

## Summer series formats

Summer Series events are flexible, relaxed and low key. They are open to anyone - you do not have to be a member, you do not need to have orienteered before, they are great fun. They run from April-ish to August-ish and are very good value for money.

Times and courses offered may vary from event to event to suit the constraints of the area and the organiser, so do check the details for each event to see what will be on offer, and what form of mapping will be used. These details may include a request to help the organiser by reserving a map in advance. It's also a good idea to contact the organiser in advance if you are new to the sport and would like some support.

The event details will also specify the timing method – typically electronic using SI cards (hire devices available) but events in Urban areas may use a question and answer format for the individual checkpoints.

One common format is borrowed from our Winter Series. a single course but with a time limit. Controls are taken in order and will each be worth (say) 10 points. Controls can be missed out but any taken out of sequence will not count. For example, 1-2-3- -5-6 scores 50 but 1-2-5-3-6 only scores 40 because 3 was taken out of sequence. The fastest may possibly clear all controls just inside the time limit but for most it will be a matter of deciding which ones to miss or when to quit and head for the finish. The time limit and points deducted for a late finish will be explained in the details for each event.

Another regular feature is the June Jaunter, .held on a Thursday evening around mid summer. This is a timed mini-fell run around Clent and Walton Hills. Starting from Nimmings car park, participants have to visit the trig points at the top of Clent and Walton Hills, and the stile by Clent Church, in any order. We often welcome runners from local clubs for this. Slower runners and walkers are equally welcome to enjoy the challenge and the views and to continue the chat in a local pub afterwards.

Participants are responsible for their own safety and take part at their own risk. Depending on the area and the Risk Assessment. the carrying of whistles may be compulsory (we will have a few to hire or borrow).