

Orienteering at Sutton Park - WML & OD Club Championships

Sunday 10 Dec 2023 Start times 10:30 to 12:30

Sutton Park - Boldmere Gate

A WM League (Level C) event at Sutton Park (South), including OD Club Championships, suitable for everyone from the absolute beginner (help and advice available) to the experienced orienteer.

Location : Sutton Park (South), Boldmere Gate, Sutton Coldfield, B73 6LH

OS grid reference [**SP 105955**](#)

what3words:: car park at [**///quiet.theme.soft**](https://www.what3words.com/quiet.theme.soft)

Signed: from roundabout at junction of Stonehouse Road with Monmouth Drive, Boldmere.

Car parking: Boldmere Gate car park Parking for orienteers will be in the **extended car park** which is accessed through the public car park on the left once through Boldmere Gate. (NB. This is beyond the access to Miller and Cartier). Please follow marshal's instructions.

Assembly: is to the right of the Sutton Park access road in a **scout hut**.

The hut will house Toilets; Entry on the Day Registration; Download.

Outside the hut The WMOA Junior Squad will be selling cake. Also Podium Catering.

No muddy shoes or shoes with metal studs in the hut please.

Start: 200 m from the edge of the car park **Finish:** 300 m from the car park (in a different direction). The distance between the Start and the Finish is 150m.

Pre-entry via [**https://www.fabian4.co.uk/**](https://www.fabian4.co.uk)

Start times: 10:30 to 12:30

Please note that daylight will start fading around 3:00pm on 10th December and this will be especially notable in the wooded areas. For this reason, all courses will close at 2:00pm prompt, and control collection will begin immediately. If you think that you will take longer than 90 minutes, then please have an early start.

Maps have now been sent for printing and Entry Limits set for each course. See the [**event page**](#) for the entry limits..

Late Pre-entry:

Enter by Friday 8th December. Pre-entry for some courses may become restricted by the availability of printed maps.

Senior British Orienteering member £12 (Non-Member £14)

Juniors £4 (including full-time students)

SI card hire £1 (Non SIAC)

EOD (Entry on the Day)

Some courses may be restricted by the availability of printed maps, but we do print extra maps for courses suitable for newcomers.

Senior British Orienteering member £12 (Non-Member £14)

Juniors £4 (including full-time students)

SI card hire £1 (Non SIAC)

Final Course details:

White	1.4km	30 m	10 controls (text descriptions)
Yellow	2.1 km	30 m	11 controls (text descriptions)
Orange	3.2 km	45 m	11 controls
Light Green	3.6km	55 m	12 controls
Short Green	3.4 km	55 m	10 controls
Green	5.0 km	75 m	11 controls
Blue	6.7 km	100 m	17 controls
Brown	9.5 km	150 m	21 controls (double-sided map)

Note that WML and OD Club Championships courses differ for some classes. Please check which course you want to run before entering.

WMOA League Class / Course allocations:

Men:				Women:			
Course	Technical Difficulty	M Classes Long	M Classes Short	Course	Technical Difficulty	W Classes Long	W Classes Short
White	TD1		10	White	TD1		10
Yellow	TD2	10	12	Yellow	TD2	10	12
Orange	TD3	12	14 70 75 80 85 90	Orange	TD3	12	14 60 65 70 75 80 85 90
Light Green	TD4	14	16	Light Green	TD4	14	16
Short Green	TD5	70 75 80 85 90	60 65	Short Green	TD5	60 65 70 75 80 85 90	40 45 50 55
Green	TD5	16 60 65	18 45 50 55	Green	TD5	16 40 45 50 55	18 20 21 35
Blue	TD5	18 45 50 55	20 21 35 40	Blue	TD5	18 20 21 35	
Brown	TD5	20 21 35 40					

OD Club Championships Class / Course allocations:

OD competitors must run in either their own age group or the Open to be eligible for Club Championships.

Men:			Women:		
Category	Age Class	Course Colour	Category	Age Class	Course Colour
Boys	M12 & under	Yellow	Girls	W12 & under	Yellow
Junior Men	M14 & M16	Light Green	Junior Women	W14 & W16	Light Green
Intermediate Men	M18 & M20	Blue	Intermediate Women	W18 & W20	Green
Open Men	Any M	Brown	Open Women	Any W	Blue
Senior Men	M40 & M45	Blue	Senior Women	W40 & W45	Green
Veteran Men	M50 & M55	Blue	Veteran Women	W50 & W55	Green
Vintage Men	M60 & M65	Green	Vintage Women	W60 & W65	Short Green
Super Vintage	M70+	Short Green	Super Vintage	W70+	Short Green

Map and Course notes:

All maps are printed at 1:10,000 scale with a 5-metre contour interval. Magnetic North: 2023. Shorter course maps are printed on A4; Green, Blue and Brown courses are printed on A3 and the Brown map is double-sided. All maps are printed on waterproof paper.

Separate control description sheets will be available in the Start Box. White and Yellow courses have text control descriptions, all other courses have pictorial control descriptions.

Sutton Park has been extensively updated in many areas by Bruce Bryant over the summer and autumn of 2023. In a few areas, you may encounter differences in details such as the density of vegetation. The public nature of Sutton Park results in a plethora of paths that regularly appear and disappear. Only the most significant paths have been mapped. Longer courses visit the wooded area in the north-east of the map where competitors may encounter mountain bike tracks of varying definition. Again, only the most significant have been mapped.

The area immediately north of the Start and south of the park road that runs east to west across the map is used by all courses and contains a high density of controls. Competitors are reminded to check their control codes and descriptions carefully before punching.

The popularity of Sutton Park amongst families etc. should result in a low risk from “stranger danger” but parents of juniors running alone should remind them that, if concerned about anyone they encounter on their course, they should abandon their run immediately and run to either the start or finish (whichever is closer), or to a nearby park road to seek help from the general public.

Course Specific Information:

White course competitors will be assisted in navigating the extensive path network on their course by the placement of happy face and sad face markers. The background colour of these markers is irrelevant. **Happy and sad faces ONLY apply to the White course.**

All courses - other than White - cross one or more internal park roads. These roads are closed to motorised traffic but can be busy with walkers (and their dogs), runners and cyclists, so care should be taken when crossing them. All courses have been planned to keep competitors away from park roads that carry traffic but courses from Orange upwards will pass very close to or through a public car parking area where some vehicle movement is to be expected. Please exercise great caution!

Finally, Sutton Park contains a long-established model aircraft flying zone, the boundary of which is marked by a ring of wooden posts (not mapped). The flying zone is overprinted on the map as Out of Bounds. Straying into this area may be dangerous. All courses have been planned to avoid it, but if you find yourself inside the flying zone, please make an immediate exit by the shortest possible route.

Safety Bearing: - if lost head south and ask for directions to Boldmere Gate.

Officials:

- Planner - Andy Emmerson
- Organiser - Bob Brandon (bob.brandon42(at)gmail.com)
- Controller - Andy Hemsted (HOC)

Safety and Risk:

A risk assessment will have been carried out by the organiser, but participants take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety during the event. If you have a high-risk medical condition of which you want organisers to be aware of, please leave details at enquiries in a sealed envelope with your name on it. Medical Forms and envelopes will be available. Envelopes will only be opened if required for a medical emergency. Unopened envelopes should be collected after the event. Any unclaimed envelopes will be destroyed after the event.

An emergency number for the day is printed on the map. First aid and details of the nearest A&E hospital will be available in the assembly area.

COVID: Please do not come if you have symptoms of Covid-19 or suspect you may have it.

Photography:

British Orienteering has an agreed national guidance policy on the taking of photographs at events. If you are unsure about the agreed acceptable practice, please speak to the event organiser.

Privacy & Personal Data:

When entering events your personal details (name, age, gender, club) will appear in the results section on this website. It may also be used to trace missing runners and hired SI cards.