

FINAL INFORMATION - SCOTTISH SCHOOLS' ORIENTEERING FESTIVAL 2022

We are delighted to be able to welcome you back to the Scottish Schools' Orienteering Festival!

Travel

From Dundee, Edinburgh or Glasgow, follow the signs for the 'A93 Braemar'. The Palace is situated two miles north of Perth on the A93.

Directions can be found here

<https://scone-palace.co.uk/contact>

On Arrival

- Go to the main visitor car park beside the Palace **then park as directed**. If you intend to **bring a bus PLEASE email info@ssoa.org.uk**
- One adult should then please make their way to the registration/download area which will be sign posted and is close to the drop off point.
- At registration you will be able to collect your SI pegs for the electronic timing and receive any last minute information.
- Please remind any of your pupils who have their own SI peg to bring this with them.
- We will also ask you to complete a form giving us the name and mobile number of the person to be contacted in case of emergency.
- Pupil assembly is on the grass area close to the start area and just up from where they are dropped off.
- There are orienteering activities adjacent to the start on the south lawn

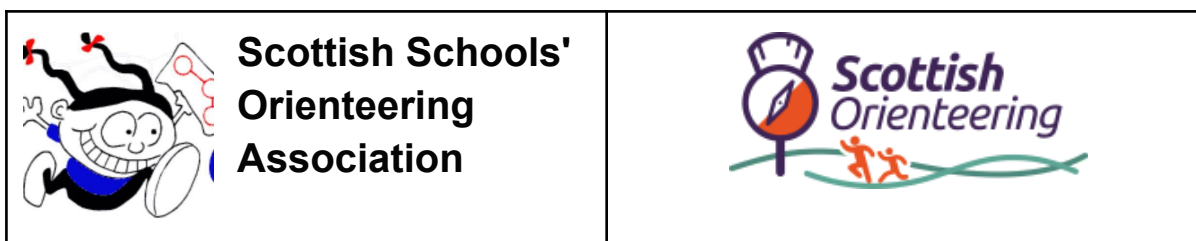
Start times have been allocated for the block you requested.

We will email out start times at the beginning of the week.

The start will be close to the south side of the Palace and car parking for the public. All grounds immediately in front of and behind the Palace are out of bounds to competitors throughout. All competitors will punch at the start to start the electronic timing. There will be no loose descriptions.

Finish

Please ask all runners to punch the finish control and then proceed to the download as quickly as possible. This will help to ensure that the results can be processed as soon as possible.



Toilets/Café - these will be signed from the registration/download. We have portaloos for use by those participating in the Festival. Inside toilets are for Palace visitors and visitors to the Cafe only. **There will be an outside caterer at the venue.**

Prize Giving

This will take place as soon as possible after 1.15 pm. **Current trophy holders** - please return these to registration on arrival.

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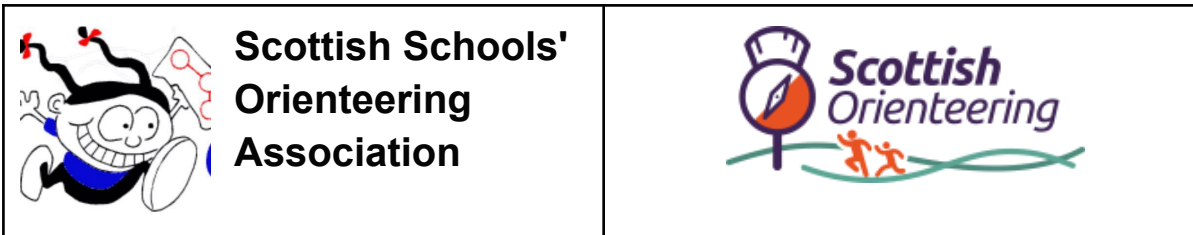
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Courses

Class/ Course	Distance (Km)	Number of control points
P5/6 Girls	1.2	14
P5/6 Boys	1.3	15
P7 Girls	1.5	16
P7 Boys	1.6	16
S1 Girls	1.8	16
S1 Boys	1.9	18
S2 Girls	1.9	18
S2 Boys	2.3	19
S3 Girls	2.3	19
S3 Boys	3.2	22
S4 Girls	3.5	22
S4 Boys	3.5	22
S5/6 Girls	3.5	22
S5/6 Boys	3.9	25

Terrain and Safety notes **EMERGENCY CONTACT Fran Loots 0751 895 8032**

Scone Palace grounds are typical stately home gardens with a mix of woodland, bushes and shrubs and an extensive path network. Most courses follow paths or fences but the longer ones offer opportunities to cut through woodland and fields



where ground cover is generally low. Shorter courses are suitable for children with mobility difficulties. The longer ones are not.

Full leg cover is advised to reduce the likelihood of picking up ticks. Wear trainers with grip (football boots or other trainers are suitable). Bring a change of clothes in case it is very wet and certainly footwear. Dress for the weather.

The gardens are open to the public, so please be courteous to these people and be careful not to crash into any! There are no crags and few bodies of water or barbed wire fences to worry about. **Please do not climb on stone walls.**

The illustration below also shows two ways in which out-of-bounds are represented on the map - areas with vertical ruling, red or black, are out-of-bounds and roads with red crosses on them are not to be used.

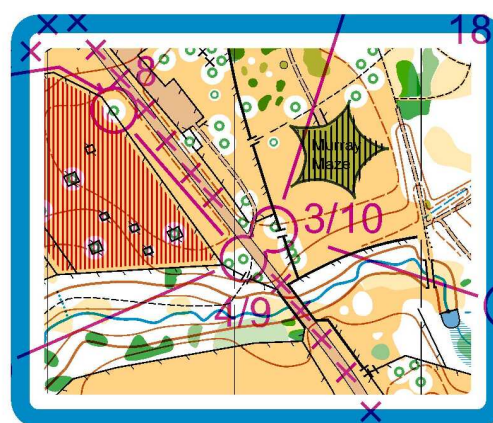
Information for longer courses only(10-14)

The longest courses (courses 10-14) also use open fields adjacent to the Palace. The topography is flat with a few bumps and dips.

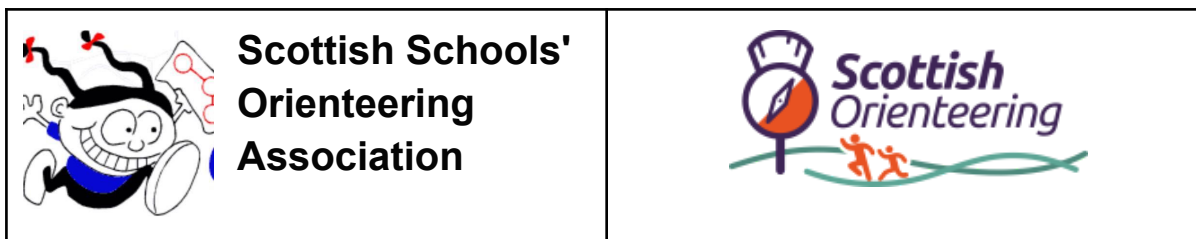
To access and return from the open fields on the longer courses there is a crossing point across a road with visitor traffic, therefore **this crossing point will be marshalled and use time-out**, i.e. the time taken to cross the road will be removed from a pupil's overall time on the course. To allow calculation of the time-out the arrangement below will be in use.

On the way out to the fields a pupil will punch at control #3, wait until the marshal says it is safe to cross and then punch again at control #4 on the other side before running on - the time taken to cross from #3 to #4 is removed from the pupil's overall time.

Coming back, the pupil will punch at control #9, wait to cross and then punch at #10 before running on - again the time taken is removed.



N.B. not all courses have the same control numbers at the crossing point - others will have 3/11 and 4/10



Longer courses also have a control that is visited more than once.

Map

The map scale is 1:5000 with the contour interval at 5 m.

Please pay attention to out of bounds areas that are marked with either black hatching or red crosses on the roads(see illustration above). Roads are only to be crossed at points marked by controls

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Litter

Please help us to keep litter to a minimum by encouraging your pupils to either use the bins provided or take litter home. Runners are asked not to take food or drink out on their course as this inevitably leads to litter being dropped. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

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