

TVOC Regional Event (Level C) at Hodgemoor Woods

Sunday 21st April 2024



FINAL DETAILS

This Level C regional event will be part of the SCOA League (SCOL7), as well as incorporating a qualifying round for the inter-club Yvette Baker Trophy and Shield (YBT/S) competitions for junior club teams.

Key points:

- Assembly and car parking at [PerkinElmer Ltd](#), Chalfont Rd, Seer Green, Beaconsfield HP9 2FX. <https://what3words.com/busy.lakes.album> (Grid Ref SU971927)
- Our overflow car park has been withdrawn, so we will be very tight for parking space. Therefore, please car-share if at all possible, or use public transport (details below).
- Car keys can be left at the Enquiries tent at Assembly.
- Toilets in the car park (none at Start/Finish).
- SPORTident punching. SIAC enabled. Only the Start control will require punching. Competitors must also punch the Safety Control after the SIAC-enabled Finish.
- 15-minute start blocks will not be rigidly enforced - just be at the Start by 12:15.
- The Start and Finish are approximately 500m from the car park. Marshalled road crossing en-route to the Start and back from the Finish.
- Control descriptions in Start lanes. White & Yellow maps available at -4.
- One Finish, near the Start. No clothing dump.
- No road crossings on the courses, with roads out-of-bounds.
- Courses close at 14:00. You must report to Download in Assembly by this time.
- No post-race water. Make sure you bring your own.
- Catering will be available at Assembly.

Safety issues:

- **Route to Start and from the Finish.** The route to the Start and back from the Finish involves a marshalled road crossing. Please follow the marshal's instructions, but remember that crossing the road safely is the responsibility of each individual. All under-16s should be accompanied by an adult whilst crossing the road.
- **Between the road crossing and Start/Finish.** The route involves walking along Rawlings Lane for 350m (which is a single-track road with passing places). Please keep to the side of the road and look out for vehicles and horses.
- **There are no road crossings on the courses and all roads are out-of-bounds.**
- **Public Access.** Hodgemoor Woods is used by the public for walking, running, dog walking, cycling and horse riding. Please be considerate and courteous towards other users, especially horse riders and those with dogs – our future use of these areas depends on this.

- **Clothing and Safety Equipment.** Competitors' torso and legs must be covered i.e. no shorts. The woods are still wet in places, so please wear appropriate footwear. For safety reasons we strongly recommend you carry a whistle. The distress signal is six short blasts, wait one minute, and then repeat.
- **Emergency Number.** All maps will be overprinted with an emergency phone number which can be used on the day to contact the Organiser in the event of an emergency.
- **Animals.** Competitors should be aware that the woods contain deer and other animals. We recommend you check for ticks after your run.

Travelling by car

Access by car from most directions will be easiest via Junction 2 of the M40. Once off the motorway at Junction 2, take the A355 dual carriageway towards Beaconsfield (and get into the right-hand lane). At the Pyebush Roundabout take the A40 dual carriageway towards Gerrards Cross and Denham. 500m after the roundabout the road will become single carriageway, and then after another 500m take the left turn onto Potkiln Lane (signed Jordans and Seer Green). Follow Potkiln Lane for 3.5km as it becomes Jordans Lane through Jordans village, and then becomes Twitchell's Lane. At the T-junction, turn left onto Newbarn Lane and follow the road for 600m, and PerkinElmer Ltd will be on your left. Please follow directions from the Parking Team who will guide you to a space in the PerkinElmer car park.

Please drive slowly and look out for pedestrians when entering/exiting the PerkinElmer site, because it is a narrow entrance, and the route from Assembly to the Start/Finish uses the same roadway through the main gate at the entrance to the site.

It is possible to take cross-country roads from junction 17 or 18 of the M25 via Chorleywood and Chalfont St Giles; or on the A413 from Aylesbury and Amersham.

Please car-share, if at all possible, or use public transport.

Travelling by public transport

The nearest railway station is Seer Green & Jordans on the Chiltern Railways line between London Marylebone and Birmingham. The station is 2.5km from Assembly, through Seer Green village. There should be an hourly service in both directions stopping at the station on Sunday.

The Chiltern Hundreds 102 bus service operates hourly on Sundays in both directions between Heathrow Airport, Uxbridge, Beaconsfield and High Wycombe (Carousel Buses <https://www.carouselbuses.co.uk/services/CSLB/101>). The bus stop on the A40 at Bulstrode Park, opposite Potkiln Lane, is about 4km from Assembly, through Jordans village.

Assembly

Assembly is within the PerkinElmer site and will include toilets, Enquiries, Card Hire, Download, Professional First Aid, catering and car parking (140 spaces on hardstanding and 45 spaces on reinforced grass).

Card Hire, Download and Enquiries will be near the site entrance; whilst the toilets will be at the far end of the car park.

Please note that TVOC will not be providing water out on the courses or at the Finish/Assembly, so please come with your own supplies.

Tom's outdoor British and Continental Catering will be based in Assembly for the sale of hot food, cakes, snacks, hot and cold drinks. Drinks and cakes from £1.50. Hot food from £4. Both cash and cards are accepted for payment.

Notes on the area

Hodgemoor Woods is a 250-acre woodland located between Amersham, Chalfont St. Giles and Seer Green. This beautiful beech wood is gently sloping with a good path network and earth features. The bluebells are coming out! When TVOC last held an event here in late-April, the bluebells looked fantastic - we hope you will again be greeted by a carpet of blue in some parts of the wood.

Hodgemoor is a natural heritage area, designated by Natural England as a "Site of Special Scientific Interest" (SSSI). It is owned by Buckinghamshire Council but administered for them by Forestry England. It has a large network of footpaths and riding/cycling trails maintained by the Hodgemoor Riding Association, on behalf of and in coordination with Forestry England (<https://hodgemoor.org.uk/>).

There may be horses being ridden within the woods, so please be courteous to riders, giving way to them where necessary, and, if approaching from the rear, please call out to make the riders aware. Please also be courteous to other members of the public using the woods. Our future use of the woods may be dependent on your behaviour.

Entries

Pre-entry through SiEntries only, remains open until 11:30 on the morning of the event, but subject to map availability. Note: An entry does NOT provide an extra map for any shadower!

Enquiries / SIAC hire

Enquiries and SI card collection are housed in tents near the entrance to the PerkinElmer site. Note that lost SIACs will be charged at £65.

Lone travellers are encouraged to leave car keys with Enquiries.

Start and Finish

Starts will commence at 10:15; with last starts at 12:15 (including for the YBT/S). Courses will close at 14:00. You must report to the Download tent at PerkinElmer by 14:00 at the latest, even if you retire or have not finished your course. The controls will be collected from 14:00.

Competitors who are hiring an SI card will need to go to the tent near the entrance to the PerkinElmer site to pick up their card before going to the Start.

The Start and Finish are in Hodgemoor Woods, approximately 500m from Assembly and car park. Exit the PerkinElmer site through the main entrance and follow the signs and tape to the road crossing.

The road crossing will be marshalled, and there will be signage along the road warning traffic of people crossing, but the crossing point is on a bend; which means that there is better visibility when going in the direction from the Finish to Assembly (i.e. after participants have completed their courses). The speed limit on the road is 40mph and there are also permanent 'horse' warning signs and 'road bend' warning signs in place to encourage drivers to take it easy. The marshals will be there to be a visible warning to drivers at the crossing point, and can warn orienteers about the traffic, but they cannot tell orienteers when (or when not) to cross the road – this is the responsibility of each person. All under-16s should be accompanied by an adult whilst crossing the road.

Between the road crossing and Start/Finish, participants will need to walk along Rawlings Lane for 350m (which is a single-track road with passing places). Please keep to the side of the road and look out for vehicles and horses. There is no clothing dump at the Start/Finish.

Courses do not have set start times; competitors can just turn up at the Start, where you will queue (if necessary) and go. Call-up will be at -4, where White & Yellow maps will be provided to those competitors.

This event will be SIAC enabled. It is a punching start. You must physically 'punch' the Start control, and ensure that it beeps. No beep indicates a problem - see a Start official; do not blindly charge off into the forest. SIACs will still work after a battery failure, but will need to be manually dibbed in each subsequent control.

There is one Finish for all courses. It is a fly-by Finish (SIAC enabled). Please ensure you punch the safety control located just after the Finish.

Courses close at 14:00. Please ensure you have reported to Download by then, to avoid a search for you being initiated. **You must report back to Download even if you retire.**

The Map

The map is 1:7500 with 5m contours, printed on A3 and then trimmed. It was drawn by Julian Birkinshaw in 2021, based on previous maps, with minor updates for this event in March 2024 (ISOM 2017-2). It will be a double-sided map for Blue and Brown courses, and single-sided map for all other courses.

Given the recent weather, a number of pits and depressions are water-filled (not shown as water features on the map).

Course details

Course	Length	Climb
Brown	8.0km	130m
Blue	6.5km	125m
Red - not SCOA League	4.7km	80m
Green (incl. YBT/S)	5.1km	100m
Short Green	3.7km	60m
Light Green (incl. YBT/S)	4.1km	80m
Orange (incl. YBT/S)	3.3km	55m
Yellow (incl. YBT/S)	2.5km	45m
White	1.6km	30m

The Yellow, Orange, Light Green and Green courses will be used for the Yvette Baker Trophy and Shield competitions for junior club teams.

There are no road crossings on any of the courses, and roads are out-of-bounds. There is a public car park on the edge of the competition area, which will contain moving vehicles and parked cars.

This event will be SIAC enabled. It will be a punching Start, but contactless Finish. Everyone is also asked to punch the safety control after finishing.

Control Descriptions

Control descriptions are printed on the map. Loose control descriptions will be available in the Start lanes. White & Yellow courses use text descriptions; Orange and Red courses have both pictorial and text descriptions; all other courses use IOF pictorial symbols only.

Medical conditions

If you have a High-Risk Medical Condition you are invited to download and complete this form <http://tinyurl.com/BOF-med> and place it in a sealed envelope with your name on it, in the box provided at Enquiries. Envelopes will only be opened if required for a medical emergency. Unopened envelopes should be collected after the event. Any unclaimed envelopes will be destroyed after the event.

Nearest A&E hospital: Wexham Park Hospital, Wexham Street, Slough, Berkshire SL2 4HL
9 miles from competition area. Telephone: 0300 614 5000

Dogs

Well-behaved dogs are allowed on their leads in the car park. Please clean up after your dog. TVOC's policy is for no dogs to accompany competitors on their runs.

Biosecurity

Hodgemoor Woods is administered by Forestry England, who state that "Many of our trees are under threat from the spread of pests and diseases. As human activity is a key factor we ask all organisations and individuals to adhere to [this biosecurity advice](#)."

The following precautions have been recommended by British Orienteering: arrive with all of your kit, especially footwear, fully cleaned since its last outing. After your run, place all your kit in a plastic bag to prevent spreading fungal spores. Full details of Ash Dieback precautions can be found on the British Orienteering website.

Results

Live results will be available at <https://tvoc.org.uk/results-live/> There is a QR code link on the maps and on splits printouts. Note that mobile phone signal can be sporadic in Seer Green. Our aim is to publish final results at <https://tvoc.org.uk/results/> by 6pm on Sunday evening.

Photography

You are welcome to take photographs at our event. However please be respectful of other peoples' privacy when taking photographs, and do not take inappropriate or intrusive photos. Please bear in mind British Orienteering's guidelines on the subject. If you have any concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography (in terms of the way, by whom, or where photography is being undertaken), please report them to the event Organiser or another official. Parents, guardians or carers who have a reason to be sensitive about the children they are responsible for should bear in mind that photographs may be taken at the event, and some may be posted onto public websites.

Yvette Baker Trophy and Shield (YBT/S) Qualifying Round

This qualifying round for the inter-club Yvette Baker Trophy and Shield will be run in accordance with [British Orienteering's Competition Rule L: Yvette Baker Trophy and Shield \(last updated Jan 2024\)](#).

The Yvette Baker Shield competition is for smaller clubs. British Orienteering determine which clubs are eligible to take part in the Shield competition and publish this information on their website. The Trophy and Shield competitions are treated as entirely separate competitions taking place at the same event.

All competitors must be Juniors in age classes M/W18 or under. Eligibility for each course is defined within the Competition Rules document. Anyone competing on a course for which they are not eligible will be disqualified.

The courses used for both Trophy and Shield are Yellow, Orange, Light Green and Green. Men and women are scored separately on each of the 4 courses, giving 8 classes in total. Competitors from the same club on the same course must start at least 4 minutes apart. Shadowing of YBT/S competitors is not permitted.

Competitors should not show their map to, or discuss courses with, anyone yet to run, particularly other YBT/S competitors.

For the Shield Competition, each club counts its 5 highest scorers from across all 8 classes to produce its total points (subject to certain maximum limits). For the Trophy Competition, each club counts its 9 highest scores from across all 8 classes to produce its total points (subject to certain maximum limits).

Officials

Organiser: Paul Taylor (TVOC) [email organiser](#) Tel: 07712 033388

Planner: Mark Thompson (TVOC)

Controller: Mike Bennett (HH)

If you have any reason to complain about your course or the event arrangements, then please talk informally with the Organiser in the first instance, who will contact other officials as necessary.

Courses close at 14:00. You must report to Download by 14:00 even if you do not complete your course.

Please remember:

- Orienteering is an adventure sport. All competitors take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety.
- Please check website for last minute cancellation in case of inclement weather. In the event of cancellation some or all of your entry fee may be retained.
- The personal data you give will be used by the event organisers & their agents only for the purpose of processing and publishing the event entries and results, for conducting safety checks and to validate British Orienteering insurance cover. Submission of an entry for the event will indicate your acceptance of this procedure.