



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

Final Details

Event Date: Sunday 14th January 2024

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

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 to Westerham Green; it is a 3km 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

- The 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 fee is £4 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 on racesignup.co.uk, please pay at the Event Centre.

Event Centre Facilities

- The Event Centre is at Chartwell, the family home and garden of Sir Winston Churchill. (www.nationaltrust.org.uk/chartwell)
- Enquiries, registration and download will be directly outside the Visitor Centre.
- Toilets will be available up the hill opposite the Visitor Centre.
- The Chartwell Landemare café 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! We have been asked to take our food and drink to the upstairs seating area in the café known as the Mulberry Room. This will be signed.
- Additionally, the Chartwell shop will be open from 10:00 selling gifts and other items.

- There is also a secondhand 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. A charge of £30 will be made for lost SI cards and £60 for lost SIAC (contactless punching) cards.
- Late Entries are subject to map availability. For Fees see below.

Start and Finish

- There is a single start for all courses. The start is 400m from the overflow car park (see map in Appendix). Follow the taped route. There will be a steep path followed by a very minor road crossing. Allow 10 mins. There are no toilets other than at the Event Centre. Children should be accompanied.
- 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.
- Lose 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.
- Short courses (Very Short Green, Orange, Yellow and White) finish very close to the start. After finishing, please follow the tapes back directly to Download. Children should be accompanied from the Finish back to the Parking.
- Long courses (all the other courses inc. Light Green) finish 500m from the Event Centre and will need to cross two roads. Please follow the tapes and the marshals. The route back does not go near the Start.
- 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.
- The Start list will be visible on www.racesignup.co.uk by 10:00 on 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.

Steep Banks Hazard

- All courses visit an area where there is a very steep bank above a potentially dangerous cave opening.
- The White and Yellow courses approach from below and will follow a short section of tape to avoid this area.
- Other courses may also encounter this hazard depending on route choice and from the opposite direction. The top of this steep bank will be marked with yellow and black tape. Please do not attempt to descend the slope at this point. There is a path route close by.

Road Crossings

- The Very Short Green, and Short Blue to Black courses cross a very minor road twice within the first few controls after the Start which may be crossed at

- any point.
- Then the long courses (Short Green to Black inc. Light Green) all have a crossing of the B2026 between controls 60 and 65. This will be timed out, with a maximum of 90 seconds allowed and will be marshalled.
 - The Black, Brown, Short Brown and Blue courses will also cross the B268 Goodley Stock Road twice. Crossing Points marked on the map must be used. Crossing Points will not be timed out nor marshalled.
 - The short junior courses (White to Orange) don't have any road crossings.
 - The route back from the finish for all long courses inc. Light Green will have two marshalled road crossings.

PLEASE TAKE CARE ON ALL ROAD CROSSINGS.

Fence Crossings

- All courses other than White, Yellow, Orange and Very Short Green may cross barbed wire fences into and out of the central open area. These fences are mapped as crossable and indeed are to a relatively athletic competitor, however, in recognition of the more limited mobility of some competitors, a number of Optional Crossing Points have been shown where crossing is easy as a result of the fence having fallen down or it being protected with pipe insulation. These crossing points will be marked with red and white tape.

Map

- Map resurveyed by Peel Land Surveys in autumn 2023. Map updated to ISOM2017.
- Maps are printed on water resistant paper, either A4 size for the short courses (White to Very Short Green) at 1:7,500 scale or A3 size for all the other courses (Light Green to Black) at 1:10,000 scale. Courses and control descriptions will be overprinted.

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 very wet!) open ground that is visited by all courses other than White, Yellow, Orange and Very Short Green which remain within the eastmost Hosey Common area of the map.
- The NW most area which is visited by just Black, Brown, and Short Brown courses has recently been cleared with extensive brashings left behind. Path options may be preferable in this area.
- Extraction lanes from forestry work, which are mapped as small rides, often have extensive brashings underfoot.
- Courses have been planned to make best use of the terrain whilst ensuring junior courses avoid road crossings and with the start and finish as close to the Event Centre as possible.

Dogs allowed on the courses on a short lead only and kept under close control

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 | | 10.1 | 325 | 23 |
| Brown | M35 M40 | | 9.2 | 325 | 22 |
| Short Brown | M18 M20 M45 M50 | W21 | 7.4 | 255 | 19 |
| Blue | M16 M55 M60 | W35 W40 | 6.7 | 245 | 16 |
| Short Blue | M65 | W18 W20 W45 W50 | 5.1 | 195 | 16 |
| Green | M70 | W16 W55 W60 | 4.1 | 150 | 13 |
| Short Green | M75 | W65 | 3.5 | 150 | 10 |
| Very Short Green | M80 M85 M90+ | W70 W75 W80, W85 W90+ | 2.4 | 75 | 10 |
| Light Green | M14 | W14 | 4.0 | 150 | 12 |
| Orange | M12 | W12 | 2.5 | 85 | 11 |
| Yellow | M10 | W10 | 2.0 | 55 | 10 |
| White | | | 1.7 | 45 | 11 |

- 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
- Standard: Seniors £15, students/juniors £5. Seniors on Yellow and Orange £8
- Late: Seniors £18, students/juniors £6. Seniors on Yellow and Orange £8
- Late entries are subject to map availability
- Additional £2 on all fees for seniors and £1 for juniors who are not members of British Orienteering
- Additional £4 per car for parking for non National Trust members. Consider whether it is worthwhile to join The National Trust; membership fees increase w.e.f. 1 February 2024.

Results

- We expect to have live results at www.dfok.co.uk/latest-results/
- Full results be available on the DFOK website later on the day of the event

Safety

- Please read the Planner's notes above
- 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 or singlets 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 for the short courses (and the first part of the long courses) is to go South until reaching the road and then follow the road going South East until reaching tapes leading to the Event Centre. The safety bearing for the second part of the long courses is to go East until reaching a road
- The organiser's phone number is on the map to be used in case of emergency
- A comprehensive risk assessment has been carried out by the organiser and is available on request
- 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).

South East Individual League (SEIL) certificates

- Neil Bricknell, SAX and SEIL Coordinator, has finalised the SEIL positions for 2023
- The presentation will be made at approx. 13:30 close to the Event Centre
- The full 2023 SEIL results are on the SEOA website at <https://www.seoa.org.uk/documents/SEIL2023Final.pdf>
- Certificates are awarded to the first 3 in each age class as long as at least 3 events have been successfully completed. A list of certificate winners is in the Overview section of the Westerham event page of the DFOK website www.dfok.co.uk/events/westerham-chart-sun-14-jan-2024. Congratulations to all winners

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
- Sevenoaks DC for use of their land.

Cancellation

Cancellation is a last resort, however in the very unlikely event of very bad weather being forecast or if some unforeseen event makes it necessary to cancel, a notice will be placed on the DFOK website and email sent via RaceSignUp. 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

