



**Cheshire and Merseyside Schools' Orienteering  
Relay Event  
Birkenhead Park, Wirral  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
Final Details v3**

**Introduction:**

This is the School's league relay event for the 2017-18 season, and Deeside Orienteering Club welcome schools to enter teams into this relay event. We also welcome mixed teams of teachers/ parents/ children and children from different schools to enter on a non-competitive fun basis.

**Venue: Birkenhead Park, Wirral**

**Directions:** Follow brown signs to Birkenhead Park. From Ashville Road follow the signs onto the western entrance into Park Drive. Cars will be parked about 100m-250m along Park Drive adjacent to the assemble area. Please follow the marshal's instructions. Priority will be given to mini buses and coaches to park nearest to the assemble area. If you pass the visitor centre, you have gone in the wrong entrance, just continue around the park until you come to the event area. You may be asked to turn around to park.

**Post Code: CH41 8AU (visitor centre)**

**Map ref:** O.S. Landranger no. 108 SJ309890

**Registration:** Will be in the car park area. Team packs can be collected from registration between 9:20 and 09:50. Entry fees are to be paid here.

Team packs will contain 3 race number bibs, safety pins and 3 SI 'dibbers'. **To facilitate the quick production of results all competitors must use a 'hire dibber', even if they have used their own 'dibber' for individual schools league events. Lost dibbers will be charged at the normal rate. Competitors must use the dibber allocated as this already have been loaded onto the computer. Wrong dibber, no start.**

**Pre-Entry:** Please use the accompanying entry form (copy if entering more than 5 teams.)

Cost £9:00 per team including the cost of hired dibbers. Entry fees will be collected at registration. **Closing date for pre-entry is Tuesday March 13th 2018.**

Please return entry forms to Edward Jones by e-mail: [edward.jones@isonor.co.uk](mailto:edward.jones@isonor.co.uk)

Entry queries to Edward Jones 07810 505 616

**PLEASE NOTE NO ENTRY ON THE DAY**

**Toilets:** Are available in the cricket club about 200m from the assembly area between 9.30 and 12.00.

**Muddy boots are not allowed in the cricket club and will be strictly enforced.** After 12.00, toilets are available in the visitor centre.

**Assembly Area / Start / Finish:** Adjacent car parking.

**Format of the Event:**

Competitors will need to have taken part in solo orienteering. Each team will consist of three runners. The first goes in a mass start. Second and third leg runners wait in a taped "holding pen" and take over by touch of hand from their incoming team mate. When the third leg runner crosses the finish line then the whole team has finished. Teams may be either mixed or single sex. Pupils may run up (e.g. a year 8 may run in relay 4).

**Numbers & Bibs:** The three members of each team will wear the same number. The colour of their bibs will denote the leg they should run

**Red 1<sup>st</sup> leg; White 2<sup>nd</sup> leg; Blue 3<sup>rd</sup> leg**

Where a relay consists of different colour-coded courses, the order in which the courses are run is shown in the table below. For example, the order in the mixed open is yellow, orange, light green. The individual team members must be entered on the entry form in the correct order for the course they wish to run. For the avoidance of doubt, team member 1 will run leg 1 on the yellow course, team member 2 will run the second leg on the orange course and team member 3 will run leg 3 on the light green course.

Please make sure you complete the entry form correctly as changes on the day will not be possible.

Please also note that there may be two variants for each course, so following is not advisable.

**Maps:**

Size A4      Scale 1:5000      Contours at 5m intervals

**Description sheet:** This will be on the map. Separate descriptions sheets will not be available.

**Competition Classes:**

| Relay No. | Class              | Course     | Call up | Mass start time |
|-----------|--------------------|------------|---------|-----------------|
| 1         | Primary Schools    | W,W,W      | 10:35   | 10.45           |
| 2         | Open (2020 Shield) | LG, LG, LG | 10:15   | 10.25           |
| 3         | Mixed open         | Y, O, LG   | 10:20   | 10.30           |
| 4         | Years 9-11         | O, O, LG   | 10:25   | 10.35           |
| 5         | Years 7-8          | Y, Y, Y    | 10:30   | 10.40           |



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Note: Relay 3, Yellow is the first leg followed by Orange and Light Green leg 3. Relay 4, Light Green is leg 3.

**Approx. Course Lengths:**  
(subject to final controlling)

|             |      |
|-------------|------|
| Light Green | 3.1k |
| Orange      | 2.4k |
| Yellow      | 1.8k |
| White       | 1.5k |

**Courses Close at 12.30pm.**

**Call up Procedure:**

Competitors on **leg 1** should enter the red tent when called 10 minutes before the stated start time. They will present their dibber so a name/ number check can be made. Then they will be given a map. The map will be folded and taped closed so the map cannot be seen for Light Green and Orange courses.

Competitors on the yellow and white courses will have unsealed maps.

Runners will be held in a pen until the start time. At -1 minute last minute instructions will be made. At -10 seconds the tapes across the start line removed and count down started. The start will be a blast on a whistle. It is a timed start so no need to punch.

**Leg 2 and leg 3** runners should enter the red tent to collect maps and name/ number check in good time before their team member is expected back and wait in the hand over pen.

**Runners on Light Green and Orange courses must not open their maps until they start in the mass start or following handover.**

**Mass Start for remaining runners at 11.45pm.**

**Hand over Demonstration:**

A demonstration of the handover procedure will take place at 10.10 prompt.

It is strongly recommended that all competitors are at the assembly area by 10.10.

**Control boxes** will be on boards on the ground by the control kite. First and last controls will have more than one box - you only need to punch one of them!

**Warning - Other Park Users:**

Birkenhead Park is open to the public and is a popular area for dog walkers.

All competitors must be considerate and courteous to all park users and when running close to park users take great care not to bump into or frighten anyone. If a football match or football training is in progress competitors must run around the pitch or area in use.

**Prize Giving:** Will be postponed to the re-arranged 5<sup>th</sup> league event and Primary School Championships.

**Hot Drinks** should be available from Birkenhead Cricket Club between 9:30 and 12:00.

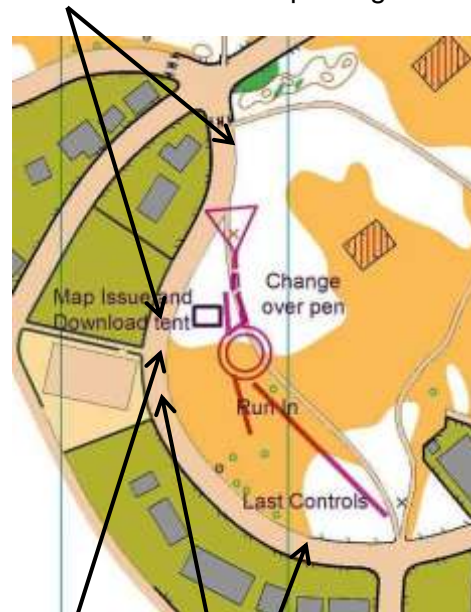
**Acknowledgements**

Deeside Orienteering Club would like to thank Birkenhead Park Cricket Club for the use of the toilets and Wirral MBC Ranger Service for their assistance and use of the Park.

**General Enquiries:** To the organiser Malcolm Irvine, (before 22:00 please) on 0151 648 7201 or by email at [malcolmirvine07@gmail.com](mailto:malcolmirvine07@gmail.com)

**Map of Assembly/ Handover area**

Coach and Mini- bus parking



Registration

Car parking

Toilet entrance

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MASS START

MAP  
ISSUE

DOWN  
LOAD

AREA

WAITING  
AREA

TO START KITE

HANDOVER



FINISH  
CONTROL  
BOXES

SPECTATORS

FINISH LINE

3<sup>RD</sup>  
LEG RUNNERS

1<sup>ST</sup>  
2<sup>ND</sup>  
LEG RUNNERS

