



## Galoppen Event, Level C

# Sunday 11th Feb, Holmsley, New Forest

#### Location

The event will be based at the Holmsley Campsite, Forest Rd, Burley, New Forest, BH23 7EQ GR SZ214992

A fee of £1.00 per car will be collected on arrival.

We would like to thank the Forestry Commission for the use of the campsite and surrounding areas on which the event is held.

Parking will be on hard standing and toilets will be available. All parking will be within a few hundred metres of registration.

Tom and Julie's Catering Van will be in attendance.

#### Terrain

Typical New Forest terrain consisting of mainly open heathland and a few pockets of woodland. Extensively remapped over the winter of 2016/2017 plus updates in 2018. In the NE section of Dur Hill (to the west of the road) there is an extensive area of ditches, only the more significant of which have been mapped.

Although we will be using the same base as for our 2017 Gallopen, most courses will cover a different area (Holmsley Inclosure is not being used).

This is a popular area that is used by other people including walkers, cyclists and horse riders. Please be considerate if you encounter other members of the public during your run.

There are a number of marshes in the area which the course legs have not been bent around. However these might be difficult to cross especially after a spell of wet weather and detouring round them may be a guicker option.

The tracks, including those on the white and yellow courses, are very muddy so please make sure all competitors have appropriate footwear.

#### Times

Registration 10.00-12.00 Start times 10.30-12.30 Courses close 14.30

#### Courses

Distances, subject to final confirmation

	Distance	Climb
White	1.7k	20m
Yellow	2.4k	25m
Orange	2.8k	25m
Light Green	3.9k	40m
Short Green	3.9k	45m
Green	5.1k	60m
Blue	6.6k	115m
Brown	9.2k	120m

All maps will be 1:10000 scale; A3 for Green, Blue and Brown. A4 for all other courses.

Green, Blue and Brown courses will cross a minor road to access the Dur Hill area so care must be taken doing so.

THE ROAD IS OUT OF BOUNDS **EXCEPT** FOR CROSSING.

There will also be a free string course whose start is close to registration

#### **Entries**

Preferably in advance via <u>Fabian4</u>. Entries close 6th Feb.

BOF Seniors	£10.00
Non BOF Seniors	£12.00
Juniors	£4.00
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Senior novices £6.00 (White, Yellow or Orange)
SI Dibber hire £1.00 (£30 charge for any lost dibber)

A number of maps will be available for entry on the day on a first come first served bias. If you wish, you can print out the **Entry on the Day** form at the end of this flier and fill it out in advance. Otherwise, these will be available in paper form on the day.

For adults there is a £2.00 surcharge for entering on the day.

Postal entries should be sent to the organiser at 2 Holly Close, Sandford, Wareham, Dorset. BH20 7QE. Cheques payable to Wessex Orienteering Club

Anybody who wishes to enter on the day, or needs to collect a hired SI dibber, should go to the Entry On The Day tent. Those who have pre-entered and have their own SI dibber can go straight to the start.

In the event of cancellation Wessex Orienteering Club reserves the right to retain a fraction of the entry fees to cover expenses already committed.

#### Start

The start for all courses will be 1km from registration - follow the signs and tapes. No start times have been allocated so just go there when you are ready. Last start time 12.30. Competitors from the same club on the same course should start at least two minutes apart. There will be a clothing dump near the start.

#### **Finish**

The finish will be 50m from start. Due to its closeness to the start, the finish will only be manned after the start has closed. Follow the tapes/signs back to the download tent

ALL COMPETITORS MUST GO TO DOWNLOAD EVEN IF THEY HAVE NOT COMPLETED THEIR COURSE. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN A SEARCH PARTY BEING SENT OUT TO LOOK FOR YOU.

#### Safety

Orienteering is an adventurous activity and all participants must accept there is an element of risk involved in taking part.

All competitors should carry a whistle. In bad weather the organiser may decide that cagoules must be either worn or carried while competing. In this case a notice to this effect will be displayed at the registration area.

Forestry vehicles may be parked on Dur Hill where they have been carrying out extensive felling and burning. Do not go near either the vehicles or smouldering wood, if seen.

Due to excessive rain in recent weeks, for the Blue and Brown courses it is probably advisable NOT to try and cross the stream flowing south into the large pond unless you fancy a waist-high wade. The choice is yours!

A first aid tent will be located at registration. If you require first aid please ask at the enquiries tent.

The safety bearing is generally to head South which will bring you either back towards the campsite or the road leading to it. The exception to this is for this is if you have crossed the minor road when the safety bearing will be east.

Despite it being winter, some tics still seem to be active and looking for passing people to feast on. Please check yourself for them after the event.

#### **Dogs**

Dogs are allowed in the registration area if kept on a lead. There are not allowed on the courses.

#### **Environment**

Please come to the event with clean and dry shoes and clothing. After your run please follow the guidance to help protect the environment:

- Check
- Clean
- Dry

Before leaving the event check your clothing and equipment and remove any mud, soil or leaf litter. Once home thoroughly clean your footwear and clothing and then leave it to dry for as long as possible. Many invasive non-native species are able to survive in damp corners for very long periods of time, but are less able to survive if the equipment is thoroughly dried.

### **Event Officials**

Organiser Roger Crickmore (WSX) roger.crickmore@btinternet.com

Planner Julie Astin (WSX)
Controller Karen French (WIM)



# **HOLMSLEY GALLOPEN – 11TH FEB 2018 ENTRY ON THE DAY FORM**

Seniors £12 (non-BOF surcharge £2) or £8 for White, Yellow or Orange Juniors £4.00 Dibber Hire £1 (£30 charge if lost)

NAME	CLUB	BOF No.	SI No H if Hired	Course/ Colour	Age Group	FEE
Address if not BOF member						

COURSES: Brown, Blue, Green, Short Green, Light Green, Orange, Yellow, White

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