



**Kia Ora and greetings,**

Welcome to the second newsletter for the upcoming New Zealand Foot Orienteering Nationals (NZOC2021). North West Orienteering Club (NWOC) team has preparations well underway, to be ready Friday 2 April for the Sprint. Mapping has been completed, most courses are created and in the weeks ahead, the experienced team of setters and controllers will focus on the remaining details.

[Bulletin 1](#), with general information regarding the upcoming Nationals, is available on the NZOC2021 website for download. Bulletin 2 will be published closer to the event, with the latest information on the four events making up NZOC2021.

With the Sprint event planned for the North Shore of Auckland, the remainder of the Easter events will take place on new and existing areas on world-class sand dune terrain maps on South Head, part of the amazing Kaipara Harbour north of Auckland. The area of Woodhill Forest and adjacent land used for the Middle, Long and Relay, is embargoed until Easter 2021.



Out of the multiple courses on offer each of the four days of this event, there will be a course that fits your level, from beginner to elite orienteer. Said differently by Steve Andresen, way back in 1977, "*The beauty of orienteering is that increased proficiency does not detract from the thrill of navigating and finding the control. In fact, the fun and excitement seem to grow with each competition.*"

**Overview Events**

Date	Event	Location
2/4/2021, Friday	Sprint	Long Bay College and surrounding areas, Long Bay, North Shore, Auckland
3/4/2021, Saturday	Long (IOF WR event)	South Head
4/4/2021, Sunday	Middle (IOF WR event)	South Head
5/4/2021, Monday	Relay	South Head

**Online Entries**

Online entries ([www.entero.co.nz](http://www.entero.co.nz)) are now open. Standard fee entries close Friday 12 March 2021 while late fee entries close Friday 19 March 2021, with a 50% late fee added to the standard entries.

Late entries received *after* Friday 19 March will only be accepted at the organisers' discretion. Overseas entrants, and *only* overseas entrants, may pay their entry fee in cash before their start on the first day of their competition.

Please be familiar with the [Covid-19 policy](#) for NZOC2021 *before* registering online. This policy document follows Government and ONZ Covid guidelines on gatherings and social distancing and provides clarity on our cancellation policy, event fee refunds as well as practical guidelines during the event, depending on the Covid Alert Level at that time.

**Camping 'on site'**

With three of the four events scheduled for a compact area on South Head, NWOC is very excited to offer the option of basic camping 'on site', O-Ringen-like at Leighton's farm (320 Wilson Road, Helensville) for the duration of the event. A great option to minimise driving and maximise the time socialising and unwinding with old and newly made orienteering friends from New Zealand and (hopefully) overseas after each event.



Leighton's farm is a 450-acre deer farm, where lush grass and pockets of sand cover the hills as well as perfect flat areas for camping. Native kanuka trees provide shade, while deer and turkey roam free. Unfortunately, this means that there are to be absolutely NO DOGS or other pets allowed on site.



Camping is available from Friday night after the Sprint event (2 April) until and including Sunday night (4 April). Camping costs are \$12 per person per night. Leighton's Farm has basic facilities: six toilets and four showers, and one big tent for shelter, but no electricity or cooking facilities. There is a lake to cool down and have a swim after a day running in the forest, and the hot pools at Parakai Springs are only 20 minutes' drive away. If you are interested in the Leighton's Farm camping option, please indicate this while registering for the event online (under 'Merchandise'), or add your camping wishes later.

Those looking for alternative accommodation nearby are recommended to look for options in and around Helensville, while affordable group accommodation can be found at Houghton's Bush camp near Muriwai.

**Warming-up?**

For those of you lucky enough to be able to leisurely drive up to the event in the days before, there are several orienteering events planned on the weekend [before](#). For example, Orienteering Bay of Plenty are running two orienteering events on Sunday 28th March, the weekend before Easter: the ideal opportunity to get in a bit of practice before NZOC2021. There will be a Sprint on a new map in the Reporoa township and then a Middle distance at Jay Road nearby in the afternoon. If interested, please pre-enter via the [OBOP website!](#) Closer to home, Counties Manukau is organising AOS-4 in Totara Park, Auckland the same day.

**More information**

For more information please visit the [NZOC2021 website](#), where information will be added over the weeks and months ahead. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact the team via [nzoc2021@gmail.com](mailto:nzoc2021@gmail.com).

