



**2023
BRITISH SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

19th November 2023

Temple Newsam Park, Leeds, LS15 0AD

Final Details

Organised by Airiunteers on behalf of BSOA

Enquiries to bsoasecretary@gmail.com

GENERAL NOTES

Cancellation

It is very unlikely that we will need to cancel this event, but if you are concerned about cancellation, please check the website at www.bsoa.org or text the Organiser's phone 07553 386253 before 9pm.

Safety

Whilst we will do everything we can to make this event as safe as possible competitors do take part at their own risk. **It is your responsibility to ensure that they are properly prepared for the event, and clothed in a manner suiting the conditions on the day. Anyone not wearing the appropriate clothing will not be allowed to start.**

- **Full leg cover (O trousers, tracksuit trousers or similar) is required. Not shorts.**
- **Arm cover over at least the shoulders must be worn. Not running vests.**
- **All competitors must carry a Whistle.**

In the event of extreme bad weather cagoules will also be compulsory - please come prepared - Notices will be put up at registration and at the start. We will, of course, be monitoring the time that runners spend in the forest, but please help us by letting us know if you are concerned about one of your team.

Competitors are reminded to wash their hands before eating food as all areas contain animals with the risk of E coli infection.

Photos

We will be taking photos in several places around the event so that they can be placed on the BSOA web site. There will be no names or ages attached. Should a school require a child to be excluded from such photos you must let Mel Elkington bsoasecretary@gmail.com know before 6pm on Friday 17th November 2023.

Punching

Electronic SI control boxes will be mounted on an aluminium stake, along with an orienteering kite and the control code.

IT IS THE COMPETITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER ACCURATELY AND COMPLETELY AT ALL CONTROLS.

The controls will not be enabled for SIAir contactless punching, so all dibbers need to be inserted into the box. Boxes for pin punching are printed at the side of the map if an SI box fails to work.

Rulings on mispunching, etc, possibly due to "dibbing" too quickly, have been strictly applied at a number of high-profile events, and these Championships are no different.

There are many controls in the forest, and runners can expect to see some that are not on their course. Please make sure control codes are checked carefully. If, however, a competitor does mistakenly "dib" a control that is not theirs, this will not matter, as long as they also "dib" at all the right controls, in the right order.

Maps

Maps are 1:7500 with 5m contours and surveyed in 2023. They are printed on waterproof paper and include a legend. Maps will be overprinted with the appropriate course and written control descriptions. Courses B10 to B13 and G11 to G13 will have double sided maps.

Trophies

If your school holds any of the trophies from last year, please return them to Enquiries on Sunday as early as possible.

Competition Areas

All competition areas are strictly OUT OF BOUNDS to all teachers and parents, and to competitors except when actually racing. Infringement of this risks the disqualification of your whole team. If you are concerned about the non-appearance of one of your team, please talk to the organising team rather than try to find them yourselves.

Officials

Planner – Tony Carlyle

Organisers – Peter Haines and Tom Woodham

Controller – Barry Elkington

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Temple Newsam Estate, Leeds, Sunday 19th November

Travel

- The event centre/assembly area is in the courtyard block at Temple Newsam House.
- LS15 0AD GR SE357323 **What3Words:** [///vibe.life.cove](https://www.what3words.com/vibe.life.cove)

Approach from Junction 46 of the M1, head towards Leeds. At the second roundabout take the second left (brown sign Temple Newsam). At the first traffic lights go straight on, ignoring the Temple Newsam sign left (this road is too narrow for coaches to turn into). 1 mile further on turn left onto Temple Newsam Road, follow signs to parking.

Marshals will be in place, and the Car Park and Assembly area open from 9.00am.

Parking, assembly and starts are all within 5-10 minutes of each other – please do not arrive before 9.00am

Parking

We have arranged for all parking to be on hard standing in the public car parks on the estate.

Cars and mini buses will park in the free car park due east of the running track which is 400m from assembly. Take care when crossing the road and follow the marshals instructions to assembly in front of the stately House.

Coaches will park near the stately House Main Car Park 100m from assembly. This is pay and display for the public, but no charge for orienteering coaches,

Toilets

The main event toilets are in the stable block 100m from the Assembly area. **There are no toilets at the Start which is 400m from assembly.** Note that the public toilets mentioned above are the flushing/cistern variety with hot water in sinks and will need to be shared with members of the public. Please ensure the facilities kindly provided by the estate are treated with respect and kept clean. No cleaning of muddy shoes or clothing will be allowed.

Registration/Enquiries

One responsible adult from each school needs to Register at the Enquiries which is in the Lady Hertford Suite in the courtyard block next to the cafe. Here you will be able to collect a school package consisting of numbers, safety pins, and certificates for each entry. Dibbers will be handed out to those children who do not have their own in the Start tent.

There is no entry on the day. However, if illness or injury requires substitution of runners, please notify such changes to Enquires. This should include cases where only one of a registered pair now intends to compete. Also if there are any mistakes or changes needed to names, class, or start times this should be done at registration. If this is required, details will be taken and a permit for a changed start issued to take to the start officials.

Start

Start times are from 10.30 am to 12.30pm.

There is only one Start for all classes, which is 400m west of Assembly opposite the main car park. Starts are timed. **PLEASE ALLOW ENOUGH TIME - START TIMES CANNOT BE ADJUSTED FOR LATE ARRIVAL. All starts will be at GMT.**

Competitors will be called up five minutes before their start times –you need to be at call up 5 mins early. No spectators are allowed beyond the call up.

Competitors must wear their numbers on their chest so that the number is clearly visible. For pairs, each runner will have bib (with the same race number and a red line through), but only one dibber. Two maps are allocated for pairs.

Dibbers will be issued in the start tent at -4 mins. Please make sure they are securely fixed. Lost dibbers will be charged to the school responsible at £40.

Control descriptions will only be printed on the map and not handed out loose in start lanes. These are written rather than pictorial.

The boys and girls will be split into 2 separate lanes at -3 and each follow tapes to a separate start control.

Maps (without courses) will be on display in the start lanes at -2 mins. All courses will pick up their maps after they start.

Note that there is no clothing dump or transfer from the Start to the Finish. Please make your own arrangements for adequate protection before and after the race.

Finish

There is one “final” control, at the entrance to the funnelling system. Runners must dib at one of the control boxes at the finish banner, at which point the race is over. They must immediately place their map in the bag with the school name on, which can be collected by a responsible adult after 12.30pm. They must then go immediately to download at the Lady Hertford Suite, where they will hand in their dibber, get their print-out of all their split times, and where any problems will be sorted out.

Competitors competing in pairs must stay together and both be at the last control when dibbing. If one of a pair arrives at the finish on his/her own, he/she will be asked to remain there until their partner arrives, on penalty of disqualification!

No water is provided at the finish, so please bring enough in your own containers.

Dogs are allowed but must be kept on a lead and any mess cleared up immediately.

Club Tents

It may be advisable to bring a tent to provide shelter for clothes and competitors before and after their run. You are welcome to put these up in the Finish area next to the Finish funnel. Please accept directions from marshals when choosing your site.

Terrain

Temple Newsam is a combination of parkland and mature mixed woodland with a well defined path network. The courses use an old abandoned golf course where the fairways have been allowed to rewild. Any out of bounds areas are shown with a red cross hatching overprint.

Near the finish area, small shrubs have been recently planted in ornamental beds. Please run around these beds and not over them.

There are also a number of brick paths near the finish which can be very slippery when wet, so please take extra care on these paths.

Results

Results will be on display, updated regularly during the race, and then available via the British Schools Orienteering Association website at www.bsoa.org and www.cix.co.uk/~neper/bsoc23. Live results, subject to mobile phone communication, will be available at www.live-o.org and using the QR code available at download and results display.

Complaints Process

Complaints initially should be made in person or writing to the Organiser, Peter Haines, via enquiries. If the matter cannot be resolved to your satisfaction, you may submit a protest in writing by 2pm accompanied by a £5 fee to the Controller Barry Elkington. If the controller and organiser do not agree with the protest the jury will be convened as soon as possible.

Safety

First Aid will be available at the finish.

The nearest A&E Hospital is Leeds General Infirmary, Clarendon Way, Leeds. LS2 9DA.

Children aged 16 and under should be taken to the Children's Emergency Department, which is located on the ground floor of Jubilee Wing. This is next door to the Adult Emergency Department for anyone aged 17 and over.

It is imperative that all competitors report to the finish whether or not they have completed their course.

There are no road crossings or special hazards in the woods. A number of ornamental ponds exist and all competitors should keep away from the edges. All fields with farm animals in are out of bounds.

The woods will be shared on the day with members of the public, some walking their dogs. Notices have been put out around the popular areas. There are a number of official event marshals in the woods who will be wearing fluorescent yellow bibs. These can be approached at any time if assistance is required by any child.

Courses close at 2.00pm

Please ensure everyone is back by 2.00pm and has reported to download to hand in their dibber whether they have completed their course or not.

Prize Giving

The main prize giving will take place at or before 2pm on the grass in front of the main house near the finish. An announcement will be made at assembly and in the courtyard.

Other Amusements

There will be a free "O-maze" adjacent the finish for anyone to have a go at.

<https://museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk/temple-newsam/>

The main house and museum is open to the public from 10.30am to 5.00pm with a charge by the Estate.

A free Craft Fair is also being held in the Amphitheatre just north of the main house.

Temple Newsam Estate has a rare breed farm next to Assembly which is open after 10am. A separate entry fee is charged by the Estate. Prior booking recommended.

A free adventure playground is available next to the Farm Car Park, 300m north east of assembly. Young children should be supervised by an adult.

There is also a "Go Ape" obstacle course next to the Farm Car Park. This is not part of the Estate so you need to go on the Go Ape website. Prior booking is advised as it can be very popular with members of the public.

Catering

There is absolutely no need to go hungry, although you are welcome to bring your own food and drinks.

Please clear all litter away before leaving the event.

Temple Newsam Estate have a sit down café open 9.30am to 5.30pm in the stable courtyard selling hot drinks and food, and a room with tables and chairs available for inclement weather. It may be very busy.

<https://museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/WEB-VERSION-Temple-Newsam-menu-October-2023.pdf>

They also have a takeaway counter for fast service next to enquires, for hot bacon and sausage sandwiches, hot drinks and the usual snacks.

Course details

Class	Standard	Length km	Climb m
G5	White	1.6	50
G6	White	2.1	55
G7	Yellow	2.2	60
G8	Yellow	2.6	60
G9	Orange	2.7	60
G10	Orange	2.9	65
G11 *	Light Green	3.6	85
G12 *	Light Green	4.1	85
G13 *	Green	5.0	135
B5	White	1.9	50
B6	White	2.0	55
B7	Yellow	2.3	60
B8	Yellow	2.7	65
B9	Orange	3.2	85
B10 *	Orange	4.2	105
B11 *	Light Green	4.6	110
B12 *	Light Green	4.7	125
B13 *	Green	5.4	135

*double sided maps, turn over for the second half of the course

