

British Sprint Championships 2024

Sunday, June 23rd

University of Warwick – Coventry

Preliminary Event Details (version 10/04/24)

British Orienteering and Octavian Droobers welcome you to the British Sprint Championships. This is a two race event with a qualifying race in the morning followed by a final race in the afternoon. Your result from the morning race will give your start position for the final.

Event Entry

Enter online at https://www.sientries.co.uk/list.php?event_id=13006



Entries open on Sunday 4th February and close on Sunday 9th June. The same prices apply for all participants but only members of British Orienteering who are British citizens are eligible for Championship prizes. (for the full competition and eligibility rules [Click Here](#) to download pdf)

		Senior	Junior
Standard Entry	Mon 8 April to Sun 19 May	£22	£11
Late Entry	Mon 20 May to Sun 9 June	£24	£12

There is no entry on the day for championship courses but non-championship courses will be available for entry online and on the day (yellow and orange standard) at £10 for each entry.

For the cancellation procedure and refund policy see [Cancellation Policy & Procedure](#)

Email contact information

For general enquiries: [Sprint Coordinator](#)

For entry enquiries: [Sprint Entries](#)

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EVENT..... READ THIS IF NOTHING ELSE

1. Pay for parking before you arrive using the APCOA website or pay by card at Arts Centre.
2. Bus 12X from Coventry railway station leaves every half hour. Journey time 12 minutes.
3. Collect bibs before run from Oculus building—up to 950m from parking 350m from bus stop
4. Morning Far Start for M16/W16 to M70/W65 is **1200m or 20mins** from Oculus.
5. Morning Near Start for M10-14/W10-14 & M75-85+/W70-80+ is 400m from Oculus.
6. Please note your **bib number and start time** before you arrive to help us out.

Timings

08.00	Car park opens
09.00	Enquiries, bib collection, trophy return, bag drop opens
10.30	First start – qualifying race
12.00	Last start – qualifying race
14.00	First start – final race
15.20	Last start – final race
16.15	Medal ceremony
17.00	Bag drop closes

Travel

By car - when on campus follow the yellow AA signs “Sports & Wellness Hub” and “Event Parking” signs to the Cryfield Village car park, opposite the Sports & Wellness Hub on the NE side of Leighfield Rd.

Postcode: CV4 7EU (note that the location may be incorrect on some Satnavs)

OS Grid Ref: SP 294 756

Google Maps: [Link](#)

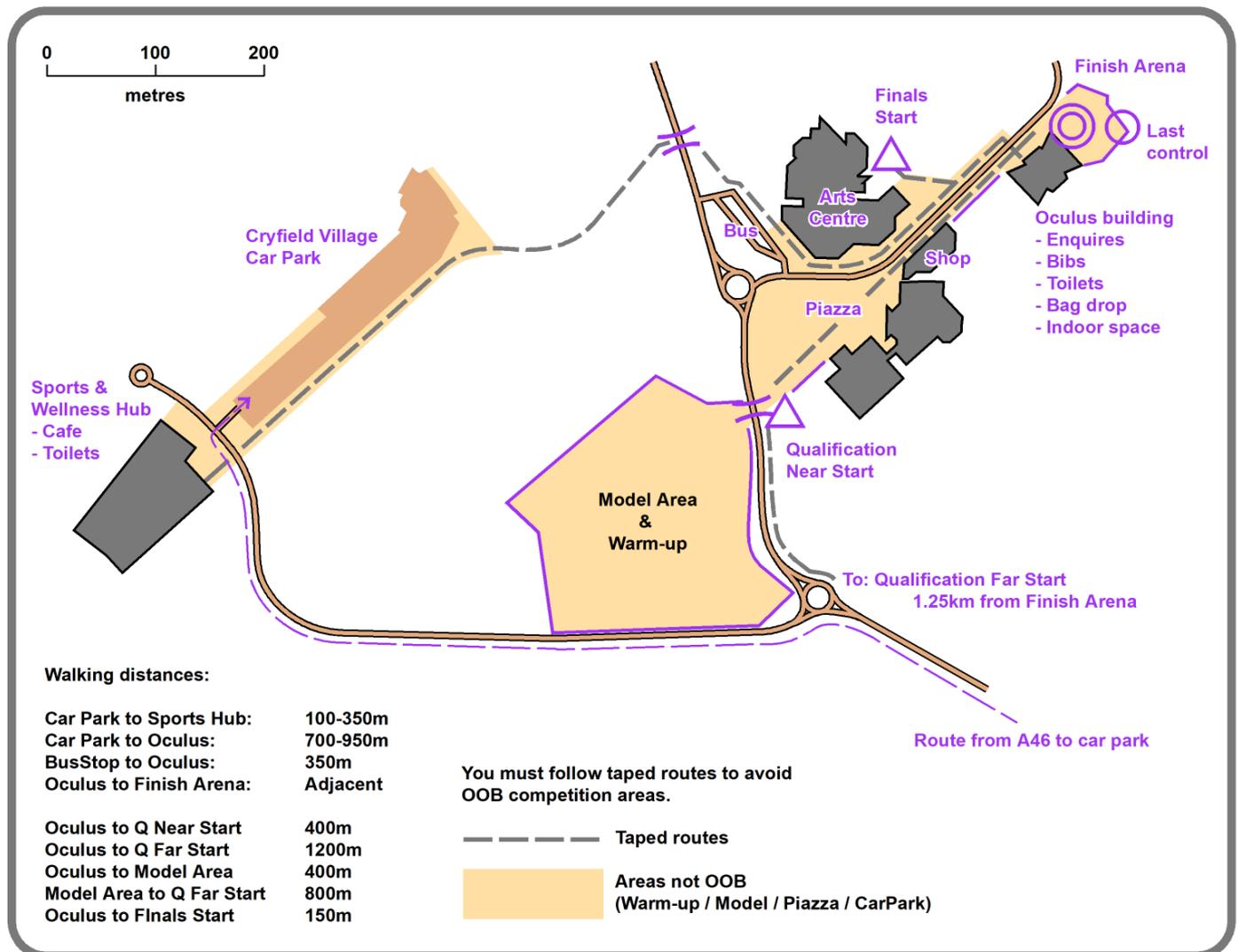
What3Words: [///plants.wipes.state](https://www.what3words.com/#!/plants.wipes.state)

StreetMap: [Link](#)

Parking is £2 all day. **Pay in advance online** using the [APCOA website](#) or **on the day by card at a machine in the Arts Centre**. Small campervans will be able to park at this car park. No overnight parking available.

By public transport – from Coventry railway station use the 12X bus service direct to the central campus. Bus times are 27 and 57 minutes past the hour to the university and 25 and 55 minutes past the hour to the railway station. Travel time is 12 minutes.

On the exit from the NE end of the car park, there will be a taped route marking the permitted route from the parking, passing the bus stop and Arts Centre to get to the Oculus building / Arena. Do not stray from this route as you will be entering OOB competition areas and be liable to disqualification from the competition.



Facilities & Toilets

Toilets are available at the Sports and Wellness Hub (opposite the car park entrance when you arrive), within the Arts Centre (which you pass between the car park and Arena) and in the Oculus building close to the Arena / Finish. There are no toilets at any of the starts. There are numerous cafes in the Piazza, a convenience store opposite the Arts Centre and a restaurant inside the Arts Centre. You may want to book if you want to use this restaurant between the 2 races. [Benugo Bar and Kitchen](#)

Dogs

Dogs on leads are welcome on campus but not inside buildings.

First Aid

First Aid will be provided within the Oculus building. Emergencies will be directed to A & E. The nearest A & E is at University Hospital, Clifford Bridge Rd, Coventry CV2 2DX – 9 miles from campus.

Arena and Finish

The Finish Arena is based in an open area to the East of the Oculus building. Enquiries, bib collection and secure bag drop will be within the Oculus building. Enquiries will be open from 09.00.

Bag and Car Key Drop

A secure bag and car key drop will be located within the Oculus building. **Please collect your bib prior to visiting the bag drop** as your bib number will be your bag/key number too.

Club Flags

Please bring your club flag to decorate the arena. It can be fixed to railings near the finish. There is plenty of space and seating within the Oculus building and terraced seating outside for your club to 'set up camp'. Due to University restrictions club tents are not allowed.

Start Times

Start times for the morning qualifier races will be available on the SIEntries website – https://www.sientries.co.uk/list.php?event_id=13006 after Sunday 9 June.

All entrants will receive a notification when start times become available.

Please note that **all age classes** will have seeded start times based on the 2024 BOF ranking list as it stands when start times are allocated. Highest-ranked competitors will start last. There will be no start time preferences available when entering.

Start times will run from 10.30 to 12.00 approximately depending upon entry numbers.

Start times will run in age class/gender blocks approximately as shown in the chart at the end of this document.

Start times for the final races will be published online (**LINK to be added**) and printed final race start lists will be displayed in the arena area.

We aim to start the final races from 14.00 with the last runners starting around 15:20

A chart showing the blocks for the Finals will be added once entry numbers are finalised.

Prize giving will follow as soon as possible after the results are finalised.

Late Starts

Please ensure you get to your pre-start on time (start time minus 5 minutes). If you are a minute or two late for your call-up time the start official will, if possible, slot you in to the correct start box for your start time.

If you are later than your start time the start official will guide you to the late start lane where you can start immediately if you are at the start line less than 30 seconds after your start time.

If you are more than 30 seconds after your start time you will start at the next available half minute. You will punch a start box but **you will be timed as if you had started at your correct start time**. If you believe your lateness is not your fault, you can complete a complaint form at enquiries for consideration by the organiser.

Please note the distance from the arena to the Qualification Far Start is 1200m.

Punching

The event will use SIAC contactless punching. All controls will be contactless as well as the finish control. The start will be a timed start. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that their unit has registered at each control and the finish. A limited number of SIAC's will be available for hire from enquiries on the day at £3.50. A SIAC battery test will be placed just outside the Oculus building on the way to all starts. A fast beep means the battery is low but should last the day. No beep means a flat battery so go back to enquiries and swap you SIAC for a hired one and pay for it between races.

All controls will have a backup pin punch. In the unlikely occurrence of an SI box failure use this to punch your map. There are 3 reserve punch boxes along the bottom edge of the map.

Bibs

Bibs must be collected from the Oculus building. All competitors must wear their individually numbered bibs when running. **All competitors are encouraged to fill out the reverse side with their name and emergency contact number** and any medical conditions they wish to declare.

M/W 18, 20 & Open competitors who qualify for the A Final will be given a coloured final race bib which must be collected after the final start lists are published but please keep your morning bib to collect your bag.

Medals and Prizes

There will be a trophy awarded to both the winning man and woman in the Open A Final. There will be medals awarded to the first, second and third placed competitors in each age class A Final.

Would trophy winners in Armagh please return them to Enquiries on the day or if not entering this competition to the Organiser before the event.

Model Course

A model course will be provided in the residential area of Cryfield. This is very close to the Qualification Near Start and on the route to the Far Start. To get to/from the model area you need to cross a busy road via a light-controlled crossing. This area can also be used as a warmup area.

Safety and Risk

A risk assessment will have been carried out by the organiser, but participants take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety during the event. If you have a high-risk medical condition that you want organisers to be aware of please fill out the reverse side of your bib with your name, emergency contact number and any medical information you want to declare.

An emergency number for the day is printed on the map. First aid and details of the nearest A&E hospital will be available in the Oculus building.

Covid Please do not come to this event if you have symptoms of Covid-19, or suspect you may have it.

Photography

British Orienteering has an agreed national guidance policy on the taking of photographs at events. If you are unsure about the agreed acceptable practice, please speak to the event organiser.

Privacy & Personal Data

When entering this event your personal details (name, age, gender, club) will appear in the results section on the website. It may also be used to trace missing runners and hired SIAC cards.

Event Officials

Organiser – Phil Kirk OD

Planner – Bruce Bryant OD

Controller – Jeff Baker LOG

Map notes (v23/02/24)

The map is drawn to ISSprOM 2019-2 (rev. 6 - Jan 2024) at 1:4000. Some older and junior courses have an enlargement to 1:3000. The contour interval is 2 metres.

The previous map from 2019 can be found [here](#). It has been substantially revised and redrawn...

Out of Bounds and Forbidden to Cross:

- Purple crosshatch denotes temporary Out of Bounds specifically for this event.
- “Olive Green” denotes private or cultivated areas. In a couple of locations where minimal ground cover may tempt competitors to cross these OOB areas, the edge will be taped off. **Do not cross any tapes.**
- High walls, high fences and impassable hedges. The standard ISSprOM Black or Dark Green symbols are used, **do not attempt to cross these features.**

Trees:

There are over 1500 individually mapped trees on this part of the campus...

The trees vary in size from smaller saplings which are not mapped to very mature trees with a trunk diameter of over 1m.

- Many individual trees are well-established, with a trunk of >40cm diameter and are mapped with the **Prominent Large Tree** symbol (417) – a green circle with white underneath. A white “canopy” is usually combined with this symbol and helps to show the relative size of these trees as well as the extent of the tree canopy.
- Individual smaller trees, with a trunk of between 10 & 40cm are mapped with the **Prominent Bush or Small Tree** symbol (418) - a green circle with a white dot. Where relevant a white canopy has been added.
- There are some copses of about 3-5 large trees. Even if the tree canopies overlap, they have typically been mapped as individual trees with a joining white tree canopy.
- There are a few examples of trees with branches close to ground level. These are mapped using either walk or fight green with veg. boundary dots and if used as a control site described as either a Veg. Boundary or Thicket.
- Larger wooded areas are mapped as usual to show runnability with only prominent trees mapped and any undergrowth if applicable in white areas.

Special symbols:

- Black circles are seats. These are drawn with a paved area infill as they typically sit on a small paved area
- Grey (black 60%) lines denote prominent concrete benches which are usually >50cm high but can be easily run around or over. This symbol is very similar to the old ISSOM 2007 passable wall symbol.
- A black X denotes a prominent sign or post. Mapped signs are totem signs or woodland signs. The mapped posts are prominent barbeque points.
- A black circle with a central black dot denotes a Sculpture or other artwork

The Qualification and Model area maps have a partial legend showing the OOB, Trees and Special Symbols. Finals maps only show the Special symbols.

Terrain and Course Notes (v23/02/24)

Terrain comprises both residential and teaching areas of a large university campus. The area is relatively flat and courses have climb of about 1% (10m / km). Underfoot is typically either short grass or paved surfaces although there are some small areas of rougher open – they were bramble-covered but this has been recently cleared.

The amount of grass running will depend on route choice but is likely to be at least 50% on most courses, particularly in the residential areas. You probably want to choose shoes with some grip if the grass areas are likely to be slippery or muddy.

The campus has a 20-mph speed limit and only one public road passes through the competition area. Where crossed by Finals courses, this road is one-way for vehicles but 2-way for cycles. Pedestrian crossings - where vehicles should give way - are marked on the map with the Crossing Point symbol. Use of crossing points is optional except for courses F19 / FY (Yellow) which have a compulsory crossing point very close to the Arena.

There are other access roads used by service/security vehicles and cycles so competitors need to be aware of moving vehicles and cycles anywhere on the campus. As the event is the Sunday before the end of term there may also be some other vehicles in the residential areas with students leaving for the summer vacation. On some courses, there are also a couple of car parks that you may choose to cross.

The competition area can be divided into 4 areas:

- Gibbet Hill campus – Teaching area
- Gibbet Hill and Tocil Woods
- South and East Campus – Residential area
- Central Campus – Teaching area

All Qualification courses use the residential areas of the South Campus.

Qualification courses from the Far Start (Q1-8 and Q11-14) begin on the Gibbet Hill campus. To return to the main campus these courses have a route through Tocil Woods (OOB for orienteering off the main path) where competitors need to go downhill on a shared 3m wide cycle/pedestrian path. There are a pair of controls before the path route, take care to punch the correct control. After ~200m - at the end of the woods - you cross a bridge and are then free to navigate off the path.

Finals courses use the Central Campus, some extend into the Eastern Campus (crossing the road out and back) and all finish - after crossing the road - with a short section in the South Campus.

A watercourse runs from NW to SE through the campus. Whilst the water level is generally low in the summer the stream is relatively wide and - in many areas - the banks are bramble-covered. Courses have been planned so that you do not need to cross this stream. In one area where jumping the stream may give a small advantage - for the agile - it has been marked as OOB with the purple crosshatch. At times, this will be monitored for compliance...

Preliminary Course Details:

Qualification - Course / Class combinations:

Distances are by the optimum route as measured by OCAD Route Analyzer 2.0

(revised 10/04/24)

Class M	Class W	km	m	c	Scale	Course	Start
MOpen_a		4.04	48	23		Q1a	Far Start
M18 MOpen_b		4.03	48	23	4000	Q1b	
M20 MOpen_c		4.02	45	23		Q1c	
	WOpen_a	3.60	36	25		Q2a	
	W18 WOpen_b	3.62	39	25	4000	Q2b	
	W20 WOpen_c	3.61	38	25		Q2c	
M16 M35 M40		3.36	32	21	4000	Q3	
M45 M50		3.13	35	21	4000	Q4	
	W16 W35 W40	2.88	33	20	4000	Q5	
M55		2.88	30	20	4000	Q6	
	W45 W50	2.70	30	17	4000	Q7	
M60		2.82	28	18	4000	Q8	
M14	W14	2.53	27	19	4000	Q9	Near Start
M12	W12	2.20	22	18	4000	Q10	
	W55	2.25	29	16	3000	Q11	Far Start
M65		2.54	29	19	3000	Q12	
	W60 W65	2.20	27	16	3000	Q13	
M70		2.12	25	16	3000	Q14	
M75	W70	2.03	19	17	3000	Q15	Near Start
M80	W75	1.77	14	16	3000	Q16	
M85+	W80+	1.52	14	13	3000	Q17	
M10	W10	1.48	10	18	3000	Q18	
Orange		2.40	25	19	3000	QO	
Yellow		1.48	10	18	3000	QY	

Finals - Course / Class combinations:

Distance here is still approx. optimum route

(OCAD Route Analyzer course length together with climb and controls coming soon...)

A Classes	B Classes	km	Scale	Course
MOpenA		4.0	4000	F1
M18A M20A WOpenA		3.6	4000	F2
M16A M35A M40A	MOpenB	3.6	4000	F3
M45A M50A W18A W20A W35A		3.4	4000	F4
M14A W16A W40A	WOpenB M18B M20B W35B	3.2	4000	F5
M55A	M16B M40B W18B W20B	3.2	4000	F6
M60A	M45B M50B	3.0	4000	F7
W45A W50A	W16B	3.0	4000	F8
M12A W12A W14A	M14B M55B	2.8	4000	F9
M65A	M60B	2.6	3000	F10
W55A	W40B W45B	2.6	3000	F11
M70A	W14B	2.4	3000	F12
W60A W65A	W50B	2.4	3000	F13
M75A	W55B	2.2	3000	F14
W70A	M65B M12B W12B	2.2	3000	F15
M80A	M70B M75B	2.0	3000	F16
W75A	W60B W65B	2.0	3000	F17
M85+ W80+	M80B W70B W75B	1.6	3000	F18
M10 W10		2.0	3000	F19
	Orange	3.0	3000	FO
	Yellow	2.0	3000	FY

