

Tasmanian School Championship Organisation Guide

The Tas School Champs are usually the first selection event for the Tas Schools Team. Ideally the event would be held shortly after the end of the Term 1 Schools Twilight Series.

Courses

Courses should be made slightly easier than at OST events, as we get a number of students attending who are not regular bush orienteers.

These are the courses X classes used in 2018. Most students enter the Moderate course, so it is worth having two versions, but they must be for girls and boys, so that all students vying for selection are running the same course. We tried to make Course 1 the same standard as OST course 3, Course 2 the same as OST course 4, Courses 3 and 4 like OST Course 7, but on the easy side.

Course	Classes	Difficulty	Approx Distance
1	Boys OpenA, Boys 16A, Men/Women Long	Hard – like OST 3	5 - 6 km
2	Girls OpenA, Girls 16A	Hard - like OST 4	3.5 - 5 km
3	Boys 13A/14A/15A, Boys Senior B	Moderate Like OST 7	3 - 4 km
4	Girls 13A/14A/15A, Girls Senior B, Men/Women Medium	Moderate Like OST 7	3 - 4 km
5	Girls/Boys 12A, Girls/Boys Junior B, Men/Women Short	Easy – like OST 8	2 - 3 km
6	Girls/Boys 10A, Girls/Boys Primary B, Men/Women Novice	Very Easy – like OST 9	1.5 - 2 km

With the public courses, many older adults want a hard but short course, so we recommend offering all courses to adults – very few will enter course 5 and 6, but we had our oldest regulars tackling a very tough course 2. A short hard course (OST course 6 standard) would be appreciated if it can be easily provided. If there is not pre-entry for adults, print 15-20 extra of each of courses 1-4 and then it's first-come-first-served.

Schools Championship Classes (A classes)

For club members and for school orienteers with at least 2 years' experience.

The following table shows which class you will be in if you wish to be official for the Schools Championship. You need to enter your correct class to be considered for Schools Team selection. Only High School students are eligible for selection in the Tasmanian Schools Team.

As at 2018:

Year of birth	Class	Difficulty
2001 or earlier	Boys Open A	Hard
2001 or earlier	Girls Open A	Hard
2002	Boys 16A	Hard
2002	Girls 16A	Hard
2003	Girls/Boys 15A	Moderate

2004	Girls/Boys 14A	Moderate
2005	Girls/Boys 13A	Moderate
2006, 2007	Girls/Boys 12A	Easy
2008 or later	Girls/Boys 10A	Very Easy

Schools Non-Championship Classes (B classes)

For those with less experience or who wish to run in pairs.

The following table shows which class you will be in if you don't want to officially enter the Schools Championship. You will not be eligible for Schools Team selection if you run these classes, but you will contribute points to the Schools Trophy calculation.

Grade	Class	Difficulty
9/10/11/12	Girls/Boys Senior B	Moderate
7/8	Girls/Boys Junior B	Easy
Primary	Girls/Boys Primary B	Very Easy

Awards

Medals will be awarded in each Championship category, and there are three School trophies to be awarded: Primary, Girls High, and Boys High. Points towards these trophies are awarded in both A and B classes. Cathy McComb has the medals. The trophy winners in 2018 were West Launceston Primary, Launceston Church Grammar (girls) and Tarooma High School (boys).

Points towards the School trophies (Primary, High School Girls, High School Boys) are as follows:

A courses:

1st -12, 2nd - 10, 3rd - 8

B Courses

1st - 6, 2nd - 4, 3rd - 2

All others 1 point each.

Starts

From 10am for Schools competitors. Pre-entry is required and start times will be allocated. The start list will be posted on the Eventor page for the event on the Orienteering Tasmania.

For non-Schools competitors, starts will be after the School competitors. Pre-entry is not required and start times will not be allocated. Just turn up at the Start after the last Schools competitor.