

# 2019 Club Championships - Final Details

**Terrain:** Saltwells Nature Reserve

**Parking:** Parking will be on the public roads inside Hurst Business Park, DY5 1UF. There is plenty of parking on the public roads in Navigation Drive and Narrowboat Way. Please do not park on the forecourt of any of the businesses in the area.



Assembly will be at the southern end of Navigation Drive.

**Entries:** Registration open 9.30 - 10.30, £4 seniors, £1 juniors

**Start:** Meet at 10.40 outside SI/registration for the walk to the start at 11.00

**Map:** 1:7500, 5m contours. Last updated 2019. Pre-marked on waterproof paper.

**Duration** 1 hour score event for seniors. 45 minutes score event for juniors and families.

**The Rules** Please read the information from Adrian via the link 'Competitors' briefing' or below

**Facilities:** None. Please make yourself comfortable before you arrive! There are plenty of toilets in Merry Hill Shopping Centre.

**Safety:** The area is bisected by a busy road. There are 2 crossing points:

1. Along the canal tow path in the northern part of the map which goes under the road.
2. Close to the Start and Finish. NB The road will be marshalled.



There will be a Finish control either side of the road. This means you do not have to 'dash' across the road as your time is running out!

Competitors take part at their own risk. Normal 'O' clothing and footwear Cagoules are not considered compulsory unless in the event of extreme weather.

The area is widely used by the public. Please respect their right to be there.

**Control Collecting:** Adrian and Catherine will need loads of control collectors so we can all get to the lunch asap. Please make yourself available at the Finish.

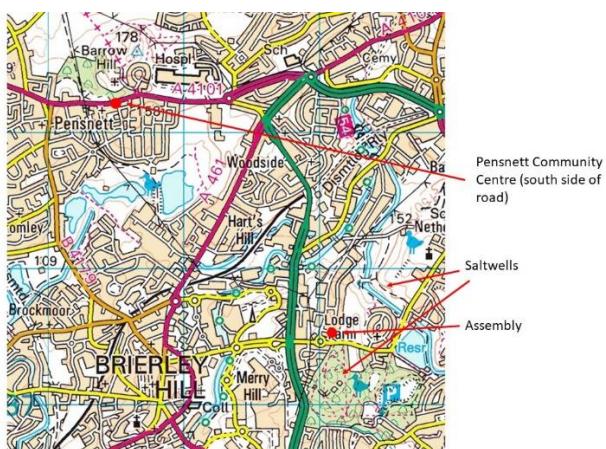


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Event to be followed by **HOC Christmas Bring and Share lunch and Raffle** at the Pensnett Community Centre, DY5 4JQ

Bring along a picnic and perhaps something to share. Raffle prizes would be appreciated - all money raised goes towards the Midland Air Ambulance!

**Please note:** You have to provide your own cups, plates, dishes, knives, forks and spoons



## Race information

- This is a score event. There's a 1-hour time limit for seniors and a 45-minute time limit for juniors. Don't forget to bring a watch (or something else to tell the time on.)
- There are 32 controls, numbered 85 to 116. The controls can be completed in any order. The optimum straight-line distance is 7.0 km with 150m of climb. (The actual optimum distance is somewhat longer.)
- Old-style SI cards can store 36 controls but only store split times for 30 controls. Therefore if you anticipate that you'll be able to clear more than 30 controls, you should consider using a new-style dibber.
- A major road (Highbridge Road) divides the area in two. This may only be crossed at two locations: a marshal-controlled crossing adjacent to the start and finish (obey marshals' instructions), and a canalside path where the canal goes under the road. Check these locations on a blank map before you start. The road surface is out of bounds, but you are allowed to run along the pavements.
- The canal can be crossed at three locations: two footbridges, and the pavement on the west side of the previously mentioned road bridge. Check these locations on a blank map before you start.
- The other water hazard is the reservoir. Stay away from the edge of the canal and the reservoir. The streams on the map are quite deep but can be jumped across in several places.
- Doultons Clay Pit is a major feature in the south east of the map, marked by two huge cliffs. The area around these cliffs is marked out of bounds on the map, and the area is fenced off. For safety's sake, in case runners get lost, we will have pieces of yellow and black tape hanging at 10-metre intervals along the section of fence that's dangerous to cross.
- Both the private and the public fields in the area are used by horses. If you run north round Netherton Hill you're likely to encounter horses in the public fields. They are used to members of the public crossing the area and aren't likely to cause any problem. Just be aware of them.
- Most of the woods are quite dense and overgrown. Areas shown as light green or with an undergrowth screen can be heavy going.
- **We recommend that younger juniors (12-) don't cross the road. There are plenty of controls south of the road, and eight controls (85-92) make a yellow/orange-standard loop.**
- There will be a mass punching start at 11 am. Register at the parking area by 10.30 am, ready to walk to the start at 10.40, followed by a race briefing at 10.50. Collect a sealed map at the start but do not open it until you have punched.
- There are two finish controls, one at the start location (shown with a triangle) and one on the track on the opposite side of the road (shown with a double circle). Use whichever is more convenient for you.