



Dartford Orienteers SE League and National Ranking Level B Event at Westerham

Final Details

Event Date: Sunday 19th January 2025

Covid You are reminded of the need to follow the British Orienteering Participant Code of Conduct www.racesignup.co.uk/raceadmin/documentation/bofcoc.pdf

Location

- Chartwell, Mapleton Road, Westerham, nearest postcode is TN16 1PS
- GPS: 51.244685, 0.082839. The w3w for the entrance is edgy.quit.doll.

Travel

- From the north, take Hosey Common Road (B2026) off the A25 just outside the village of Westerham, then turn left into Mapleton Road.
- From the south, turn into Hosey Common Road (B2026) via Edenbridge or Four Elms, then turn right into Mapleton Road.
- Both routes are well signposted to Chartwell with Brown tourist signs
- **Public Transport:**
Limited public transport options.
- There is an hourly 246 bus from Bromley and a two hourly 401 bus from Sevenoaks station to Westerham Green; it is a 3k walk from there to Chartwell.
- Nearest rail stations are at Hurst Green and Sevenoaks. National Rail enquiries 08457 484950. Please check www.nationalrail.co.uk or www.google.com/maps for the best itinerary.

Car Parking

- Our main car park is the overflow parking at Chartwell. If it becomes full, we will use the lowest tier car park at Chartwell. In all cases, please follow the signs and marshall's instructions.
- The car park fees is £4.80 for non National Trust members and should have been paid when registering at racesignup.co.uk. If you are not a National Trust member and did not pay £4.80 on racesignup.co.uk, please pay the now £5 at the Event Centre.

Event Centre Facilities

- The Event Centre is at Chartwell (www.nationaltrust.org.uk/chartwell)
- Chartwell was the family home and garden of Sir Winston Churchill.
- Enquiries, registration and download will be directly outside one of the buildings at Chartwell (called the Visitor Centre).
- Toilets will be available up the hill opposite the Event Centre.
- The Chartwell Landemare cafe will be open from 10:00 serving hot and cold drinks. Please do incorporate a visit to the Landemare café on your visit at Chartwell. From delicious soups, lunches to homemade cakes, scones and biscuits there is sure to be something to satisfy your taste buds!
- **The upstairs Mulberry room has been reserved for those orienteers eating at the cafe. Please use this facility to keep the downstairs seating available for other visitors.**

- Additionally, the Chartwell shop will be open from 10:00 selling gifts and other items.
- There is also a bookstore; all hardbacks are £2; softbacks £1. Pay in cash using the Honesty Box provided.
- First aid cover will be provided by R J K KENT MEDICAL SERVICES.
- See map in Appendix

Registration

- Registration online only at www.racesignup.co.uk
- Registered competitors with no dibber hire can go straight to the start.
- Any competitor who has hired a SI or SIAC dibber should collect it from Enquiries (see map in Appendix for Event Centre) . A charge of £30 will be made for lost SI cards and £65 for lost SIAC (contactless punching) cards.
- Late Entries are subject to map availability. For Fees see below.

Start, Start Times and Finish

- There is a single start for all courses. The start is 1.5km from the overflow car park (see map in Appendix). Follow the taped route from the North of the overflow car park. There is a marshalled crossing of the road into Chartwell followed by a steep path up, then a walk to a second marshalled crossing of a busy road after 1km, called the far road crossing. It is a further 500m from here to the start. Allow 20 mins in total.
- There will be a clothing dump near the finish and about 250m from the start. Kit is left there at your own risk.
- There are no toilets other than at the Event Centre.
- **It is a SI punching start and finish.**
- Controls will be activated for contactless punching.
- Please arrive in good time for your start. Call up will be at minus 4 mins.
- Loose control descriptions will be available at the start.
- Competitors on the White and Yellow courses will be able to see their maps before they start.
- The two shortest courses (Yellow and White) finish very close to the marshalled far road crossing and in sight of it. Yellow and White competitors must not return to the Event Centre unaccompanied. Ask the road marshall to identify someone willing to escort you.
- Long courses (all the other courses) finish 300m from the marshalled far road crossing. Follow the tapes to the far road crossing and then retrace your outward route back to Chartwell.
- After arriving at Chartwell, please proceed directly to Download at the Event Centre.
- No water is provided at the finish.
- Please ensure every competitor downloads **even if retiring**.
- **Courses close at 14:00.** Please select a start time that you are confident will enable you to finish by this time.
- You can change your start time online up to 09:30 on Saturday, 18th January.
- The Start list will be visible on racesignup by 10:00 on the same Saturday.
- Please try to keep to your start time. Late arrivals will be started at the Start team leader's discretion when a space is available.

Road Crossings

- The Black, Brown, Short Brown, Blue and Short Blue courses also cross a minor road twice during the competition. This will not be marshalled. Take

- care crossing the road.
- This minor road can be crossed at any place but be careful when approaching it as there are small, but steep in places, banks either side of it.
- The shorter courses (White to Green) do not have any road crossings during the competition.

PLEASE TAKE CARE ON ALL ROAD CROSSINGS.

Terrain and Map

- Westerham. Map resurveyed by Peel Land Surveys in autumn 2023 and drawn to ISOM2017-2 standard with minor updates in December 2024.
- Mixed runnable forest on the plateau and slopes of the Greensand Ridge with intricate contour detail in several places.
- In areas that have been cleared in recent years, there is a lot of undergrowth, e.g. brambles. Courses have been planned to avoid the worst of these.
- Extraction lanes from forestry work, which are mapped as small rides, often have extensive brashings underfoot.
- Maps are A4 for the short courses (White to Light Green, Very Short Green and Short Green) with a 1:7,500 scale and A3 for all the other courses (Green to Black) with a 1:10,000 scale. All maps are printed on water resistant paper. Courses and control descriptions will be overprinted.
- There is a full legend on all maps.
- A non-IOF symbol used is a brown triangle round a white triangular centre for a platform. This is shown as a triangle inside a circle in the control descriptions when used as a control.

Planner's Comments

- Westerham consists of a wide variety of mixed forest on the plateau and slopes of the Greensand Ridge with a central area of very runnable (but wet!) open ground.
- The open ground is visited by the Short Green, Green, Short Brown, Brown and Black courses. It is delimited by fences marked as crossable, but they have several strands of barbed wire. Cross them with care or, preferably, use the nearby marked optional crossing points where the barbed wire has been covered.
- The small rivers are crossable but the larger marshes are best avoided.
- Parts of the West most area which is visited by Short Blue, Blue, Short Brown, Brown and Black courses have recently been subject to some clearance and thinning work, resulting in some brashings being left behind. Path options may be preferable in this area.

Dogs Allowed on the courses but on a short lead and under control at all times

Courses The course mapping below is as recommended for the South East club and individual leagues. Anyone can choose to run any course.

Course	Men	Women	Length (km)	Climb (m)	No. of Controls
Black	M21		10.5	240	27
Brown	M20 M35 M40	W21	9.5	205	24
Short Brown	M18 M45 M50	W20 W35	8.0	170	22
Blue	M16 M55 M60	W18 W40 W45	6.6	125	19
Short Blue	M65 M70	W16 W50 W55	5.2	115	14
Green	M75	W60 W65	4.4	135	14
Short Green	M80	W70	3.6	95	13
Very Short Green	M85 M90+	W75 W80 W85 W90+	3.1	75	12
Light Green	M14	W14	3.3	80	13
Orange	M12	W12	2.8	70	12
Yellow	M10	W10	1.8	40	8
White			1.6	25	10

If you are a newcomer to orienteering, the White, Yellow and Orange courses are suitable for beginners. Please mention at Enquiries that you would like some basic instruction.

Entries and Fees

- Entries online at www.racesignup.co.uk only
- Late entries, subject to map availability: Seniors £18, students/juniors £6. Seniors on Yellow and Orange £8
- Additional £2 on all fees for seniors and £1 for juniors who are not members of British Orienteering
- Additional £4.80 per car for parking for non National Trust members, £5 if paid on the day. Consider whether it is worthwhile to join The National Trust; membership fees increase w.e.f. 1 February 2025.

Results

- We expect to have live results at www.dfok.co.uk/latest-results/ and there will be a IQR code to provide a link to live results on your course map
- Full results be available on the DFOK website later on the day of the event

Safety

- Please read the Planner's notes above
- Chartwell is quite exposed and in wintry conditions, the car park and walkways can become very slippery. Take extra care.
- Anyone with a high risk medical condition is invited to complete a form at

download and seal it in an envelope provided. Unopened envelopes can be collected after your run and unclaimed envelopes will be destroyed unopened.

- Please have particular regard to the other users of the area, including all walkers, dog walkers, cyclists and riders, all of whom are also seeking to enjoy their activities peacefully. Slow to a walk, keep especially quiet and keep a wide berth at any point where you meet horse riders.
- Full leg and torso cover is required, no shorts please. Competitors are advised to carry whistles.
- The organisers reserve the right to insist that cagoules are carried in the event of bad weather.
- The safety bearing is east for all courses then south to the marshalled crossing point but do not walk along the busy road that forms the eastern edge of the area that we are using for this event
- In case of emergency the organiser's phone number is on the map for you, or a member of the public, to use
- Finally competitors take part in this event at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety.

Accidents

- R J K KENT MEDICAL SERVICES will be attending the event and will be based close to the entrance to the overflow car park
- In the event of any minor injury the nearest urgent treatment centre (not A&E) is the Sevenoaks Hospital, Hospital Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 3PG (7 miles).
- The nearest A&E unit is at the Tunbridge Wells Hospital, Tunbridge Wells Hospital, Pembury, Kent, TN2 4QJ (18 miles).

Photography Photographers please contact the Organiser in advance.

Special Thanks

- Chartwell for use of their car park and facilities including their café & shop;
- Squerryes Estate
- the Titsey Foundation
- The National Trust

Safety and Risk

A comprehensive risk assessment has been carried out by the organiser and is available on request, but participants take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety during the event.

Cancellation

Cancellation is a last resort, however if very bad weather is forecast or some unforeseen event makes it necessary to cancel, a notice will be placed on the DFOK website. If the event is cancelled, DFOK reserves the right to retain part of the entry fee to cover unavoidable costs. Please check our website for any last minute information www.dfok.co.uk

Officials

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Appendix: Map

