registration fees are in New Zealand dollars (NZD\$) and include GST (goods and services tax).

If an athlete wishes to participate in more than one sport, the fee for each additional sport is \$50.

Full details on the inclusions in each registration package are outlined on the WMG2017 website at [www.worldmastersgames2017.co.nz](http://www.worldmastersgames2017.co.nz).

## 7.0 Race Clothing

Full body cover is recommended at the Long Distance competitions. You may prefer long sleeves to protect your arms from pampas grass cuts. Shorts may be worn for the Sprint races.

For the Sprint events running shoes are preferable, rubber studs are allowed, but metal tipped studs are not. For the Long Distance events, Orienteering shoes with rubber or metal studs will be best. Spiked shoes are forbidden in all competitions.

It is recommended that a whistle is carried.

## **8.0 Training Opportunities**

The Oceania Orienteering Championships will be held between Friday 14 April (Good Friday) and Monday 17 April 2017 (Easter Monday), with the Sprint, Long Distance and Relay races being on terrain that is representative of the WMG2017/WMOC Sprint and Long Distance maps respectively. During the week between the Oceania Championships and WMG2017/WMOC there will be two events – a Sprint race and a Middle distance race, near Rotorua in the geothermal area of the central North Island. These two events will also incorporate the annual Australia-New Zealand Secondary Schools Test Match.

Details of these events can be found at <http://oceania2017.nz/> and entry is separate from WMG2017 registration fees.

Access to Woodhill Forest is strictly controlled. Individual training there is not possible.

Further training opportunities will be posted on WMG2017/WMOC websites or updated in future editions of this Guide, as they come available.

## **9.0 Event Operations and General Information**

The following additional event operations and general information has been compiled for athletes seeking to compete at WMG2017/WMOC:

### **9.1 Accommodation**

Auckland offers a wide range of accommodation options, from luxurious resorts and 5-star international hotel chains, to bed and breakfasts, holiday homes for rental, backpackers and camp sites.

The AOT Group is the official travel partner of WMG2017, providing accommodation and tourism advice and booking services. For further information, follow the accommodation link on [www.worldmastersgames2017.co.nz](http://www.worldmastersgames2017.co.nz) or email [wmg2017@aot.co.nz](mailto:wmg2017@aot.co.nz).

### **9.2 Eateries/Supermarkets**

Auckland is a cosmopolitan city with restaurants, cafes and shops offering food from every corner of the world at a wide range of prices. Convenience stores in the inner city and supermarkets and shopping malls further out are open 7 days a week (except Good Friday 14 April, Easter Sunday 16 April and the morning of Anzac Day 25 April), with some open 24 hours.



### **9.3 Transport/Parking**

Silver and Gold registration packages include transport from central Auckland to all events, and also a pass for city buses and trains (Gold also includes harbour ferries). A park-and-ride hub will also be available at the Long distance events for those who wish to organise private transport. A small fare will be payable for the shuttle bus from here into the forest. More details will be posted when available.

The Sprint competitions can be reached by foot from downtown Auckland or by public transport from further afield.

### **9.4 How to reach Auckland**

Auckland Airport is the third busiest airport in Australasia, with 20 international airlines flying direct to Auckland from 32 destinations around the world.

New Zealand is a 3-4 hour flight from Eastern Australia, and a 10-12 hour direct flight from most places in the Pacific Rim, including Singapore, Hong Kong, Tokyo and the west coast of the USA. No matter where you fly from, New Zealand is no more than a day away by air.

Air New Zealand ([www.airnewzealand.co.nz](http://www.airnewzealand.co.nz)) is the airline of the Games and New Zealand's national carrier.

### **9.5 Climate**

April falls between the end of summer and early autumn in New Zealand. In the north of the country, Auckland (36.8°S, 174.7°E) enjoys a sub-tropical climate, with average low and high April temperatures of 15°C and 20°C (59°F and 68°F) and a mean rainfall of 100mm for the month.

New Zealand is a small landmass surrounded by ocean however, and the weather is therefore quite variable and prone to rapid changes. Come prepared for rain or shine.

### **9.6 Time zone**

At the time of the Games New Zealand will be using New Zealand Standard Time (NZST, "winter" time), which is 12 hours ahead of Coordinated Universal Time, UTC (formerly GMT).

### **9.7 Travel visas**

Visitors from overseas may need a visa to enter New Zealand. The New Zealand Government's visa information website provides details <http://www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/stream/visit/>.

### **9.8 Risk and insurance**

Each athlete participates in the event at their own risk. Travel insurance is recommended.

## **10.0 Exploring Auckland and further afield**

Auckland is one of the world's friendliest cities. New Zealand is renowned for its variety of natural beauty, from volcanoes and geothermal areas to alpine mountains, unique bush and wildlife, long deserted beaches and crystal seas. It would be a shame to leave without seeing more.

For ideas, inspiration and more information check out the "destinations" link on [www.worldmastersgames2017.co.nz](http://www.worldmastersgames2017.co.nz) and the Tourism New Zealand site [www.newzealand.com/int/](http://www.newzealand.com/int/).

## **11.0 Further Information**

Planning for the WMG2017/WMOC Orienteering competition will continue throughout 2016 and early 2017. Additional sport specific operational information will be communicated to registered participants and updated in future additions of this Sports Information Guide.

All participants are encouraged to monitor the WMG2017 website at [www.worldmastersgames2017.co.nz](http://www.worldmastersgames2017.co.nz) to find out all of the latest information.

If you have any further sport specific questions, please send an email to [contactus@wmg2017.co.nz](mailto:contactus@wmg2017.co.nz).