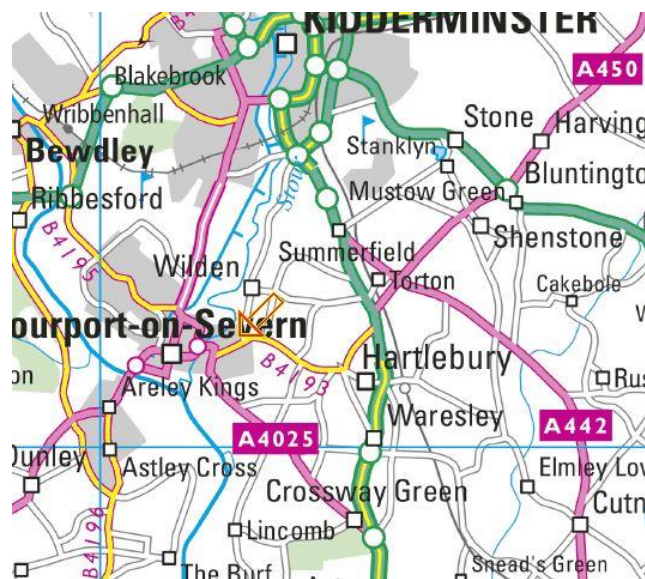


West Midlands Relays 2017
Hartlebury Common, Stourport
29th October 2017

Final Details (Oct 24 2017 v2)

Venue: Hartlebury Common is located above the eastern bank of the River Severn, overlooking Stourport a few miles south of Kidderminster. The car park will be at the Stourport Manor Hotel on the north side of the B4193 between Stourport and the village of Hartlebury (DY13 9JA, GR SO825715). The venue is easily accessible from the A449 between Worcester and Kidderminster. The route to the event will not be signed.



Car Park: Hardstanding cordoned off western area of the Hotel car park. Overflow carparking behind the hotel at the sports club car park. Please do not use the public car park which serves the Country Park.

Terrain: As varied as they come: A sandy bluff which used to be the bank of the river Severn, flat former flood plain below, gently sloping plateau above. Mostly rough open heath with patches of windblown sand, broom and gorse. Large & small patches of naturally seeded birch and oak and 2 small conifer plantations. Used to be a rabbit warren, then used for salt processing (hence some rather unusual plants), sand and gravel extraction, rifle ranges, practice trenches for WW1, clay pits and industrial tipping - leaving lots and lots a small brown line features!

Assembly: at the edge of the Country Park carpark (don not park here), 5 minutes flat walk from the Hotel car park. The route to assembly crosses the busy B4193 into the access road for the Hartlebury Common Nature Reserve - PLEASE TAKE CARE (see ~~S~~safety) . follow tapes. **No club tents are allowed at assembly.** However a tent will be provided for waiting runners to shelter from inclement weather. **Map issue and download will be located at assembly.**

Enquiries & Registration: Located on the common in assembly, Enquiries will have an envelope for club captains to collect containing any additional information and hired SI cards which will need to be paid for before they are handed over. Last minute changes will be made at Enquiries and taken to Download prior to the start.

Facilities: Portaloos in the Hotel car park, there will be no toilets at assembly . please do not use the hotel toilets. Refreshments (lunches and drinks) are available at the hotel but please do not go in with dirty clothes or shoes. WMJS cake stall may be in attendance close to assembly.

Start times: Mini relay 11:05, all other classes 11:00 . call-up for first leg runners from 10:45am (for the mini-relay, call up will be immediately after the mass start for all other classes). Mini-mass start probably at 1pm.

Courses:

Relay Class	Class Title	BOF Age Classes	Combined Ages	Technical Difficulty	Length/climb/controls
A	Mini-Relay	M/W12 -		1	1.4 / 30 / 12
B	Junior Women		W42-	3	2.0 / 40 / 10
C	Intermediate Women		W54-	5	3.0 / 40 / 17
D	Open Women	Any W		5	4.0 / 95 / 16
E	Senior Women		W130+	5	3.5 / 80 / 17
F	Veteran Women		W165+	5	3.0 / 40 / 17
G	Super Veteran Women		W200+	5	2.4 / 40 / 12
H	Junior Men		M42-	3	2.0 / 40 / 10
I	Intermediate Men		M54-	5	3.5 / 80 / 17
J	Open Men	Any		5	4.9 / 110 / 19
K	Senior Men		M130+	5	4.0 / 95 / 16
L	Veteran Men		M165+	5	3.5 / 80 / 17
M	Super Veteran Men		M200+	5	3.0 / 40 / 17
N	Mixed Ad Hoc			3, 5, 5	One lap from each of B, C, D

Course/distance/classes

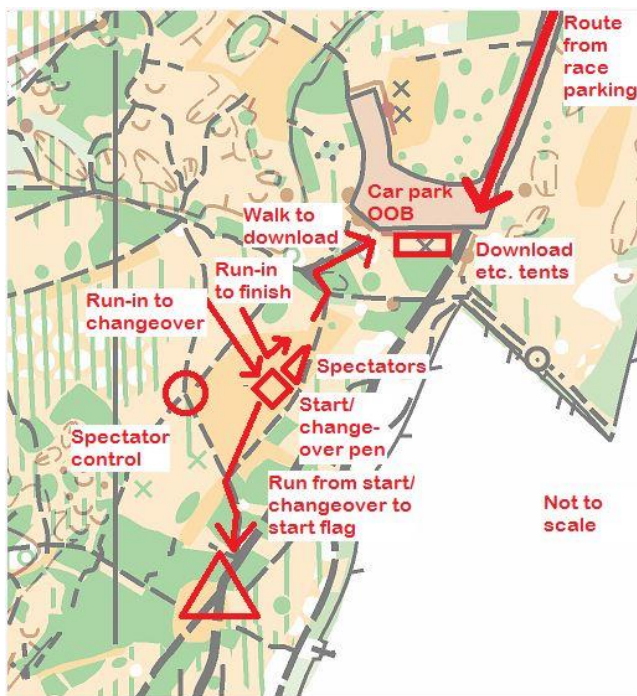
1. 4.9km J
2. 4.0km D,K,(N)
3. 3.5km E,I,L
4. 3.0km C,F,M,(N)
5. 2.4km G
6. 2.0km B,H,(N)
7. 1.4km A

Notes

Individual gaffles on a course may vary slightly in length / climb but this is evened out over the whole race so each team will run the same total distance/climb

To aid runners on the mini relay (relay A) there will be one taped leg and a few smiley/frowny faces, all of which should be ignored by runners on other courses.

Changeover layout:



Map: 1:7500 with 5m contours. A4 on waterproof paper. Based on the previous 2014 map with updates in 2017.

Mapper's Notes

- Pylons and power lines are not mapped.
- Seasonal bracken is not mapped. Consequently some areas mapped as rough open can look vegetated and give slow running at this time of year.
- Single green hatch screen. Gorse, bramble or bracken with bramble. Some zigzagging may be needed.
- Double green hatch. Difficult to find a runnable way through. May be impassable in places.
- A new wide ride has been cut through trees below a power line. The edge of the ride is littered with fallen trees and branches. This has been mapped symbolically by a thin medium green strip along the sides of the ride. It is never necessary to deviate far to get through.
- Non IOF symbols:-
 - Green cross. A dead tree.
 - Brown cross. A low tree stump or rootstock.
- Only a very few of the many rootstocks or stumps have been mapped.
- Some vague cut throughs have been mapped using the yellow open land symbol.

Trophies: Any unreturned trophies should be brought on the day so they can be presented. Please make sure they have been engraved from last year.

Prize giving: This will be as soon as possible after 1pm. If you are in a winning team, please try and stay to smile in the photos!!

Entries: Via club captains only, via Fabian4 by Sunday 22nd Oct.

Rules: Rules for the event can be found on the WMOA website
<http://www.wmoa.org.uk/competitions.html#westmidlandsrelays>

Fees: Senior Teams £21, Junior Teams £9,

Punching: SportIdent will be used. Cards may be hired for £1. Lost cards will be charged at £40.

First aid: A first aid kit and assistance will be available at the download tent. The nearest A&E is Worcester, WR5 1DD

Dogs and Cattle:: Dogs are welcome, but please keep on a lead at all times. Please be aware that there will be cattle grazing in the area. They are normally docile and used to visitors, but please take care not to disturb them unnecessarily and avoid actions which might spook them or lead them to stampede.

Safety: **Please take care crossing the main road between the car park and assembly - a crossing attendant will be present to assist, please be respectful to his/her advice. This is a West Midlands event, so whistles must be carried.**

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