



Compass Sport Cup & Trophy 2010 Qualifying Round



Organised by Southampton Orienteering Club at
Ashley Walk & Godshill in the New Forest

Final Details - Updated 15th Jan 2010

Please check the SOC website www.southampton-orienteers.org.uk for updated information especially if the weather is bad in the week leading up to the event.

There will be a final inspection on the morning of Friday 22nd and an 'Event Still On' or 'Event Cancelled' notice will be posted on the website.

Event Centre

The event centre and parking will be at Sandy Balls Holiday Centre www.sandy-balls.co.uk (Grid Ref SU169145 Postcode SP6 2JZ). There is a map of the site on the last page of these details.



Sandy Balls offers a wide range of facilities including a Swimming Pool, Gym, Bistro and Inn, and a range of accommodation from lodges and holiday homes through to touring and camping facilities. If you wish to book accommodation and take advantage of discounts being offered in conjunction with this event please contact Jen Daykin at Sandy Balls on 01425 651210 or jen@sandy-balls.co.uk.

On the day competitors will have free access to the indoor swimming pool, jacuzzi, shower and changing room facilities as space permits. We will also have exclusive use of the Woodside Suite to the rear of the Woodside Inn (see map on the last page) which has a bar of its own for drinks, tea, coffee etc and will provide an excellent warm venue to mix socially. Food can be ordered and eaten in the Woodside complex and also in the separate Bistro. Regularly updated results will be displayed in the Woodside Suite as well as at the download tent.

Directions and Parking

Sandy Balls is situated at the western end of Godshill village, a little more than a mile from Fordingbridge on the B3078.

The event will be signposted from M27 Junction 1 West of Southampton and at the junction of the A338 and B3078 at Fordingbridge.

- From the East and North via the M27: exit at junction 1 and follow signs taking the B3079, leading to the B3078 West to Fordingbridge.
- From the South and West via the A31: exit at Ringwood and follow the A338 North towards Fordingbridge, then take the B3078 East towards Godshill.
- From the North via the A338 from Salisbury: take the B3078 exit East towards Godshill.

Be aware that many New Forest roads are not fenced and you are very likely to encounter ponies, donkeys or cattle on the road or roadside at any time. Drive cautiously and adhere to the 30/40mph limits in the New Forest.

On entering the Sandy Balls site keep in the left hand lane past the reception building and follow O signs to the parking area. Please ensure you observe the Sandy Balls site speed limit of 5 mph at all times and follow marshals' directions. Parking will be on a camping and touring area to the North of the site. Anyone travelling by coach should contact the Organiser by telephone or e-mail at least 5 days before the event.

Assembly Area including Enquiries, Hired EMIT Card collection and EOD Registration

These will all be located in the SE corner of the car parking area, see map on the last page, and will be open from 09:00.

Toilet and Shower Facilities

Campsite toilet and shower blocks in the car park area will be available, as are those in the leisure centre area. There are three blocks in the camping and touring area, but they are currently being refurbished so we are not sure exactly which ones will be open – however one or more will definitely be open on the day. There will only be very limited toilet facilities (2 portaloos) near the start and finish so make the most of those in the campsite area before your walk to the start.

Traders & Catering

A wide range of catering options are available within the Sandy Balls site in the pedestrianised central area so please make the most of them. Ultrasport will also be on site.

Club Tents & Clothing Dump

There is space set aside for club tents adjacent to the parking area by Enquiries and Download – they are not permitted near the start and finish. A clothing dump will be provided near the start and finish – please bring your own bags.

Dogs

Sandy Balls dog policy is: Dogs on a lead around the site, but no dogs in any building. There is also a dedicated dog walking / exercise field (see map below). Please keep dogs under control at all times and clear up after them. Dogs are not permitted on the courses.

Map & Control Descriptions

The map will be A4 or A3 depending on course (see table below), 1:10,000 scale, with 5m contour interval and on waterproof paper. All competition courses will use IOF symbols. Pictorial Control Descriptions will be printed on the front of the map and loose waterproof Control Descriptions will only be available in the -3 minutes start box. Written Control Descriptions for White and Yellow courses will be available at Registration.

Terrain

Typical New Forest heathland with limited forest. You are reminded that this area is popular with walkers and riders so please be courteous if you encounter them.

Ashley Walk was used as a WW2 bombing range and for those interested the following links provide further information and photos of the area. http://www.atlantikwall.co.uk/atlantikwall/awall_use/ashleywalk01/html/page01.htm
<http://www.newforestexplorersguide.co.uk/sitefolders/faqs/ashleywalk/ashleywalkpage.html>
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Courses

The rules of the competition and Compass Sport Courses and Eligible Age Classes have been revised for 2010 and are detailed in Event Rules M: Compass Sport Cup & Trophy Effective Jan 2010 - now available on the British Orienteering Website. Subject to final controlling course details are as follows:

Course No	Course Colour	Age Classes	Length km	Climb m	Controls	Map Size
1	Brown	Men Open	11.9	240	19	A3
2	Blue Women	Women Open	7.5	150	12	A3
3	Blue Men	M45+ & M20-	7.9	125	10	A3
4	Green Women	W45+ & W20-	4.7	125	10	A3
5	Green Men	M60+	5.1	100	9	A3
6	Short Green Veterans	M75+ & W60+	3.8	115	9	A3
7A	Light Green Men	Men 18-	3.5	90	11	A4
7B	Light Green Women	Women 18-	3.5	90	11	A4
8A	Orange Men	Men 14-	3.1	70	9	A4
8B	Orange Women	Women 14-	3.1	70	9	A4

Note: the courses and maps for 7A&B are identical, as are 8A&B - the only difference between A & B is for competition scoring purposes to classes according to the new rules.

There will also be a White and a Yellow course for juniors and beginners not taking part in the Cup or Trophy competitions and entry for these will be available on the day.

Course No	Course Colour	Age Classes	Length km	Climb m	Controls	Map Size
9	White	Any	1.6	30	9	A4
10	Yellow	Any	2.7	70	8	A4

For more experienced orienteers not taking part in the Cup or Trophy competitions, but looking for longer courses than the white and yellow, there will be limited EOD for the other longer courses - depending on available maps and time slots. EOD entry fees for all courses are: Adults £6; Juniors £3. EMIT Card Hire: Adults £1 Juniors Free.

Unfortunately it is logistically impractical to provide a String Course at this event. However there are facilities for youngsters to burn off some energy on the Sandy Balls site including Toddlers' Wood - an indoor play area, the Family Fun Room, Adventure Playground etc.

E-cards

The Emit electronic punching system will be used. **Those hiring cards should collect them from Enquiries before going to the Start.** For those new to the system, a competitors' guide can be found on the Emit website (www.emituk.com) and an example control will be available at enquiries. It is the competitors' responsibility to ensure that their card has been correctly activated at the start and that they obtain a correct punch at the control site, including

a backup pin mark on the yellow backup card. There will be no reinstatement without evidence of punching on the backup card.

Starts

The start is a 1.5 km level walk from the car park. This follows a public footpath, then turns left onto the pavement alongside the B3078, passes in front of the Fighting Cocks PH, crosses the road at a manned crossing and then along the edge of the heathland. The 2 Portaloos and Clothing Dump are at 1km. The B3078 is a busy road and must only be crossed at the manned crossing beyond the pub.

Start times are 10.15 – 12.30. Start lists will be displayed at Enquiries and at the Start. All Cup and Trophy start times are pre allocated and available from your club captain / entry coordinator. It is a Timed Start so please make sure you arrive at the start in plenty of time. Anyone late will only be allowed to start at the discretion of the Start Officials and this is likely to involve quite a long wait for a free slot. **Note that the Blue Men's Course is full and there are no empty slots so it is especially important you are not late.** White and Yellow course competitors will be started on a turn up and go basis.

Start procedure:

Clear your EMIT Card at the Clear Control located before the start boxes

-4 min call up, EMIT Card and clothing check

-3 min collect loose copies of control descriptions

-2 min view copies of blank competition map / white and yellow pick up maps

-1 min wait to start

Out of Bounds

There is only one area placed out of bounds to protect wildlife and is marked on the maps in the usual way. It has not been marked on the ground. Only courses 1-3 go anywhere near it and the courses are planned such that nobody should need to enter the area.

Results

Results will be posted and regularly updated at Download and in the Woodside Suite. Final Results will be posted on the SOC and EMIT websites as soon as possible after the event.

Officials

Planner: David Bonser;

Controller: John Shucksmith

Organiser: Philip Eeles p.eeles@btinternet.com 01425652843

Safety

Competitors are reminded that they are responsible for their own safety and take part at their own risk. Full leg cover is obligatory and will be enforced at the start. Remember that once you have started **you must report back to the finish and download**, even if you don't complete the course, so that all competitors can be accounted for. **First Aid** will be provided by the SARUM First Aid Team who will be located near to the start and finish.

The terrain is very exposed so come prepared as in the event of severe weather the carrying of cagoules and whistles will be mandatory and you will not be allowed to start without them. If this is the case you will be advised of this on entering the event centre, leaving for the start and at the start.

In the event of anyone retiring or getting lost head West or North until you hit the B3078 and then follow it West to Godshill - do not go south.

Complaints and Protests (BOF Rule 9):

Any competitor who wishes to make a complaint should go to Enquiries to discuss the matter with the Organiser. If after consultation the complainant is unhappy with the decision, he/she may wish to raise a protest. Protests should be made in writing to the Controller accompanied by a fee of £5 (refundable if the protest is upheld). The protest will be dealt with in accordance with BOF rule 9.3. If required a Jury will be convened and a written report will be prepared.

Clubs Competing at this Qualifying round are:

Cup: BKO, BOK, Devon, SOC & TVOC **Trophy:** BADO, KERNO, N Wilts OC, QO, SARUM, WIM & WSX

See the Compass Sport Web Page for more information www.pgopage.btinternet.co.uk/id19.htm

Note: BOK were placed in the first 3 in the 2009 Final so if they win this 2010 round then an additional qualifying place shall be made available from this match for the club finishing in the next position. (Rules 4.3.5).

IN THE INTERESTS OF SAFETY ALL COMPETITORS MUST REPORT TO DOWNLOAD

COMPETITORS COMPETE IN THIS EVENT AT THEIR OWN RISK

*****SEE SITE MAP OVERLEAF*****

Sandy Balls Event Centre Map

