



FINAL DETAILS

HOLMBUSH & BUCHAN

SOUTH EAST RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday 17th June 2018

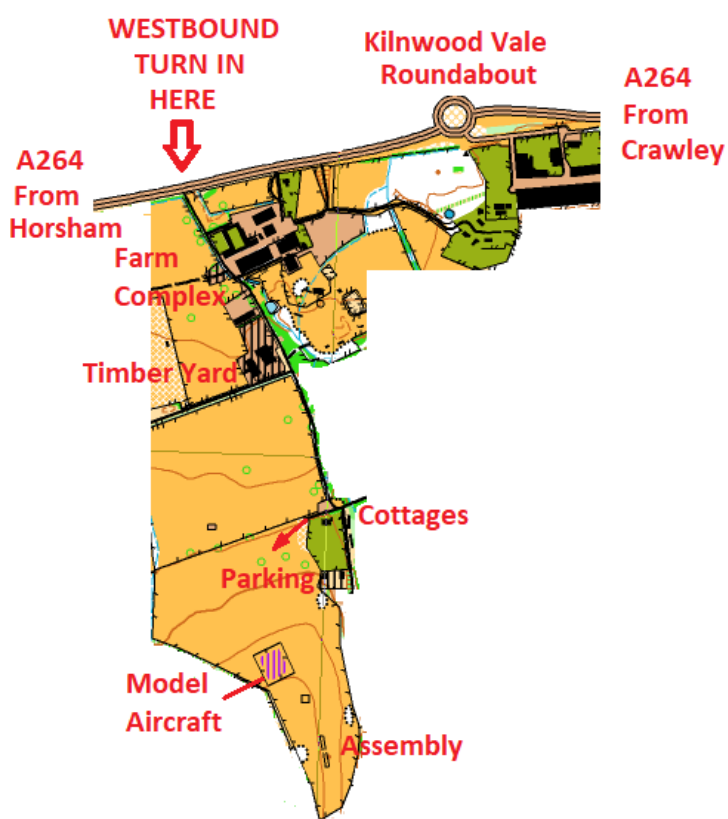
Key points:

- Signal early to turn off the A264 – this is a VERY fast road! Parking in same field as Assembly
- Keep well clear of model aircraft flying zone to S & W of parking Map 1:10 000 – ISOM 2000
- Relay Starts: Open 10:30; Junior 10:35; Handicap 10:40 EOD colour-coded Starts from 10:50
- Team changes to be notified to Enquiries 9:30-10:15 Novice Juniors may be shadowed but are n/c
- Mass-start 12:30 for remaining runners Courses close 14.00

Safety bearing S to the edge of the map and then follow the roads to Colgate church and head N

Location and Parking

Holmbush lies S of the A264 between Crawley and Horsham. The whole site has the postcode RH12 4SE. Please approach on the westbound carriageway via the Kilnwood Vale Roundabout.



Heading west from the roundabout take the second entrance on the left into the estate – GR TQ227344, Lat/Long 51.095929, -0.24831355 – approx. 400m after the roundabout. Look for a large BOF-style O sign just before it and the big 'PAINTBALL' sign on the actual entrance. **This stretch of the A264 has a 50mph limit (largely ignored) for most of the way to the turning so SIGNAL EARLY.**

Follow this roadway southwards approx. 400m past the farm complex on your left, *over the speed bumps*, past the timber yard on your right and straight on down to the cottages at the southern end of the road. Then turn right in front of the cottages to access the field we are using for parking and assembly.

We are sharing this field with a model aircraft flying club (who use the OOB area marked here as a landing strip). They are aware that we will be using the rest of the field but please take care both when parking and walking to Assembly.

The recommended exit route is the same as you entered by – turn west along the A264 and use the next roundabout if you need to turn east back towards Crawley (approx. 1 mile). Those with local knowledge may prefer to use the underpass from the farm onto the eastbound carriageway but this will not be signed by the Organiser. **Watch out for fast traffic!**

SAFETY

The parking/assembly field will have been grazed by sheep in the days prior to the event. **Parents are advised not to let children pick up/play with any animal faeces that may be lying on the ground.**

Competitors must wear full leg cover, by all means change into shorts after your run. The current forecast is for dry, partly cloudy weather temperatures rising to 21°C. Make sure that you are well hydrated. There's not much shade in the assembly area so don't forget the suncream!

Whistles are strongly advised. If you are travelling alone, please leave your keys at Enquiries.

Novice Juniors running as part of a relay team may be shadowed to give them confidence and ensure their safety. However in the interests of fair competition, **such a team must be declared non-competitive.**

All courses run close to a small pond. There is a good path alongside it but **please take care.**

If you become disorientated or wish to retire, head S until within sight of the roads bounding the edges of the map – **avoid walking on the roads.** Find Colgate village. Find the church and head N down the path beside the graveyard (marked on the map with crosses) back towards Assembly.

COURSES CLOSE AT 14.00, after this we may instigate a search for you. Competitors MUST report to the Finish and Download by this time whether they complete their course or not.

The nearest A & E Hospitals are in Redhill and Haywards Heath. Details will be held at Enquiries.

Hazards

Please be careful in the vicinity of all water features as their banks can be both steep and slippery. Lakes outlined in black on the map cannot be crossed.

Marshes mapped as crossable, vary as to their nature – approach with caution.

Holmbush and Buchan have many deer – check for ticks after your run.

The area to the east of Assembly is leased to Holmbush Paintball and is marked OOB on the map. The paintball area is bounded by wooden posts with orange tips, spaced every 15m or so. If you come across people wearing red tops, they are the paintball staff overseeing the action – you have strayed into their area – follow their instructions.

The area is not known for its use by any unsavoury characters but you may come across anglers, horse riders and/or local residents out for a walk – please be courteous.

Dogs

Allowed in the Assembly Area on a lead. Please clear up after your dog.

Course Details

Courses	Length	Climb	Controls	Leg
Short Blue	5.9km	130m	18	Open Legs 1 & 3, Handicap Leg 3
Green	4.1km	90m	13	Open Leg 2, Handicap Leg 1
Orange	2.5km	45m	15	Junior Leg 2, Handicap Leg 2
Yellow	2.0km	45m	16	Junior Legs 1 & 3

The technical courses will be gaffled, which means that different people running the same course at the same time will sometimes visit different controls. Consequently there will be a lot of controls, some quite close to each other. The Yellow course will not be gaffled but competitors may see other controls.

Check you've got the right control code!

Terrain/Planner's notes

Mixed woodland with variety of tree types and ages. Some areas are overgrown with Rhododendron Ponticum. The larger bushes are mapped as "fight" with sufficient accuracy that the "white" gaps between them can be successfully navigated. Some bits were cleared a few years back but have

regenerated, the young growth reduces visibility and slows but does not prevent progress and is mapped as “undergrowth”.

All courses will have an early control in an area of ornamental Rhododendron which was stunningly beautiful when the courses were planned, unfortunately the event may be just too late for you to fully appreciate the blossom. You’ll just have to make do with foxglove flowers.

The map is as for Day 3 of the JK 2017. ISOM 2000, 1:1000 updated by Mike Elliot Oct 2017. There is no legend except for special symbols. The only such used as control site is a green cross – a rootstock.

Bracken is not mapped. In places it obscures ground visibility but the fronds have yet to spread out and seriously obstruct progress. A few stinging nettles have just appeared, the planner’s pet elephant has trampled a route through the most annoying patch.

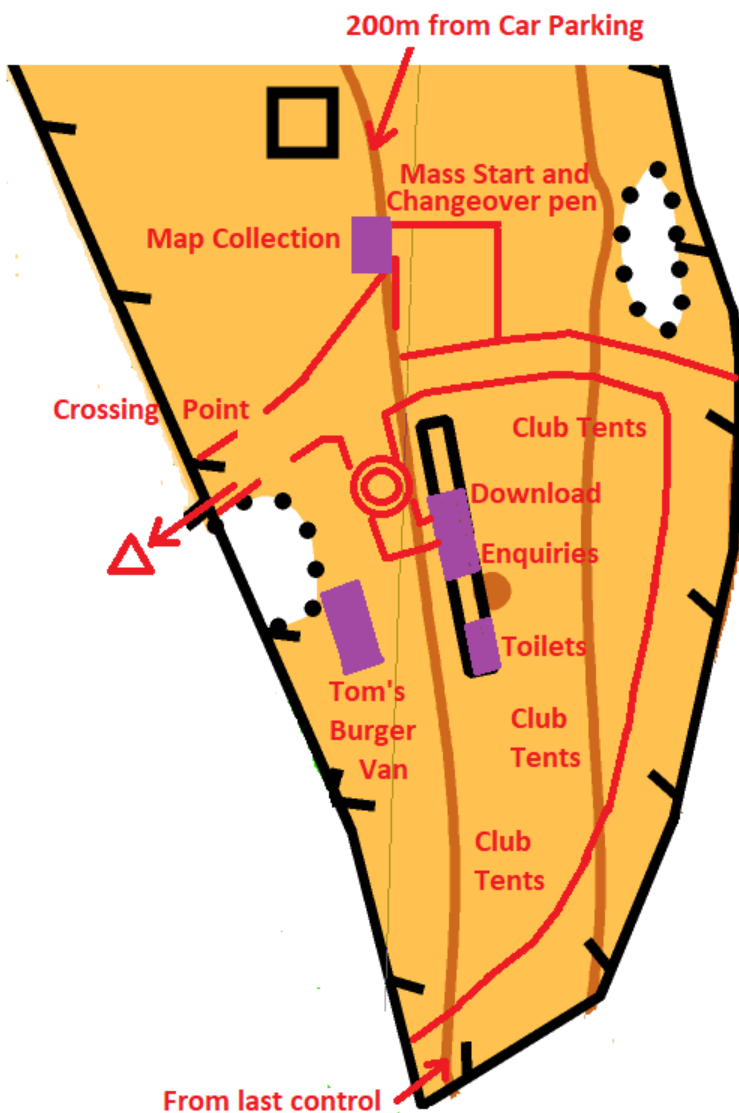
Some “blue” features are dry.

All courses pass at least one “Private” sign - we do have permission. But we don’t have permission to access the Paintball area, which is the large out-of-bounds area in the middle of the map. Green & Blue courses pass twice through a narrow corridor between the paintball and an out-of-bounds field. Stay within the corridor or risk being shot! (Yellow & Orange courses don’t go anywhere near the paintball).

All fields are out-of-bounds except the one we are using, however they are not marked as such.

Assembly

Assembly is in the southern part of the field, over the hill from the parking are.



You will see that the shape of the land allows for a good view of the run in and space for club tents on the slope above. *Apologies, it's slightly uphill to the handover/finish!* If you pitch your tent alongside the run in, please leave a metre or two of space in front of it so that spectators may still get close to the action.

The layout necessitates that you cross the exit route used by the runners as you enter assembly and as you make your way to the changeover pen. This crossing will be marshalled but please check for outgoing runners!

Your map will be available as you enter the Start/Changeover pen. Do not open your map until you start. **You are responsible for checking that you have been given the correct map for your team and leg.**

Download, Enquiries and Toilets occupy a level, hard standing area and Tom will be on a flat(ish) area at the top of the slope.

Maps will be collected at Download. They will be released after 12:30

We will not be providing any water – please bring your own and take your litter home with you.

Control descriptions

Control descriptions will be on the front of the map only. Text for Yellow and Orange courses, pictorial for Green and Short Blue.

Electronic punching

SI on all courses *but not SIAC enabled*. Pre-hired dibbers will be available for collection at enquiries on the day. Should any SI unit on the course fail to function, please continue with your course and report the issue at Download.

Relay entries

Enter teams via [Fabian4](#) by midnight on Sunday 10th June. [See the [flyer](#) for details of the classes and the points allocation by age and gender for the handicapping system]

Team declarations will then be possible on [Fabian4](#) in the week leading up to the event. These will close on Thursday 14th June at 18:00. Any changes required after teams have been declared can be made on the day of the event at Enquiries between 09:30 and 10:15 but please notify us by email beforehand, if at all possible.

A very limited number of extra maps will be printed for late entries. Entry fees on the day will be £27 per senior team and £15 per junior team. Report to Enquiries as soon as it opens.

Bibs for pre-registered teams can be collected from Enquiries between 09:30 and 10:15. They are coloured **Red** for 1st leg, **White** for 2nd leg and **Blue** for 3rd leg. Please designate one club member to collect the bibs and pins for your club.

Relay Call Up

Open 10:20; Junior 10:25; Handicap 10:30. Please wait just beyond the map issue tent whilst the preceding class start.

Start procedure

There will be no start box to punch but don't forget to punch your first control!

Mass Starts: Open 10:30; Junior 10:35; Handicap 10:40 – **this is a timed start, don't be late!**

For 2nd and 3rd leg runners, changeover is by touch from the incoming runner. Your time starts from when the previous runner in your team punches the finish box.

Those entering colour-coded on the day will also start from the changeover pen and may collect their map any time after 10:50. Report to the changeover marshal who will set you off and has an SI Start box for you to punch. Do not open your map until you have punched.

EOD for Colour Coded Courses

Registration will open in Enquiries at 10:30 and close at 12:00

£8 for Seniors (+£2 for non-BOF members) and £4 for Juniors, dibber hire (£1). *Please email the organiser on or before Sunday 10th June to pre-book a map.*

Prize Giving

This will take place at approx. 13:00 on the hardstanding area to the south of Enquiries. Please can prize winners, paparazzi and spectators mass on the slope above, to afford all a good view. If clubs would place their flags behind this space (as per JK prize givings), it would also add to the spectacle for the photos.

Officials

Planner	Ian Ditchfield, MV
Controller	Vince Joyce, SO
Organiser	Mike Bolton, MV mvocevent@gmail.com 0791 555 3282 (before 21:00)

Thanks

We are grateful to the Calvert family, owners of Holmbush estate, for making the land available and to Will Walters the Estate Manager for his help and support. Our thanks also to Holmbush Paintball for safe passage through their land and W Sussex County Council for the use of Buchan Country Park.

**** A full risk assessment has been undertaken by the Organiser and will be available for inspection at Enquiries. However competitors are reminded that they take part at their own risk and are responsible at all times for their own safety ****