



Surrey Schools & Youth Orienteering Festival

Tuesday 3rd July 2018



Final Details

- Directions:** From the A3, take the exit to Cobham and turn left at the second roundabout along the Portsmouth Road (A307). Follow the road to the traffic lights at Fairmile Lane. Lakewood Car Park is 80 m beyond the traffic lights on the right hand side. If coming from Esher, follow the Portsmouth Road to the bridge over the A3, then turn immediately left after the bridge.
- Entries:** Pre-entries are now closed, but there will be some EOD depending on number of maps left. There are currently about 70 runners registered from 7 schools/youth groups.
- Courses:** Yellow 2.3 km, 30 m climb, 11 controls
Orange 3.3 km, 45 m climb, 14 controls
- Maps:** A4 size, printed on waterproof paper. The Orange course is on a scale of 1:10000, the Yellow course is on 1: 5000. Please ensure that competitors are aware of the different scales for the two courses. Both courses have the legend printed on the back. There will not be loose description sheets.
- SI cards:** Standard version 5 or version 8 SI cards will be issued to competitors, who should be reminded to look after them carefully, since losing their card will incur a penalty of £30 to their school or youth group. Competitors may use their own if they have one.
- Terrain** Mixed woodland with rough open areas, typical Surrey sandy heathland. The area is bisected by the A3, which is crossed twice by the Orange course over a footbridge. Esher Common is north of the A3, while the area south of the A3 is called Fairmile Common, so technically all of the Yellow course is on Fairmile Common. There are two small lakes, one on either side of the A3. The Orange course has controls close to both lakes. There is a highly complex area of knolls and large depressions near the start/finish area, criss-crossed by paths which can be hard to identify because of the tracks made by mountain bikers. The Orange course has one control in this area which will be placed very prominently. The Yellow course does not enter the area at all.
- Hazards** The recent spell of hot weather has ensured that the paths are not muddy and even the marshes have dried out. However, there is plenty of dense summer undergrowth to make running through the forest slower than it was a month ago, and courses have been planned to make path running the best option in most cases. Be prepared for nettles, brambles, bracken and long grass.
Full leg cover is strongly advised.
- Assembly:** Registration and enquiries will be adjacent to the car park. The start is 150 m away along a footpath, while the finish is about 30 m away.
- Timing:** Assuming competitors start to arrive in the car park shortly after 16:00, the first starts will be about 16:30, possibly earlier. In order to ensure that competitors have finished in time for prize giving at the advertised time of 18:00, we need every competitor to have started by 17:30 at the latest. Please help by arriving promptly.
- Prize giving:** Prize giving will take place from 18:00 to 18:15, or as close to this as possible, to allow for an 18:30 departure.
- Facilities:** There will be portable toilets next to registration.
- Refreshments:** There are no traders on site. Please bring your own water or squash and other refreshments as necessary, remembering to leave no litter in the car park or on the common. All competitors are expected to set an example of tidiness and respect for the environment.
- Emergency:** Pupils should carry mobile phones if possible. In case of emergency, ring 07757 762836.
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