



# Gauteng Orienteering Championships & SA Sprint Championships 16 – 18 June 2017

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GOC Long Distance – Friday 16 June – B'sorah Farm  
SA Sprint Champs – Saturday 17 June – The Coves  
GOC Middle Distance – Sunday 18 June – B'sorah Farm

Organised by the Rand Orienteering Club (ROC)

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## Entries

[www.OriEnter.co.za](http://www.OriEnter.co.za)

Entries close Thursday 8 June 2017

All championship courses and M/W21A are pre-entry only. Open and string courses can be entered on the day for all 3 days of competition. For queries please contact [entries@roc.org.za](mailto:entries@roc.org.za).

To use OriEnter:

1. Register: go to [www.OriEnter.co.za](http://www.OriEnter.co.za) and click Register.
2. Login: login using your profile
3. Choose the event: go to Events and click enter for the GOC Champs
4. Enter:
  - a. Go to the Entries Info tab.
  - b. Select a class for each of your linked family members from the drop down list. This will tick the days this class is available.
  - c. Emit hire: remember to select emit hire if required.
  - d. Select your start time preference. Leave it blank if you have no preference. Families requiring split starts should enter under the same profile and select split starts.
  - e. Tick the Enter box and then click the Enter Button below.
  - f. If you wish to enter different classes on the different days, repeat this process, ticking the other classes available on the other days.
5. Pay: Once all entries for you and your linked family members are complete, you can make payment by clicking on the PayEvent button. Payment is done via the PayFast system. Please select EFT as the payment method if possible.

Please DO NOT EFT to the ROC Bank Account. Follow the instructions on the PayFast System.

## Entry Fees

Entry types	Senior Classes	Junior Classes	Groups (max. 3 pers)
Championship courses for 3 days (Long, Sprint & Middle)	R360	R270	n/a
Championship courses for 1 day (Long, Sprint or Middle)	R130	R100	n/a
Open courses (per day): Pre-Entry	R70	R40	R100
Open courses (per day): On The Day Entry	R90	R60	R120
String Courses	Free	Free	Free
Emit Hire per day	R15	R15	R15

## Event Program

Entry Closing Dates: Thursday 8 June 2017

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	9h00-10h00	Registration
	10h00-11h30	Long Distance Starts Maximum running time 3 hours
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	08h30-09h00	Registration
	09h00-9h45	Sprint Distance Starts Maximum running time 90 min
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	08h00-08h30	Registration
	08h30-09h00	Middle Distance Starts Maximum running time 2 hours
	11h00 or as soon as everyone is finished	Prize giving

## Championship Eligibility

Competitors on Championship courses must be members of a club affiliated to the SAOF or members of an Orienteering Club outside South Africa affiliated to a national federation.

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).

Entrants on Championships courses must compete as individuals - unfortunately no groups allowed.

## Areas and Embargos

The 2017 GOC Champs will be based around the region of Broederstroom, about 45-50km north west of Johannesburg. This area is to the south-west of Hartbeespoort Dam. Two different areas will be used, B'sorah Farm for the Middle and Long and The Coves Estate for the Sprint. Both of these areas are embargoed with immediate effect. No entry is allowed for any potential competitors into these areas, including for any sporting events (e.g. trail running or mountain biking). Competitors breaking this embargo will be classified as non-competitive for the championship.

Event	Map	Region
Long	B'sorah Farm	Broederstroom
Sprint	The Coves Estate	Broederstroom
Middle	B'sorah Farm	Broederstroom



## Directions

**B'sorah:** <https://goo.gl/maps/FAD64ZF74kP2> 25°50'23.3"S 27°46'47.0"E

From Jo'burg, travel north on the R512 (Malibongwe / Pelindaba Road) towards Broederstroom. At the T-Junction with the R102 at the Sasol Garage, turn left, effectively staying on the R512. After 4.0km turn left onto the R3/400 (Hartbeeshoek Satellite Road). B'sorah Farm and O' signs will be on the left after 9.3km.

**The Coves:** <https://goo.gl/maps/fk2k59y8bd52> 25°46'52.2"S 27°47'42.0"E

Be sure to pre-enter. The Coves guards are instructed to only allow a car with a pre-entered passenger into the estate.

From Jo'burg, travel north on the R512 (Malibongwe / Pelindaba Road) towards Broederstroom. At the T-Junction with the R102 at the Sasol Garage, turn left, effectively staying on the R512. Stay on the R512 for 13.2 km to the venue. Do not turn off the R512 to B'sorah. Pass Oberon / Pecanwood Estate on the right and continue straight along the R560 towards Magaliesburg (do not follow R512 toward Sun City!). Signs for the venue will be on the right.

## ***Classes and Distances for Sprint / Middle / Long Distance***

Exact distances for all courses will be released closer to the event. Winning times will be in line with the SAOF guidelines for sprint, middle and long distance events. The available categories are:

### **Elite Championship Categories:**

M/W21E (**NOT** a World Ranking Event) – The organisers reserve the right to move competitors to the M/W21A categories should this elite category be oversubscribed or they feel that the entrant is not sufficiently qualified to compete in M/W21E.

**Junior Championship Categories:** competitors aged 20 or younger belong to each class up to the end of the calendar year in which they reach the given age. ie. Age on 31 Dec 2017. They are entitled to compete in older classes up to and including 21.

- M/W12, M/W16, M/W20
- e.g. M12 is Men 12 years old and younger on 31 Dec

**Veteran and Master Championship Categories:** competitors aged 21 or older belong to each class from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the given age. ie Age on 31 Dec 2017. They are entitled to compete in younger classes down to and including 21.

- M40, M50, M60, M70, M80
- W35, W45, W55, W65, W75
- e.g. W65 is Women 65 years old and older on 31 Dec



### **Non-Championship Categories:**

- M/W21A
- Open Categories / Courses:
  - Middle & Long: Orange (2-4 km), Light Green (4-5 km)
  - Sprint: Explorer (2km)
  - String Course (suitable for children 2 – 8 years old)

## ***Maps and Control Descriptions***

All maps will be printed on waterproof synthetic paper.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Scale</b>	<b>Contour Interval</b>	<b>Symbol Spec</b>
Long	1:15'000 for M21E/W21E 1:10'000 for other classes	5m	ISOM2000
Sprint	1:5'000	5m	ISSOM2007
Middle	1:10'000	5m	ISOM2000

There is an existing map of B'sorah that will be available for viewing on the event website and at registration.

Control descriptions will be handed out in registration packs for the individual events. Confirmation of whether or not they will appear on the map will be given closer to the event. International

description symbols will be used for all Champs categories. English descriptions will be available on Open courses only.

## ***Terrain***

The middle and long distance events will be held in the rocky bushveld terrain of B'sorah Farm. Traditionally a trail running and mountain biking venue, B'sorah has a number of rocky koppies, small river valleys and grassy areas. It is currently used for cattle farming. The areas used for the middle and long distance events will not overlap.

The Sprint will be held at The Coves housing estate. It is a large flat property on the banks of Haartebeespoort dam. The maps is a mixture of open bushveld, wooded bushveld, and developed residential stands.

## ***Clothing Recommendations and Hazards***

There are no clothing restrictions. Full leg cover is highly recommended in the B'sorah Farm area, and also to some extent for the Coves area due to long grass in this terrain. Bushveld vegetation can be thorny.

There are no dangerous animals in the competition areas, although competitors may encounter various species of buck, jackals and other small mammals in B'sorah Farm.

Snakes (including venomous ones) are found in the areas but they will usually get out of the runners way. No incidents have been reported due to snakes in similar areas used for Orienteering in South Africa.

## ***Timing***

The Emit electronic timing and punching system will be used. Emit cards are available for hire at R15 per day for those who do not own a card.

## ***Registration***

Registration will be at the assembly area each day at the times specified. You only need to register once for all of the **individual events**. On registration, individual competitors will receive:

- One white e-tag for each competition day to be inserted into your Emit card.
- Control description sheet for each competition
- Competitor number (to be worn on the **front**), with pins
- E card (if hired)

## ***Late Entries and Open Courses***

Late entries will be taken at registration for the Open Courses on the Middle and Long days only. There will be no late entries available for Championship courses. There will be no late entries for the Sprint courses, because entry to the estate requires pre-entry.

Open Courses for Middle and Long Distance Days:

Orange (beginner level, 3km with easy control features)

Light Green (intermediate level, 4km with moderate technicality)

Open Courses for Sprint Distance Day (pre-entry only):

Explorer (beginner level, 2-3km with easy control features)

The **string course** is designed for children who are still unable to, or just beginning to read maps. Registration is on the day at the YOC (Young Orienteers Challenge) Gazebo and is Free.

## ***Start Procedure***

Competitors will be called up to the start area at T – 3 minutes (i.e. 3 minutes before a competitors start time). Maps will be handed out at T – 0 (i.e. at the competitors exact start time). Emit timing devices must be held down in the start unit until the competitor starts, lifting it off at the exact start time. A stapler and cellotape will be provided at the start.

3 min intervals will be used for the Middle and Long Distances

2 min intervals will be used for the Sprint Distance

## ***Finish Procedure***

Competitors will punch a control on the finish with their Emit timing device and then proceed to the finish tent to download their device onto a computer. Any person retiring from a course must inform a finish official at the tent so that no unnecessary search ensues for a missing competitor.

## ***Water***

Water will be provided on the Middle and Long Distance events as marked on the map by a cup symbol or on the control descriptions if located at a control site.

## ***Event Officials***

<b>Event</b>	<b>Planner</b>	<b>Controller</b>	<b>Mapper</b>
Long	Eugene Botha	Nicholas Mulder	Nicholas Mulder
Sprint	Brian Gardner	Alex Pope	Brian Gardner
Middle	Nicholas Mulder	Eugene Botha	Nicholas Mulder

## ***Indemnity***

Competing in this event is at your own risk. By entering this event, you hereby acknowledge this and indemnify the organizers, the Rand Orienteering Club and the landowners of any responsibility for loss, injury or damage incurred whilst participating in the event.