



## Manchester & District Orienteering Club

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## British Schools Orienteering Association

present the

# BRITISH SCHOOLS SCORE ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019

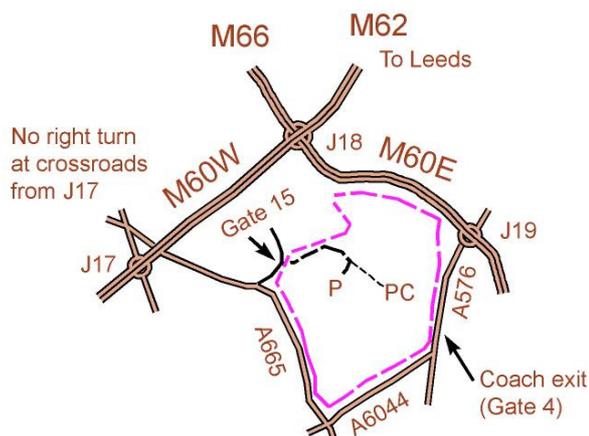
HEATON PARK, MANCHESTER M25 2GT

## Final Details

### Getting there

Hall Car Park, Heaton Park, St Margaret's Road, off Bury Old Road, Manchester M25 2GT.

Heaton Park is south-west of J18 of the M60 Manchester Outer Ring Road, where the east and west sections of the M60 divide and meet the M66 to Bury and the M62 to Leeds. Please approach from J19 of the M60 East and follow the brown signs for Heaton Park & Hall, ignoring the park entrance gates on the A576 Middleton Road and A6044 Sheepfoot Lane. There will be orienteering signs from the traffic lights at the junction between Sheepfoot Lane and the A665 Bury Old Road. To access the Hall Car Park, all competitors must enter via the St Margaret's Road entrance (Gate 15). Once you have entered the park, continue along the drive for 700m, passing the Reservoir car park, to the Hall Car Park.



Please note, SatNavs may direct you to access the gate via J17 of the M60, but this route is not advisable as it involves a right turn with no traffic lights across the A56 dual carriageway with very limited room for waiting cars. There is no right turn at the junction of the A56 and A665.

**Key:** P=public car/minibus parking PC=coach parking  
Purple dashed line = park boundary

## **Parking**

Cars and minibuses should park in marked bays in the Hall Car Park. This is a public car park on tarmac and charges must be paid on all vehicles parked there. The meters take cards or cash.

Note: Participants in Heaton Park's ParkRun usually park in the Hall Car Park and mostly leave by 10 a.m. Please try to arrive after this time.

**Cars and minibuses**      £3 (over 3 hours/all day)

**Coaches** Permission has been granted for the small number of coaches attending the event to park inside the park on the side of an avenue near the Finish. A parking permit will be emailed to you to print out. Please display it on entry and follow signs and parking marshals. A dedicated marshal will be waiting at the coach entrance, which is near the Hall Car Park.

Coaches should proceed slowly into the park with caution and follow marshals' directions to park on the right-hand side of an avenue near the Hall.

## **Coach exit**

When leaving, coaches parked on the avenue in the park will continue downhill in the same direction to exit the park at Gate 4. When coaches are nearly ready to leave (preferably together), the group leader should alert the organiser, who will arrange for the far gate to be opened. The park authorities recommend 20 minutes' notice.

## **What is a 'Score' competition?**

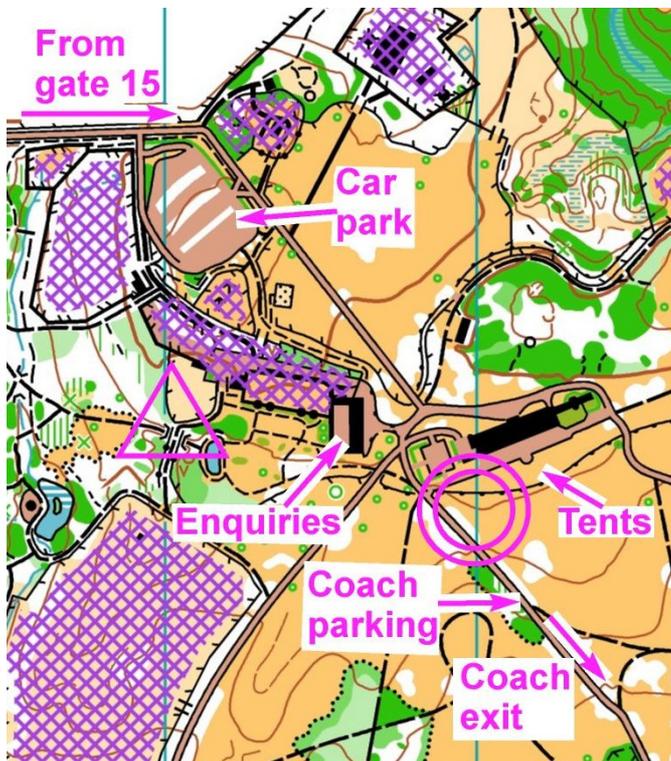
This is a competition where participants score points by visiting as many controls as possible in any order within a pre-specified time limit. Points are deducted if the time limit is exceeded. For this event there will be 32 controls in the area. Controls 1 - 9 form a loop equivalent to a White course on the British Orienteering Colour Coded system but it is not compulsory for any pupil to visit these controls in that order. The remaining controls will give a mixture of Yellow, Orange, Light Green and Green standard control sites.

### **Time limit**

The time limit will be **45 minutes for all pupils**. Competitors do not have to stay out for the whole of this time.

### **Scoring System**

Pupils score 10 points for each control correctly punched; 5 points will be deducted for every minute or part of a minute late. In the event of a tie on points the shortest time will decide the result.



### Enquiries, SI download and First Aid

These will all be in the Education Room off the courtyard behind the Stables Cafe 200m from the car park. There are toilets on either side of the Education Room.

Please send a designated adult to collect your school's envelope which will contain your pupil competitor number/s and pins, participation certificate/s and a school entry form for any changes you may have. All changes will be done with reference to the competitor number.

### Changes / entries

If you have any changes then please leave them until the day of the competition, when they will be dealt with by the Enquiries team. There is no entry on the day

### Pairs

If pairs are competing then there will be two identical numbers for that pair, one for each child, marked with a red diagonal line. If you have pairs running, please ensure their competitor numbers have a red line across them before you leave Enquiries. They must stay together and cross the finishing line at the same time.

### Control Descriptions

Control descriptions are on the back of the map in both words and symbols. There are no loose ones.

### Tents & Banners

School tents and banners may be erected on the grass lawn south of the hall. It is separated from the finish by a long ha-ha wall. The top of the wall will be marked with signs and hazard tape. Tents must be erected behind the hazard tape and children must be kept away from the wall.

### Cafe

The Stables Cafe sells reasonably priced food and drinks and would welcome your custom. Please support them. They will be open all day. There are other food outlets in the park.

### Adults & Teachers

Accompanying Teachers & Adults **MUST NOT** enter the competition area, or accompany competitors into the Start area. If they do so, their team will be disqualified. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL ADULTS ACCOMPANYING YOUR TEAM ARE AWARE OF THIS.**

## Start

The Start will be clearly signposted from the Car Park and is approximately 10 minutes easy walk from the car park and 5 minutes from Enquiries and the Stables courtyard. Competitors will be called up 5 minutes before their start time.

Please ensure all competitors have a whistle and full leg cover. There will be an equipment check of these items at -4. Competitors will also need a watch to ensure they do not exceed the 45-minute time limit.

Hired SI cards will be issued in the start lanes at -3. Competitors will be given their maps one minute before they start.

The clock at call-up will show the race time of competitors being called up (i.e. it will be 5 minutes ahead of race time).

Waiting area	-5 Call up	-4 Equipment check	-3 SI dibber issue, check and clear	-2 Map issue	-1 Start lane
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## Start Times

Start times are at one-minute intervals from 11.00 a.m. until 1.00 p.m..

## Finish

The Finish is by historic Heaton Hall, close to the Stables Courtyard and 5 minutes from the car park. No squash/water will be provided - please ensure that the children bring their own drinks.

## Download

This will be at the Education Room in the Stables courtyard (beside the toilets).

## Results

These will be displayed on boards near download and Enquiries in the Stables courtyard.

## Toilets

These are in the Stables courtyard, on either side of the Education Room. Additional toilets are located in the park nearby, but these should not be used by competitors as they lie within the competition area.

## Map

The map is A4 size and will be printed on waterproof paper. The map scale is 1:10,000 and has been updated for 2019. A copy of the new map is attached to the email with these details. The park boundary marks the edge of the map, so while there are no main roads on the map itself, they lie just outside the map, so are out of bounds. Competitors should not attempt to cross any access roads to the park with moving traffic unless directed to do so by a marshal. Marshals will be stationed along the main entrance drive as well as on gates near controls as well as around the park, some on bikes, some on foot. Please ensure that all competitors are aware of the marshals. They will all be wearing yellow hi-vis jackets and are experienced orienteers. They are NOT there to help the children navigate – only to help them get their maps the correct way round or point them in the direction of Enquiries.

## Terrain

Heaton Park is one of the largest urban parks in England and has a mixture of well maintained and mown grassy areas, an excellent network of paths (many of which are tarmac), and areas of thick woodland. Courses have been planned to avoid the worst of the undergrowth. In wet weather the ground can become quite wet and muddy, which will be energy sapping for all runners.

Please be courteous to other park users.

## Equipment required

- Orienteering kit, or a T-shirt/long sleeved shirt, tracksuit bottoms and trainers (or shoes with a good grip). Any competitor without full leg cover will not be permitted to start.
- Watch – so that a competitor is aware how long they have been out for.
- A compass is desirable.
- NO WHISTLE, NO GO. Please ensure competitors understand how whistles should be used.

**Full leg cover and a whistle are compulsory and competitors will be checked at the start.**

## Punching

Standard SI cards will be in use for this event. Hired SI cards will be handed to those competitors who require one in the pre-start area. If these are lost there will be a £15 replacement charge to the school concerned. Controls are not SIAC enabled. A demonstration control and card will be available at Enquiries.

## SAFETY

Please ensure everyone is aware of the following:

- **No whistle NO GO**
- **No full leg cover NO GO**
- Please ensure the children are dressed as appropriate for the weather on the day.
- Marshalls will be patrolling the area on both foot and bike wearing fluorescent jackets. They are experienced orienteers.
- First Aid will be available at Enquiries and the Finish
- Nearest A&E hospital is North Manchester General, Delaunays Rd, M8 5RB - details and maps at Enquiries
- Competitors must not cross any park roads with moving traffic unless a marshal has said it is safe to do so.
- The park is home to many animals, wild and farmed, large and small. Children should be advised not to feed any animals and to wash their hands thoroughly before eating. All animal enclosures are out of bounds. There are some cows and horses in the northern-most area of the park, but the planner has taken care to avoid placing controls near them.
- The park contains a lake and several ponds which are uncrossable. Keep away.

## Prizegiving

This will take place at 2.00 pm or soon as is reasonably possible.

Please note spare medals will be available from BSOA at a cost of £1.50 each for any non-scorers who are part of the winning team at the **end** of the prize giving.

## Individual Medals

Medals will be given to the first three pupils (or pairs) in each age class. Years 5 to 9 will compete in separate year classes. Years 10 & 11 will be combined into one age class as will Years 12 & 13. Competitors in Years 5 to 8 may run in pairs.

## **Team Awards**

BSSC is primarily aimed at school team competition. Medals (to each score counter), certificates and a box of chocolates will be awarded to the top three teams in each category.

Primary Boys (Years 5 & 6) Best 4 scores to count

Primary Girls (Years 5 & 6) Best 4 scores to count

Middle / Prep Boys (Years 5 - 8) Best 4 scores to count from at least 2 years

Middle / Prep Girls (Years 5 - 8) Best 4 scores to count from at least 2 years

Lower Secondary Boys (Y7 - 9) Best 6 scores to count from at least 2 years

Lower Secondary Girls (Y7 - 9) Best 6 scores to count from at least 2 years

Upper Secondary Boys (Y10 - 13) Best 6 scores to count

Upper Secondary Girls (Y10 - 13) Best 6 scores to count

In the event of a tie on points, the shortest total time of the scorers will count.

## **Photographs**

BSOA appointed photographer Ray Barnes will be in attendance and his photos will be on the BSOA website after the event. These photos will be taken in compliance with British Orienteering O Safe Guidelines. If you want to use any of his photos in any publicity after the event then please ask permission by emailing [bsoasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:bsoasecretary@gmail.com).

Ann-Marie Duckworth (DVO) may also be in the area taking photos purely for reference as planner for BSSC 2020.

## **Acknowledgements**

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BSOA for funding the publicity, medals & certificate frames.

The volunteers from BSOA, MDOC and PFO for organising the event and helping on the day.

## **Officials**

Organiser	Marie Roberts – Manchester & District Orienteering Club
Planner	David McCann – Manchester & District Orienteering Club
Controller	Henry Morgan – Potteries Orienteering Club and BSOA
Event Safety Officer	Melanie Elkington – Octavian Droobers and BSOA

## **Complaints procedure**

Please note all complaints must be submitted within half an hour of the end of prize giving otherwise they will not be considered.

Jury Ray Barnes, Barry Elkington, Brenda Morgan

## **British Schools Orienteering Association**

The BSOA exists to provide a link between schools and mainstream Orienteering. It is affiliated to British Orienteering and has 300 schools as members. Teams representing BSOA are sent to the World Schools Orienteering Championships, which are held biannually. At present membership of BSOA is free.

For further details visit: [www.bsoa.org](http://www.bsoa.org)