

CROWN LANDS OF THE NEW FOREST
Arrangements for Orienteering Events
1st January 2015 – 31st December 2020

1. During the term of this agreement the Southampton Orienteering Club will be permitted to organise the following number of events per calendar year and may devolve the organisation of some events to Wessex and Wimborne Orienteering Clubs.

a) Level A/B	3	Level A requires separate assent from NE. If expected numbers exceed 500, NE to be consulted by FC.
b) Level C /D	15	
c) Training	20	(maximum 25 competitors)
d) Evening	2	(maximum 75 participants)
e) Military training	5	(maximum 400 participants)

Included within the **Level D** allocation of events are the larger school training events in excess of 50 competitors.

- 2 Mapped areas of the Forest may be used for informal training events by no more than 25 participants on any one occasion subject to restraint areas and periods. These events are to be advised not less than 7 days in advance, but longer notice is always preferred.
- 3 No orienteering events will be permitted on heathland during the bird breeding season, March to August inclusive. Any events between 1st March and 31st August will be only within woodland, where clearings of 2 hectares or larger and young plantations of 7 years or younger are to be avoided. From 1st April to 31st August, all participants must keep to established tracks and paths.
- 4 The Southampton Orienteering Club will appoint a Liaison Officer - all applications for New Forest will be directed to the Forestry Commission through the Liaison Officer.
- 5 The Forestry Commission must be notified and agree plans for mapping of new areas or re-mapping of previously used areas. Agreement to include the recommended access terms for the area.
- 6 The Forestry Commission will, at the time of granting permission, provide the event organisers with details of any planned major forestry operations likely to affect the area under consideration.
- 7 Applications for events must be made on the standard form, together with ordnance survey map of the area to be used, and a orienteering map. Full application must be received not less than 6 weeks in advance.
- 8 Start and finish locations to be agreed with the Forestry Commission who will consider site constraints and timing of other operations and events in the area. Parking will be in Forestry Commission car

parks except where certain car parks are placed out of bounds. Parking for large events to be encouraged off the Forest/adjoining landowners. Further parking areas will be provided at the discretion of the Forestry Commission for an additional charge subject to negotiation with the event organiser and agreed sum written into the permission for the event. Park and ride or bussing systems may be considered for events where on-site parking will cause difficulties for either party.

- 9 Adequate toilet provision to supplement Forestry Commission facilities must be provided by event organisers for Level A, B and C events. Siting of additional toilets to be on hard standing where possible, agreed in advance and removed within 24 hours of the event.
- 10 Participants are not permitted to pass through valley mires, bogs and ponds. If there is a risk of competitors crossing such features they will be marked as 'Out of Bounds' on the competition maps. However, the use of shallow ephemeral ponds and poached areas and areas of wet grassland and heathland are useable.
- 11 Events will not be located in the vicinity of Hen Harrier roost sites.
- 12 During bird breeding season (March-August inclusive) any dogs attending the events must be kept on a lead.
- 13 All participants (competitors and organisers) are to follow the guidance issued by British Orienteering on biosecurity. Event organisers are to reinforce this message in all pre event literature.
- 14 The organiser's marquee and/or tents must be limited to three, plus one generator, at any one event. In addition, for larger events (Level A and Level B) the number of catering (with associated generators) and retail tents, stands or stalls will be limited to three per event. All facilities to be agreed in advance with the Forestry Commission.
- 15 This agreement supplements any National Agreement between the Forestry Commission and the British Orienteering and the provisions of any National Agreement shall apply except as varied by this local agreement.

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Signed: 

On behalf of: **Forestry Commission, South England Forest District**

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Name: DIANA SMITH

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On behalf of: **Southampton Orienteering Club**

Date: 17/9/2015