BRITISH ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016
BROWN CLEE AND BURWARTON ESTATE
30 APRIL and 1 MAY

EVENT PROGRAMME
Final details at 22 April 2016

On behalf of West Midland Orienteering Association, Harlequins Orienteering Club and Octavian Droobers are pleased to welcome you to the stunning Brown Clee and Burwarton Estate for a weekend of high class racing against the best orienteers in the country. We wish you successful races and an enjoyable stay in the area.

The British Long Distance Orienteering Championships will be held on Saturday 30 April on the northern part of the area with the British Relay Orienteering Championships being held on Sunday 1 May to the south.

The weekend will be centred on a field in the Estate which will be used as the Arena for both days. The parking is planned to be in one of three fields, the choice depending on the weather immediately before the event. There will be a walk of approximately 2km uphill on tracks from car parking to Arena, depending on the final choice, but once there the starts and finish are all contained within the Arena.

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Important Information

1. **Long Distance Championships**: Entries have closed but may be accepted up to 27 April via boc16_entries@wmoa.org.uk subject to map and start time availability.

2. **Relay Championships**: Entries have closed but may be accepted through to 27 April via boc16_entries@wmoa.org.uk subject to map availability. Entries will be accepted on Saturday 30 April subject to map availability.

3. **Colour Coded**: via boc16_entries@wmoa.org.uk and on the day.

4. The approach to the event is from the B4364 just north of Burwarton village. Please take care when crossing on-coming traffic while turning in from the north. **THIS IS SHROPSHIRE SO PLEASE ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME FOR YOUR JOURNEY.** NB: There are roadworks planned to finish on the Bridgnorth end of the B4364 during the week before the event. Please allow sufficient time to allow for any diversion should the roadworks over-run.

5. The most likely car park will use the same gate in and out so we ask that you try to arrive before 1400 and do not try to leave before that time unless your early departure is essential.

6. Bibs and whistles **must** be worn on each day (different bib each day) and a "**no bib/whistle no start"** policy will be enforced. For your own safety will you please complete the personal, contact and medical sections on the back of the bib on each day.

7. Competitors must wear full leg and torso cover. All competitors should have and be prepared to carry waterproof cagoules on their run if required, as shown by signs on the way to the starts.

8. On the Long Distance day fences marked with purple overprint **must** only be crossed at marked crossing points but others may be crossed at will. (On the Relay day **all fences may only be crossed at marked points**.) Runners seen crossing "uncrossable" fences will be disqualified.

9. Relay team captains are asked to make every effort to declare their teams on line by midnight on 27 April and to complete the declaration forms and make any changes well before Enquiries close at 1700 on Saturday. Relay team captains should also note and ensure that their Ad Hoc teams are aware that for BOC 2016 **all Ad Hoc teams run the laps in the same order** and that their courses have been gaffled.

10. **WE REGRET THAT DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ANYWHERE ON THE ESTATE INCLUDING CAR PARK.**

11. Contrary to earlier information, we regret that we will be unable to provide transport from the car park to the Arena. If this causes a problem please contact the Organiser.

12. There will be a car park fee of £1 per car per day. (If the weather necessitates that the Organisers install extensive sections of roadway to access the Car Park, this fee may have to be £2 to offset the cost. If intending to bring a coach or very large vehicle please contact the Organiser.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Travel Directions:

The approach to the event is from the B4364 Bridgnorth – Ludlow road just north of Burwarton village SO 618 852 (post code for satnav users is WV16 6QQ.) This is a narrow and winding road and will require care particularly at the entrance location where sight lines are not ideal. Please heed signs on approach to the entrance.

NB: There are roadworks planned to finish on the Bridgnorth end of the B4364 during the week before the event. Please allow sufficient time to allow for any diversion should the roadworks over-run.

The event will not be signed but SLOW signs and cones in the road and a 300m, 200m, 100m countdown system will be employed.

WE REGRET THAT DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON ANY PART OF THE ESTATE OR CAR PARK.

Parking is proving to be a headache because of the wet weather. On entering the estate you should follow the signs until reaching the marshals. Directions to the Arena will be sign-posted.

If you intend bringing a coach or very large vehicle please contact the Organisers. Overnight parking will not be allowed.

The exit route from the estate will follow estate roads to a point on the B4364 where the visibility is better, and therefore safer, in both directions. Please obey the marshals' instructions at all times.

The estate is used by walkers, horse riders and mountain bikers. There is a public right of way along the north and west side of the Arena. Signs alerting the public to the event have been displayed at entry points and around the Arena. Please be courteous to all other users at all times.

2. The Arena:

The Arena includes:

Enquiries: Will be located in the marquee in the centre of the field. The marquee will be used for:

- Day 1 race bib collection tent (and facilities to indicate on bib medications if needed.)
- Hired SI-card collection
- Registration for colour coded entry on the day
- Allocation of start times for helpers and those with open starts
- Relay registration, declaration, relay bib collection and registering team changes on Saturday
- Vehicle key drop off

- Lost/found children and property
- Trophy return (trophies, clearly marked with name and class, should be returned to Enquiries before you go for your race.)
- Lodging complaints and protests
- Post-race map collection

Traders: Ultra Sport, CompassPoint, Ice Bug, AMG Fitness, SportIdent

Caterers: Tom's Red Baron, Podium and ONosh

Other:
British Orienteering's tent and Xplorer activities
Public address caravan providing race commentary
Marquee for competitor changing and shelter
Maze course in the east of the Arena, fenced off for security and free to all.
Toilets and a urinal situated in the north edge of the Arena.

Copy of the start lists and an old Brown Clee map (used for JK2005) will be displayed in the Arena.

Results will be displayed near the download tent. SportIdent will host the results on their website and link to www.boc2016.org.uk SPORTident will also erect a Wireless Access Point with a range of up to 400m near to the download tent. Those who bring a suitably enabled device with web access should be able to connect to the wireless network "SPORTident" and view provisional results. Your device will automatically locate the Live Results when you go to any web address. There will be no cost, as this will be provided through a local intranet.

There will be a large area for Club tents which are pithed at your own risk. Valuables should not be left in the Club tent if unoccupied. The Organisers may ask that Club tents are taken down for safety overnight and stored in a marquee if the weather threatens to be rough. No-one may stay in the Arena overnight.

Please help to keep the field litter free by taking all your rubbish home.

3. Maze

On Saturday and Sunday there will be a free Maze-O with courses to suit beginners to experienced orienteers' course in the Arena. There will be a choice of 3 courses – easy, medium and hard which will be different on each day. On both days we will be able to loan free Emit brickkes if you don't have your own. Come and challenge yourself or friends and family!' The maze is free to all.

4. Race Bibs

Different race bibs will be used on each day and each competitor must wear a bib. Safety pins will be provided on Saturday and should be retained for the Relay bibs on the Sunday. **A no bib no start policy will be strictly enforced.**

Race bibs for the Championship and colour coded courses should be collected from Enquiries from 10.00 on Saturday, where they will be arranged in race number order - see the start list on www.sientries.org.uk
Race bibs for the Relays should be collected from Enquiries by Team Captains.

The back of the race bib will be designed to enable competitors to declare pre-existing medical conditions and medication using waterproof marker pens adjacent to bib collection. **For your own safety will you**

please complete the reverse side of your bib with your personal and contact details as well as details of any relevant medical conditions.

Lone runners will be able to leave car keys/contact number at Enquires before they run.

5. Whistles

It is WMOA policy that both junior and senior competitors carry a whistle for emergency use on both days. There will be a whistle check at the starts with **a 'no whistle no go' policy strictly enforced**.

6. Clothing

Competitors (parents) are responsible for clothing appropriate to conditions and your legs and torso must be covered. Singlets/vests or shorts are not permitted. In the case of bad weather the Organisers may require competitors to wear or carry at least a lightweight waterproof jacket. Notices to that effect will be displayed in the Arena and on the way to the Starts on Saturday and in the Arena on the Sunday.

7. Maps

Brown Clee is a new survey by Rod Postlethwaite based on the previous orienteering maps by Colin Spears (HOC). Scales of 1:15,000 and 1:10,000 (5m contours) will be used for the Long Distance event and 1:10,000 (5m contours) for the Relay event. Maps are printed on waterproof paper and not bagged.

8. Mapper's Comments

All the weekend's maps were surveyed in May 2015 with minor updates made during the planning process. The mapping philosophy has been to produce maps which are clear to read at the appropriate scale. In certain parts of the terrain, simplification has been required to maintain clarity.

Brown Clee combines complex and rugged moorland with wooded hillsides. The woodland is predominantly mature and fast, with occasional light brash or undergrowth. The moorland has intricate contour detail throughout with a profusion of depressions and pits; it is often physical due to tussocks and occasional heather, but features neither scratchy nor stingy flora.

The hillsides in particular have a network of forest tracks and some fenced enclosures.

The Relays take place on the southern end of the Brown Clee ridge. Courses will use both the east and west sides of this ridge which is steeply sloped. The eastern edge of the ridge is a mixture of mature runnable woodland and parkland. There are significant contour features in all areas with a few significant paths. The main line features are gullies or fences. To the west is common land which is rough open with bracken, probably not a problem at the end of April. These slopes are intersected by a number of re-entrants. Parts of the ridge have many pits and gullies, the results of earlier quarrying. There are also some crossable marshes

9. Planner's Comments

The Burwarton Estate is conscious that many of the fences are frail and could be easily damaged, with the subsequent problem of losing sheep and lambs. On the Long Distance day fences marked with purple overprint **must** only be crossed at marked crossing points but others may be crossed at will. Runners seen crossing "uncrossable" fences will be disqualified.

10. Electronic Timing

Sportident will be used. No course will contain more than 35 controls. Runners on courses 1 and 8 who appear to have entered with a dibber that might not hold 35 controls have been allocated a high capacity dibber. This will be waiting for them, along with the race bib, in Enquiries.

Runners on other courses requiring hired SI-cards may hire from HOC and should collect them from Enquiries. If you need to hire an SI-card over the weekend the cost will be £1.50 for seniors but free to juniors and students. Please hand in your hired SI-cards at Download after your race on Saturday unless you also need it for the Relays in which case please hand it in at Download after you have finished your run on Sunday. There will be a charge for lost or unreturned SI-cards of £30.

Each control consists of an SI box mounted horizontally on a stake with the code number vertically below it and the kite below that. A punch will be attached to the stake for use in case of failure of the SI box.

The SI boxes at each control will flash and beep to indicate a successful punch. It is your responsibility to ensure that your visit to each control has been registered. If a box fails to beep and flash, you should punch your map with the pin punch and report the failure at Download.

It is essential that all competitors visit Download before courses close (18.00 on Saturday and 14.30 on Sunday), whether or not they have finished their course.

11. Safety

The competition area has rough terrain and is exposed. Competitors are responsible for their own safety and for assessing their ability to complete their course. There will be a strictly enforced bib and whistle check at each start. Should the carrying of waterproof cagoule be felt necessary on safety grounds, signs will be placed at the exit from the car park and will be enforced at the start. All competitors should come to event prepared to carry cagoules on their run if required.

If the weather assessment shows a high risk of electrical storms notices will be posted at the start. There is a very low but real possibility that race times might be delayed to reduce risk.

Mining has left a pock-marked landscape of shallow bell pits, some containing water and some not, shown on the map by the appropriate v symbol. Some of these pits, especially in the wooded area, can be obscured by an accumulation of leaf litter such that neither the pit outline nor the muddy ooze within is evident. All known filled bell pits with mud greater than ankle deep will be marked by distinctive hiviz flags - in most cases one flag placed in the centre of the pit will suffice but larger locations may feature two or more flags. Runners are encouraged to stay well clear and not navigate by them. A notice and an example of the flag will be displayed at each start.

You are asked to report any concerns about overdue competitors to the Download team or to any official. Competitors travelling on their own should leave their vehicle key with Enquiries.

Mobile phones and GPS may be carried. Mobiles must only be used to call emergency assistance (signal reliability in Burwarton Estate is not good) and not for navigational assistance. GPS must only be used to record data for use in post-race analysis.

The safety bearing in the Burwarton Estate is **EAST taking you to the B4364.**

12. Water

Competitors are responsible for their own hydration **before** and **after** their races. Competitors will need to make their own assessment if they feel that weather conditions make it necessary for them to carry personal water supplies. There will be water supplies on the longer courses 1 – 16 but **water will not be provided at the finish.**

13. First Aid

A First Aid team from Salop Medical Services will be based in the Arena. They have identified the nearest hospitals with Accident and Emergency as Princess Royal Telford – TF1 6TF – 01952 641222 and Royal Shrewsbury Hospital – SY3 8XQ – 01743 261000.

14. Rules, Complaints, Protests and Appeals

The events will be run in accordance with the relevant Rules of British Orienteering including those for eligibility. Competitors should initially discuss any concerns they have with the Organiser, Planner or Controller, depending on the problem. If that does not resolve the issue a complaint should be made to the Organiser, via Enquiries, either orally or in writing. The complaint should be made as soon as possible after the problem has been identified and at least on the day that the contravention occurred (and preferably by 18.30 on the Saturday and 14.30 on the Sunday). A protest against the Organiser's decision must be made in writing to the Controller. If either official does not agree with the protest a jury will be convened.

15. Photography

In accordance with British Orienteering Child Welfare Policy and Procedures, it is requested that any person wishing to engage in any video, zoom or close range photography should make themselves aware of the above policy. Organisers reserve the right to challenge anyone who is giving cause for concern. If anyone has concerns about inappropriate or intrusive photography they should speak to the Day Organiser.

The official photographer for the event is Robert Lines.

Use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) or 'drones' is prohibited by any individuals associated with the event, spectators or members of the public within the boundary of the estate.

16. Environmental Issues

To assist in the prevention of transmitting pests and diseases will you please thoroughly clean your orienteering shoes before you come to the event and again after you leave the event. Please take all your rubbish home with you.

17. Privacy

Personal information provided for the event will be used only to process entries, publish results, check for missing runners and track down missing SI-cards.

BRITISH LONG DISTANCE ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016
SATURDAY 30 APRIL 2016
Brown Clee and Burwarton Estate
Part of the 2016 UK Orienteering League

The parking, Arena and competition area are all within the Burwarton Estate and common land owned by the Burwarton Estate. All competitors will start close to the Arena.

1. Timings

Car park open to competitors	09.00
Enquiries open	10.00 – 17.00
Championship courses' starts	12.00 – 16.00
Colour coded entry on the day registration	11.00 - 15.00
Colour coded course starts	12.00 – 16.00
Maze course	12.00 – 16.00
Xplorer activity	12.00 – 16.00
Relay team registrations, declarations, bib collection and any subsequent changes	10.00 – 17.00
All courses close at	18.00
Prize giving	17.30

2. Course table

	Men	Women	Map scale	Length	Climb	Controls	Planner (Iain/Clive)
1	M21E		1:15,000	14.4	635	35	I
2	M21L		1:15,000	11.3	515	25	I
3	M18E, M20E, M35L		1:15,000	9.8	400	27	I
4	M40L	W21E	1:15,000	9.2	410	25	I
5	M18L, M20L, M21S	W21L	1:15,000	7.8	275	26	I
6		W18E, W20E, W35L, W40L	1:15,000	7.2	225	22	I
7	M18S, M20S, M21V	W18L, W20L, W21S	1:15,000	5.5	175	15	I
8	M45L		1:10,000	9.2	280	32	C
9	M50L		1:10,000	8.9	240	28	C
10	M55L		1:10,000	8.1	280	24	C
11	M60L		1:10,000	7.3	235	25	C
12	M35S, M40S	W45L	1:10,000	6.3	235	18	I
13	M16A		1:10,000	6.8	230	21	I
14	M65L		1:10,000	6.2	180	19	C
15	M45S, M50S	W50L	1:10,000	6.1	195	21	C
16	M70L, M55S	W55L	1:10,000	5.7	185	18	C
17	M60S	W16A, W60L	1:10,000	5.2	175	15	C
18	M75L	W35S, W40S, W65L	1:10,000	4.8	150	14	C
19	M65S	W70L, W45S, W50S	1:10,000	4.3	135	16	C
20	M80, M70S, M75S	W18S, W20S, W21V, W55S, W60S, W65S, W75	1:10,000	3.5	95	13	C
21	M85, M90	W70S, W80	1:10,000	2.9	70	14	C

22		W85, W90	1:10,000	2.1	45	10	C
23	M14A, M16B		1:10,000	5.2	205	15	I
24		W14A, W16B	1:10,000	4.0	110	14	I
25	M12A, M14B/ Orange	W12A, W14B	1:10,000	3.5	95	13	I
26	M10A, M12B/ Yellow	W10A, W12B	1:10,000	2.9	85	14	I
27	M10B/ White	W10B	1:10,000	2.4	70	13	I

Notes:

- Courses 1-4 will start from the South Start, all other courses from the North Start
- Course 1 will have a "map turnover" to the second part of the course printed below part 1 on the same piece of paper.
- Courses 1, 3-6, 8-10, 13 and 23 have a spectator run through.
- Climb as per rule 3.2.2: "As a rule of thumb, if a competitor will go over it, count it in; if you're not sure whether they'll go over it, count it in"

3. Entry

Entries have closed but may be accepted up to 27 April via boc16_entries@wmoa.org.uk subject to map and start time availability.

There is no entry on the day for the Long Distance Championship courses.

Entry Fees:

Long Distance	Late rate
Seniors M/W21+	£30.00
Juniors M/W20- and students M/W21+	£16.00

For the Long Distance Championships, elite runners and the 20 highest ranked competitors on each course are seeded. The Elite Steering Committee has allocated start times for the elites, published on Monday 18 April.

Non-elite start times were published on 18 April 2016, according to their preferred start block (very early, early, middle, late, very late). Those with open starts will be given a start time at Registration just before they are ready to compete.

Copies of the final start lists will be displayed the Arena.

If you have any queries please contact the Entries Secretary at boc16_entries@wmoa.org.uk.

3.1 Non-Championship (colour-coded) courses

White (very easy), Yellow *(*pretty easy/ easy) and Orange *(*bit tricky/ medium difficulty*)* non-Championship courses will be offered on the day. These courses are primarily aimed at people new to orienteering or those who have a little experience of the sport. You may choose any course you like, irrespective of age and gender.

Entry Fees for non Championship courses are £13.00 for Seniors M/W 21 + and £6.00 for Juniors M/W 20 -, all subject to availability. Unless you have your own you will need to hire an SI-card - £1.50 for seniors but free for juniors. There is a charge of £30 for lost or non-returned SI-cards.

If you have any queries please contact the Entries Secretary at boc16_entries@wmoa.org.uk.

3.2 Changes to Long Distance Event entries

Non Elite competitors can make changes to start time via the Entries Secretary at boc16_entries@wmoa.org.uk until midnight on Wednesday 27 April, subject to start time slot availability. Please contact the Entries Secretary and note there will be an admin fee of £3 for all changes. No changes will be permitted this way after 27 April.

Seeded non-elites seeking a change of start time should be aware that it might be difficult to find a suitable spot for them leaving 4 minutes between other seeds.

The event is covered by the standard British Orienteering major events:

Cancellation Procedure and Policy

This policy covers cancellation due to adverse weather conditions, environmental concerns e.g. foot and mouth, and external authorities' e.g. emergency services. To be referred as 'acts of God'. In the event of an act of God the safety of those attending the event; participants, spectators, volunteers, members of staff, First Aid provider and traders involved in arranging and managing the event, is paramount. If, after considering all the threats and options a decision is taken to cancel, delay start times or curtail the event, the Day Organiser(s) with the Event Coordinator will initiate the Communication Plan which seeks to inform the entry of the decision as quickly as possible.

Cancellation, Curtailment and Refund Policy

This policy reserves the right of British Orienteering and the Organising Body to cancel or curtail the Event whether for operational reasons, Force Majeure or other reasons, in which case the Organising Body reserves the right to retain all or part of the entry fees. In the event of cancellation or curtailment British Orienteering or the Organising Body will immediately notify all registered participants (provided they had given a mobile number or e-mail address) through the entries provider and other interested parties directly and will post a notice on the British Orienteering and specific Event websites. British Orienteering or the Organising Body will not make any payments for compensation of cost or losses incurred by the Entrant as a result of British Orienteering or the Organising Body cancelling or curtailing the Event for whatever reason.

If a participant wants to cancel an entry they will contact the Entries Secretary who will manage it for them on SiEntries. The refund for both Long Distance and the Relay will be the entry fee minus an amount to cover the SiEntries entry and cancellation fees and the cost of administration. It is anticipated that the deduction will be £5 per senior entry, £3.50 per junior entry.

Competitors cancelling their entry after 27 April will receive no refund.

4. Planners comments

As a result of very late felling (less than two weeks before the event) there have been small changes to the vegetation on the ground that are not reflected in the map. These changes are most noticeable for courses 25 and 27 which may have short taped sections to avoid the worst of the problems.

5. Starts

There will be two Starts:

- **South Start**- courses 1 to 4 in the southern corner of the Arena.
- **North Start** - courses 5 to 27 and Colour Coded, within two minutes easy walk along a ride north-east of the Arena.

6. Start Procedures for all Starts

All Championship course and pre-entered Colour Coded competitors will have pre-allocated start times. Colour coded competitors who enter on the day will be given a start time by Registration.
Helpers and parents seeking split starts will obtain a start time from Registration.

7. Start procedure for late competitors

COMPETITORS SHOULD MAKE EVERY ENDEAVOUR TO START AT THEIR PUBLISHED TIME.

If a competitor is late for their start they should report to the Late Start official at either start who will arrange for the competitor to be started at the next vacant slot on their course depending on how late they are (beow). This, on some courses, could involve a long wait. Their **allocated time will not be changed** unless any subsequent complaint by the competitor is upheld by the Organiser.

- If you are 1-4 minutes late at call up every effort will be made to help you leave the start line at your allocated time but only after bib, whistle and SI checks have been made. This is at the discretion of the Late Start official.

- If you are 5+ minutes late for at call-up you will be given another time slot that will not conflict with other runners in the same class. Your original allocated start time will stand. You will be required to register your start using a safety check punch at the start line.

8. Control Descriptions

Control descriptions for the Long Distance event will be printed on the map and loose descriptions printed on waterproof paper will be available in the start lanes. Courses 1 to 25 plus Orange will have IOF pictorial descriptions. Courses 26 and 27 as well as the Yellow and White courses will have textual descriptions.

9. Shadowing/Pairs

Shadowing or pairs are not permitted on any of the Championship courses**.** You will need to have completed your Championship run before shadowing on a colour coded course.

10. Finish Arena

The Finish for all courses is in the Arena. Once competitors have punched the finish box they will be directed to the Download tent where there will be an official to deal with any issues. On leaving the Download tent competitors should put their map in the appropriate club map collection bag and then follow the tapes to the club tents.

The map bags will be taken to the Enquiries marquee for collection at 16.00.

11. Spectator Control

There are spectator controls on the run-through in the Arena which will be visited by all competitors on courses 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13 and 23. Competitors will be nearing the end of their course when they go through the spectator control.

11. Water

There will be two closely spaced water points in the north part of the competition area on the Elite and other long courses (1 – 16). There will be a table along the arena run-through on which runners may place a (clearly marked) personal drink bottle should they wish to do so.

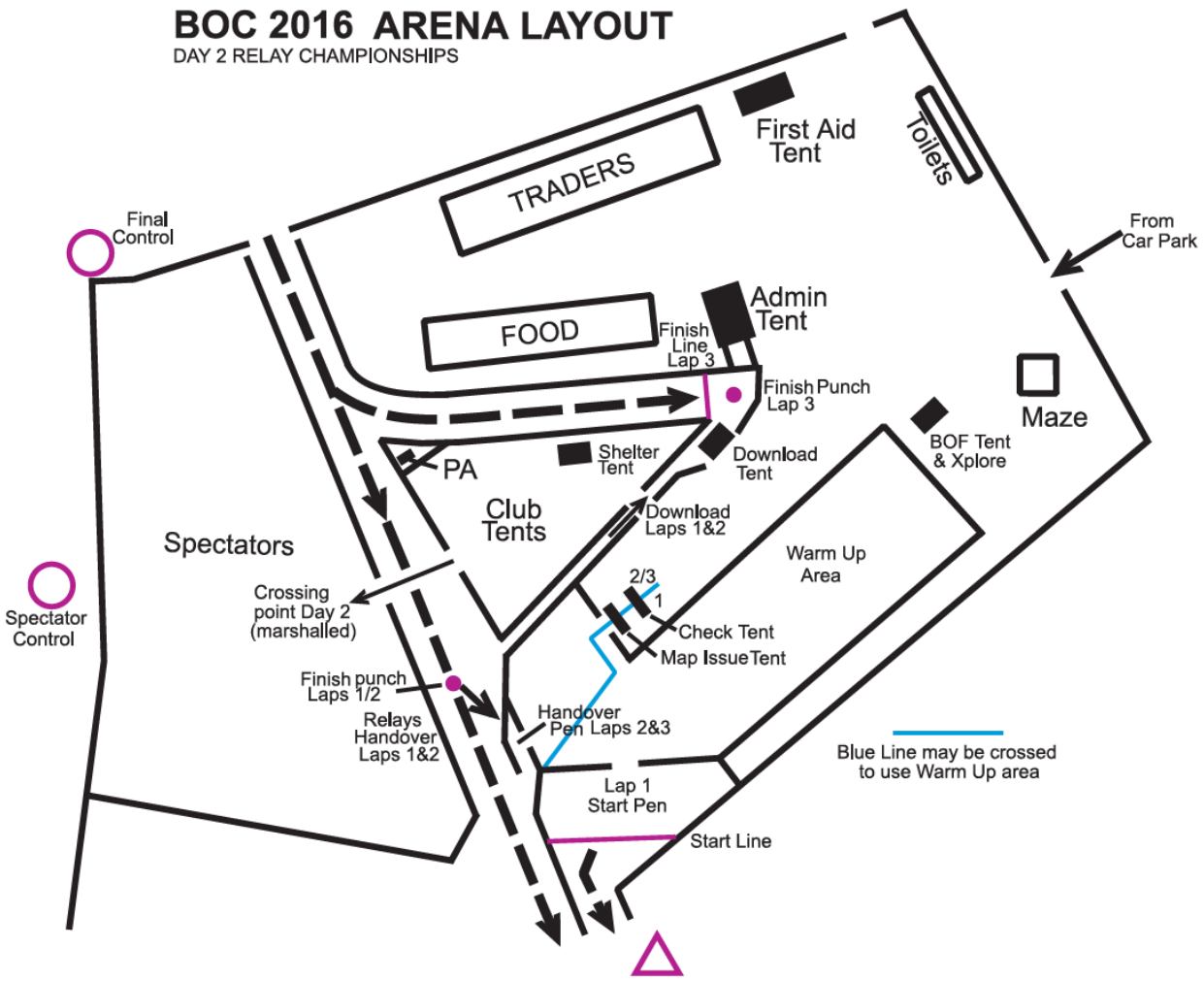
12. Prize Giving

Prize giving will take place at 17.30 in the Arena where British Championship trophies will be awarded to the winners of the Elite, Long and A age classes, medals awarded to the first second and third in each long age class. Ice Bug will present prizes to the winners of the M21E and W21E, M20E and W20E, M18E and W18E classes. BOF will present prizes to the second and third competitor in the M21E and W21E, M20E and W20E, M18E and W18E classes.

BRITISH RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

SUNDAY 1 MAY 2016
Brown Clee and Burwarton Estate

The competition area, Arena and parking field are all within the Burwarton Estate and common land owned by the Clee Hill Parish Council. The Start, Hand-over and Finish are all within the Arena. There is plenty of space for Club tents along the run-in to the Hand-over and Finish. Routes from both the Hand-over and the Finish will be taped to the Download tent. The map issue tent, the lap 1 Start area and the handover area will be signed and taped. There will be good spectator viewing points at the lap 1 start, handover and run-in.



1. Timings

Online team declarations at www.SIentries.org.uk	Close at midnight on 27 April
Saturday – 30 April	
Relay team registration, declarations, collection of team bibs and any subsequent changes.	10.00 to 17.00
Sunday – 1 May	
Car park open to competitors	07.30
Enquiries open	08.00 to 11.00
Deadline for any late team changes	09.15
First lap call up from	09.35
First lap mass starts from	10.00 to 11.00
Mini mass starts	12.30
Xplorer activity	09.30 to 13.00
Maze	09.30 to 13.00
Courses close	14.30
Prize giving	13.30

2. Classes

Class	Bib Nos	Call Up	Start	TD	Lengths km	Climb m
K – W60 L – M/W70 D – Women's short	6061+ 7001+ 301+	09.35	10.00	5	3.1 – 3.2	85 – 95
H – W50 N – W18	5061+ 1861+			5	3.9 – 4.2	135 - 155
R – Mini Relays M/W12-	1201+	09.55	10.10	2	2.4 – 2.6	50 - 55
S – Mixed Ad Hoc	401+	10.05	10.20	5, 3, 5	4.2, 3.1, 5.0	150, 90, 195
T – Junior Ad Hoc M/W18-	501+			3, 2, 5	2.9, 2.5, 3.9	60, 55, 125
C – Men's Short F – W40 J – M60 M – M18	201+ 4061+ 6001+ 1801+	10.15	10.30	5	4.1 – 4.4	145 - 160
B – Women's Premier E – M40	101+ 4001+	10.25	10.40	5	5.0 – 5.3	160 – 180
G – M50	5001+			5	4.9 – 5.1	155 - 175
P – M14 Q – W14	1401+ 1461+	10.35	10.50	3	2.9 – 3.1	85 - 95
A – Men's Premier	1+	10.45	11.00	5	6.3 – 6.5	235 - 250

Teams on course S – Mixed Ad Hoc and T – Junior Ad Hoc, have mixed lap lengths and technical difficulties. **Unlike in previous years, all teams will run these laps in the same order, as they have all been gaffled as in 2015**. The order is as shown in the table above.

Clubs bringing competitors who will be running in the Mini Relay or Junior Ad Hoc classes should be aware, and make sure that such competitors are aware that:

- Their courses will be gaffled, so they **should not expect to be able to** follow other competitors round the whole of their course and
- They will be expected to be competent to follow different types of line features, as these courses are not limited to following paths.

Bibs for all classes will have coloured bands to signify each lap as follows:

Lap 1 - RED	Lap 2 - WHITE	Lap 3 - BLUE

3. Entries

Relay teams entries have closed but may still be accepted via boc16_entries@wmoa.org.uk up until midnight on Wednesday 27 April and at Enquiries on Saturday 30 April, both subject to map availability.

Entry fees are:

Relays	Late rate
Senior courses A to L & S	£72
Junior courses M to R & T	£37.50

Changes may be made by contacting the Entries Secretary at boc16_entries@wmoa.org.uk
A charge of £3 will be levied to cover administration costs.

Copies of the final start lists will be displayed the Arena.

4. Planner's comments

IMPORTANT – Due to the number of sheep grazing in the competition area NO fences must be crossed except at designated points. As this applies to all fences and to avoid cluttering and confusing the map, the purple uncrossable line symbol has NOT been used for the Relays. Those crossing points that are not on the obvious line between controls have a control on or close to them – do not forget to punch it.

5. Control Descriptions

Control descriptions for the Relay event will be printed on the map. All classes have pictorial descriptions (even the Mini Relay).

6. Relay Registration

Team captains are expected to make every effort to declare their teams online by midnight on 27 April.

Completed team declaration forms will be available at the Relay Registration desk at Enquiries on Saturday. After any changes the team captains should sign the declaration after checking the team eligibility status – see Competition Rule D: British Relay Orienteering Championships

Club bags containing the team bibs and any last minute instructions will be issued on receipt of the signed declaration forms. Team members are reminded that, for their own safety, they should complete the personal, contact and medical sections on the back of their bib.

Any subsequent team changes should be made on a team change form, signed by the Team captain and handed to Enquiries no later than 17.00 on Saturday afternoon.

Should any further team changes become necessary, team captains must report them direct to **Download in the Relay Arena by 09.15 at the latest on Sunday morning** and sign the appropriate change declaration.

7. Call up

Call up is generally -15 minutes before each mass lap 1 start. There will be a mass start for all waiting lap 3 competitors between 11.30 and 13.00 and there may well be earlier mini mass starts.

8. Map Issue

There will be clear and check stations just before the map issue tents and competitors are asked to ensure that their race bibs are clearly visible before they enter the tents. The maps will be labelled with at least the lap and team number. **It is the competitor's responsibility to check that they have been given the correct map as labelled.** Maps will be sealed and any attempt to see the map before the start will render the competitor's team liable to disqualification.

9. Handover

After punching the final control the incoming lap 1 and 2 competitors will follow a taped route before approaching the Handover. The incoming lap 1 and 2 competitors **must first punch their finish box** before touching their outgoing team member and then proceed along a taped route to the Download tent where there will be an official to deal with any issues. On leaving the Download tent competitors should put their map in the appropriate club map collection bag.

Incoming competitors on lap 3 should punch their final control and continue along a taped route before **forking left** and following a taped route to the finish line where their race ends. **Their finishing order is that in which they cross the finish line**. Their finish box will be a short distance beyond the finish line and should be punched **in the same order, at least class wise, that they crossed the finish line.** The punch is to confirm the team's identity. Competitors should then proceed to Download.

The map bags will be taken to the Enquiries marquee for collection after the last competitor has started.

10. Spectator Control

There is a spectator control on the western edge of the Arena which will be visited by all competitors.

11. Prize Giving

Prize giving will take place at 13.30 in the Arena. British Championship Trophies will be presented to the winners of each age class Relay team and medals for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams in the Premier, Short and age class Relays (but not Ad Hoc.) Ice Bug will be giving prizes to 1st place winners in the Men's Premier and Women's Premier Categories. BOF will present prizes to the second and third teams in the Men's Premier and Women's Premier Categories.

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