



# HERTFORDSHIRE ORIENTEERING CLUB



## Hertfordshire Orienteering Youth League Rules

### Eligibility

**Schools and Groups:** Any School or Youth Group (i.e. Scout Troop) that attends the events is eligible to enter the League. To appear in the league listing an organisation must have at least three different runners over the course of the season. The Schools League Organiser will make reasonable attempts to identify such organisations but if they are not identified an organisation should identify itself to the Schools League Organiser.

Orienteering Clubs are not allowed to enter the league.

**Individuals:** Any Junior who attends league events will be ranked in the individual league

**Events:** The Saturday Series events in October, November, December, February and March.

**Classes:** There will be 8 classes on 4 courses. Entry will be on the day.

The sole determinants of class eligibilities are gender and school year. Age is not directly applicable. The table below gives which courses the different classes will run.

Class	Courses Score Event	Courses Light Green	Courses Sprint Event	Age Range Full Points	Age Range 75% points
Boy's Long	Score	Light Green	Sprint	Y13 and Below	N/A
Boy's Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Y9 and Below	Y13 and Below
Boy's Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Y7 and Below	Y9 and Below
Boy's White	White	White	White	Y5 and Below	Y7 and Below
Girl's Long	Score	Light Green	Sprint	Y13 and Below	N/A
Girl's Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Y10 and Below	Y13 and Below
Girl's Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Y7 and Below	Y10 and Below
Girl's White	White	White	White	Y5 and Below	Y7 and Below

If a short score course is offered then any competitors entering this will be scored in the Long categories. They will be scored after all competitors finishing the Long Score Course.

If an extended Light Green Course is offered, then as long as this course visits all the green course controls in the same order, runners entering this course will be scored. Their time shall be taken at the finish or the first control punched after all green course controls.

A competitor in year 7 or below running the orange will receive a 5% time bonus. A competitor in year 9 or below running long will receive a 10% time or points bonus. A 5% points or time bonus will automatically apply to any competitors in years 10 and 11 on long. Anyone entering an age class not a school year on their registration form will not be eligible for a bonus.

**Points:** Shall be awarded as follows 1st 100, 2nd 97, 3rd 95, then descending 2 points a position to 9th 85, then descending 1 point a position to a minimum of 2 points per control found (on the relevant course). Competitors on the Score Course will have to visit 8 controls to earn points by position.

Older Children lacking experience will receive 75% of the points earned from position, if they enter the class below. They will not affect the points of fully eligible entrants in that class. (i.e. If an older competitor wins and a fully eligible competitor is second. The older will score  $100 \times 0.75$  but the fully eligible will still score 100).

Pairs and Groups will score as individuals for their organisations, the oldest age determines class. Mixed Gender pairs will score points in the Boy's category. A member of a pair / group will receive only half the points (rounded up to the nearest integer) earned by the pair in the individual league. A girl in a mixed gender pair / group will still score points in the girl's class for that course.

### **League Scoring**

An organisation's score for an event will be the 6 highest scoring individuals or pairs, regardless of Class.

An organisation's league score will be the sum of its 3 highest event scores.

An Individual's League Score in a class will be the sum of their 3 highest event scores in that class. Points cannot be transferred between classes.

Any competitor who plans, assistant plans or organises one of the events will score the average points of their other runs (through the whole season) if they do not compete at that event.

### **Helping and Shadowing.**

Juniors often, especially when they lack experience, do courses with the help of Adults or older children. If shadowing like this occurs, competitors should declare it on the entry form. Competitors who are shadowed will receive 75% of points earned by position and will not affect the scores of non-shadowed competitors. This will apply even if the shadowed child finishes the course with no assistance (due to the benefit of the extra confidence given by the presence of the shadower).

### **Medal Eligibility**

To be eligible for a competitors medal an individual must enter 3 events. They do not need to run the same class for all 3 events. They do not need to finish the course.

For each class Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded as long as there are 3 competitors entering at least 3 events who score in that class. Any competitor who has attended less than 3 events is not eligible for a medal. Though to receive a medal a competitor does not need to have run three events in the class in which the medal is awarded.

### **Results**

This shall be displayed on the HHOC Website and at subsequent league events. Provisional results will be emailed to representatives of Organisations to be checked for errors. If you wish to receive this mailing please contact the organiser.

### **Maureen Webster Memorial Trophy**

This trophy is in memory of Maureen Webster a member of HHOC and a teacher at Wood End School. Who, through organising the participation of Wood End and other efforts supported the League for many years.

This trophy is awarded to the Organisation that achieves the highest level of participation in the Schools' League in a season.

Each competitor will score a point if they punch 5 or more controls on a single course (this can, but need not, include the start and finish). For pairs or larger groups each member shall score a point.

An Organisation's score for an event will be the sum of qualifying competitors (i.e. there is no competitor limit or maximum score).

An Organisation's score for the league will be the sum of the 5 event scores. The Organisation with the highest number of points shall be awarded the trophy.

### **Discretion or Amendments**

The School's League Organiser reserves the right to interpret or amend these rules.

For the Maureen Webster Memorial Trophy, interpretation and amendment is by the HH Chairman in consultation with the Schools' League Organiser.

### **Organiser Contact Details**

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