

The last in the Orienteering Championships series - June 21, 2023 Mt Mac map

It was a beautiful warm summer evening and a great way to spend the longest day of the year - running the Yukon Orienteering Long Championships. The courses were hilly and offered both long trail-running sections and detailed topography requiring precision orienteering.

A total of 39 competitors headed into the forest full of the sweet smell of lupins and roses, and surprisingly few biting insects. After the race, competitors compared split times and route choices. There were some very tight races! It is rewarding to see Junior orienteers shadowed by parents and also tackling courses on their own.

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The next YOA event will follow the self-start format. Check out upcoming events at www.yukonorienteering.ca

Novice – 2.1 km; 65 m climb; 16 controls

Nelia Turcotte, Rima Khouri	28:28	Jr
Desiree Coad-Broeren, Helen Slama, Penny Slama	41:15	

Intermediate – 3.0 km; 95 m climb; 8 controls

Rima Khouri	28:07	
Ian Turcotte	30:41	Jr
Gabe Close, Martin Slama	33:18	
Glenda Koh	39:16	
Bruce McLean	48:20	
Jonathan Parker	48:33	
Sarah Anderson, Karin Keeley-Eriksson	65:03	
Riel Allain, Joel Roberts, Fatema Jivaji	66:15	
Craig Brooks	67:34	
Ev Pasichnyk, Gwen Hogan	99:16	
Sebastien Roy, Emilien Roy	----	Jr

Advanced – 4.3 km; 150 m climb; 10 controls

Virginia Sarrazin	48:58	
Philippa McNeil	49:11	
Emilie Stewart-Jones	52:18	
Judith van Gulick	52:36	
Phineas Pearson	52:55	Jr
Carl Turcotte	57:22	Jr
Grant Abbott	69:23	
Dave Hildes	70:01	
Wendy Nixon	77:09	

Mac Clohan	83:01
Lara Melnik	83:55
Nesta Leduc	----
Jana Brandt, Maris Brandt	----

Expert – 6.4 km km; 215m climb; 12 controls

Forest Pearson	53:34
Benoit Turcotte	56:53
Darren Holcombe	72:46
Bob Sagar	78:17