



**Orienteering**  
Western Australia

**Bulletin 1**  
**2026 School Orienteering Championships**  
**23 June 2026 at Mills Park, Beckenham**

**Important dates and times**

**Enter and pay before 5 June 2026**

**Final Bulletin, including start lists sent to schools on 15 June 2026**

**Competition Day 23 June, 9am to around 2pm.**

Contact Melinda on 0409 962 300 or [oawa.schoolchamps@gmail.com](mailto:oawa.schoolchamps@gmail.com) with any questions.

Mills Park is about 15 km from central Perth and close to Roe Highway. It is an ideal location for young orienteers as it has a mixture of open and bushy areas and contains many tracks and paths to help the less experienced orienteers navigate their courses. This year, both Primary Schools and Secondary Schools will be competing on the same day. We will advise the exact arrangement of the competition in Bulletin 2.

In 2026, we are delivering courses for individual students and pairs of students and courses suitable for Outdoor Education students. We will send all participating schools a model map as part of the Final Bulletin to help teachers to prepare their students.

Please note that we do not have permission to hammer spikes into the lawn on the oval where the students will be sitting. Plan to bring an alternative means to secure your marquee to the ground.

We hope you can join us on 23 June 2026.



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### Competition classes (Age as at 31 December 2026)

e.g. 16<sup>th</sup> birthday is 24 October 2026 (i.e. after the event but before 31 December) – enter 16 yr & over class.

### Individual classes

Individuals complete line courses. This means students must visit their controls in the order depicted on their map.

Girls (line courses*)	Approximate length	Boys (line courses)	Approximate length	Difficulty of navigation
10yr & under	2.0km	10yr & under	2.0km	Very easy
11 & 12yr	2.5km	11 and 12yr	2.5km	Easy
15yr & under A	4.0km	15yr & under A	4.0km	Hard
15yr & under B	3.0km	15yr & under B	3.0 km	Moderate
16yr & over A	5.0km	16yr & over A	5.0km	Hard
16yr & over B	3.5km	16yr & over B	3.5km	Moderate
OE - Year 11/12	4.0km	OE - Year 11/12	4.0km	Moderate

Schools can use the OE (Outdoor Education) category to assess students for Outdoor Education (Years 11/12 only). We will send schools the course maps for the OE category one week before the event, so students can study their course in class before completing it on the day. We will send the electronic timing results of the OE student's schools after the event to help in teacher assessments.

### Pairs classes

Pairs classes are score events meaning each control has a point value and the pair can choose which controls to visit. Pairs have a set time to visit up to 20 controls. The pair that collects the most points in the shortest time wins.

Girls	Time allowed (minutes, TBC*)	Boys	Time allowed (minutes, TBC*)	Mixed	Time allowed (minutes, TBC*)
10yr & under	30	10 yr & under	30	10 yr & under	30
11 & 12yr	40	11 and 12yr	40	11and 12yr	40
15yr & under	50	15yr & under	50	15 yr and under	50
16yr & over	60	16yr & over	60	16 yr and over	60

\*TBC – to be confirmed



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### Awards

We will present medals to the first 3 placegetters in both individual and pairs categories. We will present trophies to the Champion Primary and Champion Secondary School. We calculate the Champion Schools by adding the points for each school.

### Entry fees

Non-Orienteering WA member	Orienteering WA Member
\$15.00 per child	\$10.00 per child

This year our championships are at Mills Park, and we must hire toilets. As a result, we have increased entry fees to cover this extra cost.

*Deadline for entries and payment is 5 June 2026. Please refer to the online entry form available on the [OAWA Schools webpage](#) for more information on how to enter and pay.*

### Frequently asked questions

#### **Our students haven't done much orienteering – I'm not sure they have enough experience in map-reading and navigation. Is this event suitable for them?**

Yes, pairs classes are available for those with less experience and confidence. Pairs classes are scatter style events and provide an opportunity for students to work together to find controls.

Mills Park has many tracks through parkland and bushland, and you should encourage your students to use the tracks to navigate to their controls. There will be marshals in the course area to ensure that students do not wander beyond the event area.

#### **What preparation will I need to do?**

Your responsibility is to ensure your students are familiar with basic orienteering skills e.g. orientate the map and understand the features depicted on the map. We will send you a model map with the Final Bulletin to help you prepare your students. You will enter your students and organise transport of your students to and from the event. If students are familiar with basic orienteering skills, they should have enough skills to approach the event with confidence and complete their courses.

#### **What happens on the day?**

On competition day, you will arrive at Mills Park with your students at least 1 and a half hours before the first start time of your students. You will:

- Settle your students in the Assembly area.
- Collect electronic timing devices from us and allocate these to your students.
- Take your students to the pre-event briefing.
- Ensure your students arrive at the Start at least 5 minutes before their start time.
- Supervise your students before and after they run their course.

You can expect the individual class students to complete their course in 20 – 60 minutes.



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For each of the Primary and Secondary competitions, we will award medallions to placegetters and a trophy to the Champion School as soon as possible after all the Primary or Secondary students have finished their courses. In other words – there may be two awards ceremonies on event day.

### **What happens if extreme weather is forecast?**

An 'extreme weather event' for orienteering means that the forecast or actual weather conditions pose a danger to the health or safety of officials and/ or participants. For winter events, extreme weather could mean thunderstorms and lightning.

If the Bureau of Meteorology forecast extreme weather, please contact Melinda on 0409 962 300 for an update. The event organisers will comply with [Orienteering Western Australia's Extreme Weather Events Policy](#).