



Walton Chasers Orienteering Club

CompassSport Cup & Trophy Finals 2018

Sunday 21/10/2018

Abraham's Valley nr. Rugeley, Staffordshire

Final Details

Please note that these details will be updated in the lead up to the event. Up-to-date details will be posted on the Walton Chasers Website and will be sent out to Club Captains.

Version Record:

Version	Date	Description
0.3	29/08/2018	Initial Draft
0	01/09/2018	First Issue to Clubs
1	29/09/2018	Second Issue to Clubs
2	09/10/2018	Final Issue to Clubs – Updates in Green

Competing Clubs

The following clubs are competing in the CompassSport Cup & Trophy Final 2018:

Event	Club Code	Club
CompassSport Cup	BOK	Bristol Orienteering Klub
	DEE	Deeside Orienteers
	DEVON	Devon Orienteering Club
	DVO	Derwent Valley Orienteers
	ESOC	Edinburgh Southern Orienteering Club
	FVO	Forth Valley Orienteers
	LOC	Lakeland Orienteering Club
	NOR	Norfolk Orienteering Club
	SLOW	South London Orienteers & Wayfarers
	SO	Southdowns Orienteers
	SYO	South Yorkshire Orienteers
	CompassSport Trophy	BL
CLYDE		Clydeside Orienteers
EPOC		East Pennine Orienteering Club
GO		Guildford Orienteers
INT		Interlopers Orienteering
NWO		North Wiltshire Orienteers
POTOC		Potteries Orienteering Club
QO		Quantock Orienteers
SARUM		Sarum Orienteering Club
SBOC		Swansea Bay Orienteering Club
SROC		South Ribble Orienteering Club
SUFFOC		Suffolk Orienteering Club
SWOC		South Wales Orienteering Club
WCH		Walton Chasers Orienteering Club
WIM		Wimborne Orienteers

Please note that the SWOA heat for the CompassSport Cup & Trophy was cancelled this year because of bad weather. As a result, all south west clubs that can field a full team have qualified for the final.

Event Officials

Role	Name	Club
Organiser	Kristian Roberts	WCH
Planners	Sarah & Andy Hind	WCH
Controller	Roger Edwards	LEI
Safety Officer	Ray Collins	WCH

The event would like to acknowledge the following people for their assistance:

- Timothy Nicholls – Farmer at Haywood Park Farm (event parking and arena)
- The Forestry Commission – Owners of the forest in which the event is being run
- The National Trust – Owners of Shugborough Estate (for coach drop-off)

- Royal Signals Orienteering Club and Wrekin Orienteering Club for loan of additional equipment
- Clubs of the West Midlands Orienteering Association for providing runners to assist in laying controls on the area

Getting to Abraham's Valley

Travelling to the Event:

From the West (M6)

Leaving the M6 at Junction 13 (Stafford South), follow the A449 towards Stafford Town Centre. Turn Right onto Rickerscote Road **at the traffic lights** and then left on to Silkmore Lane **at the small roundabout**. At the A34, turn **right** following Rugeley (A513). At the next roundabout, continue straight following the A513. The event parking can be found 3.5miles further along the A513 on the right. Continue a further 2 miles along the A513, turn around at the Wolseley Arms roundabout (**ST17 OXS**) before coming back and entering the event car park on your left.

Please respect the no-right-turn rule to enter the event car park.

From the East (A38)

Leaving the A38 at Alrewas, follow the A513 towards Rugeley. Follow the A513 to King's Bromley, turning left at the end of the road before turning right 0.5miles further down to re-join the A513. Continue to follow signs for Rugeley and turn right onto the A51 to bypass the town. Re-join the A513 at the Wolseley Arms roundabout and turn left into the event car park 2 miles further down the road.

Event Post Code: ST17 OXA

Event Grid Reference: SJ 993 208

Car Parking:

The event car park is located in an adjacent field to assembly. Please follow the directions of the marshals parking cars in the field. Charges for parking apply as below:

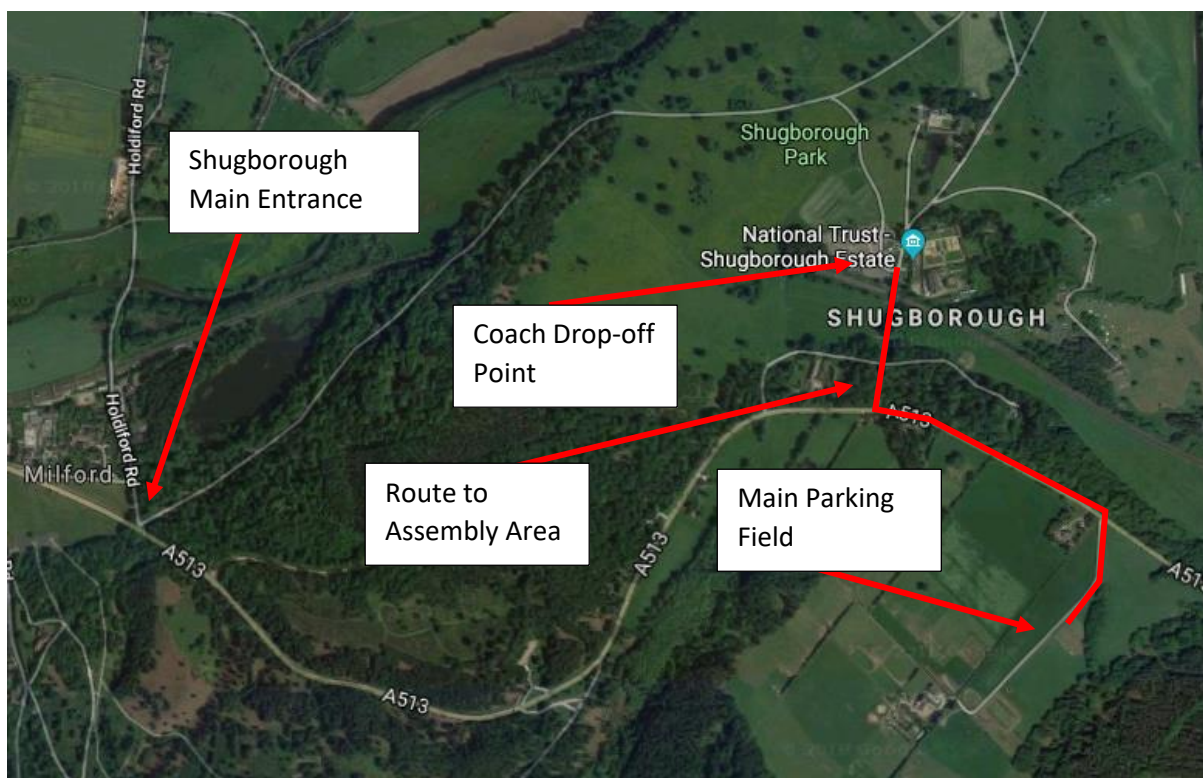
Cars: £2

Minibuses: £5

Note that there will be no entry to the car park after 1200 and no exit before 1200. ALL vehicles must turn left to exit the car park (turning around at the Milford Common Roundabout to head back to the A38 as necessary).

Special Instructions for Coaches:

Due to access restrictions, coaches are unable to drop off at the main event car park. Coaches should proceed to the drop-off point on the Shugborough Estate (coach parking area of main car park – **ST17 OXB**), following signposts off the A513 and the map below. Note that this is a drop-off area only, coaches should make alternative arrangements if parking up for the day. **Coaches may turn left or right onto the Shugborough Estate.**



From the coach drop-off, competitors should follow signage back to the A513 road and towards the event assembly. The A513 has a pavement along its side that competitors must use. **ALL Competitors arriving by coach must cross at the designated crossing point opposite the car park entrance. Care should be taken when walking along the side of the A513.**

Clubs arriving by coach are encouraged to bring their club tents with them. Attempts are being made to put in place a way of getting tents to assembly from the coach drop off.

The Event

Event Safety

In following British Orienteering Rules: "Competitors are responsible for their own personal safety and for assessing their own abilities to complete the course". The Event Management team have put in place reasonable risk management arrangements for the event to mitigate risks that competitors might not be reasonably aware of in undertaking orienteering activities.

Cannock Chase is undermined by old coal workings and is liable to subsidence. Care must be taken as new fissures can appear suddenly.

There is the possibility of logging trucks moving down the forestry tracks on the day of the event. Competitors should be aware of this hazard and any juniors made aware by parents or guardians. The Forestry Commission are aware of the event taking place and competitors will all be reminded at the event start.

Whistles are compulsory at the event in following WMOA rules. These will be checked prior to the event start. The organiser also reserves the right to make carrying of waterproofs compulsory for the event in the event of bad weather.

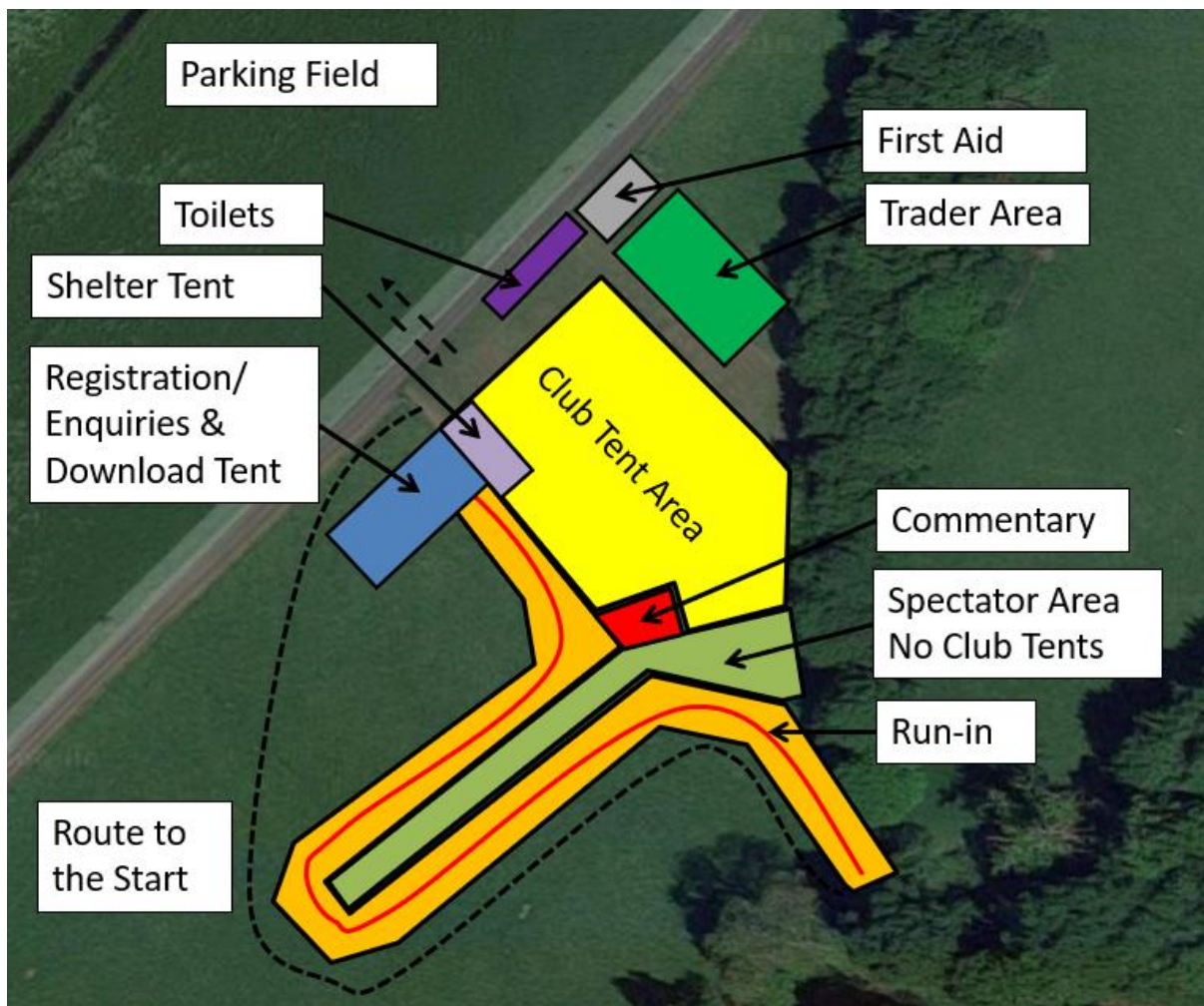
Competitors are forbidden to run along the public road to the north of the map. The forbidden routes are clearly marked on the map.

Please ensure that all competitors understand the risks of orienteering and that any additional information detailed in these Final Details is read and understood.

In the unlikely event of bad weather, changes to these details will be posted on the Walton Chasers Orienteering Club website and an email will be sent out to club captains.

Event Arena

Below is a layout of the event arena. This is subject to minor changes being made as required by landowners and other stakeholders:



A warm up area for competitors is available adjacent to the run-in and close to the event start. The start is approximately 700m walk into the forest from the assembly area.

Unfortunately, dogs are not allowed at this event. This is due to restrictions on the farm where the parking and assembly areas are.

Start

The start is a short walk (700m) out of the assembly field into the forest (slightly up hill). Please follow tapes to find the start area. All courses start from the same area.

Start times are from 1000 to 1400 and start times are pre-allocated by each club captain. Call-up to the start boxes is 4 minutes before your start time. **The start list will be published on the Walton Chasers website once available:**

<http://www.walton-chasers.co.uk/>

This event has a timed start. If you are late for your allocated start time, you will be asked to wait until a free time slot is available (which could be a significant period of time to comply with time separation rules). Please do not ask the officials to change your start time as they have no authority to do so. If you feel that the event organisation is at fault for the lateness please speak to the event organiser.

In the event of significant delays out with the competing club and event organiser's control (for example large scale traffic delays) clubs may be given the opportunity to rearrange the running order of their competitors. Any such reorganisation is at the organiser's discretion and should be agreed as early as possible to give time for the relevant changes to be made on the computer system.

Entry on the day courses will have a separate start lane and will use a punching start.

Finish

The event run-in and finish are located in the assembly field. Clubs are encouraged to pitch their tents near the run-in to cheer their fellow competitors along.

Courses

Details of the courses for the event are given below (subject to final controlling). Please note that a spectator control has been omitted from the planning of the event due to the layout of the terrain and proximity of the start and finish areas.

Course No.	Class	Length (km)	Climb (m)	Controls	Map Scale & Size
1	Brown	10.1	350	24	1:10000 A3
2	Short Brown	8.8	280	16	1:10000 A3
3	Blue (Women)	6.6	250	14	1:10000 A3
4	Blue (Men)	6.5	215	14	1:10000 A3
5	Green (Women)	4.6	125	10	1:10000 A4
6	Green (Men)	4.4	160	11	1:10000 A4
7	Short Green (Veteran)	4.1	110	9	1:10000 A4
8A	Green (Junior Men)	4.7	160	12	1:10000 A4
8B	Short Green (Junior Women)	4.2	90	10	1:10000 A4
9A	Orange (Junior Men)	3.2	115	8	1:10000 A4
9B	Orange (Junior Women)	3.2	115	8	1:10000 A4
-	Light Green	3.3	160	9	1:10000 A4
-	Yellow	2.4	70	9	1:10000 A4
-	White	1.6	40	10	1:10000 A4

Start lanes and maps will use course numbers rather than colours. Please note your course number before heading to the start.

Control descriptions are on the front of the map (and loose) and are IOF Pictorial. Orange competitors will need to know symbols for small and large depressions, earth walls, tracks and paths and fences. White and Yellow descriptions are text. **Please note that there is no legend on the map for any courses.**

Class Categories are as follows:

Class	Categories
Brown	Men Open
Short Brown	M20- M40+
Blue Women	Women Open
Blue Men	M50+
Green Women	W20- W45+
Green Men	M60+
Veteran Short Green	M70+ W60+
Junior Men (Green)	M18-
Junior Women (Short Green)	W18-
Orange Men	M14-
Orange Women	W14-

The Area

The area includes a mixture of coniferous plantation and deciduous natural woodland. It is well contoured with spurs and re-entrants in some areas and flat plateau in other sections. Bracken is variable and, in many places, reduces run-ability and visibility: White woodland generally has bracken cover but there are some clear patches.

Many mountain bike tracks have been added to the map, it's possible that activity by local mountain bikers will have added more. All tracks are in bounds but give way to cyclists.

Some undergrowth, typically for brambles, has been added to the map but do not rely on it for accurate navigation. As far as possible courses have been planned to avoid the worst areas of bracken, brambles and brashings. There will be some tracking advantage for later runners.

Extraction lanes are generally unmapped but may influence run-ability. Fungal disease, Phytophthora, is present in the area (see below example of mapping). In order to reduce the spread of the disease, some out of bounds areas are marked on the map but not on the ground. Where unbounded OOB areas are marked on the map, tracks and grass lanes through the areas are passable but please avoid corner cutting across areas marked OOB.



The area is actively managed and thinning and extraction may be taking places in some areas.

Please find below a Routegadget output for a previous event held on this area:

<http://www.walton.routegadget.co.uk/rg2/#57>

Other Information

Clothing

Full lower body cover is mandatory for the event. Arm cover is optional but at the competitor's risk. Competitors should check themselves for Ticks after their run.

Whistles are compulsory for the event and will be checked at the start.

The organiser reserves the right to insist that hooded waterproof jackets are carried. The decision on this will be made on the day and advised on signage in the event arena.

Timing Equipment

Contactless (SI Air) and non-contactless punching will both be used in tandem at the event.

Please note that SI Air cards can be hired directly from SportIdent if you wish. Only older SI5 cards are available for hire at the event.

If the box fails to record, try direct punching and then pin punch your map using the punch on the stake. Punching boxes are on the bottom of the map

Download

Please ensure that you download after you have completed your race, even if you retire and do not finish your course.

Course Closing Time

All courses close at 1530. This is 100 minutes after the last start times.

Map Collection & Reclaim

Maps will be collected from all course finishers before 1400 except those running the white and yellow courses. After the last competitors have started their runs, maps may be retained when finishing runs or collected from the registration and enquiries tent (collection by club captains only).

Other users of the Area

Please be polite and courteous to other users of the area. The area is known to be frequented by dog walkers, horse riders and mountain bikers.

Entry on the Day Courses

Entry on the day is available for three courses (White, Yellow and Light Green). Anyone wishing to compete in these non-championship courses should proceed to the Enquiries and EOD section of the main event marquee to enter before proceeding to the start. Course fees for EOD are £8 for Adults and £3 Juniors.

Shadowing

Due to issues experienced in the past with adults shadowing juniors before running their own races, shadowing is not allowed in the CompassSport Cup & Trophy final **on championship courses**.

Provided that the person shadowing **has already competed in their championship run**, they may shadow a runner on any of the Entry on the Day courses (**Light Green, Yellow and White**). The result for the person being shadowed will be declared unless the person shadowing declares the run non-competitive for whatever reason.

Complaints

Any competitor or official who feels the need to lodge a complaint regarding any competitor or any aspect of the organisation or planning is asked to speak to the event organiser at the earliest opportunity. This is so it may be given full consideration without unduly delaying any confirmation of results. In the event of a protest, a jury will be convened.

Prize Giving

The event Prize Giving for the event will be held as close to 1500 as possible (when the final result is known). The following people will be handing out the winner's trophy and mementoes for the first three clubs:

- Nick Barrable – Editor of CompassSport Magazine
- Jonathon Howell – Chairman of Walton Chasers Orienteering Club

Run-in Competition

As is traditional for the CompassSport Cup & Trophy final, a "Golden Boot" trophy will be awarded to the fastest male and fastest female run-in split (final control to finish).

Event Arena

Caterers: Podium Catering, Fresh Wood Fired Pizza, British & Continental Catering.

Traders: Ultrasport

Toilets: In the event arena only

First Aid: Hearts Cross (thanks to Ian Goodship) – located in the event arena

IT: Thanks to Mark Stodgell

England Orienteering Cake Sale

Please support the England Orienteering Cake Sale to raise much needed funds so that the

organisation can continue to subsidise England Teams competing in both the Home Internationals and Interland.

The Cake Sale will be in the Blue tent decorated with England flags. If you have ever been selected to run for England then please support the organisation by bringing cakes along to the 'England' tent to be sold, by buying cakes or by helping to sell them at the event.

Filming & Photography

Steve Rush (BOK) has kindly offered to take pictures as part of the event. You will find Steve around the event arena as well as out in forest. Steve has photographed many orienteering events in the past, his work can be found at:

<https://www.flickr.com/people/144212955@N04/>

Photography at the event is encouraged but please do so in accordance with the British Orienteering O Safe Guidelines:

https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/images/uploaded/downloads/governance_policies_osafe.pdf

Any parent or individual who does not wish to have theirs or their children's photo taken should make themselves known to the event organiser **or Steve**.

String Course

Available for young juniors between 1000-1400. Follow signage to the main event start.

Local Hospital Details

County Hospital in Stafford has an A&E unit, open from 0800-2200 daily: ST16 3SA – 6 miles distance.

Please note that County Hospital can only offer a minor injuries service to children under the age of 16. Any children requiring non-minor-injury treatment must travel to Royal Stoke University Hospital (ST4 6QY – 23 miles distance) or Wolverhampton New Cross Hospital (WV10 0QP – 18 miles distance). Both of these hospitals have 24-hour A&E coverage.

Maps to each of the hospitals detailed above are available in the Enquiries tent or from the first aid team. Please note that the event first aid team includes a local paramedic who can advise on the most suitable hospital to attend as necessary.