

OCTAVIAN DROOBERS

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The Orienteering Club for
Warwickshire and Coventry

Affiliated to British Orienteering



CompassSport Cup & Trophy
Qualifying Round

at

Bentley Wood, Atherstone

on

Sunday 17th March 2019



CompassSport Cup and Trophy

Participating clubs are OD and NGOC in the Cup competition and SMOC, COBOC, POTO, SUFFOC, WRE, WCH and HOC in the Trophy. Only one club from both Cup and Trophy will qualify for the final.

Travel

Bentley Wood is situated 3 miles south west of Atherstone, 12 miles north of Coventry. The best approach from most directions is from the A5. From the roundabout at the western end of the Atherstone bypass, take the B4116 heading SW, sign posted towards Baxterley. After 2 miles left and left again along Baxterley Lane, towards Atherstone. At the T junction turn left onto Coleshill Road. Event banners will be visible off Coleshill Road at GR SP291966. Closest Post Code CV9 2HF is about 100m to the East of the entrance. There will be no road signs other than caution RUNNERS CROSSING near the turn off into the assembly.

Parking and Assembly

Weather and conditions permitting, parking and assembly will be on grassy fields within Merevale Estate. There will be an area suitable for club tents.

Pre- entry

All competitors for the CSC and T must enter through their club captains. Closing date is Sunday 3rd March.

Entry Fees

Adults £ 10.00

Juniors £ 3.00

EMIT hire – free

In the event of unavoidable cancellation (severe weather) the club reserves the right to retain part of this fee to cover unrecovered fixed expenses.

Entry on the Day (EOD)

EOD will be available for non-competitive courses. Payment can be in cash or by contactless card payment system or chip and pin.

Start Times

Starts from 10.30 – 12.30

Courses close 14.30

EMIT Punching

The event will be using EMIT touch free system. EMITags will be issued in bulk to team captains for all CSC and T competitors. Those for EOD will be issued at registration. A demonstration of how to use EMIT will be available in assembly. The tag straps around your wrist and it flashes when you are within 50cm of the control unit. If it fails to flash you must use the backup pin punch to punch your map as proof that you have been there. A backup pin punch is attached to all controls. The rules of the sport prevent you from using other competitors as evidence that you were there. **Team captains are requested to return all unissued EMITags (for no shows or DNS) back to registration as soon as practicable after 12.30.**

This will be ideal practice for this years JK which will be using the EMIT touch free system.

JK closing date is Sunday 24th March. If you have not yet entered, don't forget to do so in the next few days. More details at <http://www.thejk.org.uk>

Start and Finish

The start is approximately 500m from assembly and crosses a very busy road. This crossing will be marshalled. The finish is approx 500m back to assembly. It crosses the busy road at the same crossing point. Please obey marshals and only cross when it is safe. The route to the start will be taped via a suitable ditch crossing.

Start Procedure

Call up will be at -4 minutes. It will be a punching start for all competitors. CSC and CST competitors must start at their pre-allocated start time. Loose control descriptions will be available at -3 and blank maps at -2. See the link below for the map from the 2017 Midland Champs on route gadget. **If a competitor is late for their start time.** If they are within 4 minutes of their start time and it is possible they should be allowed to proceed to the appropriate start box. If they are over 4 minutes late they will be directed to a holding pen and allowed to start in a vacant slot, ensuring that they do not start in an adjacent or subsequent start time to members of the same club on the same course.

CompassSport Cup and Trophy Courses

Know your course. The following courses will be available for all CompassSport Cup and Trophy competitors. Full details are to be confirmed and are subject to final controlling:

CS Class	CompassSport Course	-BOF Age Classes	Course Length	Climb	Controls
1	Brown	Men Open	8.9K	250M	21
2	Short Brown	M20- M40+	7.8K	215M	18
3	Blue Women	Women Open	6.7K	170M	18
4	Blue Men	M50+	6.7K	195M	15
5	Green Women	W20- W45+	4.7K	115M	15
6	Green Men	M60+	4.6K	105M	16
7	Short Green	M70+ W60+	3.6K	85M	13
8A	Junior Men (Green)	Men 18-	4.6K	105M	16
8B	Junior Women (Short Green)	Women 18-	3.4K	110M	12
9A	Orange Men	Men 14-	3.2K	105M	13
9B	Orange Women	Women 14-	3.2K	105M	13
10	Very Short Green	M80+ W70+	3.0K	90M	13

N.B. The course number and colour is shown in the red banner at the top of the map. The age class is shown on the control descriptions.

Shadowing

Shadowing is not permitted on any of the above courses. All orienteers must be competent enough to complete their course on their own to remain competitive. Parents wishing to shadow children on the non-competitive courses can only do so after their own run.

Finish – Map Collection

Competition maps will **NOT** be collected at the finish. In the interest of fairness please do not show your map, or discuss your course with anyone who has still to run.

Additional Non CSC Courses

There will be White and Yellow courses for juniors who are not suitably experienced to attempt the Orange course. There will also be a Light Green course for accompanying parents who do not wish to enter the main competition. **White and yellow maps will be available at the pre-start.**

Course	Course Length	Climb	Controls
Light Green	3.8K	145M	14
Yellow	2.6K	60M	11
White	1.7K	60M	10

String Course

There will be a string course close to assembly.

Map

Map drawn by Bruce Bryant, extensively re-surveyed in 2016 for the Midland Championships with selective updates in 2017, 2018 & 2019. Scale 1:10,000 with 5m contours for all courses. 300 x 300 mm printed on waterproof paper. The map is drawn to ISOM 2017.

Note that similar to the map for the Midland Champs (link below) indistinct wide rides are shown using a linear open or rough open symbol but without distinct boundary dots.

<https://www.od.route gadget.co.uk/rg2/#46>

Special symbols used (also shown on the map):

Green X: large tree stump

Brown Δ: large rootstock

Black X: hide

Green O: distinctive tree

Green •: small tree or bush

Control Descriptions

Control descriptions will be on the front of the map for all courses. Loose waterproof copies will be available in the start grid at -3 minutes. Control descriptions will be pictorial for Orange course and above. White and Yellow courses will have written control descriptions.

Terrain

This is a beautiful private wood with areas of both deciduous and coniferous woodland and rich in wildlife. There is very little undergrowth and moderate climb. It is therefore generally runnable. A valley with plenty of contour and other detail, dissects the area. Part of this valley is out of bounds and will be partially taped off. Courses will be planned to avoid competitors gaining advantage from crossing the OOB area. Parts of the valley to the NW of the OOB area are very steep and can be very difficult to climb out of if wet and slippery.

Other people in area

This is a private wood and there will only be a limited number of public. There are however a number of local dog walkers and cyclists. They only have right of way on public footpaths. Please be courteous if you meet them and be aware of dogs off leash.

Safety

Competitors take part in orienteering at their own risk. They are responsible for their own safety and that of other competitors and members of the public. Whistles are compulsory and must be carried by all runners. **There will be a whistle check at the start.** In case of emergency, the signal is 6 short blasts, a minute interval and repeat 6 short blasts. There is a road crossing to and from the forest. Traffic speed along this road and can suddenly appear around the bends from either direction. Please follow the marshals' directions and only cross when it is safe to do so.

Safety Bearing

If completely disorientated, head west until you hit fields which form the western boundary of the area. Turn north and follow the perimeter until you see the marshalled road crossing.

First Aid

First Aid will be provided on site, by OD club first aiders in the assembly area. There will also be a professional medical practitioner at the finish who will be in radio contact with the organiser. The nearest A&E is at the George Elliot Hospital, Nuneaton, CV10 7DJ.

Download

All competitors are to download immediately after they return to the assembly area. Competitors who retire are to ensure that they download to avoid the unnecessary deployment of search parties.

Results

Results will be updated regularly and will be displayed in the assembly area.

Protests

In the event of any protests, they will be decided by jury on the day. An independent jury will be appointed once entries are known.

Missing or late competitors

Team captains are requested to account for all of their runners. They are to alert the organiser as soon as they become concerned about a long overdue competitor. There will be a search and recovery plan which will be activated if required. Teams of two with a radio will be despatched to search the area.

Late Changes and Cancellations

The car parking field is subject to flooding, if we have an exceptionally wet winter, and may necessitate late changes to parking arrangements. Please check www.octavian-droobers.org for any late changes.

Traders

Ultrasport and Fired Wood Pizza van will be at the event. There will also be a cake stall in support of the West Midlands Junior Squad.

Dogs

Dogs are permitted but must be kept on a lead at all times.

Acknowledgements

We are very grateful to the owners and staff of the Merevale Estate for permission and access to their estate and forest.

Damage to Estate Property

Damage to Merevale property must be reported to the organiser. This includes damage to the parking field, fences and crossing points.

Officials

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