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## **2015 CANADIAN ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS UNDERWAY IN THE MARITIMES**

**August 15, 2015 (Moncton, NB)** The Maritime Orienteering Festival, including the Canadian Orienteering Championships, is underway. There are seven orienteering races taking place in New Brunswick, PEI and Nova Scotia as well as a national junior training camp, the Orienteering Canada conference and several social events. The events run from Aug 16 to 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The championships will consist of 3 races, which are titled by distance, and governed by estimated winning times for the elite classes: the sprint (12-15 minutes), the middle distance (30-35 minutes), and the long distance (75-80 minutes). The middle distance race is August 16 near Hillsborough, NB. The sprint distance race is at UPEI in Charlottetown, PE on Aug 20 and the long distance race is Aug 22 in Wentworth, NS.

"It is unique to have the three Championships race in three different provinces. Both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have long established orienteering organizations. We are looking to build an orienteering presence in PEI and these Championships have been a great building block" explains Anne Teutsch, President of Orienteering Canada. "We have made two new orienteering maps on PEI: the UPEI campus and the Brookvale nordic ski venue. Our goal is to start an orienteering club on the Island."

In addition to the 3 Championship races there are 4 lower key orienteering events, including one at Hopewell Rocks on the ocean floor at low-tide.

Over 250 orienteers will be participating in the events. Competitors are from across Canada, the US, Australia, England, Denmark and Switzerland.

"The Canadian Championships are an opportunity for orienteers from all across Canada to come together to celebrate and enjoy orienteering", said Tracy Bradley, Executive Director of Orienteering Canada. "With the great races, the Orienteering Canada Conference, the AGM, and the Sass Peepre National Junior Training Camp races it's going to be a packed, and incredibly fun week. The huge bonus is that we get to experience great Maritime hospitality at the same time."

The Canadian Orienteering Championships were last in the Maritimes in 2008 when New Brunswick hosted the events in Fundy National Park. The last time there was a major orienteering event in all three provinces was in 1977.

### **About**

Orienteering Canada is the national governing body for the sport of orienteering. Orienteering involves cross country running while navigating through unfamiliar terrain. For more information, visit the Orienteering Canada website at [www.orienteering.ca](http://www.orienteering.ca).

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