

Event Information V1.1as of 26/10/2021

## Harlequins Orienteering Club

WMOA league event and WMOA Championships

## Worcestershire Beacon (Malvern Hills)

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021 with permission from the Malverns Hills Trust



Orienteering in Worcester, Hereford, South Shropshire, Black Country and Birmingham.

## Final Details

Venue & Travel Northern section of the Malvern Hills, most easily accessed via the B4218 at Upper Wych. The event will be signed from the Upper Wych road junction of the B4218 with the B4232 West Malvern Road. Nearest postcode WR14 4DH

Parking: (note changes from information in event flyer!) West of England Quarry will be the primary car park, and assembly area. Overflow car parking will be indicated by car parking marshalls as required, but may involve a 1km walk to Assembly. All Malvern Hills Trust car parks are pay and display - £4-60 for the day - and are regularly patrolled by MHT wardens.

There is a single ticket machine (card payment only) located at the north end of the W of E Quarry car park. To avoid a lengthy walk for the majority parking to the south, entry to the car park will be signed from the north entrance (co:ordinates: 52.103800, -2.344548; grid ref: SO 765451; what3words: ///provoking.palettes.urgent, thus passing the ticket machine en route to the parking spaces.

Important: Approaching the north entrance from the south will involve a tight 180 degree turn with a rising incline; if this is too tight for your vehicle, proceed northwards for another 500m and turn round in the car park area for the piped spring on the right. Take great care of other road users!

Please share transport as far as any current Covid-19 precautions allow. There is no capacity for coaches or large campervans.

Start and Finish The Start is located 350m from Assembly with 75m of climb. Allow 10 minutes walk. There are two Finishes: North and South, 130m and 50m respectively from Assembly

**Terrain:** Open hill tops with grass or wooded slopes, some steep, with rock features.

Map: Pre-marked, A4, Scale 1:10k, updated 2021 by John Leeson (HOC).

Courses: WM Championship rules apply for those competing for championship places. In order to

be eligible for the Championships a competitor must run the West Midlands League course designated for their Long class, or "run up" on a longer/harder course. See

https://wmoa.org.uk/wp/rules-wml/.

Course	Length (k)	Climb (m)	Finish
Brown	7.05	335	South
Blue	4.97	235	North
Green	3.75	105	North
Short Green	2.72	125	North
Light Green	2.93	90	North
Orange	2.14	100	North
Yellow	1.76	95	North
White	1.61	20	South
Newcomers ("long orange") - EOD only	4.73	205	South
String course	Located adjacent to Assembly area		

Entries: Pre-entry only for Championship courses via <a href="www.fabian4.co.uk">www.fabian4.co.uk</a>.

EOD only for Newcomers "long orange" course.

Punching: Electronic Punching using SportIdent. SI-Cards may be hired for £1.00.

Punching start, but please arrive shortly before your pre-booked start time to reduce

crowding at Start.

SIAC users must dib both Start and Finish control boxes

Fees: By 06 November: Seniors £8 (plus £2.00 for non-BOF members) Juniors £2

By 11 November: Seniors £10 (plus £2.00 for non-BOF members) Juniors £2 Orange, yellow and white courses will be charged at junior rate for all competitors.

EOD for Newcomers "long orange" Seniors: £10 Juniors £2

**Dogs:** Dogs permitted, but note that cattle or sheep may be grazing on the hills, within the

competition area.

Facilities: Hired mobile toilets in Assembly. Public toilets are also available on the B4218 at Upper

Wych. First Aid provided by HOC club first aiders.

Officials: Organiser Steve Chiverton Tel: 07815 707618 or

email: worcesterbeacon21@gmail.com

Planner Robert Atkins HOC
Controller Alistair Powell OD

**Safety:** Competitors take part at their own risk.

Whistles must be carried.

In view of the exposed nature of the Malvern Hills and the potential for rapid changes in wind and temperature, competitors are strongly encouraged to wear/carry waterand wind-proof hooded tops (aka cagoules). Such clothing will be required in poor weather. If this requirement is imposed, competitors will not be allowed to start unless

they comply. Come prepared!

The Health and Safety Risk Assessment, and Covid Risk Assessment, will be available to view at the inquiries/download tent.

In view rising Covid infection rates, please avoid congregating around Assembly facilities. Anyone who has symptoms of COVID-19, who is living in a household with someone who has a possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection, or who has been asked to isolate by NHS Test and Trace should remain at home

## Website & Cancellation:

For the latest information check: <a href="http://www.harlequins.org.uk">http://www.harlequins.org.uk</a>

HOC reserve the right to retain part/all of any pre-entry fees to cover committed costs.

Under British Orienteering COVID guidelines you may claim a full refund of your entry fee if you or a member of your household has COVID-19 symptoms, or because they have been asked to isolate by NHS Test and Trace. HOC will carry the costs associated with the entry and cancellation transactions. In this event you must email the Organiser requesting cancellation of your entry.