



Leicestershire Orienteering Club

British Sprint Championships September 14th 2019

**Loughborough University
A World Ranking Event**

Preliminary Details



**Loughborough
University**



Shepshed Running Club

*These are Preliminary Details and information is correct at the time of writing.
However, information may change as final details are produced. Actual Final Details will
be available the weekend before the event with a draft version 1-2 weeks prior to that.*

Logistics

Registration details:

Due to the nature of this event, with Finals details having to be calculated from morning qualifications, it is important that we have accurate details before the event. If any of your details change, e.g. dibber number, before the event closing date (August 28th), please update this on the SI Entries entry page. *We will be able to accept only dibber changes on the day and these will be subject to a £5 charge.* If you run with a different dibber number compared with your entry and don't register it, then you will not qualify for other than the lowest Final.

Travel to the University:

Details of the location of Loughborough University and travel options are on the "Event Details" page of the Sprints website <http://www.britishsprintchamps.org.uk>. Further information can also be found at <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/about/find-us/>.

Arrival:

Parking will be accessed from the north of the campus off the A512, 1 mile from J23 on the M1, turning south into Holywell Way. This is University West Entrance. **Do not enter by the East (Main) Entrance.** Competitors arriving at the Main Entrance will be directed around the campus to the West Entrance. The postcode for satnavs is **LE11 3TT**.

A walking route map to registration, the starts and other facilities will be available at parking in the multi-storey car park. Distance to Assembly is 1000m from the car park and the morning starts are adjacent to the event centre.

Parking is at the multi-storey (2.2m height restriction), but there are spaces in front of the car park and spaces available to us on adjacent University roads, so please arrive as per the instructions and we will direct you to a suitable parking slot.

Those arriving by train should use the campus Sprint bus from the railway station. The bus passes through the competition area on the campus. Please get off the bus at the second stop on campus (Computer Studies) and follow the directions of the official there.

Walking Routes and Model Map:

Mandatory walking routes between arrival points, assembly and the Starts will be shown on an extract of the competition map and this also acts as a model map for the competition. If you are travelling by car, you will be provided with this map at the multi-storey car park. If arriving by bus, you will be issued a copy at the bus stop and shown how to progress to the event centre. Unless while competing, you are not permitted to use any routes through the competition area and anyone found doing so will be disqualified.

You may only enter the morning qualifying area after morning heats have completed.

Event Centre:

The main assembly area and event centre is based around the University's Edward Herbert Building. There will be the following facilities available:

- Enquiries. For general information, entry to EOD courses and dibber changes
- Download.
- Display of start lists and results.
- Catering and Toilets
- Presentations

First Aid is being provided by Ambtrans who will have their own First Aid point adjacent to the assembly area.

It is likely that two orienteering traders will be present: Compasspoint and Ultrasport.

Unfortunately, there is insufficient space to accommodate club tents, but we hope to have an area set aside, subject to University approval, where club banners can be erected.

Catering:

There will be a selection of hot food offerings available from 9.30am until 3.30pm. A shop will be open from 9 – 5 for drinks and snacks.

The Loughborough Student Union also has a shop and a Coffee Bar, but this is not set up to cope with large groups of people. There is also an oriental restaurant in this building. However, please note this area is out of bounds until after the morning heats are completed.

Opening Times: Shop, 8.45 to 17.30. Coffee Bar, 9.30 to 16.00.

The Competition:

Eligibility:

To be eligible to win a British Championship Trophy or Medal, competitors must be a national member of a British Orienteering Club and a British Citizen.

Safety:

The campus will be open as normal on the day of the competition. It will be quiet on a Saturday. The event is not during term time but there will be other events taking place. Please pay attention and ensure that other campus users are not put at risk. When negotiating corners, please run wide and be prepared for people coming the other way.

Please make sure that you avoid any Out of Bounds areas. Leicestershire Orienteering Club has invested a great deal of effort into making the campus into an orienteering venue and our future use will depend on the compliance of competitors. There may be marshals out during the day and anyone caught infringing the Out of Bounds will be disqualified.

The speed limit on campus roads is 15mph. Please beware of any traffic travelling on the campus roads. There are also several cycle paths on campus, particularly around the Halls of Residence, which are separate from the roads. Please expect to meet cyclists as you run.

The terrain is a mixture of tarmac, paved surfaces and grassland with some significant slopes. Please consider this in your choice of footwear.

Any competitor with a known medical condition that could give rise to a safety risk may leave information at enquiries, and if they prefer, in a sealed envelope. This information would only be made available to first aid/ambulance staff in the event of an incident. Any such information will be destroyed after the event.

Race Numbers:

Race numbers must be worn on the front by all competitors and they must be collected from the event centre area before the qualifying heats. Your race number will be your SIEntries entry number and the same for both heats and finals. Bibs for are not shared with the British Middles. Numbers for that event will be issued there.

Start Times:

Heats: Start times will be allocated according to ranking positions, and this is the reason why start time requests are not possible. The Sprint Championships will consist of qualifying heats and finals for all age classes. Competitors from each age class will be split between a number of parallel heats according to ranking position (or seeding for Juniors). The top runners from each heat will then qualify for the A final in the afternoon.

Finals: Those who do not qualify for their respective A Final will run in further finals, according to entry numbers. There will be B Finals and C Finals, with a possibility of D Finals in some classes. The start times for the Finals will be posted as quickly as possible after the qualifying heats have finished. Please remember to check both start time and the course that you have qualified for.

Late Starts: There are unlikely to be spare time slots and competitors are started according to rankings, so starting out of order could be advantageous. We will attempt to allocate late starters on the half minute. Start times, however, will not be changed.

Missing your Heat: If you do not start your morning qualifying heat, you will only be allocated a start time for the finals if you request a time by 12.30pm at the enquiries centre. This will be in the lowest available Final.

The Starts:

There is a single start for the morning qualifying heats very close to the event centre. There will be a five minute call up. Start boxes will be arranged as:

Heat Starts

- Starts are from 10.45 - 12.10
- Courses close at 12.45.

Start times for the Finals will be published as soon as possible after the qualifying heat results are available. Please take careful note of the name of the Final to which you have been allocated, and, of course, your starting time. A and B Finals will be organised so that age classes go off in blocks with the fastest runners in the heats starting last. Start times for the finish will be available on paper in the assembly area, at the start and on the Internet (see Results).

There is a single start for all the finals and this is situated about 300m from the event centre adjacent to the road you walked up to access the event centre.

- MW21 class starts from 13.30
- Other classes start from 14.00 - 15.30
- Courses close at 16.15.

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There will be no clothing transfer for the qualifying heats or finals.

The Finish:

There is a single finish for all courses. For both heats and final maps will be collected and placed into club bags. After your map is collected follow instructions to proceed to download. Once the last starters have gone off, these will be issued to a representative of each club or be available at the event centre.

No water will be provided at the Finish.

Download

We expect the download corridor to be very busy, so once you have successfully downloaded, please continue through the corridor after downloading and follow the signs back to the event centre..

Results

Printed results will be displayed in the Edward Herbert Building, after the last download has processed.

Live results will be available via SIResults website. The University Campus WiFi will be available. Connect your device to the Imago WiFi network and enter the code when asked. The code will be available on the day.

Prize giving:

Prize giving will take place in the atrium of the Edward Herbert Building as soon as possible after the Finals finish, at about 16.00. There are trophies available for the Open classes and medals will be awarded to the top three in each class who are eligible for the British Championships.

Commentary:

Commentary for the event will be given by Chris Poole and associates, supported by radio controls provided by Ian Marsden.

Map and terrain:

The maps do not use the Impassable Sprint hedge symbol but do use other impassable features.

Vegetation is shown using Open Land and Woodland white to dark green. Much of this will be shrubs, some of which will have thorns. You may wish to use the walking route map, especially near pre-start to check this out.

Special symbols: X (green) root stock and O (black circle *with* black central dot) monument, statue, sculpture.

Competitors on longer courses in the Finals may encounter a complex multi-level area. The map correctly represents the running level, but there are two points where it would be possible to run off of this level and onto the upper level. There will be signs in the terrain at these points to warn runners that they are running off the map.

Courses

Courses will vary depending on the entry and final controlling. There will be up to 3 heats in each age class labelled A, B and C. Finals courses will be labelled F1 up to F20. Your actual final course will depend on your heat performance. Finals courses are slightly shorter and B finals are in most cases 10% shorter than A finals with C finals 10% shorter still.

All courses except MW10 and EOD will have pictorial control descriptions.

Complaints and Protests:

If any competitor feels that they have been unfairly treated, then they should, in the first instance, register a complaint with the Organiser via the Information Point. If they are not satisfied with the Organiser's response, a protest complaint should be made, in writing, again to the Information Point, which will be considered by the Event Jury.

British Orienteering rules state: "Complaints can be made by anybody in writing. They shall be made "as soon as possible" after the problem is recognised. The Organiser decides whether a complaint has been made in time or not." During the event, "as soon as possible" usually means within 15 minutes of the last result being displayed.

Registration and Entry On the Day Course:

There is no EOD for Championship Courses. There will be a non-championship course available both in the morning and afternoon. This will be TD2. The number of maps will be limited. Pay at registration and you will be given a slip to take to the start. Cost for EOD is £12 Seniors, £5 Juniors to include morning, afternoon, or both. A punching start will operate for this non-championship course. There will be no string course.

Dogs

Generally, dogs are not permitted on campus. However, for events such as these, they are allowed provided that they are kept under control and on leads at all times. Please make sure that you do any necessary clearing up.

Photography

In accordance with British Orienteering Child Welfare Policy and Procedures, we request that any person wishing to engage in any video, zoom or close-range photography should make themselves aware of British Orienteering 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 raise them with the Organiser, Safety Officer or registration officials.

Officials:

- Organiser: Bob Haskins (LEI) 01509 842449 bobh@piperdrive.org.uk
- Planner: Iain Phillips (LEI)
- IOF Advisor: Nermin Fenmen (LOK and Turkey Federation)
- Controller: John Britton (MDOC)
- Mapper and Assistant Planner: Peter Hornsby (LEI)

- Assistant Organiser: Chris Phillips (LEI)
- Safety Officer: Ursula Williamson (LEI)

Jury:

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- Y
- Z

Previous Maps

Routegadget maps and courses of the last uses are listed below. The campus has had extensive alterations since then and work is ongoing.

- <https://www.leioc.routegadget.co.uk/rg2/#149>
- <https://www.leioc.routegadget.co.uk/rg2/#194>
- <https://www.leioc.routegadget.co.uk/rg2/#70>