



Manchester & District Orienteering Club

Manchester Urban Orienteering Event

Sunday 22nd May 2022

Day Two of MDOC Urban Weekend 2022

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Event Centre Location:

Hallé at St Michael's
36-38 George Leigh Street
Ancoats
Manchester
M4 5DG

Travel:

Important: The Great Manchester Run is on at the same time. Access from the South and South-west will be Difficult/Impossible. The ½ marathon will be, largely, finished but the road opening times are not known. The 10k run will continue until after our event has finished. For further information the run routes can be found here:

<https://www.greatrun.org/events/great-manchester-run/#route>

The nearest Metrolink Station is Piccadilly Gardens Station which is 10 mins walk away, New Islington is 15 mins. There are major national rail links via Manchester Piccadilly and Manchester Victoria which are 15 mins away from the venue and several bus stops within the immediate vicinity on Oldham Road and Great Ancoats Street.

Manchester City are playing at home but the KO is 16:00

Parking:

There are six council pay & display bays outside the venue with several more within easy walking distance. Please note limited to 2 hrs (if you can find a space). The nearest drop-off point for cars is directly at the reception door.

The following car parks are nearby:

Gun St	3 mins	140 places	£5 for 4hrs, £6 for 12hrs
Thompson St	5 mins	65 places	£4 all day (Cash only - manned)
Radium St	6 mins	28 places	£3.50 for 12hrs
100 George Leigh St	8 mins	17 places	£3.50 for 12hrs
30a Poland Street	9 mins	20 places	30a Poland Street (maybe Phone only)

Event Centre:

Registration, download and toilets. Plenty of room to leave bags

	Pre-Entry	Entry on the Day
How to Enter	www.fabian4.com	At Registration 10.00- 12.00
Closing Date	Wednesday 18 th May, 2022	
Senior Fees	£10*	EOD £12*

Junior, Under 21 and Student Fees	£4	EOD £5
SI Hire (Type 5)	£1 for adults (juniors free)	£1 for adults (juniors free)
SIAC Hire	Not available	
Lost Hire Card Penalty	Lost standard dibbers will be charged for at £30	
*Non BO surcharge (seniors only)	There will be a £2 surcharge for seniors who are not members of British Orienteering	
Courses	See Below	
Electronic Timing	SportIdent. All controls SIAC enabled with punching start and finish	
Start Times	10.30- 12.30. Courses close 14.00	

All runners MUST download at the event centre, even if you do not complete your course

Start and Finish:

The start and finish are 150m from the event centre.

Course Details

Course	Class	Age	Length (km)	Number of Controls	Climb (m)	Map size
1	MO	M18-, M20-, M21, M35	11.5	35	40	A3*
2	MV, WO	M40, M45, M50, W18-, W20-, W21, W35	9.5	28	40	A3*
3	MSV, WV	M55, M60, W40, W45, W50	8.4	25	30	A3*
4	MUV, WSV	M65, M70, W55, W60	6.2	19	30	A3*
5	MHV, WUV, WHV	M75+, W65, W70, W75+	5.0	15	15	A3
6	MJ, WJ	M16-, M14-, W16-, W14-	4.2	17	20	A4
7	MYJ, WYJ	M12-, W12-	2.1	12	5	A4

* Double-sided – 50% is common

M/W10- may only enter Course 7 and must be accompanied by an adult

M/W12- may only enter Course 7

M/W14- and M/W16- may only enter Course 6 or Course 7

Adults may enter any course they wish. Age allocations are only advisory

Terrain



This year we visit an area of Manchester with a lot of interesting history. Ancoats (Manchester's Little Italy), where we start and finish was designated a conservation area in 1989 when it was realised that the huge cotton spinning mills in the area should be preserved rather than demolished. Further northeast towards Miles Platting are more traditional housing estates. To the South East/East New Islington is a mix of modern canal side developments and older housing. The Rochdale and Ashton canals (along with their basins) cut through the area. To the West we have the Northern Quarter (which acted as New York in the filming of *The Crown*) and The University of Manchester (former UMIST) where you might see

someone getting out of his bath!

Expect a mix of urban terrain, small parks, canal towpaths, bridges (over which you can run), cobbles and tunnels!



One of the towpath tunnels is quite long but well lit.

Map and Control Descriptions

The map scale is 1:4000 with 2.5m contours drawn to ISSprOM 2019-2.

This update which was approved by IOF on 15th January introduces many changes. The most obvious is the reintroduction of Dark Green (Impassable i.e. Illegal to cross Vegetation) and a replacement of the Bridge symbol  with Bridge / Tunnel Entrance one .

Both are illustrated on the above excerpt.

The tunnel symbol is not used on the canal towpaths for clarity.

Non-standard features:

 Manchester 'BEE' monument

 VIMTO monument

 University monuments
or old Canal Cranes

Control descriptions are printed on maps.

Loose control descriptions will be available at the start.

Course 7 has written descriptions; all others are pictorial.

Important

There is not enough room for a key on the A4 maps so competitors must be familiar with symbols indicating forbidden passage.



Wall



Fence



Building (but with passage through)



Area Not To Be Entered



Uncrossable Vegetation (Illegal to cross)



Out of Bounds

Safety and Risks

A comprehensive risk assessment has been completed by the organiser, but participants take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety during the event.

All courses except 6 & 7 will have major roads to cross, including two crossings of the ring road which is dual carriageway in part. These will become busier as the day wears on.

Please don't take any risks, accidents to yourself or other road users could jeopardise the future of urban orienteering. All courses will be using Canal banks and the edges of the canal basins (entering the water is not to be recommended!).

Privacy

When entering our events your name may appear in the results section of the MDOC website or in newspaper reports. To find out more about how we look after your personal data, please search for Privacy Policy at www.mdoc.org.uk.

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