



**Walton Chasers  
Orienteering Club**

## **West Midlands League Event FINAL DETAILS**

- Venue:** Haywood Warren, Cannock Chase
- Date:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022
- Directions:** The competition area is located on the north side of Cannock Chase and just south of Shugborough Park, the National Trust property. Parking at Haywood Park Farm, nearest post code ST17 0XA and signed from the main road. Accessed from the A513 between Stafford and Rugeley.  
GR: SJ 995210. What3Words: [agent.danger.lakeside](https://www.what3words.com/?w3w=agent.danger.lakeside).
- Parking:** Flat, grassy field with good access. Access to the assembly area is across the farm access road, which is also used by competitors' cars.
- Registration and entry:** Pre-entry through Fabian4 website for all courses is available: <https://www.fabian4.co.uk/default.aspx>. Closing date midnight Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022.  
**Entry on the day from 10.00 to 11.00 am only** for non-league courses - White, Yellow, Orange, Long Orange & Light Green (seniors £5, juniors £3, card or cash). A Long Orange course aimed at runners has been added.
- Start Times:** 10.30 to 12.30.
- Start and Finish:** The start is about 150 m from the edge of the assembly field. The finish is in the assembly field.  
**Courses will close at 2.30 pm.** Please return to download if still out on the course at this time. Please remember to download after your run, or a search will take place for you. Download is on site in/near car park and competitors must download before going back to their cars. Sunset is just before 6 pm and club members will need to collect in controls.
- Entry Fees:** Pre-entry for the longer and WM league courses: Seniors £12, Juniors £3.  
Pre-entry and entry on the day for non-league and beginner courses: White, Yellow Orange, Long Orange and Light Green: £5 Seniors, £3 Juniors.
- Punching:** SportIdent with mixed electronic punching i.e., SIAC enabled or traditional dibbing depending on the dibber you use. Hire of a SI card is free.
- Competition:** West Midlands League Event, competition courses listed below.  
Beginners are welcome – you can run any course you want, please ask for advice on the best one to choose if you are not sure.

**Courses:** Colour Coded: White, Yellow, Orange, Long Orange, Light Green, Short Green, Green, Blue, and Brown. Distances, climb and controls subject to final controlling:

Course	Length	Climb	No of Controls
White	1.6 km	35m	7 controls
Yellow	2.0 km	105m	10 controls
Orange	3.5 km	135m	9 controls
Long Orange	5.3km	185m	11 controls
Light Green	3.6 km	135m	7 controls
Short Green	3.2 km	145m	9 controls
Green	4.5 km	195m	11 controls
Blue	6.0 km	255m	14 controls
Brown	8.2 km	310m	16 controls

Note these course details are subject to late changes and are offered as a guide only.

**Map:** Map with recent updates.  
Scale 1:10,000, 5m contours. Pre-marked maps on waterproof paper.

**Terrain:** Typical Cannock Chase with mixed forest, conifers, and birch heathland with a range of runability and contour detail. Areas of bracken.

**Planner's comments** Two years ago, pre-covid, I planned most of this event but it was called off just a week before hand. Now two years later, we are back with the same event team of Kerstin, Jonathan and myself.  
After a year of phenomenal plant growth the bracken and bramble are much higher than expected. Luckily the bracken is beginning to die back and has improved in the run up to the event. I and a few others have spent the best part of 40 hours chopping down the worst of the growth and creating runnable conditions for you as well as the natural nice bits. To make matters worse the Forestry are thinning all the trees in the middle portion of the map and declared all their land out of bounds except for the paths that cross it. As you run you will come across signs declaring "danger of death", "Forestry work in operation", "keep out" and many more. Feel free to ignore them as we have permission to be on the paths but do take care and keep a look out just in case.  
The area is criss-crossed with mountain bike tracks that were mainly created during lockdown and seem to have been abandoned the day after lockdown ended. They are marked as small paths in black on the map and are usually safe to run along without being run down by a cyclist, BUT do be aware of cyclists all over the area, and horses near the finish.  
Enjoy.

**Facilities:** Toilets, first aid.

**Dogs:** Dogs are allowed. They should be on a lead and must leave no trace of their presence.

**Safety:** The area has had mining operations some time ago. The area can be subject to subsidence.

Whistles must be carried. Full leg cover is needed and is mandatory – no shorts. Other members of the public, walkers, horse riders and cyclists will be present so please be courteous and give way, if necessary, as much for safety as for politeness. If the weather is adverse then waterproof hooded jackets may be made compulsory and checked, a sign will be displayed at registration if necessary.

**Safety and Risk:** A risk assessment will have been carried out by the organiser, but participants take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety during the event.

**Privacy:** When entering our events your name may appear in the results section of this website.

**Officials:** Organiser: Jonathan Howell (WCH) 07971697193, jvhowell9@gmail.com  
Planner: Ray Colins (WCH)  
Controller: Kerstin Mitchell (HOC)

**Covid 19 advice** The event is being planned in line with July 21<sup>st</sup> 2021 BOF guidelines relating to Covid19. Before attending this event, orienteers should self-assess for symptoms of COVID-19 as advised on national websites.

If you, or anyone you live with, have any symptoms you should not attend the event, even if your symptoms are mild. You should follow NHS guidance on testing and self-isolation. If you have been informed that you need to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace (or are required to self-isolate in relation to travel), you must do so. You should not leave your isolation location to participate in sport and physical activity. You can find more information in the NHS guidance on how to self-isolate.

## Which Course should I run for the West Midlands League?

Competitors may score when running above class, but not below

2012 TABLE				
BOF Age Classes	Men		Women	
M/W	A/Long	B/Short	A/Long	B/Short
10	YELLOW	White	YELLOW	White
12	ORANGE	Yellow	ORANGE	Yellow
14	LIGHT GREEN	Orange	LIGHT GREEN	Orange
16	GREEN	Light Green	GREEN	Light Green
18	BLUE	Green	BLUE	Green
20	BROWN	Blue	BLUE	Green
21	BROWN	Blue	BLUE	Green
35	BROWN	Blue	BLUE	Green
40	BROWN	Blue	GREEN	Short Green

45	BLUE	Green	GREEN	Short Green
50	BLUE	Green	GREEN	Short Green
55	BLUE	Green	GREEN	Short Green
60	GREEN	Short Green	SHORT GREEN	Orange
65	GREEN	Short Green	SHORT GREEN	Orange
70	SHORT GREEN	Orange	SHORT GREEN	Orange
75	SHORT GREEN	Orange	SHORT GREEN	Orange
80 & 85	SHORT GREEN	Orange	SHORT GREEN	Orange