

## Leeds city centre night urban event

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018

### Final Details – Version 2.0

#### Important: Safety information

**It is mandatory for all competitors to wear a high-visibility top or bib. You will not be allowed to start without one.**

The high visibility top or bib must be a bright colour (e.g. fluoro yellow, pink or orange), preferably with reflective stripes or similar.

A non-reflective white top will not be considered as high-vis (because it does not stand out), neither will a dark top with small reflective areas.

There are a significant number of potentially busy roads in Leeds City Centre, particularly Wellington Street, Headrow, the various roads on the loop road (e.g. the Calls) and Neville Street/Victoria Road. The latter is very close to the start/finish (the road that runs under Leeds station).

**It is your personal responsibility to cross roads safely and it is strongly advised that you use pedestrian crossing facilities where available.**

The intro course has a mandatory crossing point on Neville Street – you must use the pedestrian crossing facilities.

Remember that this is a local event and there are no prizes, no BOF ranking points or anything else for any positions – your safety is far more important than trying to gain a few seconds!

All courses run alongside the canal and river, and in particular in areas around the start and finish in the Granary Wharf canal basin, there are sections where there are no barriers between the path and canal/river. Please take extra care in these areas not to fall into the water.

Leeds City Centre can be busy. Be aware of other pedestrians, cyclists and of course road users. Run corners wide and keep your eyes (and ears) open!

**All runners must download your SI-card at registration after finishing. This is an important safety check to confirm that you have finished safely.**

All runners (whether pre-entered or not) must register (and pay!) at registration and you will be asked to sign against the following disclaimer:

- I accept and understand the hazards inherent in urban orienteering and I acknowledge that I am running this event at my own risk.
- I confirm I am aware of the rules imposed on me by the event organiser and I will comply with them
- I confirm that I have read the final event details and risk assessment and understand the nature of the hazards associated with running this event
- I acknowledge and agree that I am responsible for determining whether I have the skills, equipment and fitness to participate in this event
- I accept that neither the event organiser, Airienteers or the British Orienteering Federation shall be liable to me for any injury, loss or damage of any nature to me or my property arising out of my participation in this event (other than in respect of death or personal injury as a result of their negligence).

Finally, it will be dark – so make sure you bring a headtorch or torch!

## Event Information

### Registration and Download

This will be at “The Hop” in the Dark Arches, Granary Wharf, Leeds, LS1 4BR. This is less than 100m to the W of the South entrance to Leeds station and arrival by train is by far the easiest way to get to the event. It is also about a max of 10-15mins walk from most bus stops in the centre of Leeds.

Parking is available in the Granary Wharf car parks and in the Dark Arches, but these are expensive. This may include the surface car park on Wharf Lane. On street parking is available on some streets south of Water Lane. Some of this (if not at all) will be pay and display. Please park legally where there is space.

**All competitors must register before running.** Registration will open at approximately 1845. Entry fees are £3.50 per senior (per map) and £1.50 per junior or student. Everyone who has pre-entered by email is guaranteed a map. There are a limited number of pre-printed maps available on a first-come, first served basis (as of 19/3/18 these are: Long 1, Medium 0, Short 5, Intro 6) – email [treasurer@aire.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@aire.org.uk) to reserve one.

Please come ready to run as there are no changing facilities. You may leave a small bag at registration (subject to room being available) for clothing for after your run. Don't bring a suitcase though!

The Hop are kindly allowing us to use their facilities at no cost. **Please support our hosts by staying for a drink after your run.** I am reliably informed that Pizzas will be available from next door (and can be brought through) for anyone wanting food.

### Courses

Four courses are available:

Course	Length* (km)	Climb (m)	No of controls
Long	7.9	70	30
Medium	6.5	45	26
Short	5.1	45	21
Intro	2.7	20	16

\*This is the straight line distance between controls and you can expect the actual running distance to be ~40% longer.

The Intro course is planned as an “adult beginner” type course and as such is “Orange” (TD3) standard. This course has a mandatory crossing point across Neville Street. Please use the pedestrian crossings.

U16s must be shadowed/accompanied as a condition of BOF insurance.

Those running the intro course can collect their maps at registration and may ask questions before proceeding to the start.

Long, medium and short maps will be available as you start.

**Please ensure that you are aware of the safety information at the top of these event details.**

All courses use the symbolic descriptions for control locations. If you are not familiar with these please see <https://www.maprunner.co.uk/resources/Maprunner-IOF-control-descriptions-2018.pdf> for a full explanation of what these mean. The intro course also has control descriptions as text.

Control descriptions are printed on the maps. There are no loose copies of the descriptions.

### Start, finish and electronic timing

The start and finish will be very close to The Hop. The start will be to the right of the canal basin immediately in front of the main door and ~100m away. The finish will be immediately opposite The Hop.

**Please remember to download after your run!**

Starts will be 1900 to 1930. Starts will be as at standard orienteering events with an approx 1minute interval between competitors on the same course.

All courses will have a punching start and will use electronic timing. If this is your first event where you have used SI electronic timing and are unsure what to do, please speak to me at registration and I will explain. The start team will also help you out!

SIAC will not be enabled. Please punch all controls normally.

Courses will close at 20.30 and controls will start to be collected in just after this time. If you are close to finishing (within the last 5 controls or so), then please carry on and finish. If you are going to be a long time after 20.30, then think about coming back to registration to download.

## Mapping



Newly mapped to ISSOM2007 standards. If you are not familiar with orienteering mapping, please make sure that you are familiar with the symbols used (<https://www.maprunner.co.uk/resources/Maprunner-sprint-map-symbols.pdf> will give you an overview).

In particular, please be aware of the symbols to the left.

The top three show features that are forbidden to cross under any circumstances. The bottom symbols show areas that are all out of bounds. All of these you cannot enter.

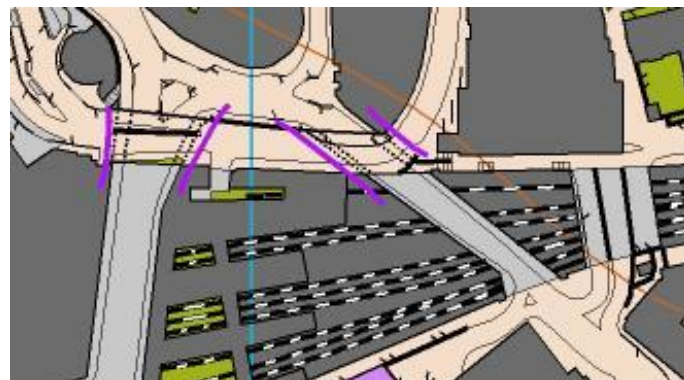
Because this is a busy city centre, there may be areas of temporary construction that have appeared in the last few days and are thus not on the map. Please stay out of these areas.

There are also a few areas of the map to be aware of:



The area above is crossed by the long, medium and short courses and is currently a busy area with rapid changes. It has been mapped recently, but the construction areas may have moved a bit. **Please follow the cordoned off pedestrian routes through the construction zone, even if different to the map.**

**Please note that the areas of construction have changed slightly in this area – please stay within the areas cordoned off for pedestrians and be aware of traffic in this area.**



There are several tunnels under the railway station. These have been mapped with the “canopy” light grey symbol for clarity, except where the tunnel passes under an upper, runnable level past the front of the station. These have been mapped with the dotted tunnel symbol and highlighted with the purple overprint crossing symbol as shown.



The dark arches also run underneath Leeds station. Again, runnable areas have been shown as the runnable grey canopy symbol. There are a number of areas used as car parks that are accessed from the main tunnel as shown. These are out of bounds and are mapped with the purple hatched overprint. The entrances to the other car parks are shown, but the full extent of the other tunnels is not. In particular the W end of the main tunnel is a line of green bike lockers. This has been mapped as an uncrossable wall shown above. The car park behind this is out of bounds and not mapped.

**Note that there is one major change since the maps were printed - the ice-skating rink in millennium square has now been dismantled and so the square can be run through without a problem. It is marked on the map with the OOB purple hatched lines, but this one area only can be disregarded - there will a map at registration to show this.**