



Cranborne Chase weekend
Sarum Saunter
hosting the Southern Championships 2025
(also the Ward Junior Home International selection races)
Sunday 9th March 2025
UKOL National event
FINAL DETAILS



In case of poor weather, check the Racesignup website before travelling
<https://racesignup.co.uk>

By entering this event competitors agree to abide by the **British Orienteering Participant Code of Conduct** (revised September 2022).

You take part in this event at your own risk.

PLEASE READ THIS AT LEAST!

- Linear Parking for cars on the main Forest entrance ride – Assembly from the furthest point is about 400m ;
- Mini buses and camper vans and possibly larger cars should expect to park at the Barn on the entrance track and then walk about 700 metres up to the wood.
- The Exit is back out of the same gateway so **all are asked to arrive by 12.00 and no departures until 12.15, please.**
- Please do not arrive before the car park opens at 9am.
- Tom's food wagon, Compass Point, SW Junior Squad Cake stall, toilets, SI/SIAC card hire, Enquiries, Download and First Aid are all at Assembly.
- Dogs are allowed under control in the car park and Assembly area but not on the courses, please.
- Electronic Punching – SI, including SIAC. Courses 1 and 2 have more than 30 controls – please ensure your SI card has sufficient capacity. SIACs are available for hire (£2) at Download
- The Start is **timed (not punching)**; the Finish must be **punched** by everyone.
- Please ensure that you know your start time (see here <https://sarumo.org.uk/events/sarum-saunter-hosting-southern-championships-2025/>)
- Call up is - 5 minutes – do not be late as your time will not be adjusted!
- The Start is about 200m from Assembly; the Finish about 250m away from Assembly.
- Start times: 10.00 – 13.00 Courses Close: 15.00. Please report to Download even if you haven't finished your course
- Clothing must cover torso and legs. Cagoules may be compulsory if the weather is bad – come prepared. **Remember your whistle!**
- Control descriptions (loose) in Start lanes at -3; also printed on the maps. Course 1 & 2 loose control descriptions are 23cm long (21cm respectively) - which might be longer than the standard holder.
- Maps are A3 size for all except the Elite courses and courses: 12/13/14/17/18/19 – which are A4 size
- Courses close at 15.00. **YOU MUST** download/report to the Download team by this time.
- There is space for Club tents in some woodland off the Assembly area.

Safety Issues:

Forestry work: Ground conditions and forestry work have influenced how this event has evolved. Note that, as a result, Course 1 is slightly shorter than we would have liked so may be expected to be won in a time shorter than the guideline 90 minutes. There are log piles – Stay off them! More comments under Terrain.

Dress: Full leg protection is required; In bad weather, Cagoules may be made compulsory so please bring one!

Whistles : are strongly recommended – this is a very large wood and patience will be needed if used.

Safety bearing: a main track goes East/West through the forest – head for this; at the first junction, turn South. There shouldn't be any traffic on this road on a Sunday. Many Senior courses will cross this road at some point, take care just in case.

Medical conditions: If you have a medical condition that might require medical assistance during the event you may download and fill in and print the **BOF medical form** ([click here](#)) and give it to Enquiries in a sealed envelope (with your name/dibber number on). It will be shredded after the event.

First Aid: First aid services are being provided by Dorset Medical Services

Nearest A&E: Salisbury Hospital, Odstock Road, Salisbury SP2 8BJ Tel: **01722 336262**

Minor Injuries Unit, Westminster Memorial, Hospital, Abbey Walk, Shaftesbury, SP7 8BD Tel: **01747 851535**

Emergency number: All maps are overprinted with an emergency phone number which can be used on the day to contact the Organiser in an Emergency (07990 734576)

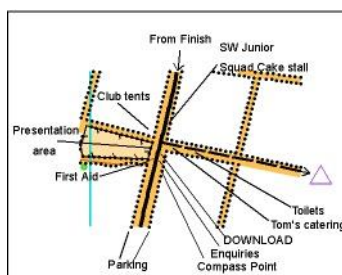
**Travel &
Car Parking:**

Great Ridge – ST 927345 – off the A303 east of Chicklade (W3W: electrode.overlook.books)
Take care when leaving the A303 on arrival and joining it on departure – it is a very fast road.
Turning left on Exit is advised.

Linear Parking for cars on the main Forest entrance ride ;
 Mini buses and camper vans and possibly some larger cars, should expect to park at the Barn on the entrance track and then walk about 700 metres up to the wood.
 Main car parking is next to Assembly.
 The Exit is back out of the same gateway so **all are asked to arrive by 12.00 and no departures until 12.15, please.**

**Assembly
area;
Facilities:**

- Toilets
- Tom’s Food Wagon
- South West Junior Squad Cake stall – please support them!
- Compass Point
- Main Tent: Download
 Hired SIAC collection
 Car Key drop
 Medical form drop
 EOD for Colour coded courses only (with cash)
- Club Tents – in woodland area



**Entry on the
Day:**

EOD is available **until 11:30am** only to the colour-coded courses (subject to availability of maps); Entry via Race Sign up is preferred but **Cash only, please:**

Course	Length	Entry fee	
White	2.4km	Juniors/ Students/Novice: Senior non-BOF :	£11
Yellow	2.9km		£11
Orange	3.7km		
Light Green	4.1km	Except: Senior Light Green (LG) Senior non-BOF LG	£20 £22
Dibber hire is £1.50 (normal SI) ; or £2 (contactless SIAC)			

Start Times: 10.00 – 13.00; courses close - 15.00

Electronic Punching

Both normal SI dibbers and contactless SIAC dibbers can be used. Note however that the Finish must be punched by everyone, so SIAC users cannot swish/swipe it.
 The longer courses (1&2) have more than 30 controls and **require a suitably high capacity dibber**. Make sure you have one.
 SI-card 8 can only record 30 control punches (they have 7 digit numbers beginning with “2”). Original dibbers (SI-card 5, numbered less than 500,000) can record 33 punches but split times for only 30 of them. All contactless SIAC cards will cope fine - an ordinary SI card will not record more than 33 control punches (with only 30 split times). Also beware of punching extra controls which will use up extra records!
 It is your responsibility to check your SI card has registered (flash/beep) at each control and at the Finish. In case of SI failure, use the pin-punch on the control stake to mark your map.
 Take care of your hired dibber. It will cost you £69 to replace a SIAC if lost (or £20 for a normal one).

Water Station for Elite course runners

There is a water station at a track crossing used by courses 1 to 9. There is a limited supply of water and cups and we ask non-elite runners to restrain themselves from partaking, please.

Courses:

Course No.	Classes	Classes	Length	Climb	No of controls	Map Scale	Map size
1E	M21E		13.5 km	295 m	33	1:15000	A4
2E		W21E	11.6 km	255 m	31	1:15000	A4
2	M21L		11.6km	255m	31	1:10000	A3
3E	M18E, M20E		10.1 km	245 m	25	1:15000	A4
3	M35L, M40L	W21L	10.1 km	245 m	25	1:10000	A3
4	M45L, M50L		8.5 km	170 m	22	1:10000	A3
5E		W18E, W20E	8.0 km	165 m	20	1:15000	A4
5	M20L, M55L	W35L	8.0 km	165 m	20	1:10000	A3
6	M21S, M60L	W40L	7.5 km	195 m	17	1:10000	A3
7	M16A, M18L, M35S, M40S	W45L, W50L	6.9 km	150 m	18	1:10000	A3
8	M45S, M65L	W20L, W21S, W55L	6.6 km	145 m	18	1:10000	A3
9	M20S, M50S, M55S, M70L, M21V	W16A, W18L, W35S, W60L	5.8 km	125 m	14	1:10000	A3
10	M18S, M60S, M75L	W40S, W45S, W65L	4.8 km	105 m	15	1:10000	A3
11	M65S, M80L	W20S, W50S, W55S, W70L, 21V	4.1 km	90 m	10	1:10000	A3
12	M70S, M75S	W18S, W60S, W75L	3.3 km	55 m	11	1:7500	A4
13	M85, M80S	W65S, W70S, W75S, W80L	3.1 km	35 m	10	1:7500	A4
14	M90, M95	W85, W90, W95, W80S	1.9 km	20 m	8	1:7500	A4
15	M14A, M16B		5.0 km	105 m	12	1:10000	A3
16		W14A, W16B, Light Green	4.1 km	90 m	10	1:10000	A3
17	M12A, M14B	W12A, W14B, Orange	3.7 km	105 m	11	1:7500	A4
18	M10A, M12B	W10A, W12B, Yellow	2.9 km	35 m	15	1:7500	A4
19	M10B	W10B, White	2.4 km	30 m	15	1:7500	A4

Unfortunately we have not been able to provide a String course

Eligibility for Southern Championship trophies and mementos (edible!)

You can enter any age class, but to be eligible for Championship trophies and podium places you must have entered the age class matching your age and sex, or 'run up'. Competitors are only eligible for Area Championship prizes and Trophies in the Class that they have entered. Eligibility also requires that you are a member of British Orienteering and a member of one of its southern regional associations: SCOA, SEOA or SWOA. Furthermore, trophies and other prizes (mementos) are only awarded to competitors in the highest category (Elite, Long or A) of each Age Class, which are the following:

Elite courses: M/W18E, M/W20E, M/W21E **Long courses:** M/W35L – M/W80L, W85 – W95, M85 – M95 **A courses:** M/W10A – M/W16A

Prize Giving

Championship results (top 3) will be announced and prizes awarded at around 2.30pm opposite the Download tent. The Trophies will be being presented by Miss Mary Morrison, who is the Aunt to Lord Margadale whose Estate we are using. She was a Lady in Waiting to Queen Elizabeth for many years. We are delighted that she is able to do this for us!

Running up

- M class competitors can only run up to M class courses.
- W class competitors may run up to W or M class courses.
- Competitors in age classes from 10 to 18 may run up to an older age class.
- Competitors in age classes from 35 to 90 may run up to a younger age class.

The British Orienteering Trans policy applies.

When you run up you are not competing in your 'own' age class.

Start

Please know your Start time (see the [Start List](#)) and bear in mind it may be updated as late as Friday 7th March. An Alpha list with Start times will be available at the Start and in the Download tent.

This is a National event, with pre-allocated, seeded start times which are fixed. If you are late, you will be given the next available start slot but your start time will not be changed; however you will need to request and justify why the organising team is at fault if you wish your start time to be changed. (Less stringent criteria will be applied when judging such requests for entrants in colour-coded classes.)

Elite start times are based on seeded groups. Competitors have been grouped based on British Orienteering rankings, with the group containing the top competitors starting last. Start times within each group have been drawn at random.

Pre-entered competitors who have their own SI cards can go directly to the Start.

The main Start is 200m from Assembly. You can warm-up in the terrain on the path to the Start – but not in the woods either side. There is also space to warm up on the tracks in Assembly. Though they might be rather wet!

Call-up is at -5 minutes. If weather conditions are bad enough, cagoules will be made compulsory and will be checked. Maps for competitors on courses 18 and 19 will be available to them before they start, at -4 in the Start lanes. In the interests of fairness, adults will not be able to help any Juniors prepare on courses 18 & 19 once in the Start system, if they are running the Championship courses but there will be a Marshal available to assist if necessary.

Terrain

Ground conditions and forestry work have influenced how this event has evolved. Note that as a result, Course 1 is slightly shorter than we would have liked so may be expected to be won in a time shorter than the guideline 90 minutes. The event takes place on a ridgetop ancient woodland/mixed forest. There are compartments of coniferous plantation timber of various ages and others of broadleaf woodland. The latter often has an understorey of hazel with numerous small holly trees and bushes. Other areas are predominantly open. A major valley cuts through the centre of the mapped area. There are numerous tracks, rides and paths. Brambles are found throughout and can be a serious obstruction in places especially alongside some paths and tracks. Courses have been planned to avoid the worst but accurate mapping is difficult and the narrow undergrowth screen should be treated with respect.

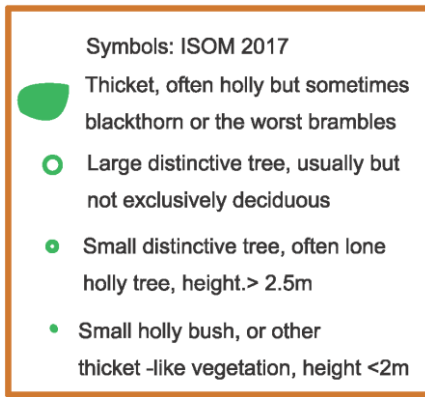
Forestry operations are carried out throughout the year. Significant work has been carried out within the competition area shortly before the event and continues at the time of writing. Not all extraction routes used by forestry machinery have been mapped. Logs may be stacked in large cords alongside some of the major tracks but as these are continually being removed or moved, they have not been mapped. Everyone should keep clear of them. There will be maps showing the very latest workings to help avoid confusion when running through the area

There are areas of new tree planting scattered throughout the area. Some of these are enclosed by **electric** fences to protect the vulnerable young trees from the resident deer. The courses have been planned to make crossing these enclosures unnecessary, and the fences should not be crossed.

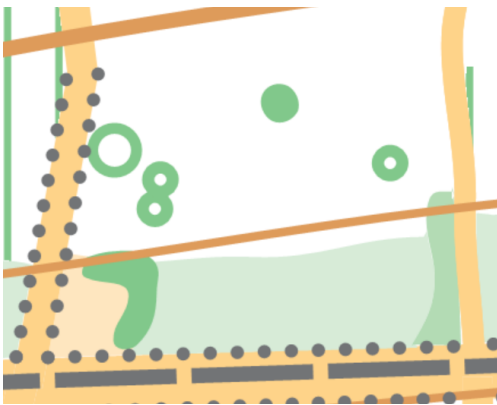
Storms have resulted in numerous fallen trees of various sizes. Those on major tracks and paths have generally been removed but may be encountered elsewhere and can make going hard in places. Those creating obstructions in the vicinity of controls have been mapped but others may not have been.

Mapping notes

The map was updated in 2022 with further revisions carried 2023, 2024 and 2025. Note that the following symbols have been used on the current map:



...for comparison:



The sheer number of smaller hollies throughout the woods makes it very difficult to keep track of which have grown sufficiently to be mapped or for their status to be escalated from bush to small distinctive tree. Best efforts have been made in the vicinity of controls

Public Access

The area is used for walking and there is a house on the edge of the wood - please be courteous to other users you do encounter - our future use of the area depends on this.

Finish

The Finish is 250m from Assembly. It is not enabled for contactless swiping – **you must punch the Finish.**

Maps will NOT be collected. Please keep to the spirit of the event by not showing your map to those competitors who have yet to start.

Courses close at **3:00pm. You must download by then** to avoid a search for you being initiated. You must report back to Download even if you retire.

Results

Subject to mobile reception, we will aim to make live results available during the event at this link <https://sarumo.org.uk/liveresults/>. The link will also be available via a QR code on your splits printout.

Safeguarding/Child Protection

Competitors are permitted to carry a mobile phone for use in an emergency and children and vulnerable adults are encouraged to do so.

If you are shadowed, or shadow before your own run, please declare yourself non-competitive at Download. (Note that an entry does not provide an extra map for a shadower). Shadowing of any competitor on a Championship course is not permitted.

Ticks

Ticks could be present in the area but low likelihood at this time of year. Check over your whole body after competing. If bites develop a rash or become inflamed, obtain medical advice.

Ash Dieback precautions

BO recommends you arrive with all kit, especially footwear, fully cleaned since its last outing; after your run, put all your kit in a plastic bag to prevent spreading fungal spores.

Complaints and Protests

Please first discuss any complaint with the Organiser. Should the complaint not be resolved, then please put the complaint in written form (forms available at Download) and the Organiser will refer the matter to the Jury.

Photography

You are welcome to take photographs at our event. However please respect other people's privacy when taking photographs, and do not take inappropriate or intrusive photos. Please bear in mind Sarum Orienteering Club's Photography Policy as well as British Orienteering's guidelines.

If you have any concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography (in terms of the way, by whom, or where photography is being undertaken), please report them to the Organiser.

Parents, guardians or carers who have a reason to be sensitive about the children they are responsible for should bear in mind that photographs may be taken at the event, and some may be posted on public websites

Officials:

Organiser: Liz Yeadon Sarum (email: fixtures@sarumo.org.uk)

Assistant Organiser : Charlotte Thornton Sarum

Planner : Andrew Graham Sarum

Controller : Chris Kelsey BOK

We are very grateful to Lord Margadale for the use of these Woods and to the Forestry team who have been very cooperative in helping us. Also Miss Mary Morrison who has kindly agreed to present the Southern Championship Trophies

Please remember

- Orienteering is an adventure sport. All competitors take part at their own risk and must take responsibility for their own safety. Parents are responsible for their children and advice is available on request, about what courses may be suitable.
- Please check website for last minute cancellation in case of poor weather. In the event of cancellation, some or all of your entry fee may be retained.
- The personal data you give will be used by the event organisers & their agents only for the purpose of processing and publishing the event entries and results, for conducting safety checks and to validate British Orienteering insurance cover. Submission of an entry for the event will indicate your acceptance of this procedure