



# Edinburgh Southern Orienteering Club



## BRITISH SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS WEEKEND 2025

Saturday 15th / Sunday 16th November 2025

This weekend's events are being staged near Edinburgh by Edinburgh Southern Orienteering Club (ESOC), Forth Valley Orienteers (FVO) the Scottish Orienteering Association (SOA) and British Schools Orienteering Association (BSOA).

These event details should be read in conjunction with the rules for this event found under National Competitions at [www.bsoa.org](http://www.bsoa.org)

Please note that there is a spreadsheet for you to complete to enter your team. To enter BSOC you need to download it, complete it, save it such that your school's name appears in the file name, then email it to [bsoasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:bsoasecretary@gmail.com). You can also enter individually but include the name of your school. If you have difficulties in filling in the form, then please contact entries.

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PLEASE NOTE THAT ENTRY FORMS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNLESS PAYMENT IS RECEIVED

THE CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF THE ENTRIES SPREADSHEET AND PAYMENT IS 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

## BRITISH SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

Sunday 16th November 2025 at Hopetoun House, South Queensferry, Edinburgh  
EH30 9SL

### EVENT DETAILS

This information should be read in conjunction with the Competition Rules which can be found at [www.bsoa.org](http://www.bsoa.org) under "National Competitions".

#### Who can take part?

The event is for pupils in years 5 to 13 inclusive (P5-S6 in Scotland) but note that it is the pupil's date of birth that determines the class they enter, not necessarily their school year. Classes are denoted by National Curriculum School Years (e.g., G7 means Girls Year 7 or S1/P7 in Scotland) but date of birth is the key entry criteria.

Further information on dates of birth etc may be found in Table 1 below, especially for the Scottish School years which are different to those in England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Table 1: Comparison chart between School age/year systems

INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES				
Age	Orienteering Class (G=girls, B=boys)	Course to Enter - England, Wales, N Ireland school years	Course to Enter - Scottish School Years	
			Born 1Sept - 29Feb	Born 1Mar - 31Aug
9-10	G5/B5	Year 5	P6	P5
10-11	G6/B6	Year 6	P7	P6
11-12	G7/B7	Year 7	S1	P7
12-13	G8/B8	Year 8	S2	S1
13-14	G9/B9	Year 9	S3	S2
14-15	G10/B10	Year 10	S4	S3
15-16	G11/B11	Year 11	S5	S4
16-17	G12/B12	Year 12	S6	S5
17-18	G13/B13	Year 13	MUST BE BORN ON OR AFTER 1ST SEPTEMBER 2007	S6
Notes				
1	Younger competitors may enter if they can competently complete a White course by themselves			
2	If any pupil defers a school year, their age is the defining factor			

Schools do not have to be members of the British Schools Orienteering Association to enter. It is not necessary for a member of the school staff to accompany the team, but the team must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

#### Pairs

Pupils in Years 5 to 8 may compete in pairs.

- If a pair comes from different years, then they must be entered as the higher year.
- If they are not the same gender, then they should be entered as boys.

Pairs must stay together and cross the finish line together.

#### School Categories

We would recommend that you consult the full rules which are on the BSOA website at [www.bsoa.org](http://www.bsoa.org).

SCHOOL COMPETITION		
Type of school	Year groups (English system)	Year groups (Scottish system)
Primary	5 and 6	No Scottish school classes as 'primary' if they have P7s
Middle/prep	5 to 8	No older than S2 (most Scottish primaries should fit here)
Large Secondary	7+ (601 or more on roll)	S1-S6 (601 or more on roll)
Small Secondary	7+ (600 or less on roll)	S1-S6 (600 or less on roll)
Tertiary	12 and 13	S6 only

To help with your School Category a simplified flow chart can be found there in the box under the rules.

As this is a school event, ideally all entries should be made through your school.

Home schooled children should include the words 'home school' in the school's name.

Competitors should have competed in at least three orienteering events at the appropriate standard before the Schools Championships.

## Course details

Table 2: Age class technical standards and target winning times.

Class	Target Technical Level	Target Winning Time min	Class	Target Technical Level	Target Winning Time min
G5*	White	10 - 12	B5*	White	10 - 12
G6*	White	12 - 14	B6*	White	12 - 14
G7*	Yellow	14 - 16	B7*	Yellow	14 - 16
G8*	Yellow	16 - 18	B8*	Yellow	16 - 18
G9	Orange	18 - 22	B9	Orange	18 - 22
G10	Orange	22 - 26	B10	Orange	22 - 26
G11	Light Green	26 - 30	B11	Light Green	26 - 30
G12	Light Green	30 - 35	B12	Light Green	30 - 35
G13	Green	35 - 40	B13	Green	35 - 40

(White = TD 1; Yellow = TD2; Orange = TD3; Light Green = TD4; Green = TD5)

Pairs may compete in years 5 to 8, as indicated by \*

## Photographs

BSOA appointed photographer Ray Barnes will be in attendance and his photos will be on the BSOA website after the event. Jim Clarke will be taking photos of the run in. These photos will be taken in compliance with British Orienteering O Safe Guidelines. Submission of the entry form implies permission for these official photographs to be taken.

## Cost and Entry Details

£8.00 per individual: £16.00 per pair

All entries must be on the downloaded spreadsheet which should be saved such that the name of your school appears in the file name. This should then be emailed to bsoasecretary@gmail.com no later than Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025.

Then ensure payment is made, preferably by BACS.

Account name	British Schools Orienteering Association
Bank	Lloyds Bank
Sort Code	30 95 41
Account Number	01301825
Reference	Please ensure your school's name is in the Reference field

Alternatively post a cheque payable to 'British Schools Orienteering Association' postmarked no later than Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 with the school's name written on the back to:  
BSOC entries, 5 Rounds Hill, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 1DW. There is no late entry or entry on the day

Entry Enquiries to: Mel Elkington bsoasecretary@gmail.com

A spreadsheet with your school's start times on will be emailed out the week before the event.

### **Parking, Event Centre, Facilities, Finish and Starts**

Vehicles will be parked on hard standing at the front (east side) of Hopetoun House. Coaches and minibuses will be accommodated in the same car park (please indicate if you will be bringing a coach or minibus when entering the event). There is no height barrier on entry.

Parking charges (TBC and collected on the day). Coaches £10, Minibuses £5, Cars £3

### **Location data (main estate gate)**

Grid Ref: NT095790

Postcode: EH30 9SN

What3words: fiery.invents.withdraw

GPS coordinates: 55.995483, -3.4518099

Although the location data for the main entrance to Hopetoun House are given above, **YOU MUST follow the travel directions given below**, to avoid ending up at the wrong (closed) estate gate.

**From the South or North:** use the motorway system to access the M90 and exit the M90 at junction 1A, just south of the Queensferry Crossing bridge across the Firth of Forth. At junction 1A take the A904 east, signposted Queensferry and Kirkliston and then immediately turn left at traffic lights onto the B924, following the Hopetoun House brown sign. Follow this road through the residential area for approx 0.8 miles then turn left onto Farquhar Terrace (Post Code for Sat Nav EH30 9RT) following a grey Hopetoun House sign and an orienteering sign (the junction is right under the approach road for the old Forth Road Bridge). Follow this road for 1.5 miles to the main gate of Hopetoun House. NB The first half mile of this road follows a fairly narrow residential street and then a narrow country road for 1 mile, but the locals are used to coaches coming and going.

### **From the East**

- From NW Edinburgh take the A90 Queensferry Road which merges onto the M90 then take the first exit 1A and proceed as above
- From the northern end of the Edinburgh City Bypass (A720), turn right at the Gogar roundabout then take a left onto the A902 signed Forth Road Bridge. After 1.2 miles turn left onto the A90 which after 3.5 miles merges onto the M90 then take the first exit 1A and proceed as above

### **From the West**

- From the M8 – at junction 2 merge onto the M9 then the M90, proceed as above
- From the M9 - exit at junction 2, turn left, and then turn right onto the A904. Proceed for 3.5 miles to the next major roundabout, go straight ahead and then immediately turn left at

traffic lights onto the B924, following the Hopetoun House brown sign. Proceed as above NB Do not follow the brown signs for the Hopetoun House Farm Shop or Gardens (1 mile after leaving the M9)

### **Event Layout and Facilities (to be confirmed in the Final Details)**

Download and Enquiries will be in a dedicated building, on the north side of Hopetoun House and close to the car/coach park. Look out for the green ESOC sail banner and follow the Orienteering signs.

The Assembly Area, Start and Finish will all be close, and signed from, the coach/car park area

- Toilets are available in a separate building close to the Registration building and will be signed from the car/coach park.
- Club First aid cover will be on hand near to the Finish.
- There will also be free Maze for anyone to try.

### **Map and Control descriptions**

A waterproof five colour map at a scale of 1:7,500 with 5 metre contours, overprinted with the controls and control descriptions in written format. Separate, loose control descriptions will not be available.

A blank map will be emailed to each school with the final details.

### **Hopetoun House**

Hopetoun House is a historic stately home near South Queensferry and is one of the finest examples of the work of the Scottish architects Sir William Bruce and Robert Adam. Some of the TV show *Outlander* was filmed here. The house and grounds occupy a commanding position overlooking the Firth of Forth to the north.

The landscaped gardens around the house have a good network of paths and many interesting woodland features. The wider Deer Park provides fast running on contoured slopes, and possibly sightings of deer in the distance. Access between the two sections of the map is through compulsory marked crossing points, which will be manned. The "ha-ha" (a type of landscape design that serve as a vertical barrier) separating parts of the two sections is "uncrossable" too, and marked with a red line.

### **Equipment Required**

Personal gear needs to be Orienteering kit or a T-shirt or long-sleeved shirt, tracksuit bottoms and trainers (or good grip-soled shoes). No Shorts or Jeans. Long sleeved shirts are recommended for the Orange, Light Green and Green courses. If the weather is bad, a waterproof jacket, cagoule, or something similar may be made compulsory.

A compass is strongly recommended, and whistles are compulsory.

### **SI Control Punching**

The SI electronic punching system will be used, and SI cards will be provided at the event.

Competitors may use their own SI card, but this must be indicated on the entry form and the SI card used must match the card number shown on their competitor number label. If not, enquiries must be notified, and any changes made before the competitor starts. In the interests of fairness, the ability to punch "contactlessly" with your own SI card (i.e. active SIAC) will be disabled.

### **Awards**

Medals will be given to the first three individuals in each age class, the first three teams (of three) in each age class, and the first three schools in each category of school.

Participation Certificates will be awarded to all competitors.

### **Trophies**

Trophies will be presented to the winning school for each age class and the winning school in each category of school. If you hold a trophy from BSOC 2024 please return it to enquiries as soon as you arrive at the event.

### **Timings and Prize Giving**

The intended start period is from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm (TBC)

Prize giving will take place as early as possible, but provisionally should be at around 2.00 pm.

### **Dogs**

Dogs are welcome providing they are kept on a short lead in the parking area and around the estate. Dogs are not allowed on the courses or in Hopetoun House.

### **Event officials**

General Enquiries: Melanie Elkington bsoasecretary@gmail.com Tel no. 01926 854639 (9am to 9pm)

Organisers: Emma Anderson (ESOC) and Jayne MacGregor (ESOC)

Planner: Martin Caldwell (ESOC)

Controller: Terry O'Brien BEM (STAG)

### **Acknowledgments**

With thanks to Hopetoun House and Hopetoun Estate for hosting this event, and to Emma Parker, the Hopetoun House Ranger, for helping to facilitate organisation and access.

## **BRITISH SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025 TRAINING EVENT**

### **Saturday 15th November 2025 at Beecraigs Country Park near Linlithgow**

#### **EVENT DETAILS**

Forth Valley Orienteers (FVO) are holding a local event at Beecraigs Country Park, 10 miles west of Edinburgh and accessible from the M9 motorway. Website [here](#) with details of all the park amenities.

#### **Who can take part?**

Anyone (seniors or juniors) can take part in this event; they do not have to be members of the British Schools Orienteering Association.

Full details and entry information will be on the FVO website [here](#) in due course

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES AND ABOUT THE BRITISH SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION**

### **Other activities**

For anyone bringing a school group to the event, there are numerous places of interest to visit in the area – the list below concentrates on activities to the south and west of Edinburgh. There are of course all the attractions of the City of Edinburgh (Castle, Arthurs's Seat, Dynamic Earth, Palace of Holyrood etc)

- Linlithgow Palace [Linlithgow-palace](#)
- Blackness Castle [Blackness Castle](#)
- Boat tours on the Firth of Forth (from South Queensferry) [Forthtours.com](#)
- Edinburgh International Climbing Centre (indoor) [Edinburgh-international-climbing-arena/](#)
- Edinburgh Surf Park (outdoor) <https://www.lostshore.com/>

- Bo'Ness and Kinneil Steam Railway <https://www.bkrailway.co.uk/>
- Hillend Ski slope and alpine coaster [Snowsports Centre | Midlothian Council](#)
- Kelpies (giant horse head sculptures near Falkirk) [The Kelpies Falkirk](#)
- Falkirk Wheel [Scottish Canals | The Falkirk Wheel Forth & Clyde](#)
- Bonaly Country Park with permanent O course) [Bonaly Park Anytime O](#)
- Pentland Hills Regional Park [Pentland Hills visitor guide and map – Pentland Hills](#)

### **British Schools Orienteering Association**

The British Schools Orienteering Association (BSOA) exists to provide a link between schools and mainstream orienteering. It is affiliated to the British Orienteering Federation. Membership of BSOA is at present £0 and open to all British schools.