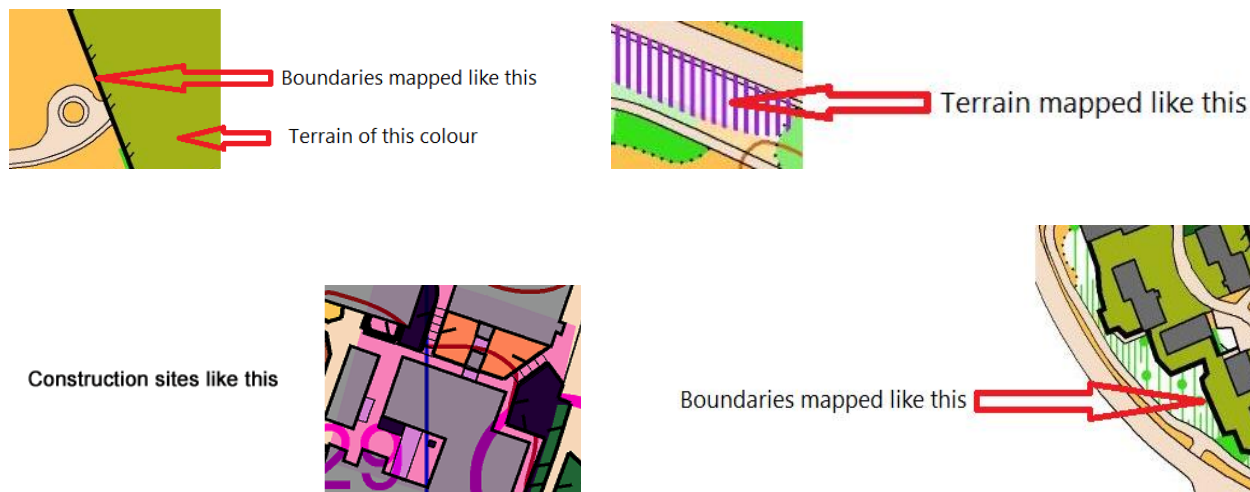


Saturday 3 November 2018

City Race Euro Tour – Offerton Sprint

The Important Stuff - If you don't read anything else, read this!

Do NOT cross the boundaries or enter or attempt to cross terrain areas shown below



Location: Dial Park School, Half Moon Lane, Offerton, Stockport, SK2 5LB GR SJ922886. Latitude: 53.39458 Longitude: -2.11755

Driving: Signed from the A6 to the south east of Stockport at SJ914878 opposite Stepping Hill Hospital. Head north up Dialstone Lane for 600m then right into Lisburne Lane. Straight on at a roundabout and after a further 150m turn right to follow O-signs onto Crosswaite Road, then first left onto Half Moon Lane.

There will also be signs from the A626 at SJ919890 where you turn south onto Lisburne Lane then second left onto Crosswaite Road and first left onto Half Moon Lane.

Please do not approach from any other direction as you will be in the competition area.

Public transport: Take bus number 383 from bus stop 'RR' on Wellington Road South – the A6 (a 5 minute walk from Stockport railway station) and travel for 14 minutes (12 stops) to St John's Church. Leave the bus and walk a few yards in the same direction as the bus to the junction with 'Hall Pool Drive' where you can cross the main road. Cross the road and walk down 'Old Hall Drive' alongside the church. Continue just past the junction with 'Dodge Fold' and take the footpath on the right passing alongside a map of the 'Offerton Estate', through to 'Half Moon Lane'. Dial Park School is a short walk to the left. It is a 5 minute walk from the bus stop.

Return by the same walking route to the bus stop but take bus number 384 to Stockport.

Parking: In and around the school for cars. When the school car park is full you will park, with care, on adjacent roads. No parking on any grass areas, across driveways, garage entrances or bus stop bays. The school entrance to be kept clear at all times.

Event Centre: At Dial Park School where we will have registration, entry on the day, dibber hire, information, first aid, download and results display. Bags may be left here at the owners' risk. The nearest A&E Department is 2 Km away at Stepping Hill Hospital, Poplar Grove, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK2 7JE. A map will be available at Enquiries.

Toilets: Four toilet units will be situated in the grounds of the school.

Dogs: Dogs are not allowed in the School grounds or buildings. Whilst dogs are allowed on the streets we discourage taking them on a course.

Entry on the day will be possible up to the limit of available maps. Seniors £12, Juniors £6. Registration will be from 10:00 – 12:30

SIAC cards: Controls will be enabled for contactless SIAC cards, but both the start and finish controls must be punched manually. Normal SI cards may also be used in the usual manner. If you have pre-ordered a SIAC for hire, please collect this at registration. Note that a SIAC battery test will be available at registration only. There will be no battery test at the starts.

Starts: The starts for both parts will be close together on opposite sides of Alfreton Road, 350m from the event centre. Take care crossing Alfreton Road on your way to the start for Part B.

Start Times

Start times will not be allocated. We will operate a queueing system at the start. Start times for Part A are from 11:00 to 13:00. After completing Part A you should follow the signs back to the event centre to download. You may then take as long or short a time as you wish before going to the start for Part B to join the queue. Part B starts will run from 12:00 to 14:00.

At the close of pre-entries, there were less than ten entries for course 7. Part A of this course requires a manned road crossing, so to minimise the manpower requirement, **Part A start times for course 7 will only be available from 12:00 to 12:30.** Supervising adults will need to run before their children.

Course closing times: Part A: 13:45. Part B: 14:45

Courses: The following courses are available:

Course	Men	Women		Part A		Part B	
				Km	Controls	Km	Controls
1*	Elite (21-39)			2.9	15	2.8	19
2	Veteran (40+), Open, Junior (20-)	Elite (21-39)		2.4	14	2.5	16
3	SuperVet (55+)	Veteran (40+), Junior (20-), Open		2.1	13	2.2	17
4	UltraVet (65+)	SuperVet (55+)		1.7	13	1.8	11
5	Hypervet (75+)	UltraVet (65+), Hypervet (75+)	Newcomers	1.3	10	1.4	10
6	Youth (16-)	Youth (16-)		2.0	14	1.8	14
7	Children (12-)	Children (12-)		1.0	9	1.0	9

* Please note that Course 1 Part A only, will be a two sided map.
Course 7A will include a marshalled crossing (see below)
Control descriptions will be pictorial for Courses 1 to 6, written for Course 7
Course Lengths are straight line distances
The area is generally flat and so no climb has been included

Finish: There are separate finishes for each part. The finish for the first part is close to the event centre and you must follow the taped signed route to download. The finish for the second part is close to the start. Return to download by the same route you took to reach the start.
All competitors, including those using SIAC, must manually punch the finish controls. If you have hired an SI card, you must hand it back at download. If you are hiring again at the Manchester event, please collect a new SI card at registration on the Sunday. There will be a charge of £30 if you lose a standard hired card and £60 if you lose a hired SIAC.

Planner's Notes

The A4 map for the Offerton Sprints is at scale 1:4000 ISSOM. Part A of the event will use the Northern part of the area and Part B will use the Southern Part.

A number of courses will utilise butterfly loops – please check control numbers and codes carefully!

Offerton Estate is a sizeable area of mixed social and private housing built on very open-plan principles. Most houses have a fenced back garden and a non-fenced front garden which is usually lawn. The map shows all such lawns as Open Land, as that is what it looks like. However, it would not be courteous, and is very rarely advantageous, to run across such areas - please do what you would want people to do if it was you who lived there. In between the blocks of houses are open spaces, often grass with trees, all of which are freely crossable. Intermingled with the blocks of housing are rows of garages and access roads to them - please take appropriate care when racing across areas which are shared with cars. There is also a network of minor roads - none of which are through roads - all of which are normally quiet, but all of which may have buses, cars and traffic travelling at speed.

Almost all controls are hung on trees or lampposts, or else railings and fences. Lampposts are not marked on the map and so descriptions are usually Open Land edge or side, Path or Road side.

There is construction work ongoing in some parts of the Competition Area, much of it enclosed by Heras Fencing. Where possible the areas affected have been overprinted with the 'Construction Area' overprint but may be subject to late change. These areas must not be entered or crossed. Separately, a number of individual properties in the competition area have been undergoing repair/refurbishment and scaffolding may be surrounding some properties.

Special notes for Courses 6 & 7 (for competitors and parents/guardians of competitors)

No competitor under the age of 16 may compete on Courses 1-5

As described above all courses will cross minor and no-through roads. Courses 6 and 7 have been planned to avoid the busiest roads but care should be taken. Course 7 maps can be collected beforehand at Registration and, if supervising adults have any concerns regarding road safety, they should supervise their child on the course. There will be one marshalled crossing on Course 7 Part A. This is not a timed out crossing, the Marshal will allow the competitor to cross only if it is safe to do so. To minimise the manpower requirement, **Part A start times for course 7 will only be available from 12:00 to 12:30.** Supervising adults will need to run before their children.

Safety: It is your responsibility to take care on all roads. The race area contains many residential cul-de-sacs, which may contain light traffic. There is a limited network of distributor roads providing vehicle access between the residential areas. Although each of these distributor roads is lightly trafficked, you should take extra care crossing them.

There are many cycle routes through the race area, including routes along major footpaths. Be aware especially of cyclists passing from behind when you make a change in direction.













There are some blind bends in the narrow alleyways. It is likely that competitors and, more importantly, the general members of the public could also be in these locations. Therefore take care, go wide and adjust your speed as you go around corners to avoid accidents occurring.

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APPENDIX: URBAN MAPS

GENERAL NOTES FOR THOSE NEW TO THIS TYPE OF RACE

The map is drawn to ISSOM 2007, the International Sprint Map standard, and it uses some symbols with which “forest orienteers” may be unfamiliar. It is of great importance that all competitors are aware of these, especially those which denote “passability”. The most important map symbols used are shown below:

Symbol	Meaning
	Passable fence
	Impassable fence
	Passable wall
	Impassable wall
	Building – not to be entered
	Canopy – may be passed under
	Steps of a stairway
	Underpass or tunnel
	Forbidden access (as for “forest maps”)
	Large tree
	Small tree
	Monument or statue