

# The Hertfordshire Orienteering Club

affiliated to the British Orienteering Federation



## Hertfordshire Orienteering Schools 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 a 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 6 classes on 3 courses. Entry will be on the day. There is a standard registration form that can be obtained from the organiser in advance but will also be available at events

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	Y10 and Below	Y13 and Below
Boy's Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Y7 and Below	Y10 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

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.

**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).

Younger Children may run up. If they score a number of points below 85 they will receive bonus points equating to half the difference between their score and 85 (rounded up to the nearest integer).

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.

### **Helping and Shadowing.**

Juniors often, especially when they lack experience, do courses with the help of Adults or older children. This league recognizes two types of assistance. Frequent help and shadowing. The definitions are

Frequent Help: The helper is directly involved in decisions and navigation on all or some of the legs.

Shadowing: The helper basically follows the child and will only intervene if the child is lost. The child should be allowed to make mistakes, though intervention is allowed to prevent the mistake becoming too great (i.e. after 2 minutes).

It should be declared on entry if the child is to receive either form of assistance. Children competing with Frequent Help will receive a score equal to 3 times the number of controls visited. Children 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. An entry will count towards the 3 if they are shadowed but not if they receive frequent help. 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**

These will 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.

### **Discretion or Amendments**

The Schools League Organiser reserves the right to interpret or amend these rules.

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