

**Southampton Orienteering Club
2011 November Classic
and EOC Selection Race**

Final Details

Date: Sunday 6 November 2011

Venue: Busketts Lawn, New Forest.

Car Park and Assembly area: Ashurst Forestry Commission Caravan Site. The site entrance is located at GR SU332101. The nearest Postcode is SO40 7AR.

Travel:

Car: Drivers are requested to approach the car park from the East along the A35 Southampton to Lyndhurst Road. If you do approach from the West and the road is busy you are requested to continue into Ashurst and turn around. The entrance will be signed immediately after the railway bridge on the West side of Ashurst approximately 200m before the turning into the caravan site. There will be a charge of £1 per car collected inside the site entrance. Please have your £1 ready then park as directed. The car park will open at 0815. When leaving, if traffic is tailing back from the entrance, to avoid long delays drivers are requested to turn left onto the A35.

Train: Ashurst Railway Station is located less than 300m from the car park entrance. There is an hourly service from both Southampton and Bournemouth.

Bus: A limited (2 hourly) Sunday service runs between Southampton and Ashurst.

Key information for competitors entered in the November Classic:

Competitors must follow marked routes from enquiries to the start and return from the finish the same way. Both routes cross a busy main road.

This is an EMIT event. Hired EMIT cards and spare back-up cards will be at enquiries. A demonstration control will be located close to the enquiries tent.

Distance/time from enquiries to the start: 1km/20 mins.

There is a clothing dump 200m before the start.

There will be a 4 minute call up.

Whistles should be carried and a waterproof/hooded top may be compulsory – come prepared!

There are two finishes.

All competitors must report to the download even if they retire. Download is adjacent to enquiries.

Courses close at 1430

Facilities:

Plan: A layout plan of the carpark and assembly area follows.

Toilets: Portaloos will be located in the assembly area.

Traders: Tom's Burger Van, Stone Farm Caterers (formally Fuel Caterers), UltraSport and the Compass Point shop will be located in the assembly area.

The South Central Junior Squad will be selling cakes at the event on behalf of squad funds. Your patronage will be gratefully appreciated.

Enquiries: The enquiries tent is located in the assembly area adjacent to the traders. Enquires will be open from 0830 – 1230.

First Aid: The Sarum First Aid Team will be located close to the finishes for the Classic courses.

Club Tents: There is a grassed area at assembly allocated for club tents. Please bring your club tent and use this facility.

Entry on the Day Courses: There are two EOD wayfarer courses plus a string course. For details see the section headed Entry On Day following the main event details.

Plan:



Registration November Classic Courses: There will be **no late entries** for The Classic courses. There is no requirement for competitors pre-entered for the November Classic to register again. On the day requests for changes between courses will only be considered if the request is due to genuine unforeseen circumstances. Changes will be subject to the availability of maps and start slots. Requests should be made at the enquiries tent. Competitors with outstanding payments or refunds due should contact the enquiries team. For details of Entry On Day and string courses see the separate section below.

EMIT:

Emit Electronic Punching: It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that their card has been correctly activated at the Start and that they obtain a correct punch at controls, including a backup pin mark on the paper backup card, by placing their card flat onto the control bed. There will be no reinstatement without evidence of punching on the backup card.

November Classic competitors hiring EMIT cards should collect them from the enquiries tent located in the assembly area before leaving for the start. Competitors with their own EMIT card should proceed directly to the start. Spare paper back up cards will be available at enquiries. Hired EMIT cards will be collected at download. A charge of £40 will be raised for lost cards. A demonstration control will be located close to enquiries. Competitors may use this to check their EMIT card is registering with the receiving station. There will be no spare EMIT cards at the the Classic start.

Start: Start times will be published on the SOC Website no later than 8pm on the 3 Nov 2011. Start times will be displayed at enquiries and in the pre-start area. **Please note it is the responsibility of all competitors to arrive at the start in time for their allocated start. Late arrivals will only be allowed to start when a suitable vacant slot is available and when it does not affect class seeding. On heavily subscribed courses this may result in a long wait.** The start will be signed from enquiries and is approximately 1000m walk. The route crosses the A35. Competitors **MUST** use the manned crossing point. It is recommended you allow at least 20 min to walk to the start. The A35 can be very busy even in November so it may take some time to cross. **Please take care crossing the road.** Final responsibility for crossing the road safely remains with the competitor. Competitors wishing to warm-up should do so before crossing the A35. There will be a clothing dump located after the A35 crossing approximately 200m before the start. Call up will be at -4mins. Loose control descriptions will be available in the start lanes at -3 mins. Blank maps will be displayed in the start lanes at -3mins. Juniors running the White and Yellow courses will be given their maps at Call Up and may discuss their course with an accompanying adult before starting. It is a punching start. The centre of the start triangle will be marked on the ground by an orienteering flag visible from the start lane.

Map and Planner's notes – Classic Courses: The area has been mapped twice before, and has been used for the November Classic in 1977, 1984 & 1994.

Map: This map is completely new, surveyed & drawn during 2009-2011. though of course it has gained much valuable input from the previous map. The scale is

1:15,000 for the black, brown and short brown courses and 1:10,000 for all other courses. All maps are A4 in size, printed on waterproof paper by Nigel Benham of BML.

The map has been drawn using OCAD8 and standard IOF symbols with the following uses of special feature symbols:

green circle - unusual or single tree

green cross - rootstock (only those larger than 1 metre)

black circle - post (remnants of old enclosure fences)

black cross - hide

Old decayed rootstocks that have the appearance of small knolls have been mapped as small knolls.

There is no room on the maps for a full legend, though the special symbols listed above are explained on the maps. Full legends will be available from Enquiries.

Control Descriptions:

Control descriptions will be printed on the front of the map. Loose control descriptions will be available in the start lanes. White and Yellow courses shall have text descriptions, all other courses shall have pictorial descriptions.

Terrain: This part of the New Forest (N & E of Lyndhurst) is a lowland plateau, tilted slightly down to the E, with isolated hills of varying sizes. The marshy headwaters of the Beaulieu River form the southern boundary of the map. Nearly all other marshes are narrow: there are NO large tracts of marshy heathland so typical of the New Forest. The eastmost part of the map and the NW corner are enclosed plantation forests, with varying degrees of undergrowth. The natural forest is extremely runnable with some large lawns (areas of close cropped grass) and areas of more typical beautiful heathland. The area is split into two by the W-E flowing Bartley Water, a contorted steeply-banked stream, which can rise quickly after rain. Only the 1:15,000 courses cross this stream, and safe crossing points are shown on the map.

Planning: Although all courses start and finish in the enclosed forest, they have been planned to use the open forest as much as possible. Because of the runnability and the lack of significant climb, all course lengths will be at the top end of BO recommendations.

White Course. For safety reasons this course has been planned to be entirely within the enclosed forest. White course competitors do not need to cross a fence or go through a gate. This information also appears in the white course control descriptions.

Short Brown, Brown & Black Courses. These 3 courses (the only courses on a 1:15000 map) are the only courses to cross Bartley Water, which they do twice. Bartley Water is a stream running W-E splitting the mapped area into two. After prolonged heavy rain the stream can rise significantly. It is a contorted stream with steep, but generally not dangerous banks (to fit young adults) provided sensible

crossing points are used. Many crossing points are marked on the map, **these are not compulsory**. The outward crossing points are safe in all weathers, and will allow competitors to judge for themselves the severity of the return. An advisory note on the stream condition will be posted at the start.

Course details follow:

Open Courses	Map Scale	Length(km)	Climb(m)	Controls
Colour				
White	1:10000	1.7	15	13
Yellow	1:10000	2.9	25	13
Orange	1:10000	3.7	25	11
Light Green	1:10000	4.2	45	11
V Short Green	1:10000	3.9	35	10
Short Green	1:10000	4.6	45	11
Green	1:10000	5.3	65	11
Short Blue	1:10000	6.4	60	14
Blue	1:10000	7.4	85	15
Long Blue	1:10000	8.9	80	16
Short Brown	1:15000	10.1	110	19
Brown	1:15000	12	120	23
Black	1:15000	14	135	28

Finish: There are two finishes. The East finish is used by Black, Brown and Short Brown. The North finish is used by all other Classic courses. Follow the tapes from the finish to the clothing dump. Competitors should return from the clothing dump to assembly using the reverse route from assembly to the clothing dump. **Please remember to collect your clothing.** (Drinks adjacent to clothing dump if we have the resources). **Courses will close at 1430. After this time controls will be collected.**

Download: Download for the November Classic courses is located in the assembly area adjacent to the enquiries tent. Hired cards should be left with the download team.

Results Display: Results will be displayed in the assembly area .

Complaints: Competitors who wish to formally make a complaint concerning the fairness of the event should complete a complaint form. Forms will be available at enquiries. Complaints and any subsequent protest will be dealt with in accordance with British Orienteering rules.

Entry On Day Courses: There will be three EOD courses 2 wayfarers courses and a string course. Registration and starts for all EOD courses will be from 1000 – 1230. Courses will close at 1400.

Fees:

Wayfarers: Seniors £5; Juniors £2.50 including EMIT hire for both seniors and juniors.

String: Free

Wayfarers: Course lengths are 5km and 2.9km. Both courses will be planned to a maximum technical difficulty of 3 ie Orange colour coded standard. The courses will use a separate start and finish to the main event located adjacent to the assembly area. The courses use a different map - Matley Heath, to the main event and will not cross the A35. The area is flat and consists of a mixture of deciduous forest and heathland. Competitors wishing to enter either of the two wayfarers courses should go to the EOD registration tent adjacent to enquiries. EMIT timing system will be used. EMIT cards will be provided free of charge. A simple results system will operate. Only total times will be published.

String Course: The string course has a separate registration approximately 150m SW of enquiries.

Safety:

Crossing the A35 is a significant hazard. Please take care. **Anyone bringing children to the event is expected to take responsibility for them at the road crossing.** Although the crossing point will be manned, the final responsibility for crossing the road safely remains with the competitor.

The Black, Brown and Short Brown courses cross a river that following significant rainfall can become a hazard. Safe crossing points will be overprinted on the map. A notice will be displayed in the start lane advising competitors of the state of the river.

Ticks are prevalent in this part of the New Forest.

Wild ponies are part of the attraction of the New Forest but can be unpredictable. Do not approach them and do not feed them.

This part of the New Forest is not so popular with other members of the public however it is used by walkers horse riders and dog owners. Please respect their rights to roam and be courteous at all times.

Emit will be used to check all competitors into and out of the competition area. Please report to download even if retiring. Competitors travelling alone are encouraged to leave a set of keys at enquiries. These should be placed in a provided envelope with the name of the competitor written on the outside.

Competitors take part in this event at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety.

First Aid will be available in the vicinity of the clothing dump. This is close to both finishes.

In the event of becoming lost, competitors should head due South East to the A35 then North East until they meet the route to the start or see the car park entrance.

Special Notices:

British Orienteering rules regarding body cover will apply.

It is recommended that competitors carry a whistle.

In the event of extreme weather the organiser reserves the right to insist that cagouls are carried.

Maps will not be collected at the finish. Competitors are reminded this is a selection race so please do not show your map to competitors who have yet to start.

Dogs: Dogs on a short leash are welcome in the car park only.

Emergency Telephone Numbers:

The nearest accident and emergency unit is at:

Southampton General Hospital:
Tremona Road
Southampton
Hampshire
SO16 6YD
Telephone 023 8077 7222

Bad Weather: If extreme bad weather is forecast, a notice will be placed on the SOC website advising competitors if the event is going ahead. If the event is cancelled, SOC reserves the right to retain part of the entry fee to cover unavoidable costs.

Event Officials:

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