

## **Update on 2006 North American Championships**

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This is just a quick update to inform COF of the status of the 2006 North American Championships to be hosted by Golden Horseshoe Orienteering (GHO). This is the first international event GHO (formerly HKF and NIA) have hosted since the 1994 NAOC and 1994 COC. We are looking forward to hosting this event.

### **Race Officials**

Event Director: Jim Waddington (Level IV)

Course Planner: Mike Waddington (Level IV)

Event Controller: Earle Phillips (Level IV)

We will also have the assistance of IOF controller, Vladimir Gusiaticnikov (USA), for the M/F 20-34 courses.

### **NAOC weekend schedule:**

Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> Training (McMaster West, Hilton Falls West)

Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> NAOC Sprint (McMaster University)

Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> NAOC Middle/Classic (Rocky Ridge)

Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> NAOC Long/Classic (Rocky Ridge)

Monday October 9<sup>th</sup> Wine O-Cross (Mount Nemo)\*

\*Note that the Monday event (Thanksgiving) is not a Championship event.

The sprint race will take place on the campus of McMaster University. The existing map of the campus was produced in 1988 and hasn't been used for orienteering in over 7 years. We have chosen this location to increase the exposure of our sport. Rocky Ridge is an almost brand new area with over 50% of the map never used for orienteering before. Part of the map (~10%) overlaps with a map produced by the University of Guelph in the early 70's and about a third of the map overlaps with the northern part of the 1978 Hilton Falls map (used at the 1978 Canadian Championships). The Rocky Ridge map is immediately north of the new Hilton Falls map produced in 1999 for the Eastern Canadian Championships. We have embargoed McMaster and Rocky Ridge. Participants are obviously allowed onto the McMaster campus but they can not bring a map with them (we believe this is now the standard embargo wording for urban events).

### **Mapping and course planning:**

The Rocky Ridge map was surveyed and drawn in 2004 and the first draft of courses for the Saturday and Sunday events have been set and tested. We have placed ribbons at most of the control locations for these two races as well. Fieldwork for McMaster University is 50% complete and will be finished later this winter. However, the first drafts of the sprint courses have been set. Field work for the event on Thanksgiving will be completed in the spring and we have already received the base map from Stirling. This latter map will be funded in part by an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant.

More information on the event is at the event web site: [www.dontgetlost.ca/glof](http://www.dontgetlost.ca/glof)

We hope to see participants from all regions of Canada. As a lead up to this event we will have a training camp with Holger Hott-Johansen on January 5-8, 2006. One day of this camp will take place at Hilton Falls as a pre-NAOC training day. For more information visit the GHO web site.

Regards,

Golden Horseshoe Orienteering