

# SCHOOL ORIENTEERING NEWS

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*Orienteering News for Schools and Youth Groups in Coventry, Warwickshire, Solihull, Daventry and Banbury*

## EXPERIENCE THE ACTIVE OUTDOOR NAVIGATION SPORT OF ORIENTEERING

*With Octavian Droobers Orienteering Club*

### Saturday 5 October – Kingsbury Water Park

This event, the Tony Haw Trophy is an annual charity competition in aid of Leukaemia research, open to all ages. This event is ideal practice for anyone taking part in the **British Schools Score Championships** (BSSC) which takes place on Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> at Heaton Park, Manchester.

Experience the fun of a score event - find as many controls as possible within a time limit of 45 minutes. NB Entry on the day, juniors £1 plus £1 for timer hire, starts anytime from 10.30am until 12 noon so no need to pre-register, if you know more than 6 pupils are attending please email organiser [davidc321@hotmail.com](mailto:davidc321@hotmail.com) approximate numbers to ensure we have enough maps by **Friday 27 September**.

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### MAJOR SCHOOLS EVENTS

**British Schools Score Championships**  
**Saturday 12th October 2018**  
**Heaton Park, Manchester, M25 2SW**

Pupils in Years 5 to 13 can compete in this score competition, finding as many controls, in any order, to score points within the time limit of 45 minutes. See [www.bsoa.org](http://www.bsoa.org) British Schools Orienteering Association for entry forms and full details.

Entry deadline is **21 September**, for late entries contact [bsoasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:bsoasecretary@gmail.com) asap

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**British Schools Orienteering Championships, Black Park, near Slough.**

**Sunday 17th November,**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November is a training day, nearby**

This event is for pupils in years 5 – 13 inclusive and schools can enter teams or individuals in year groups in three school categories: Lower, Middle and Upper Secondary. For full details please see [www.bsoa.org](http://www.bsoa.org)

Entry deadline early November.

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To help pupils, and teachers, prepare for school competitions please encourage them to come along, with families to events.

Help is available for beginners and improvers.

### Next Local Events

Sat 21 September, Tudor Grange, Solihull, 10.00-12noon

Sat 5 October, Kingsbury Water Park, 10.00-12noon

Sun 27 October, Brandon Woods, Coventry 10-12.30pm

Sat 16 November, Pooley C. Park, nr Tamworth, 10-12noon

### Date for your diary:

The annual Coventry and Warwickshire Schools Orienteering Championships for primary and secondary schools will be held this year at **Ryton Pools Country Park**

**Saturday 14 March, 2020**

### PERMANENT ORIENTEERING COURSES

Around Warwickshire Octavian Droobers have installed many courses that are open every day and can be used at a time to suit you. Especially useful for primary schools wishing to introduce the sport and how to use a compass and for secondary schools to use as practice for school competitions.

Free maps can be downloaded from [www.octavian-droobers.org](http://www.octavian-droobers.org) click on newcomers and permanent courses or search [www.britishorienteering.org.uk](http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk) and click on 'go orienteering'.

### NEWS -

**New permanent orienteering course at St Nicholas Park, Warwick.**

So now you can go orienteering and download a map for free at all these locations: Ryton Pools Country Park, Coombe Country Park, Jubilee Wood, Warwick Compton Verney, Hartshill Hayes Country Park, Pooley Fields Country Park, Kingsbury Water Park and Draycote Water.



### BSOA

The British Schools Orienteering Association is a valuable resource for schools. The website has information on how to introduce the sport, useful teaching programmes, how to map your school, kit to purchase, upcoming championships, etc. Membership is FREE. Contact: [www.bsoa.org](http://www.bsoa.org)

### REPRESENTING ENGLAND

Over the past few years it has been great to see several junior orienteers from the club represent England at the International Interland Cup, against Belgium, the Netherlands and NE France. Selections are made after juniors aged 14 – 18 years have competed in 3 of 5 major events around the country, this autumn, starting with

27<sup>th</sup> October Dukes House Wood, Northumberland, 3<sup>rd</sup> November Bramshaw, New Forest, 9<sup>th</sup> November Goyt Valley, Derbyshire, 24<sup>th</sup> November Hankley Common, Surrey, 8<sup>th</sup> December Grimsthorpe Castle, Lincolnshire.



Encouraging pupils to go along with their families to these and other major events, will widen their experience of the sport and hopefully their enthusiasm will grow and make representing England a possibility. See [www.orienteeringengland.org.uk](http://www.orienteeringengland.org.uk) for more details and British Orienteering events website for details of nationwide events. [www.britishorienteering.org.uk](http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk).

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