



Bulletin 1.

2011 8th Region 3 ARDF Championships

Host Society

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Event Information

Organising Group Victorian ARDF Group

Official Website <http://r3.ardf.org.au/>

Program:

- Friday 23rd September: Arrival Day
- Saturday 24th September: Equipment Check & Opening Ceremony
- Sunday 25th September: 2m ARDF Competition
- Monday 26th September: Tour Day
- Tuesday 27th September: 80m ARDF Competition & Closing Banquet/Prizes
- Wednesday 28th September: Departure Day

Event fee To be advised

Accommodation To be advised

So far no Region 3 Societies have replied to the September deadline requesting approximate numbers for the event.

If we had a better understanding of approximately how many competitors to expect it would make choosing and booking accommodation easier. *Any indications prior to the official letter of intent would be highly appreciated.* At this stage we expect to arrange shared type accommodation including meals.

Enquires

Enquires can be directed to Mr. Jack Bramham, VK3WWW, Federal ARDF coordinator, E-mail: vk3www@wia.org.au

Waiver

All competitors must sign a disclaimer prior to competing. This disclaimer will be part of Bulletin 2.

Location Bendigo District, Victoria, Australia.

Local Area Info

<http://www.bendigotourism.com/>

More Information

The Bendigo District in Victoria is an historic gold mining area just over a 2 hour drive from Melbourne and about a 2 hour drive from Melbourne Airport. Optional transport can be provided from Melbourne Airport to the accommodation at a cost to the competitor.

The event is expecting participants from member societies in Region 3 including Japan, Korea, China, Mongolia, New Zealand, and Australia. Also expected are competitors from countries such as USA and Canada in Region 2, and some competitors from Region 1. The Wireless Institute of Australia is sponsoring this important event and assisting the organising committee with financial backing.

Rule Changes

During the World ARDF Championships Mr. Bruce Paterson, VK3TJN, outlined some proposed rule changes which would, if accepted, be used for the 8th Region 3 ARDF Championships in Australia. So far we have received no complaints regarding the proposed rule changes.

Event Categories

These will be based on the new Region 1 Working Group age groups.

Women (W)	Men (M)	Age
W19	M19	19 and younger
W21	M21	regardless of age
W35	M35	35 and older
W45	M45	45 and older
W65	M65	65 and older

Competitors belong to the M19 or W19 category up to the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 19.

Men and Women competitors aged 45 or older belong to each category from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the given age.

Each region 3 society can enter as many competitors per age group as they wish, but only a nominated 3 can compete for the region 3 team results. All competitors compete individually as Region 3. Competitors names to form the official team of 3 can be lodged at the team meeting on the evening before the first event. To be fair to the smaller teams, this team must remain the same for both events, unless the jury allows a substitution in specific circumstances.

Societies outside of Region 3 can only participate in the Friendship Category individually. All region 3 Place getters will receive a medal. If a Friendship competitor has a better score than a Region 3 Competitor then they will also be awarded a Friendship medal

Orienteering Afterwards

Shortly after the Championship event the 2011 Oceania and Australian Championships Orienteering carnival will commence in Victoria, not far from the ARDF event. The Middle Distance championships will be on 1 Oct 2011 and the Oceania Long Distance Championships on 2 Oct 2011. The carnival will then move to New South Wales midweek, then the ACT will host the Sprint Championships, and Australian Long and Relay Championships on the following weekend. Competitors are expected from around the world, with many from Australia and New Zealand. Let us know in your applications if any competitors are interested in staying on to compete in any of the orienteering events.

Source Orienteering Australia <http://www.orienteering.socialfx.net/events/>

Letter of Intent

Letter of intent must be with the Chairman of the organising society no later than 30th November 2010.

To assist with the organisation of this event can you please reply by return email the following information:

1. Name of Society.
2. An indication of how many competitors, trainers and referees you intend to send. For competitors a breakdown of age groups male and female would be greatly appreciated.
3. What type of accommodation is acceptable, Individual/couples or shared. There will be a higher fee for individual/couples accommodation.
4. Will transport from the Airport be required?
5. In 2003 for the 5th Region 3 Championships we used the Sport Ident (SI) System. If any of your team plan to bring their own SI Stick can you please advise this. There will be a fee for hiring SI sticks.
6. Are any of your team planning to stay for the Orienteering Championships?
7. Are there any special needs we need to know about? Diet, Religion, Allergies etc.

As earlier stated this information must be with the Chairman of the organising society on or before November 30th November 2010.

Regards VK3WWW John (Jack) Bramham

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