

BRITISH MTBO CHAMPIONSHIPS **23 / 24th June 2007**
rounds 5 and 6 of the Compass Point MTBO National Series
www.compasspoint-online.co.uk

Beaudesert & Rawnsley, Cannock Chase

Parking and the Event Centre are at Gentleshaw Village Hall, GR SK 049121, signed from Longdon on the A51 Lichfield to Rugeley road at GR 079142. The village hall is approximately 2.5 miles from this position.

Parking:

Parking will be on a playing field adjacent to the village hall and, if necessary an adjacent field.

This venue will have information, late entry information, toilets and results. Please try to keep mud out of the hall and avoid wearing shoes that may damage the floor.

Please be aware that on the Middle race day you are sharing the facilities with the Long O Race.

Registration and Assembly

The village hall will be the Assembly Area which will include Enquiries and First Aid, very limited EOD Registration, Results Display, Toilets.

If you have pre-entered and have your own SI e-card there is no need to do anything else, except go to the start. If you have entered and asked to hire an e-card please go to the signed e-card collection point. If you have not entered and wish to enter on the day, subject to there being maps available, please go to the EOD table.

Start Times : if numbers are great we may ask you to allocate yourself a start time block at registration, in order to avoid queuing at the start.

FIRST AID: First Aid will be available at Enquiries. The nearest Local Casualty Department is at Stafford District Hospital – Event emergency number - 07970161637

Results and Prize Giving

Live results will be available on screens during the event. Results will be available at www.walton-chasers.co.uk on the evenings of the events.

Prize giving will happen as soon as possible on Both days.

Equipment

You must start and finish the event with a bicycle having two wheels. Should it be deemed necessary to check, it must be considered roadworthy at the start. You must wear a cycling helmet and appropriate clothing. Anyone not properly equipped may be turned away at the start.

Rules

- You must take your bike as close as possible to the controls. Leaving your bike and running more than a couple of steps is unacceptable.
- Only use tracks marked on the event map. No cutting through is acceptable.
- Be aware of other users on the tracks and paths. Always give way to other forest users, the whole of the competition area is used by horses and special care may be necessary.
- Always cycle on the left hand side of roads and paths where possible, give way to descending cyclists and give appropriate clearance to cyclists in front when cycling on rough tracks. There are some single track paths in the area. None are designated as being 'one-way'. Please take care if using in an uphill direction.
- Observe forestry and event signage and take appropriate action.
- Stop and give way to all other users at bridleway crossing points (marked on the map as crossing points). If they are busy please get off and walk across.
- Only use tracks marked on the event map. Do not use roads marked as out of bounds (purple crosses) and do not enter out of bounds areas, (purple hatching). Any riders using the bridleways (thick red line) will be assumed to be retiring and are not competing. They will therefore not get a result.
- Always report to the finish, even if you retire.

- See also specific items included within 'Terrain' below.

Start – Long Race

This will be 800m away, an easy ride along local roads to just below Castle Ring, the route will be marked with red/white streamers. Please follow the marked route.

There will be a demonstration control point in the pre-start area.

Lose control descriptions will be available

The start process will involve –

1. Clearing your e-card in one of the boxes before your start
2. Call up and a check of your e-card at –2 minutes
3. You will be given your map (bags available) at -1 minutes
4. A punching start – please do not forget to punch

Start – Middle Race

This will be 2km away, an easy ride along local roads to just below Castle Ring, the route will be marked with red/white streamers. Please follow the marked route.

There will be a demonstration control point in the pre-start area.

Lose control descriptions will be available

The start process will involve –

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6. Call up and a check of your e-card at –2 minutes
7. You will be given your map (bags available) at -1 minutes
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Map – Long race

The map is a specially adapted version of the orienteering map showing all the tracks and paths mapped for rideability in accordance with ISOM 2000. It is printed on a single sheet of A4 paper at a scale of 1 : 15,500. This scale has been chosen because the courses would not quite fit onto an A4 sheet at 1: 15,000 and it is believed that a very slightly smaller scale is preferable to having to change maps during the competition. It is unlikely that you will notice the difference. All courses have control descriptions printed on the front. There is minimal information on the map apart from the competition area. If you would like a separate legend strip please ask at registration.

Terrain – Long Race

The area is in three sections, divided by two roads –

All courses use Beaudesert.

Courses A & B both cross a minor, but relatively busy road into Rawnsley. The two road crossings have controls before and after and the crossing and are a 'timed out section'. The times taken between these controls will be removed from the competitors overall time, and do not form part of the race. Total timeouts for each competitor will be displayed in the results. It is hoped that by displaying the timeouts for all to see competitors will not gain unfair advantage by using this time to fettle bikes or rest.

If your crossing involves crossing the Beaudesert Golf course as well, within one of these crossings you must look for and wait for golfers playing their approach shots to the 18th green. There will be signs to remind you. Apart from this route across the course all of the rest of the golf course is out of bounds.

Course A also crosses a minor and quieter road into Brereton Hayes Wood. You may cross directly this road at any point but take care. There is no time-out for these crossings.

Except for the road crossings competitors may not cycle along any tarred road during the competition.

All parts of the competition area have steep slopes, sometimes very steep. Please take care, particularly on descents. There are sandy, gravelly and clay sections. If it has been wet in the weeks before the event the

clay sections in Beaudesert can be difficult. Rawnsley is also used by the Forestry Commission for 4x4 driving days. This has given rise to a network of tracks that are wide enough for a vehicle but often consist of two very deep but narrow ruts that are difficult to ride. These are mapped accordingly. If the weather has been wet some of these sections can be veritable mud-baths. There is a 'Downhill Mountain Bike' area in part of Rawnsley. No course enters the area but you must take care should you take an indirect route.

There are four bridleways in the competition area although only one affects Beaudesert. All are shown clearly on the map in bright red. You may not cycle along any of these. You may cross them only at the marked crossing points and you must give way to others at these points.

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There will be a few long orienteering course runners on the area. Please take care when engrossed in the map.

Finish – Long Race

The finish is within the competition area and about 500m from the start. There will be no facilities at the finish. Please follow tapes around, and below Castle Ring and back to village hall. Do not cycle within Castle Ring – bikes are not allowed.

Finish – Middle Race

The finish is within the competition area and about 2 KM from the start. There will be no facilities at the finish. Please follow tapes back to village hall. Do not cycle within Castle Ring – bikes are not allowed.

Download and Results

At the village hall. Please ensure that you do download even if you have not completed your course. This will avoid us thinking you are injured in the forest and instituting a search.

Courses

Provisional details – Long Race

Course version

2b

A Mens Open, Mens Vets

Direct length - km Possible best route length - km best route climb - m Controls

17.4

22.7

750

28

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| Womens open, Womens vets, B Mens S Vets | 12.2 | 16.8 | 440 | 18 |
| Womens S Vets, W60+, M60+ C M Juniors, W Juniors | 9.3 | 13.0 | 240 | 12 |
| D Novices | 5.0 | 7.0 | 185 | 10 |

Provisional details – Middle Race

Course version

| | Direct length - km |
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| A Mens Open, Mens Vets | 8.9 |
| Womens open, Womens vets, B Mens S Vets | 7.0 |
| Womens S Vets, W60+, M60+ C M Juniors, W Juniors | 5.0 |
| D Novices | 4.2 |

Walton Chasers Orienteering club is doing its best to adhere to the current interpretation of Bridleway Law. To sum up you are not allowed to race on a bridleway. The definition of racing is 'against the clock'. If we act illegally and race on bridleways our insurance is invalid, as well as being open to prosecution.

This is why we have made all bridleways out of bounds along their lengths.