

Event Guideline N: Compass Sport Cup & Trophy

1. General Information

1.1 Nature of the event

- 1.1.1 The Compass Sport Cup and Compass Sport Trophy events are the premier inter-club competitions for British clubs. The organising clubs should aim to make a real occasion out of it. It is intended to foster club spirit and be attractive both to competitors and to the club hosting it, for which it should be financially viable.
- 1.1.2 Each competition shall consist of Qualifying Round matches and a Final.
- 1.1.3 The Final of each competition shall be between six or more clubs.
- 1.1.4 Each match in the Qualifying Round shall be between the same number of clubs, as far as is possible having regard to the geographical distribution of the clubs.
- 1.1.5 The Compass Sport Cup/Trophy Co-ordinator shall be responsible for collecting entries, arranging the draw, allocating the Qualifying Round matches to the venues, and informing all competing clubs of the draw and the dates and venues of the Qualifying Round and Final.
- 1.1.6 A Compass Sport Cup/Trophy event is a Level 3 event.

1.2 Eligibility

- 1.2.1 All clubs affiliated to British Orienteering may enter the Compass Sport Cup or the Compass Sport Trophy.
- 1.2.2 Entry to the Trophy competition shall be limited to those clubs with 100 or fewer members of British Orienteering. For this purpose, individual members count as one member, families count as three members.
- 1.2.3 Membership shall be measured as at 30th June in the year prior to the competition.
- 1.2.4 All competitors shall be either National or Local Members of British Orienteering.
- 1.2.5 Eligibility to run in the competition is governed by Rule 3.2, except that competitors who change clubs in accordance with Rule 3.2.2, and have already competed for one club in either the Cup competition or the Trophy competition, may not then compete for the second club in either of the competitions in the same year.

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2. Organisational Requirements

2.1 General

- 2.1.1 The event should have all the characteristics of a Level 3 event (i.e. the same as for a Regional event) such as good terrain, pre-marked maps and a suitable assembly area.
- 2.1.2 Results should be available on the day at the event, and posted on the internet as soon as is practically possible.
- 2.1.3 The officials for the event shall meet the requirements set out for a Level 3 Event in the British Orienteering Rules, Appendix C: Event Officials.
- 2.1.4 Event Organisers should arrange a Jury before the event to deal with possible protests. Although the occasions on which they will be required should be rare, it is likely to prove more difficult than usual to obtain an independent Jury on the day, as many of the potential members will be competitors in the Compass Sport competition, and thus not unbiased.
- 2.1.5 The competitions are organised in a spirit of goodwill, and it is hoped that all problems can be settled on an amicable basis.

2.2 Event dates

- 2.2.1 Fixtures Group shall be responsible for determining the dates of the Qualifying Round and the Final. All matches in the Qualifying Round shall take place on the same day unless, exceptionally, that is not possible. Fixtures Group shall inform the Cup/Trophy Co-ordinator of these dates before the end of September in the year prior to the competition.

2.3 Organisation of Qualifying Round matches

- 2.3.1 Regional Associations shall be responsible for determining the venues and shall inform the Cup/Trophy Co-ordinator of these venues before the end of September in the year prior to the competition.

2.4 Organisation of the Final

- 2.4.1 Any club may bid to host the Final through their Regional Association Fixtures Secretary.
- 2.4.2 Responsibility for organising the Final will be allocated to a specific club by the Fixtures Group.

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3. Planning Requirements

3.1 Course details

3.1.1 There shall be eight different Compass Sport Courses planned to the colour coded standards shown below. The two Blue courses must be different. The two Green courses must be different. The extent of these differences is a matter for the Planner.

Course	Compass Sport Course	Eligible Age Classes	Course Size
1	Brown	Men Open	Large
2	Blue Women	Women Open	Small
3	Blue Men	M45+ M20-	Large
4	Green Women	W45+ W20-	Small
5	Green Men	M60+	Small
6	Short Green Veterans	M75+ W60+	Small
7	Light Green Juniors	Men/Women 18-	Small
8	Orange	Men/Women 14-	Small

3.1.2 Note: Course 6 should be of Light Green length, but of the same technical difficulty as the Green courses.

3.1.3 Note: Due to the number of competitors, separate Cup and Trophy Blue Men's courses will be required for the Final and may be required in Qualifying Round matches.

3.1.4 The allocation of age classes to courses results in:

- two 'large' Compass Sport courses - Courses 1 and 3
- six 'small' Compass Sport courses - Courses 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8

3.2 White and Yellow courses

3.2.1 Planners are requested to put on White and Yellow courses for Juniors attending the event with families, but who do not have sufficient skills to tackle the Orange course.

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4. Competition Rules

4.1 Course eligibility

- 4.1.1 There is no limit to the number of runners a club may field.
- 4.1.2 No runner may run competitively more than once per match.
- 4.1.3 Age classes are those applicable in the year of the competition.
- 4.1.4 Any competitor may run up an age class or classes, but not necessarily a course. Thus (for example) a W18, rather than competing on Course 7, may run up as a W20 and compete on Course 4, but may not run on Courses 6 or 5.
- 4.1.5 Women may run as Men e.g. a W45 could run as an M45 on Course 3.

4.2 Scoring

- 4.2.1 The Compass Sport Cup and Compass Sport Trophy are to be treated as two entirely separate competitions when taking place at the same event. On each course there will therefore be one set of scores starting at 100 for the Cup and another set starting at 100 for the Trophy.
- 4.2.2 The winner on each Compass Sport Course scores 100 points.
- 4.2.3 Every competitor receives a score based on their finishing position.
 - Scoring on each 'large' Compass Sport Course will be 100, 99, 98, 97, 96, etc.
 - Scoring on each 'small' Compass Sport Course will be 100, 98, 96, 94, 92, etc.
- 4.2.4 If two runners tie for a place, both runners will score the points appropriate for that place. The next runner scores 2 points less on a 'large' course or 4 points less on a 'small' course (eg. if two runners on a 'large' course each score 98 points, the next scores 96 points; if two runners on a 'small' course each score 96 points, the next scores 92 points)
- 4.2.5 Compass Sport Cup team score
 - 25 scores to count
 - maximum of 6 counters from any one 'large' Compass Sport Course
 - maximum of 4 counters from any one 'small' Compass Sport Course

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4.2.6 Compass Sport Trophy team score

- 13 scores to count
- maximum of 3 counters from any one 'large' Compass Sport Course
- maximum of 2 counters from any one 'small' Compass Sport Course

4.2.7 The winner shall be the team with the highest points total. Where clubs finish on equal points, positions will be determined by looking at the best scores of the 26th (Cup) or 14th (Trophy) eligible counter (i.e. from within the maximum number of counters per course) for each team. Then, if needed, the next best and so on.

4.2.8 In the event of a course or courses being voided by the Controller, the result shall be decided on the courses not voided.

4.2.9 In the event of two courses being voided then the number of scorers will be: Cup - 20 and Trophy - 10.

4.2.10 Scoring Example - Trophy match:

- List your three highest scores on each large course.
- List your two highest scores on each short course.
- You will now have eighteen scores (or fewer if you weren't able to run enough competitors on any one of the courses.)
- Finally, select the highest thirteen scores of these eighteen and add them together. This gives you the team score.

4.3 Qualifying for the Final

4.3.1 The winner of each qualifying match, with scoring in accordance with Rule 4.2, shall qualify for the Final.

4.3.2 If there are eight or more teams in a Qualifying Round match then the first two teams shall qualify for the Final.

4.3.3 Two teams qualify from Scotland for the Trophy Final. These shall be either the two winning teams if there are two Qualifying Round matches, or the first two teams if there is only one Qualifying Round match.

4.3.4 In Qualifying Round matches where a club that qualifies for the Final under Rules 4.3.1, 4.3.2 or 4.3.3 also finished in the top three in the Final in the previous year, then an additional qualifying place shall be made available from that match for the club finishing in the next position. No extra qualifying place will be provided if the 'top three' team does not automatically qualify by

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virtue of its finishing position in the match.

5. Other Information

5.1 Start times

- 5.1.1 Competing clubs should initially be pre-allocated an equal number of start times, in rotation, throughout the start period. (There should be no specific allowance for clubs travelling longer distances.) When allocating start times at a match which is both Cup and Trophy there should be two Cup start times to one Trophy start time.
- 5.1.2 Where it is necessary to allocate additional start times to a club these can be taken from vacant start slots not required by other clubs. Runners from the same club should be separated as far as practical and not start on adjacent start times.
- 5.1.3 A club will only be allocated additional start times if they have nominated runners to all their original allocation of start times. The event organiser will allocate spare slots equitably across all the clubs that request them by the closing date for entries. Any club requesting extra start slots after the closing date will be only be allocated those still remaining
- 5.1.4 The event organiser may extend the start period at their discretion.

5.2 Shadowing

- 5.2.1 There have been some instances of clubs sending out inexperienced juniors with an adult shadowing them, on the basis that if the junior gets round on their own they will score, and if the adult has to help they will be disqualified. This is against the spirit of the competition and therefore not allowed. Competitors must run on their own.

5.3 Further advice

- 5.3.1 Appendices B (course planning), E (event safety), and G (protests, juries and appeals). If you cannot find the answer to a question within the published Rules, Appendices and Guidelines then please contact either the Compass Sport Cup/Trophy Co-ordinator or the Chairman of Rules Group via British Orienteering National Office.