



South African Orienteering Championship

25 -27 September 2026

Mogale's Gate Nature Reserve

Magaliesburg region – Gauteng Province

Bulletin 1

Organised by the Rand Orienteering Club (ROC) and the Rand Athletic Club Orienteers (RACO)

On behalf of the SA Orienteering Federation

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Competition areas: The SA Champs takes us to the Mogales Gate Game Reserve, just beyond the Maropeng Visitors Centre. This pristine bushveld area features a wealth of wildlife, with various antelope, zebra, wildebeest, giraffe, ostrich and smaller animals and birds. There is a good chance that the observant orienteer will encounter some of the wildlife running through the area. We will be orienteering in the northern part of the area on Friday, at a lower altitude and with more bushveld terrain. The event arena will be based from the reserve's Environmental Education Centre. On Saturday and Sunday, the higher ground in the southern part of the game reserve will be used. The higher altitude sees more grassland terrain, with bushveld restricted to the riverine valleys. There are higher concentrations of game on these highveld grasslands. There are expansive views from the event arenas.

Provisional Programme:

Date:	Time:	Event:	Venue
Friday 25 September	07:45	Registration	Mogale's Gate North
	08:30 –	SA Middle Distance Champs	
	12:30	Courses close	
	12:00	Social function	
	14:00	SAOF AGM	
Saturday 26 September	08:00	Registration	Mogale's Gate South
	08:30 –	SA Long Distance Champs	
	13:00	Courses close	
Sunday 27 September	07:45	Registration	Mogale's Gate South
	08:30	SA Relay Champs Mass Start	
	11:30	Prize-giving	

Event Centre: Registration on the Friday will take place at the Mogale's Gate Environmental Centre. If you do not register on Friday, there will also be a registration at the Long distance arena on Sunday.

Social Braai: On Friday afternoon, there will be a social bring-and-braai after the event at the event arena. Details to follow in the final bulletin.

SAOF AGM: The SAOF Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday afternoon at the Mogales Gate Environmental Centre.

Entries: Entries open 20 August and close Sunday 20 September 2026

Entries only available through: www.orienter.co.za

Entry Fees: (these include SI timing card hire)

	Seniors:	Juniors (<25):	Groups:
Middle Distance Champs	ZAR 260.00	ZAR 230.00	
Long Distance Champs	ZAR 260.00	ZAR 230.00	
Open courses (per day)	ZAR 230.00	ZAR 200.00	ZAR 260.00
Own SI Discount (per day)	ZAR -30.00	ZAR -30.00	
Relay	ZAR 360.00 per team		

NB – Entry Fees are payable in full upon entry.

Competition Classes

Championship Classes: M/W21E, M/W12, M/W16, M/W20, M40, M50, M60, M70, M80, W35, W45, W55, W65, W75

Non-Champ Classes: M21A (Green), W21A (Green), Tech Medium (Light Green), Trail Long (Red), Trail Short (Orange).

Restrictions

Competitors on Championship courses must be members of a club affiliated to the SAOF, or members of an IOF affiliated orienteering club outside South Africa.

Only South African citizens or Permanent Residents who are members of a club affiliated to the SAOF will be eligible for Championship trophies/medals (as per SAOF competition rules 4.2 to 4.5).

For the Relays, a competitor must have been a paid-up member of a club for at least 6 months to be eligible for that club (as per SAOF competition rule 4.4).

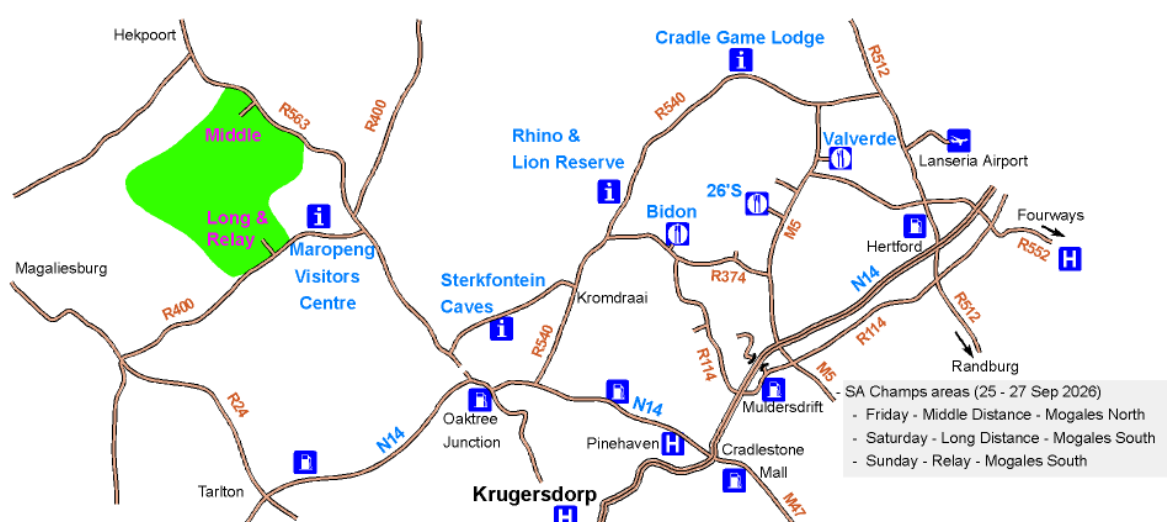
Non-club members are welcome to participate on any of the Open individual categories and the Ad-Hoc Relay category.

SA Relay Championships

Club Relay Championship: teams of three competitors from the same SAOF affiliated or overseas club (with at least one non-M21 member); 3 medium legs of approx. 2.5 to 3.0km, with the final (3rd) leg slightly longer. Technical difficulty is approximately Green or harder.

Ad Hoc Relay: teams of any three competitors regardless of age or affiliation class; 3 medium legs of 2.2 to 2.5km at light-green technical difficulty.

General map of the area



Embargoed areas: With immediate effect the whole of Mogale's Gate is out of bounds. Failure to comply with this rule will lead to exclusion from the competition.

Climate: The climate is pleasantly warm at this time of year, with the average temperature ranging from 10°C at night to 26°C during the day. Rainfall is usually low at this time.

Hazards: There are no dangerous animals in the competition area, although competitors may encounter various species of buck, jackal, giraffe, cattle and other small animals. Ticks are prevalent in the area – appropriate repellent is advised.

Accommodation: There is no accommodation at the competition venue. For other accommodation in Magaliesburg region please visit the following websites, which list a variety of accommodation:

<https://www.booking.com> and <https://www.lekkeslaap.co.za>

Transport: No official transport will be offered. Competitors that arrive via air for the event are advised to hire a car from one of the recognised car hire companies in SA.

Competition clothing: There is no restriction on competition clothing. However, leg protection is advised for all three events as you may encounter low thorny bushes and other undergrowth, as well as ticks.

Electronic Timing System: The SportIdent (SI) timing system will be used. SI Dibber hire has been included in your entry fees. Competitors with their own SI Dibbers will receive a R30 discount per event. A lost Dibber will cost you R900!

Start Lists: Will be published in the Final Bulletin and on the official website in the week before the event.

Results: Full results will be available at the Event Centre and on the official website as soon as practicable after each competition closes. For live results – go to MULKA2 CLOUD
<https://jp.mulka2.com/cloud/live/>

Refreshments: There will not be any catering at the event on any of the three days. Competitors to provide own refreshments.

Toilets: There are toilet facilities at the Event Centres on all days.

Medical: There will only be First Aid available at the Event Centre, throughout the competition. The nearest fully equipped hospital is situated at:

Netcare Pinehaven Hospital

Pinehaven Estate
1 Gateway Road
Krugersdorp
1737
011 950 5400
GPS: 26.0533° S, 27.8294° E

Netcare Krugersdorp Hospital

9 Burger Street
Krugersdorp
1737
011 951 0200
GPS: 26.0983° S, 27.7754° E

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