



# **British Schools' Score Orienteering Championships 2017**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Rother Valley Country Park**

**Organised by**

**South Yorkshire Orienteers**

**Final Details**

*“Rotherham Borough Council, Rother Valley Country Park,  
British Schools Orienteering Association and South  
Yorkshire Orienteers welcome you to Rother Valley for the  
2017 British Schools' Score Orienteering Championships”*

## **What is a 'Score' competition?**

This is a competition where participants score points by visiting as many controls as possible in any order within a pre-specified time limit. Points are deducted if the time limit is exceeded. For this event there will be approximately 30 controls in the area, with around 8 to 10 controls in a loop equivalent to a White course on the British Orienteering Colour Coded system. The remaining controls will give a mixture of yellow, orange, light green and green standard control sites.

## **Time limit**

The time limit will be **45 minutes for all pupils**. Competitors do not have to stay out for the whole of this time.

## **Scoring System**

Pupils score 10 points for each control correctly punched; 5 points will be deducted for every minute or part of a minute late. In the event of a tie on points, the shortest time will decide the result. It is OK to visit a control more than once, but it will only count once. No competitor will register a negative score. If the points deducted for being later exceed the points scored then the competitor will be given a score of zero.

## **Who can take part?**

The event is for pupils in years 5 to 13 inclusive. Pupils below year 5 may only run if they are experienced (having gained white colour-coded standard). This is a schools' competition and all entries must be made through your school. Schools do not have to be members of the BSOA to enter. It is not necessary for a member of the school staff to accompany the team, but the team must be accompanied by an adult (e.g. a parent) approved by the school. The Head teacher's signature is required on the entry form. Home educated children are allowed to take part in the event with the proviso that the entry form is signed by an authorised member of the Education Authority who can confirm that the child/children are on their 'roll'.

## **Pairs**

Pupils in years 5 to 8 may compete in pairs. They should stay together and cross the finishing line together.

- If a pair contains two different age categories then they compete in the older age category.
- If a pair contains a boy and a girl then they compete in the Boys category in the age class of the oldest of the pair.

## **Photography**

Photography – consent has been given on the entry form. Where not, please speak to the organiser on the day.

If anyone has concerns about inappropriate taking of images, these should be reported to the event organiser straight away.

As usual, Ray Barnes the official BSOA photographer will be taking photographs in several places at BSSC so that they can be placed on the BSOA web site. There will be no names or ages attached. If you wish to use any of the photos then please email [bsoasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:bsoasecretary@gmail.com) to ask for permission - include the photo's number. We will email you a far better resolution photo and ask that Ray Barnes be credited. If you wish to have a photograph removed please email [bsoasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:bsoasecretary@gmail.com).

## **Equipment Required**

Clothing: Orienteering kit, or a T-shirt or long-sleeved shirt and tracksuit bottoms or long running lycras are acceptable for this event. NO SHORTS. Please check the weather forecast and dress accordingly. The Park is very exposed in places.

Footwear: O shoes, trainers (or shoes with a good grip).

In addition, a watch, which will let pupils know how long they have been out for, is essential. A compass is recommended. Whistles will be compulsory and checked at the Start – NO WHISTLE NO GO. A number of spare whistles will be available for loan at the Start.

### **Punching**

SI electronic punching will be used and an SI card will be handed to each competitor / pair in the pre-start area. A demonstration control and SI card will be at Assembly. Personal SI cards can also be used. Your SI number will be recorded at the Start. Lost SI cards will have to be paid for. Please hand in your loaned SI card when you download.

### **Controls**

The controls will be secured to a nearby feature using a “griple”, which is a wire loop. This is to prevent vandalism. The wire loop goes through the SI box and competitors should make sure their SI card is properly inserted into the hole and a punch is recorded. Listen for a beep and look for a flash.

There are 3 punch boxes on the side of the map, to be used, if it is believed that the control box is not working. Each control site has a clipper punch attached to it, under the control box. Punch in one of the boxes.

## Essential Briefing Items

*Please ensure all competitors are fully briefed on this competition and safety information.*

*The responsible adult for each team will be required to sign at registration to say that they have briefed all their team members with this information.*

- Competitors and/or accompanying adults are not allowed into the competition area before or after they have run. There are adequate viewing points. See map below.
- Follow the signed route to the start and to and from car parks.
- Please check you have a whistle and a watch.
- The time limit is 45 minutes.
- Please wear your number on your front.
- The River Rother runs north south through the park. It is deep and dangerous. It must only be crossed at three places where there are bridges.
- The lakes are un-crossable.
- All the car parks have been marked "out of bounds". Do not run through them when you are competing. This is for your safety.
- Out of bounds is shown as purple or red hatching.
- Do not run along the mountain bike tracks which have purple crosses on them which is a forbidden route symbol. If crossing one look right and left first.
- Please show consideration to other users of the park such as walkers and cyclists and take care not to frighten dogs and horses.
- Rother Valley Country Park will be open to the general public. All roads may have slow moving vehicles and bicycles on them. Please run on the sides of roads using the wide grass verges where possible.
- The area will be patrolled by SYO helpers, all wearing yellow helper tabards. You may ask them for help if you are feeling unsafe, or are lost and have been out longer than 45 minutes. Some will be on bicycles.
- There is a lot of duck poo in places. Wash your hands before eating.
- Please view the Finish before you run as you can access the Finish control from more than one direction.
- If running as a pair you must stay together and must cross the finishing line together.
- If you have had to punch any of the boxes on the map please tell an official at the Finish.
- Please ensure you promptly download in the Assembly area after your run.
- Please use the litter bins provided.

## Travel and Car Parking

Rother Valley Country Park is signed from the A57. Leave the M1 at junction 31. There are brown tourist signs on the A57 directing you to the Park. When you leave the A57 you travel south on the A618 to the Park entrance which is on your right.

It would be helpful if you did not arrive before 9.45am to avoid conflicting with a "Park Run" that starts at 9.00am.

When you enter the Park there is a barrier and payment booth. The parking charge is £5. It is then 2km to the parking which is in a number of locations, all hard standing. See event map. Please follow the instructions of the parking marshals and do not park in taped areas that we have been requested to leave open for other park users.

Assembly is 100 – 200 metres from the parking.

## Rother Valley website

<http://www.rvcpc.co.uk/Home.aspx>

## Assembly

After parking please, come to the Assembly area. The toilets and a café are located here.

## Registration

Open at 10.00am

Please visit here to make any entry changes and collect athlete numbers. Pairs will both have a number. Pins will be provided. The registration pack will also contain participation certificates for all competitors and a map reclaim voucher. One per school. There is no entry on the day.

## Traders

Ultrasport will be present with a full range of orienteering equipment. There is large café at Assembly and the ice cream van may be present from 12 noon.

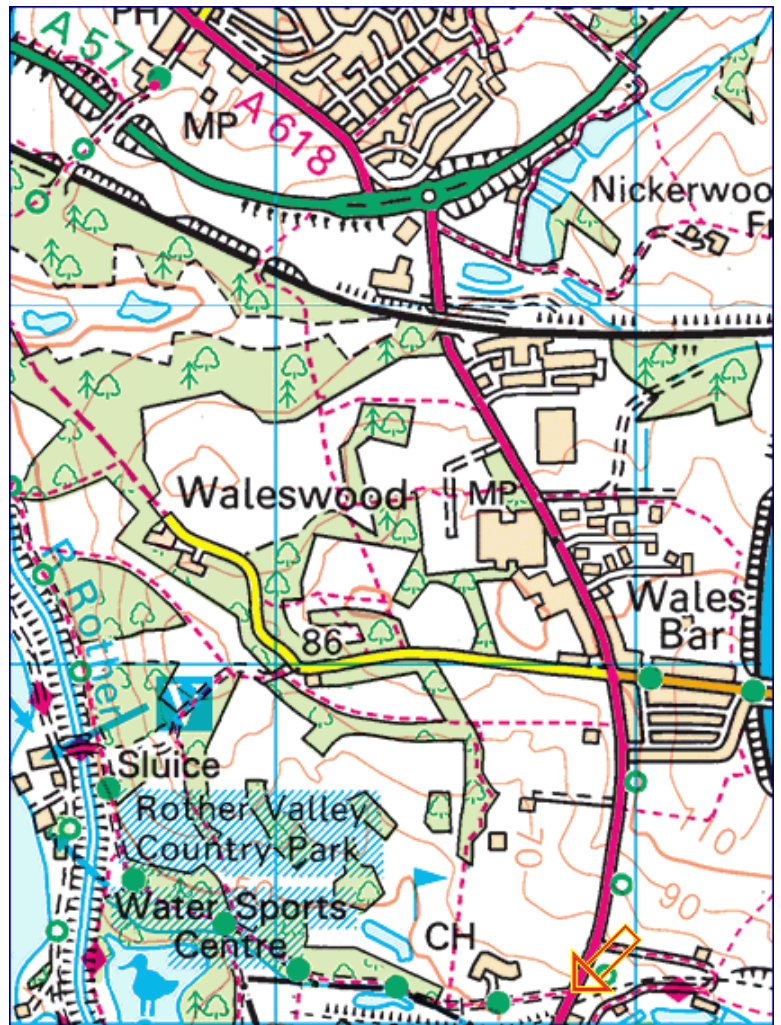
## First Aid

A club first aider will be present in Assembly for minor injuries.

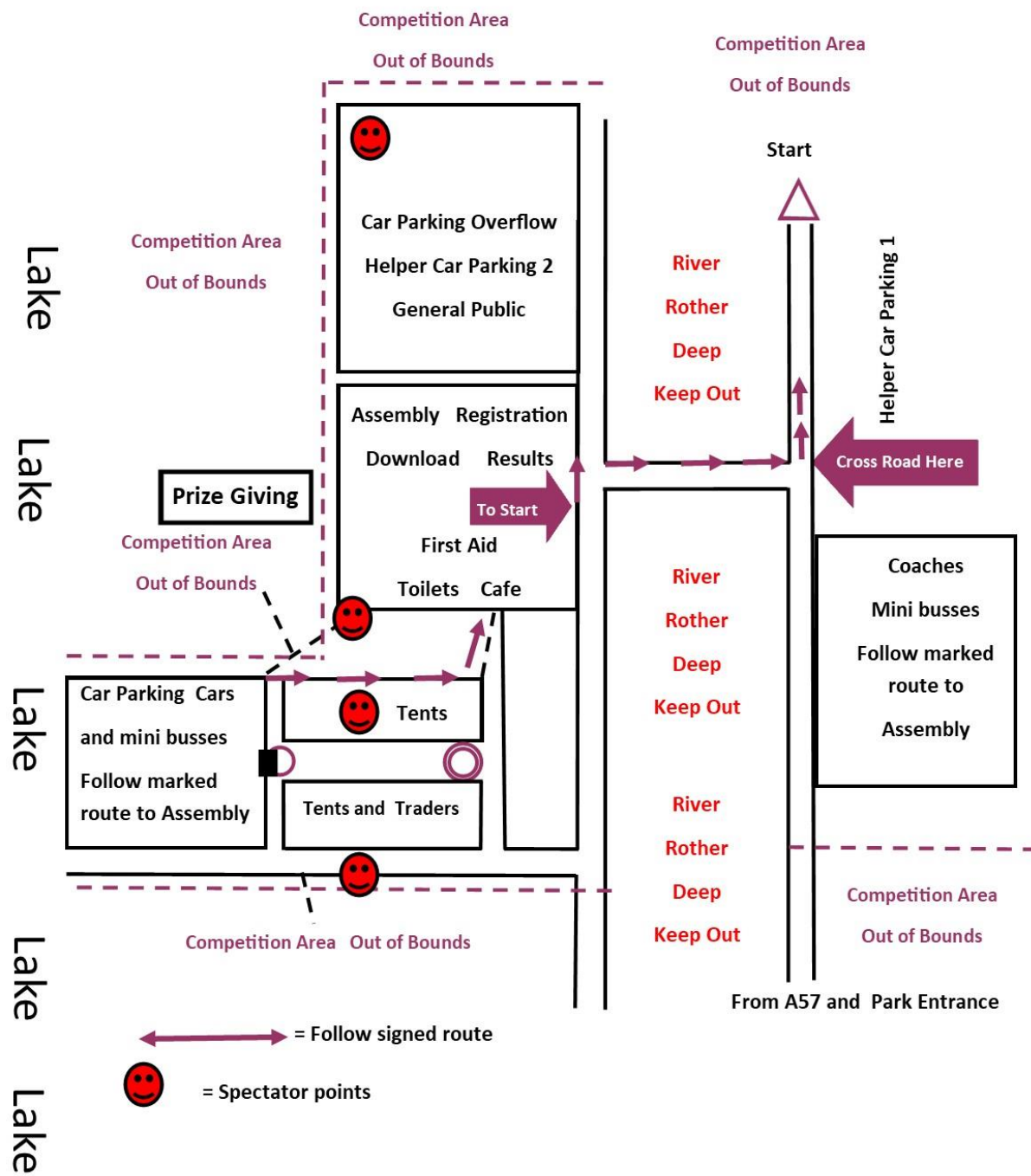
Accident and Emergency facilities:

Under 18s: Rotherham: Rotherham Hospital, Moorgate Road, Rotherham S60 2UD OR Sheffield Children's Hospital, Western Bank, Sheffield S10 2TH

18 and over: Sheffield: Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Glossop Rd, Sheffield S10 2JF (minor injuries) and Northern General Hospital, Herries Rd, Sheffield S5 7AU



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## **Map and Terrain**

Map scale: 1:10,000 Contour interval: 5 metres. Resurveyed and drawn September 2017 by Peel Land Surveys. Maps will be on waterproof paper and overprinted with the controls.

The Park consists of three very large lakes, the River Rother and a mixture of open areas, woodland and thickets. There is a good path and road network. In the woodland on the east side of the map the paths are mountain bike tracks. Do not run along the mountain bike tracks which have purple crosses on them which is a forbidden route symbol.

Most of the roads have slow moving vehicles or bicycles on them. In most places, there are very wide verges to run on. Please use them.

## **Round Rotherham Marathon**

Competitors may meet participants in the Round Rotherham Marathon coming towards them. They will have already run 20 miles by this point and will be well spread out.

## **The Start**

The start times are from 11.00am until 1.00pm. This is slightly later than normal to avoid conflict with the Rother Valley Park Run.

Starts will be at one-minute intervals, but pupils from the same school will normally start at least 4 minutes apart.

The route to the Start will be signposted from Assembly. It is 200 metres, with no climb. Supporters must return to assembly by the same route. Please cross the road at the marshalled point.

## **Start Procedure**

**Minus 6:** Call Up by name

**Minus 5:** Issue of SI dibber

**Minus 4:** Whistle check. Whistles for loan will be distributed at this point.

**Minus 3:** Clear

**Minus 2:** Check and pairs will have numbers marked

**Minus 1:** Map issue - maps can be viewed to decide on route

**Zero:** Go – *Punch the Start Control* – Your time then starts from here.

## **Controls and Control Descriptions**

The controls are numbered on the map from 31 to 58. Numbers 31 to 41 constitute a white standard loop. The control descriptions are on the front of the map, in text. There are no loose descriptions.

## **Finish**

The Finish is shown on the site map. It is a short distance from Assembly. Please follow the marked route between Assembly and the Finish. Pairs must finish together. Please go immediately and download in the Assembly area after finishing. There are a number of viewing points indicated on the site map.

There is space to erect tents at the Finish. The area is subject to freak high winds because of the lakes. *At a minimum, large tents should be anchored with exterior guy lines.* Extra guy lines inside the tent will be required if it is

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a windy day. You may be asked to remove your tent by the Park authorities if the weather is bad and it does not have exterior guy lines. This is a condition of use of the area and for health and safety reasons.

After finishing please go promptly to download in the Assembly area. Follow the signs.

### **Map Reclaim**

All finishers, until the time of the last start, must hand in their maps. These can be collected by their school team leader from Assembly after the last start in exchange for a token which will be in the registration pack.

### **Spot Prizes**

There will be spot prizes at download!

### **Spectating**

Competitors or any accompanying adults are not allowed to enter the competition area. There are a number of points identified on the site map where you can spectate other than at the Finish. These are shown on the site map.

### **Event Jury and Complaints**

Complaints should be made at the Registration point. The event jury is Barry Elkington, Ray Barnes and Henry Morgan.

### **Prize Giving**

Prize Giving will take place at 2.15pm, run by BSOA, or as soon as practical after then. It will be held on the west side of the ruined mills. (By Assembly) BSOA have funded the medals and team certificates for the British Schools Score Championships.

Spare medals for non-counters in winning teams will be available from BSOA @£1.50 each once the prize giving has finished.

Prizes will be presented by Pat Smith MBE Vice President of the Sports & Recreation Alliance and British Orienteering Squad members.

### **Individual Medals**

Medals will be given to the first three pupils (or pairs) in each age class. Years 5 to 9 will compete in separate year classes. Years 10 & 11 will be combined into one age class as will Years 12 & 13. Competitors in Years 5 to 8 may run in pairs.

Certificates will be awarded to all competitors.

### **Team Awards**

BSSC is primarily aimed at school team competition. Medals, certificates and a team prize will be awarded to the top three teams in each category

Primary Boys (Years 5 & 6) Best 4 scores to count

Primary Girls (Years 5 & 6) Best 4 scores to count

Middle / Prep Boys (Years 5 - 8) Best 4 scores to count from at least 2 years

Middle / Prep Girls (Years 5 - 8) Best 4 scores to count from at least 2 years

Lower Secondary Boys (Y7 - 9) Best 6 scores to count from at least 2 years

Lower Secondary Girls (Y7 - 9) Best 6 scores to count from at least 2 years

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Upper Secondary Boys (Y10 - 13) Best 6 scores to count

Upper Secondary Girls (Y10 - 13) Best 6 scores to count

In the event of a tie on points the shortest total time of the scorers will count.

Medals for non-scorers in a winning team will be available at a cost of £1.50 at the **end** of prize giving from BSOA .

### **Officials:**

Organiser: Peter Guillaume

Planner: Charlie Adams

Controller: Ranald Macdonald

Computing: Michael Napier

Safety Officer: Susan Guy

Helper Coordinator: Jacky Dakin

Prize Giving: BSOA and Melanie Elkington

### **Event Details**

These are the Final details. Any updates will be posted on the SYO website as news items.

[www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk](http://www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk)

### **Public Score Event**

There will be a public score event following the schools event. This event is ideal for newcomers, whilst still providing a challenge to experienced orienteers.

Format - 45 minutes to find as many controls as you can. Each control is worth 10 points. Collecting all the controls will provide a significant challenge even to elite orienteers! 5 points penalty for each minute or part minute late back.

Prizes: Small prizes for male and female winner, plus anyone else who can get all controls in 45 minutes.

Registration – 1.00pm- 1.30pm. Entry on the day only.

Start - Start times 1.45 - 2:00

NB No unaccompanied under 16s due to road crossing. All under 16s should compete in the BSSC in the morning as road crossings will be marshalled.

### **British Schools Orienteering Association**

The BSOA exists to provide a link between schools and mainstream Orienteering. It is affiliated to British Orienteering and has approximately 200 schools as members. Teams representing BSOA are sent to the World Schools Orienteering Championships, which are held biannually. At present membership of BSOA is free. If you are not already a member then BSOA will add your school details to their database to ensure your school is kept up to date with future events.

Further details of the BSOA can be obtained from [www.bsoa.org](http://www.bsoa.org)