

Kangaroo Hoppet Race Briefing

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Picking up your Race Bib

Shop Opening hours:

Sat 17th to Thurs 23rd Aug: 1pm – 6pm

Friday 23rd Aug: 10am – 12 midnight

Saturday 24th Aug: 6:30am – 8:30am (no late entries, bib pick-up only) then 2 -6pm

Sunday 25th Aug: 9am – 3pm (results on display, merchandise on sale, passport stamping)

Your bag will be labelled with your name, distance, age class and start time. Please check the details. Note that your class is calculated on the age you will turn this year.

Keep your bib in its envelope till race day so you don't lose it or mix it up with someone else's

Timing Chips

Two timing chips are attached to your bib, one on the front and another on the back. **Do not fold, crush or cover the chips.** They will record your time as you pass by, or under the readers.

Starting area: Located 800 metres from the car park, so please allow enough time to get there. You must pass through the start registration gate at the bottom left of the start paddock to register your timing chip.

How to make sure you appear correctly in the results:

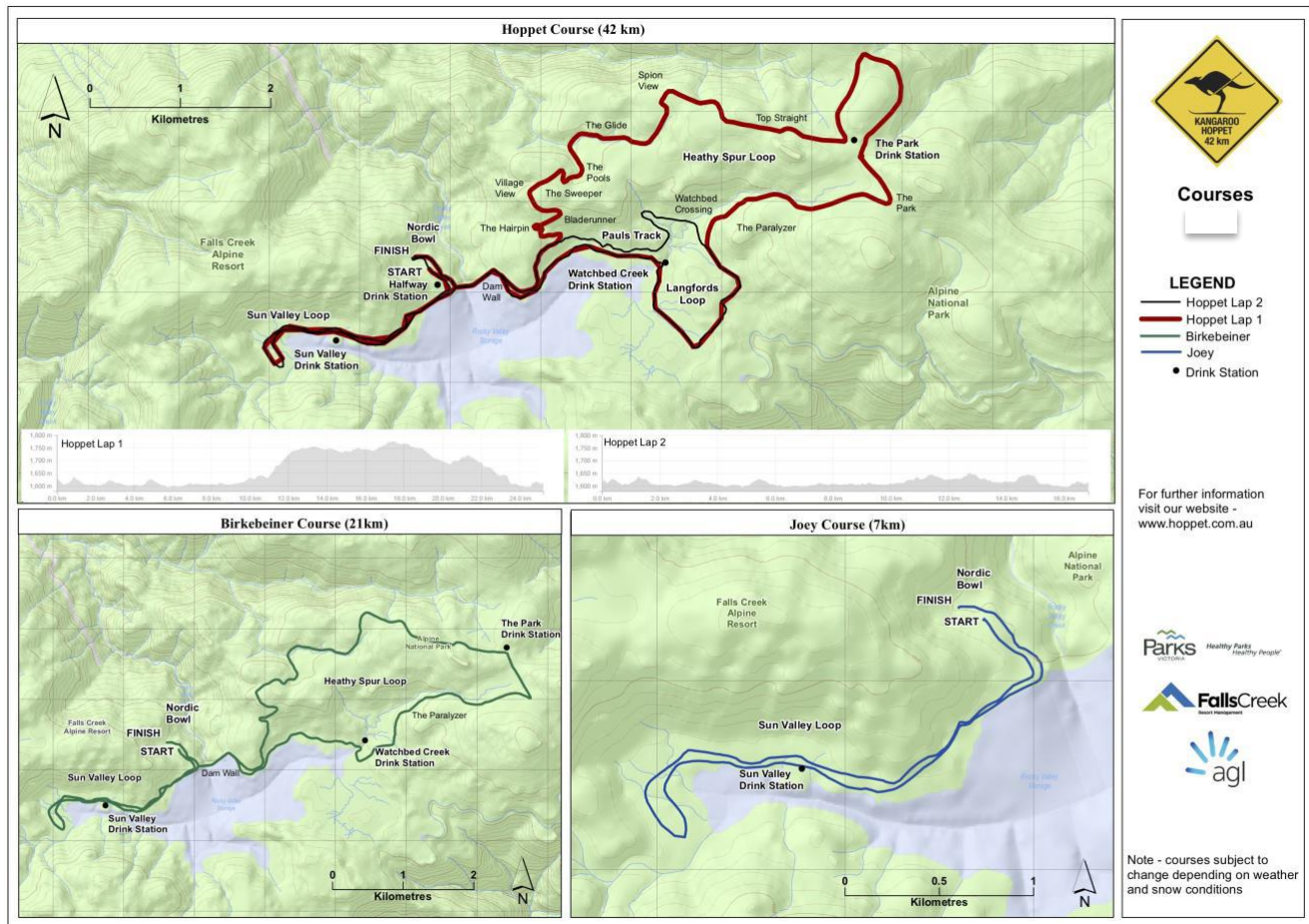
1. Wear your own bib. Not your partner's or child's!
 2. Stand up straight and ensure your bib is visible, as you cross the finish line. If wearing a pack, wear your bib over the pack.
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How to help us avoid searching for missing skiers

If you don't complete the full course, tell the officials at the finish line that you have pulled out. Make sure they write down your number. We do not want to have an unnecessary search. Make sure you have provided a race day mobile phone contact number for you or a travelling companion so we can send you an emergency text if necessary.

If you have a problem on the day, see the official in the Info/Passport tent in the Bowl.

The Course & Food Stations:



NOTE: The course is subject to change due to prevailing snow and weather conditions. Any changes to the course will be posted in Windy Corner Day Shelter, at the Hoppet Shop in Mt Beauty and on social media.

Start Times – Race Day Saturday August 24

Starting in waves at one minute intervals:

42km Kangaroo Hoppet 9.30am

21km Birkebeiner 9.40am

7km Joey 9.50am

The start is seeded, with the fastest skiers (the first 30 bib numbers) standing on the front line. Skiers are grouped into start paddocks for groups of 100 (by bib number). Please enter the correct start paddock.

Each paddock will move up the hill in turn and start from the start line. Race times will be calculated from each wave's start time. Skiers in the shorter events will not be allowed into the start area until after the preceding event has started.

42km Kangaroo Hoppet Cut Off times:

1. Half way (26km):1pm To ensure competitor safety, no-one will be allowed to continue past the 26km point after 1pm. The cut-off point will be halfway down the finish chute, Nordic bowl.
2. A second cut-off at **2 pm**, will apply at the near side of the dam wall.
3. An additional cut-off may be imposed by the race jury beyond the dam wall on the second lap if it is determined that there is a risk to the health of the competitor and/or event officials/volunteers.

Skiers who miss a cut-off may be credited with a Birkebeiner time and certificate.

21km Birkebeiner Cut Off time: 12.20pm Paralyser/2 Pauls intersection

Any changes to the cut-off times and locations will be announced.

Safety: The event is run on the Bogong High Plains, a wilderness area without roads. Skiers must be prepared for sudden changes in weather conditions. Windproof and waterproof outer garments should be carried (in a bum-bag or pack) and worn if necessary. Should the weather imply too great a risk for skiers, the organisers hold the right to change, postpone or cancel the race at short notice in view of skier safety.

Eye Protection / Sunscreen: Sunglasses or goggles should be worn, and also 50+ sunscreen. At this altitude, severe eye damage, sunburn or windburn can occur if eyes and skin are not protected.

Souvenir Ski Stickers will be in your race bag. Please put them on the skis you will use.

Commemorative Badges: Your Joey cloth badge, Birkebeiner pin or Kangaroo Hoppet badge will be in the race bag when you pick it up. Make sure you take your badge out of the bag. We do not have any spares.

32Gi Energy Drink: 32Gi has developed an energy drink to help you get the best out of your body on Hoppet Day and will be available at the drink stations and finish.

Falls Creek Resort Entry and Car Parking - Race Day: This is busiest day of the year for Falls Creek Resort, so parking will be very limited. Please car pool where possible.

Pre-purchase your Resort Entry online asap: <https://www.falls creek.com.au/plan-your-trip-winter/resort-entry/>

Special Hoppet race day bus: This is purchased online with your registration, \$30 for adults and \$25 for U18 return ticket. Departs outside the Hoppet Shop 33, Kiewa Valley Hwy Mt. Beauty at 7am race day and returns **from outside the police station.**

Personal effects - Please name your belongings!

Skiers can leave their belongings in the area marked "Competitors' Clothing" near the Information tent. Bring a suitable bag or pack to leave your belongings in during the race.

Want Faster Skis? Waxing Services:

The National Team is running a waxing service with support from the YMCA Falls Creek Cross Country Centre. Skis can be dropped off at the Centre at Windy Corner from Sun 18th to midday Fri 23rd and picked up from the same place on the Friday afternoon or Saturday a.m. All money goes towards the XC Towards 2025 fundraising campaign. There are two options, for \$50 or \$75, both include structure. For any questions contact Finn Marsland on 0408147940 or fmarsland@snow.org.au

An alternative waxing service is available in Wodonga:

CrossCountrySkier, located in West Wodonga, offers a waxing service. This family owned business has a long history of quality and expertise.

- Email: sales@crosscountryskier.com.au
 - Website: www.crosscountryskier.com.au
 - Ph: 02 6056 6605
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Spare poles and top-up waxes: Replacement ski poles and a limited grip wax supply will be at food stations.

Lost & Found Please hand in any found items or broken equipment to the Passport Tent at the finish or to officials at the race office or the Saturday Night Presentation Party. **Name your belongings** so we can return anything handed in, or check at the Race Office on Sunday. N.B. Items left out on the course may not be brought in for several days.

Toilets are situated in the Gully Cafe on the right as you enter Falls Creek, at the day shelter next to the Police Station, and at the Windy Corner Day Shelter. Portable toilets will be provided near the start/finish area.

Medical Service: St John First Aid service will be available at the finish. The course will be patrolled by the Falls Creek SES group and by Ski Patrol.

Flower Ceremony: The place-getters in all events will be acknowledged in a presentation to the media near the finish line at 11.30.

Results: Provisional results will be available at <http://alpinetiming.com.au/r466> immediately after the race. Bookmark your phone or tablet now. Please check and notify us ASAP if you see any errors. They will be displayed at the Presentation Party from 7 pm.

Download your certificate from the results website after the event.

Photos: There will be a photographer out on the course and you will be able to purchase photos after the event from the link on our website hoppet.com.au

Post Race Presentation Party:

Mt Beauty Community Centre (venue to be confirmed). The bar will open from 6.30pm, with results and photos displayed. Join us for delicious food-truck cuisine and local beers and wine and warm up by the fire pits. Presentations begin at 7:45pm.

Special awards will be made to Age class winners, and those skiers who have completed their 10th or 20th Kangaroo Hoppet race.

There will be a pennant for schools, clubs and workplaces with five or more participants.

Meal options:

Mountain Monk Brewery: 1 Lakeside Ave, Mount Beauty. Restaurant and Bistro meals, Bookings essential 03 5754 4985

Grass Valley : 231 Kiewa Valley Highway, Tawonga South. Bookings essential on 03 5754 4114.

Settlers Tavern: 232-236 Kiewa Valley Highway, Tawonga South. Meals from 5.30pm. Bistro meals with daily specials. Bookings preferred on 03 5754 4888.

Treats: Bogong Ski Centre, Kiewa Valley Hwy, Tawonga Sth. 5754 1515.

Swiss & Chips: 223 Kiewa Valley Hwy, Tawonga Sth. 5754 4422. Fish and Chips, burgers, pizza, salads, eat in or ring and order takeaway.

Worldloppet Passports

There are three opportunities to have your passport stamped:

1. In the Passport/Information tent at the finish
2. At the Saturday night Presentation Party in Mt Beauty from 7 – 9 pm
3. At the Hoppet Shop in Mt Beauty from 9 am on Sunday

Passports can be purchased for \$60 in the Hoppet Shop or ordered through the race office at other times.

New Australian Worldloppet Masters can be recognised at the Presentation Party. Contact the race secretary before Hoppet Week for details.

The Falls Creek Night Sprints (TBA)

Held in Falls Creek on Thursday August 22, the Night Sprints showcase cross country ski racing at its most exciting and will feature our best Australian skiers against elite international skiers who are here for the Hoppet. Starting at 7:00 pm in the Village Bowl at the top of the Gully Chairlift, the sprints involve a series of knockout rounds leading to men's and women's finals at around 7:45 pm.

Falls Creek Resort offers free entry from 5pm till midnight for spectators. The Gully Chairlift is open for access up to the Village Bowl. So here's an idea.....Get a group together and make a night of it, enjoy a meal first and support the resort that supports our event.

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