



Event Information
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Harlequins Orienteering Club

Invite you to the final of the UK Urban League

at

Castle Vale

(North East Birmingham)

on

Sunday, 10th December 2017



Orienteering in Worcester, Hereford,
South Shropshire, Black Country and
Birmingham.

Venue & Travel

Castle Vale is about 6 miles north east of Birmingham City Centre, between Junction 5 (Exit westbound only) and Junction 6 of the M6. The event is based in Castle Vale Stadium, Farnborough Road, B35 7NH (**grid reference SP150909**). From the A47/A452 roundabout, follow brown signs to Greenwood Academy. The access road to the stadium is on your right just before the school. If you are arriving via the motorway network, PLEASE CHECK which junctions are open, and be aware that roadworks may affect your journey times.

Parking:

Parking on hard standing adjacent to Registration.

Terrain:

Castle Vale is a regenerated post-WW2 housing estate with low-volume traffic, cul-de-sacs, paths & grassy open spaces, offering both a complex road and path network for senior courses and a traffic free grass / woodland area for junior ones. Road shoes recommended, no dobs. As the estate was a WW2 airfield, there is barely a contour in sight.

Map:

A3 printed on waterproof paper. Scale 1:5,000, updated November 2017 by Alison Sloman.

Courses:

The UK Urban League categories, lengths straight line route and subject to final controlling:

| Men | Women | Length (km) | Controls |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|----------|
| MYJ(12-) | WYJ(12-) | 2.0 | 12 |
| MJ(16-) | WJ(16-) | 3.3 | 17 |
| Senior | | 7.7 | 31 |
| Vet(40+) | Senior | 6.8 | 25 |
| Supervet(55+) | Vet(40+) | 6.2 | 28 |
| Ultravet(65+) | Supervet(55+) | 5.4 | 21 |
| Hypervet(75+) | Ultravet(65+) | 4.1 | 17 |
| - | Hypervet(75+) | 3.0 | 12 |

Entries:

Pre-entry via Fabian4 until midnight on Wednesday 6th December and on the day while maps are available. Online entry at <https://www.fabian4.co.uk/step1/ContactDetails.aspx?EventID=1906>
All runners must wear their allocated bib; available from Registration.

Registration:

11.00am - 13.00
Courses Close: 15:00

Starts 11.30 - 13.30; separate for Juniors and Seniors and both a short, signed walk from Registration.

Punching:

Electronic Punching using SportIdent. (not SIAC enabled). For EOD, please bring your SI-Card to registration. SI-Cards may be hired for £1.00.

Fees:

Pre-entry via Fabian4 to midnight Sunday 3rd December- Senior (British Orienteering member) £9; non member £11; Juniors £4. Late entries via Fabian 4 to Wednesday 6th December and on the day subject to map availability - Seniors £10/£12; Juniors £5.

Dogs:

Dogs allowed in carpark only but not inside the stadium.

Facilities:

Toilets available at the stadium; café and shops nearby.

Officials:

Organiser Marian White, 0121 554 8563 or preferably marianw123@aol.com
Planner Andy Johnson
Controller Barry Elkington, OD

Safety:

Competitors take part at their own risk. Take care of vehicles & pedestrians as you run. Whistles must be carried. Shorts & vests permitted if not too cold / wet ON SENIOR COURSES ONLY. If poor weather cagoules may be appropriate, which will be signed in the car park and at Registration. Please be aware of runners crossing as you approach the event and around the car park.

Website &

For the latest information check: <http://www.harlequins.org.uk>

Cancellation:

HOC reserves the right to retain part/all of any pre-entry fees to cover committed costs