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## Harlequins Orienteering Club

Invite you to a  
West Midlands Level C League Event and  
incorporating an Yvette Baker Trophy/Shield  
Qualifier

at

# Arrow Valley Park

Near Redditch

Sunday 23rd March 2025



Orienteering in Worcester,  
Hereford, South Shropshire,  
Black Country & Birmingham

### Venue & Travel

Arrow Valley Country park is located approximately 2 miles east of Redditch town centre. Registration will be near the main centre car park near the visitor centre, with access off the B4497 which will be signed.

Postcode: B98 0LJ      Grid Reference: SP062677

### Parking:

Parking will be on the roads within the nearby industrial estate 350m away, off Padgets Lane. B98 0RA What3words: ///flying.trader.purely. Please follow marshals' instructions. Given likely attendees and usual park visitors, please do not attempt to use nearby car parks, including Lidl, as these are likely to be full.

Note all Country Park car parks have a 2M height limit. Competitors proposing to attend in a higher vehicle **must park on Padgets Lane**.

### Terrain:

Open country park with good network of footpaths, with areas of woodland and a large lake in the north.

### Map:

A3 1:7 500 with 5m contours originally mapped by Mike Baggott, with Feb 2025 update by John Leeson. **Blue and Brown course maps will be double sided.**

### Courses:

WML Courses, subject to final controlling are;

Course	Distance Km	Climb metres	No of Controls
Brown	8.0	95	31
Blue	6.8	85	27
Green/YB Green	5.2	60	22
Short Green	3.6	50	19
Light Green/YB Lt Green	3.6	45	19
Orange/YB Orange	3.1	30	15
Yellow/YB Yellow	2.0	20	16
White	1.6	10	15

### Entries:

Online via [Fabian 4](#) until 2359 hrs Sunday 16 March. Very limited entry on the day subject to map availability.

### Registration:

1000 - 1200hrs      **Starts:** 1030 - 1230 hrs      **Courses Close** 1430 hrs

### Key Info:

Start a short distance from assembly area following tapes and return from Finish 250m NNE.

To the west, the River Arrow runs N-S and **MUST** be crossed via established crossing points. There is an out of bounds Slow Worm conservation area in the centre of the map that must be avoided.

**Towards the end of Blue/Brown courses, a "non-mandatory" crossing point has been added to the map, where a deep and wide ditch is easier to cross. This point will be taped although there will not be an actual crossing).**

**Some courses may pass close to football pitches on which matches are likely. Please do not interfere with play and skirt around them.**

### Punching:

Electronic Punching using SportIdent. SIAC will be enabled, with conventional punching at the start and finish. Please bring your SI-Card to registration. SI-Cards may be hired for

£1.00

**Fees:** Seniors £10 (£2 supplement for Non BOF members). Adult Newcomers / Juniors £5 only **plus £1 SI hire if required.**

**Dogs:** Dogs welcome, as other dog walkers will be on the area but must be on lead at all times. Please clean up after your dog.

**Facilities:** Portable toilets will be available.  
The nearby [Boathouse Café](#) is available for refreshments, which competitors will walk past from the Finish to Download. No muddy shoes or spikes please.

**Officials:**

Organiser	Andy Johnson HOC 07830 123843
Planner	Ian Chafer HOC
Controller	Henry Morgan (POTOC)

**Yvette Baker Qualifier** Juniors competing in the YB Qualifier (Trophy and Shield) must be registered members of British Orienteering and should enter the Yellow, Orange, Light Green or Green courses according to their age, and avoid 'running down' if they have previous success at Major events (please refer to the YB rules for details) :  
<https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/yvettebaker>

Talk to your club's Junior Coordinator in case they would like you to enter a particular course.

**Team Captains are requested to notify the organiser whether their team is entering the trophy or shield before the day of the event.**

To enter the competition, enter the relevant course containing a YB prefix, e.g. YB Green. Your result will only score if you have provided correct details, including your British Orienteering number, during pre-entry. It is your responsibility to check your personal details when you enter. We will be unable to make backdated adjustments after your run.

YBT competitors from the same club, on the same course, must start at least four minutes apart, so please behave fairly and make the Start helpers aware if this applies to you.

Runners may pair up on the Yellow course, if they meet the criteria outlined in the rules and stay together throughout.

**Safety:** Competitors take part at their own risk. **Please wear appropriate clothing ensuring legs and torso are fully covered.** Whistles must be carried and will be checked. **NO WHISTLE - NO GO.** In case of bad weather competitors may be required to wear a hooded waterproof. Notices will be displayed in the car parking area and registration if so.

The ground at Arrow Valley is quite hard to hammer in pegs. Clubs proposing to bring tents should ensure that they bring along means to weight them down.

Please be aware of other activities around the N of the lake, including people fishing and possible use of the disc golf area. Slow moving geese may also be being fed near the lake. Please be aware of other users and your surroundings at all times.

First Aid is located close to the Finish.

Other users may include horse riders, cyclists and dog walkers.

In the event of heavy snow or strong winds prior to the event, please check the Harlequins or WMOA site at [www.wmoa.org.uk](http://www.wmoa.org.uk) before you travel. If there is nothing regarding cancellation, the event is ON.

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**Website &** For the latest information check: <http://www.harlequins.org.uk>

**Cancellation:** HOC reserves the right to retain part/all of any pre-entry fees to cover committed costs