



NEW ZEALAND ROGAINE CHAMPIONSHIPS MAY 24 & 25, 2008

In May 2008, the **New Zealand Rogaine Championships** will be held at Taupo in the Central North Island. There will be approximately 70 checkpoints spread across 140 square kilometres. Teams of between 2-5 persons will have 24 hours (with a separate 12-hour (2x6) option also available) to navigate on foot to as many checkpoints as possible. Entries for the event are now open.

The **2008 New Zealand Rogaine Championships** are endorsed by both the New Zealand Orienteering Federation and the New Zealand Rogaine Association as an official national championships event.

Getting There: If travelling by air, competitors can either fly to Taupo or Rotorua airports. The event site is near Taupo, approximately 1 hours' drive from Rotorua. The Hash House (event start/finish) can be reached by passenger car or campervan. Information concerning the Hash House location will be emailed to competitors in the week before the event, and direction signs will be visible from the bottom of Spa Road in Taupo from the afternoon of Friday 23 May.

Accommodation and Camping During the Event: A large variety of hotels/motels are available in Taupo. See the various accommodation guides. Camping will be available (and encouraged) at the Hash House location on Friday and Saturday nights, with drinking and cooking water available.

Terrain and Other Information: The event area consists of rolling but incised farmland, thermal features, large areas of pine forest, patches of native bush and scrub and some urban surrounds. The unique combination of differing terrains promises a challenging but most enjoyable Rogaine, with something a little different for all competitors.

- No dogs will be allowed on the course or at the Hash-House.
- The event date is 6 days after a full moon so, weather permitting, close to a ½ moon will be visible during the night hours of the event.
- The final map scale will be between 1:40,000 and 1:50,000.
- The area has not been embargoed for practical reasons. If you will be entering this area for any reason prior to 24 May 2008 we ask that you contact the event planner (Lance Eccles - (07) 377 6161) to tell him where you will be. Our goal is to run the fairest event possible.

Rogaine Rules: The **2008 New Zealand Rogaine Championships** will be run in accordance with the current Rogaining Rules of the Australian Rogaining Association (ARA), with minor changes only as may be required for this event. (The current ARA Rogaining Rules can be viewed at <http://rogaine.asn.au/index.php?id=6>). A copy of the Event Rules will be included in each competitor's race pack. Non-adherence to these Rules will result in disqualification. Any event protests will be dealt with in accordance with the *Protests Procedure* detailed in all competitors' race packs.

Navlight™ Electronic Scoring System: The Navlight™ Electronic Scoring System will be used for the event. Each team will carry with them two scoring sensors. A briefing concerning the use of this System during the event will be given to competitors before starting. The cost of using the Navlight™ Electronic Scoring System is included in the entry fees.

Categories: All (including overseas) entries for the 24-hour event will be classified as NZ Championship competitive. Competitors in the 12-hour (2x6) events will be classified as competitive in that (separate) event only. Standard international rogaining categories will be used for all events except Juniors. Your team will be Women, Men or Mixed AND one of the following:

- Junior** (each team member to be under 20 years of age on 24 May 2008)
- Open* (at least one team member to be over 20 years of age on 24 May 2008)
- Veteran* (each team member to be 40 years of age or over on 24 May 2004)
- Superveteran* (each team member to be 55 years of age or over on 24 May 2008)

(*Any team with a member aged under 15 must also have a member aged over 20 and cannot compete in the Junior category)

Fees and Registration:

- Competitors in the 24-hour Championship event: \$85.00 each.
- Competitors in the 12-hour (2x6) event: \$65.00 each.

Closing date for entries is postdate **Monday 19 May 2008**. Entries after this date will be at the discretion of the organisers, and will attract a late entry fee. **No refunds will be made after 19 May 2008**. Food at the Hash-House during and after the event is included in these entry fees. No beverages (except water) will be made available at the Hash-House during the event, and competitors should bring their own sports drinks and other post-event “refreshments” etc. according to their own taste / magic formulas!

Entry: Please complete the attached Entry Form for **each team member** and post with payment to the address stipulated by **Monday 19 May 2004**.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is a Rogaine? A rogaine is a challenge of your physical endurance and route choice skills. You visit (on foot) as many control points as you can in a given time. The points which you may visit are marked by circles, and are all on prominent features. The control points are worth different points amounts. You lose points if you return over-time. The team with the highest score at the end of the allocated time is the winner. Rogaines are usually held in scenic, bush or rural areas, although urban “metro” rogaines are now also commonly held in city surrounds.

What Event Options Are There? The **2008 New Zealand Rogaine Championships** will offer two separate event options:

- 24-hour *New Zealand Championship* Event – starts 12.00pm 24 May and finishes 12.00pm 25 May
- 12-hour *Game of Two Halves* Event – starts 12.00pm 24 May, pauses 6.00pm 24 May (with maps returned). Re-starts 6.00am 25 May and finishes 12.00pm 25 May

It is important to note that you don't have to stay out for the whole time. You get a result no matter how many or how few controls you visit.

Safety: The Central North Island in May can throw up cold and wet weather, and all competitors should be prepared for this possibility. In bad weather the usual risk of sprained ankles may be compounded by hypothermia. If necessary, we may reduce the length of the courses by delaying the start, advancing the finish, and/or declaring some of the control points out of the event, or any other steps to minimise undue risks. The most important safety feature is your team, and team-mates must stay in verbal contact at all times, except to obtain help for injury. At a minimum teams must carry a:

- Good waterproof parka (1 per team member)
- Change of warm clothing, a hat and gloves (1 set per team member)
- Compass, Whistle, Torch and Survival Blanket (1 set per team member)

It is also recommended that, at a minimum, at least 1.5 litres of water and 750gm of high-energy food per team member, and a basic first aid kit per team, is carried at all times. However, no official gear checks will be done.

What Happens on the Day? You collect your map, control list and sheet of final instructions at least 1 hour ahead of your start time (3 hours ahead for 24-hour Championship competitors). You are then free to plan your route before the start time. There is a briefing 30 minutes before start, then you GO.

Control points are prominent features. You prove you have been to each one by “checking” your Navlight™ Electronic Scoring System sensor at each control point. The winners will be those with the best combination of fitness and choice of route. You will be sent complete results and analysis of the most popular controls after the event. One of the nice things about a Rogaine is that everyone (no matter which event) competes on the same map and finishes at the same time - you can compare your routes. Included in your entry is a social after-event meal, always a highlight of any Rogaine.

Enquiries: The Internet: www.cdorientering.co.nz (event webpage)
www.mapsport.co.nz/rog
www.rogaine.org.nz
www.sportzhub.com

Or: Event Planner Lance Eccles at ecfam@xtra.co.nz