

Gauteng Orienteering Championships



Bulletin 1

6-7th August 2022



Organised by the Rand Orienteering Club

Saturday 6th August: Gauteng Middle Distance Blyde - Waterval Plantation, Graskop
Sunday 7th August: Gauteng Long Distance Paradise Berg, Graskop, Mpumalanga

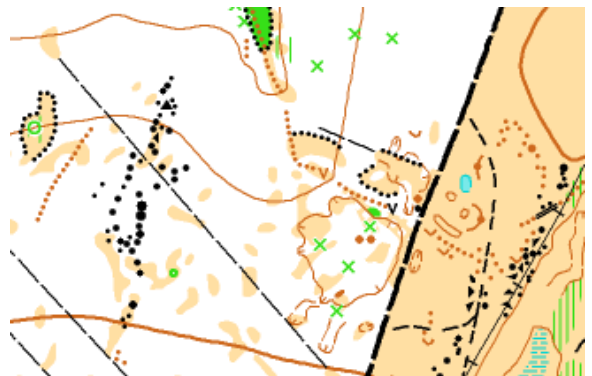
Times:	Saturday	Registration / Info:	12h00 – 12h45	
		Starts:	12h45 – 14h00	Maximum Time Limit: 2h15
	Sunday	Registration / Info:	07h30 – 08h30	
		Starts:	08h00 – 09h30	Maximum Time Limit: 3h00
		Prize Giving:	12h00	

Graskop: Graskop is situated on the edge of the Drakensburg escarpment. The town started out as a gold mining camp in the 1880s and has since developed into a forestry town. Graskop is situated in the Panorama tourist region of Mpumalanga province and it is near to God's Window, Bourke's Luck Potholes, Blyde River Canyon and Three Rondawels, as well as numerous spectacular waterfalls. Graskop is the best location to view the edge of the escarpment with a steep drop of 700 metres to the Lowveld region below. Graskop is situated at an altitude of 1400 metres above sea level. It has a temperate mountain climate with high rainfall and is often misty in summer.



Maps: **Paradise Berg:** Printed on waterproof synthetic paper. Scale 1:7'500 with 5m contour interval. Surveyed and drawn to ISOM2017 specifications by Nicholas Mulder (ROC) for Big 5 O-Week 2019/2020.

Blyde / Waterval Plantation: Printed on waterproof synthetic paper. Scale 1:10'000 with 5m contour interval (M21E, W21E and M40 may use 1:15'000 scale, to be confirmed in Final Bulletin). Surveyed and drawn to ISOM2017 specifications by Nicholas Mulder (ROC) for Big 5 O-Week 2019/2020.



Terrain: **Paradise Berg** is a very large boulder field on gently sloping terrain. Dense vegetation is almost non-existent as short grassland predominates. The density of rocks and stony ground will determine running speed. Areas of the map will be extremely intricate and navigation very testing, particularly amongst some of the rock pillar formations. There are a few hiking trails crossing the area. The weather can be very variable and mist can reduce visibility to less than 50m.



Waterval - The terrain is mature open pine forest plantation with very good runnability. Large areas of grassland and rocky outcrops are also present. There are numerous small sink holes in the forest and isolated mining trenches and caves in the rocky areas. Vegetation is negligible but some areas of grassland can have thick undergrowth (bracken/ferns).

Timing: The Emit timing and punching system will be used. Emit cards are available for hire at R20 per day for those who do not own a card.

Clothing: There is no restriction on competitor clothing.

Embargo: The venue / competition areas are fully embargoed until after the championships. The exception is the weekly Jock Trail Parkrun, which you may attend subject to staying on the marked route and only during parkrun Saturday operating hours.



Previous maps: There are existing maps for both areas from the Big-5 in 2019/2020 and SA Champs 2021. These will be on display at registration before the event or can be requested via email from the organizer.

Eligibility: Competitors on Championship courses must be members of a club affiliated to the SAOF or members of an Orienteering Club outside South Africa. Only members of a club affiliated to the SAOF and who have been resident in South Africa for six months will be eligible for Championship trophies/medals (as per SAOF competition rule 4.1).

Classes: The following classes are available on the Middle and Long Distance Events for Men (M) and Women (W).

- Juniors M/W12, M/W16, M/W20
- Veteran W35, M40, W45, M50, W55, M60, W65, M70, W75, M80
- Senior M/W21E, M/W21A

Age classes are determined by the participant's year of birth. E.g. M/W20 is 2002 or later, etc. for junior classes, whilst M40 is 1982 or earlier, etc. for veteran classes.



Open Courses: Open Short (orange level) and Open Medium (light green level).

Entries: Enter at www.OriEnter.co.za for both events – please ensure your profile date of birth and club are correct.

Late Entry will not be possible for any courses, including the Open courses.

Entries **close on Monday 1st August at 23h59.**

Entry Fees:	<u>Long and Middle Distance Events:</u>	<u>Per Event</u>
	Senior / Veteran Championship Courses:	R 160.00
	Junior Championship Courses:	R 120.00
	Individuals on Open Courses:	R 120.00
	Groups on Open Courses (2 maps):	R 200.00
	Emit Hire:	R 20.00

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Area Map:

