

Announcement – 2023 Auckland Orienteering Calendar

It is with great excitement that the three Auckland Region clubs and Lactic Turkey announce our Orienteering Calendar for 2023

In bringing the programme together we recognised that members look for different things from events at different times. This changes as the year progresses, depending on whether you're trying to build your fitness, develop your technical skills, and/or bringing it all together in a competition event. Subtle differences between the schools' programme and the club programme, plus having National Champs so early in the season, make this even more challenging!

To reflect this the calendar this year is designed around four seasons, each reflecting a different focus:

Summer – “Build-up” (Jan, Feb, Mar)

Schools are finding their feet and kicking off their programme for the year. Club Members are getting themselves ready for Nationals in early April:

- SummerNav park events
- School Sprint Series events
- 2 Build-up Sprint and 3 Build-up Forest events as training for NZ Champs
- Easter Nationals

Autumn – “Development” (Apr, May)

The focus for schools changes from sprint events to forest events. Club members reflect on what went right and what went wrong at Nationals, and the skills they need to work on to improve next year:

- Rogaine Season (CMOC, NWOC and Lactic Turkey Rogaines)
- Development events – training and event opportunities in AOS style
- North Islands Schools comp

Winter – “Competition” (Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep)

Time to test those new skills in competition. For some this could be overseas events or building up to the Australian Champs and Southern Cross Challenge in late September – early October:

- King's birthday competition
- Auckland Region Sprint Series
- Auckland Region Forest Series
- NZ Secondary Schools

Spring – “Wrap-up” (Oct, Nov, Dec)

Time for some after-season fun and events of a more social nature to wrap up the year, but also time to put in place the foundations for next year’s season:

- Labour Weekend
- Auckland Region relays
- SummerNav starts
- Junior Camps

To support this programme we’re announcing two new competition series!

While the total number of forest events is similar to last year, this year we have split the AOS events so the early part of the season can focus on build-up and development, and turned the 2nd half of the season into a more competitive format. We’re also ramping up the winter sprint series:

New Competition Series

1. Auckland Region Sprint Series

- 6 Saturday afternoon Sprints in June, July and August
- Points scoring system across the events
- A Sprint Series Final on the 5th August with prize giving afterwards

2. Auckland Region Forest Series

- 4 Forest events in August and September
- Points scoring system across the events
- A Forest Series Final on the 17th September with prize giving afterwards

We are excited to see these series develop as a highpoint of the programme, shared between the 3 clubs.

As a collective we want to recognise the work and effort that has gone in from all three clubs and Lactic Turkey in aligning this calendar and introducing these new competition formats.

