

Southampton Orienteering Club



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Final Information

SOC Summer Series Event 8 Gregg School: 16th July 2011

Registration 10:00 – 12:00
Starts 10:30 – 12:30
Courses close 14:00

There are three courses:
Yellow 2.0km
Orange 2.5km
Light Green 3.8km

Costs: Seniors £3, Juniors £1 – no further reductions

Please Note

The Yellow and Orange courses are entirely within the grounds of the school. These courses are suitable for novices, less experienced orienteers and children.

The Light Green course goes off the school grounds onto the nearby housing estate and crosses minor roads (all cul-de-sacs). It is only suitable for experienced orienteers. Older children can do this course at their parents discretion.

On all courses please be aware of the following:

Some of the paving, particularly in the formal garden, is very slippery. Please take care.

Beware of the barbecues, which will be in a taped-off area that is out of bounds to runners.

There is a marquee on the sundial lawn (Can you find the sun dial?). As a temporary structure it is not mapped. It may still be there on the day of the event, or it may have been removed. If it is still there, please treat it as out of bounds. We can use it as a rain shelter for pick-nicking (if it is still there).

Yellow and Orange Courses

Text control descriptions are provided. It is important to understand the following 'jargon' terms that have not been translated:

Linear Thicket = Hedge

Crossing Point = gate-way

Light Green Course

The control description symbol for a crossing point has been used for two gate-ways. One of the gates is locked, so technically it is probably not a crossing point! You don't need to go through this gate, so there is no problem; just please don't get confused.

Southampton Orienteering Club is a members of SCOA and affiliated to British Orienteering, the National Governing Body for Orienteering.



The Light Green course leaves the school grounds and returns through a mandatory crossing point that is listed on the control description and shown on the map. This is the only location where it is possible to cross an un-crossable fence.

Competitors take part at your own risk.

Note on Mapping

This event uses a map drawn to the so called "Sprint Map" specification (ISSOM2007).

As there are a few important differences compared with "normal maps" (ISOM2000), please take some time to study the map keys provided.

In particular please be aware that for a sprint map impassable features **MUST NOT BE CROSSED** (whereas on a normal map un-crossable is advisory).

This includes flower beds, walls, fences and hedges as well as other features that you may not encounter today. These must not be crossed by jumping or by any other means (e.g. jet pack). Even if you can jump, it would give an unfair advantage and set a bad example for younger orienteers who might not be able to jump quite so far and cause damage.

In the case of hedges, even holes in the hedges **MUST NOT BE USED**. All official routes through the hedges are mapped.

On a more positive note it is useful to recognise the canopy symbol, which is a building (or part of a building) where it is possible (and permitted) to go underneath.

Part of the challenge is to find the fastest route through the maze of constraints.

It is important to respect these rules, to ensure that we are allowed to continue to use the venue in future.

If you are in doubt about something you see on the ground, please run round it.