

South African Orienteering Championships



Bulletin 1

24-26th September 2021



Organised by the Rand Orienteering Club

Friday 24th September:	SA Champs Middle Distance	Paradise Berg, Graskop, Mpumalanga
Saturday 25th September:	SA Champs Long Distance	Blyde - Waterval Plantation, Graskop
Sunday 26th September:	SA Champs Club Relay	Blyde - Waterval Plantation, Graskop

Times:	Friday	Registration / Info:	12h15 – 13h00	
		Starts:	13h00 – 14h15	Maximum Time Limit: 2h15
	Saturday	Registration / Info:	09h00 – 10h00	
		Starts:	09h30 – 11h00	Maximum Time Limit: 3h15
	Sunday	Registration / Info:	08h15 – 08h45	
		Competitor Briefing	08h45	
		Mass Start:	09h00	Maximum Time Limit: 3h00
		Prize Giving:	11h30	

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. Automatic emit card hire is included for all Relay participants.

Clothing: There is no restriction on competitor clothing.

Embargo: The venue / competition areas are fully embargoed until after the championships.



Previous maps: There are existing maps for all three areas from the Big-5 in 2019/2020. These will be on display at registration before the event and on the ROC website.

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).

Relay Event: Two relay events will take place; the Club Championships and the Ad-hoc Championships. Each event has 3 legs. Distances will be Club Champs Relay (2.5km, 2.5km, 2.5km) and Ad-Hoc relay (2.0km, 2.0km, 2.0km). For club championships eligibility, each member of a team must represent the same club and at least one competitor must not be M21 age category.

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 2021 or later, etc. for junior classes, whilst M40 is 1981 or earlier, etc. for veteran classes.

Open Courses: Friday & Saturday: Open Short (orange level) and Open Medium (light green level)

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

Please liaise with your club captains for entering club relay and ad-hoc teams.

Please submit entries for Relay directly to the Event Director at nicholas@marquest.co.za.

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

Pre-Entries for relay, middle and long distance **close on Sunday 19 September**.

Entry Fees:	<u>Long and Middle Distance Events:</u>	<u>Per Event</u>
	Senior / Veteran Championship Courses:	R 150.00
	Junior Championship Courses:	R 110.00
	Individuals on Open Courses:	R 120.00
	Groups on Open Courses (2 maps):	R 200.00
	Emit Hire:	R 20.00
	<u>Relay Events:</u>	<u>Per Team (incl. Emit)</u>
	Team of 3 persons – Club and Ad-Hoc Categories	R 230.00

Event Officials:	<u>Event</u>	<u>Planner</u>	<u>Controller</u>
	Middle	Nicholas Mulder	Ian Bratt
	Long	Nicholas Mulder	Stephanie Mulder
	Relay	Nicholas Mulder	Ian Bratt
	Event Director	Nicholas Mulder 082-898-7871 and nicholas@marquest.co.za	

Area Map:

