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| **OCTAVIAN DROOBERS**  www.Octavian-Droobers.org  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 | Clubmark_logo_2clr_S web | |

**CompassSport Cup and Trophy**

Participating clubs are OD and NGOC in the Cup competition and SMOC, COBOC, POTOC, 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 Atherston bypass, take the B4116 heading SW, sign posted towards Baxterley. After 2 miles left and left again along Baxterley lane, towards Atherston. At the T junction turn left onto Cloeshill 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.

**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. Backup pin punches are attached to all controls. If you suspect that a control has failed to register, use the pin punch on your map to prove that you have been there.

**Start and Finish**

The start is approximately 450m 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.

**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. **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:

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| **CS Class** | **CompassSport Course** | **BOF Age Classes** | **Course Length** | **Climb** | **Controls** |
| 1 | Brown | Men Open | 9.1K | 245M | 22 |
| 2 | Short Brown | M20- M40+ | 7.7K | 240M | 18 |
| 3 | Blue Women | Women Open | 6.6K | 185M | 18 |
| 4 | Blue Men | M50+ | 6.7K | 205M | 16 |
| 5 | Green Women | W20- W45+ | 4.8K | 145M | 15 |
| 6 | Green Men | M60+ | 4.8K | 130M | 16 |
| 7 | Short Green | M70+ W60+ | 3.6K | 95M | 13 |
| 8A | Junior Men (Green) | Men 18- | 4.8K | 130M | 16 |
| 8B | Junior Women  (Short Green) | Women 18- | 3.7K | 120M | 12 |
| 9A | Orange Men | Men 14- | 3.2K | 105M | 14 |
| 9B | Orange Women | Women 14- | 3.2K | 105M | 14 |
| 10 | Very Short Green | M80+ W70+ | 3.0K | 90M | 13 |

**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 suitable 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.

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| **Course** | **Course Length** | **Climb** | **Controls** |
| Light Green | 3.6K | 135M | 12 |
| Yellow | 2.7K | 90M | 11 |
| White | 1.7K | 65M | 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. 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.routegadget.co.uk/rg2/#46>

Special symbols used (also shown on the map):

Green X: large tree stump

Brown ∆: 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.

**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. 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. 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.

**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](http://www.octavian-droobers.org) for any late changes.

**Traders**

Ultrasport and Fired Wood Pizza van man will be at the event.

**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.

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