

Final details for the Shoal Hill West Midlands League Event: Sunday 6th May 2018

Event Access:- The event centre will be at Cannock Leisure Centre on the A34 about ½ km north of Cannock town centre at Grid Ref SJ 978107. Post code WS11 4AL. There will be signage only at this point. If approaching from the north along the A34 please take care turning right across oncoming traffic

Parking:- . We will be parking at the far end of the main Leisure centre car park. Please follow marshals' directions to avoid confusion with other leisure centre users. There is no car parking fee. Event enquiries, registration and download will all be in the car park field.

Registration:- 10.00 to 12.00.

All competitors please bring your SI card to registration (if you have one) to speed up the registration process

Start:- 10.30 to 12.30

Entry Fees:- Entry on the day only. Seniors £10 (less £2 for BOF members)
Juniors £2

Type of punching: Sport Ident (SI) electronic.

SI cards can be hired £1 for Seniors, 50p for Juniors. SIAC cards can be used but will not be available for hire. **If using a SIAC you must punch the finish control.**

Lost cards will be charged at the full cost of £30 per card so please bring hired cards back.

Terrain:-The area has a mix of terrain with an area of open heathland, some mature deciduous woodland and some scrub woodland on a restored quarry. There may be some strands of discarded barbed wire on the former quarry workings so please take care.

There are many holly bushes in the south east of the area some of which are not mapped. There is a complex path network over the site and some mountain bike tracks some of which may not be mapped.

Maps;- 1:10,000 printed on water proof paper. Control descriptions will be printed on the map and loose descriptions will be available.

Map corrections and information:-

There are a number of new paths on the S of the map which have not been mapped. An informal mountain bike park immediately NE of the finish has not been mapped.

Toilets:- will be available in the car park.

Traders:- Ultrasport will be in the car park

Dogs:- Dogs are allowed but they must be on a lead at all times.

Courses:- there is a full range of colour coded courses White, Yellow, Orange, Light Green, Short Green, Green, Blue and Brown. There is no string course.

Start and Finish:- The walk to the start leaves directly from the car park and is about 1km along a clearly marked gravel path across a golf course followed by a short section through woodland. This latter section will be taped.

The golfers have been advised that competitors will be using this public footpath but please be courteous and respect the golfers particularly playing shots. The route will be marshalled to minimise any issues. **All competitors should exercise caution when walking to and from Shoal Hill and look out for flying golf balls.** The route back from the finish is along the same footpath. **Please ensure you download before exiting the assembly field.**

Competitor Safety:- Competitors take part at their own risk.

- Cannock Chase is undermined by old coal workings and is liable to subsidence. Care must be taken as new fissures can appear suddenly.
- Competitors are forbidden to run along the public roads to the SW & NW of the map. The forbidden routes are clearly marked on the map (only Light Green to Brown affected).
- There is a steep and dangerous crag at the North of the map, the face of which is protected by dense forest undergrowth and a fence. There is also a warning sign. Care should be taken ascending and descending to the side of the crag (only Short Green to Brown affected).
- Part of the course contains small rivers, ponds and lakes. Care should be taken around particularly after heavy rain when they could be prone to flooding (only Light Green to Brown affected).
- Competitors should be aware that there are parts of the course where they might encounter tangled barbed wire on the ground and some of this is marked with yellow and black hazard tape (only Light Green to Brown affected).
- There are some steep slopes in the old quarry workings. Please exercise caution if and when negotiating these steep slopes.

The area is very popular with dog walkers, horse riders, mountain bikers and motor bikes so please treat these others users with respect and care.

A WHISTLE and FULL LEG COVER are essential to participate in this event. Both will be checked at the start.

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