

2023 Competition Rules - CompassSport Cup & Trophy

Text in bold below has mandatory status and must be followed by event officials. Other content refers to material provided for guidance and for information. These Rules must be read in conjunction with the British Orienteering Rules and have the same authority. They should be considered as their extension. Where these Rules vary or supplement British Orienteering Rules, then these Competition Rules must take precedence.

1. General Information

1.1 Nature of the event

1.1.1 The CompassSport Cup and CompassSport 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 should 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 CompassSport Cup/Trophy Co-ordinator is 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 Clubs will be allocated to their Association event unless there are exceptional circumstances, such as a limit on entry numbers.

All qualifying rounds should have a minimum of two Cup clubs and/or three Trophy clubs

Clubs that make a claim to participate in a round outside their Association event will only be allocated to this preference if:

- a. The clubs participating in their Association round make up a viable competition, which is a minimum of three teams in the Trophy round and/or two teams in the Cup round; and
- b. Their Association event has a reasonable entry level; and/or
- c. Their Association round has limited numbers; and
- d. There is capacity for their alternative choice to cater for them.
- e. Their participation means there will be a minimum of two Cup clubs and/or three Trophy clubs

In the English and Welsh combined qualifying rounds, the teams finishing in the top three places in the Cup and Trophy Final in the previous year will be seeded into different rounds, unless impractical.

In a qualification round, if a club that finished in the top three in the previous year's Final is taking part, then there must be a minimum of two other clubs.

1.1.7 A CompassSport Cup/Trophy qualifying round is a Level B event.

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1.1.8 The Final of the CompassSport Cup/Trophy is a Level A event.

1.1.9 The rules may only be varied by the Compass Sport Cup Coordinating Group.

1.2 Eligibility

1.2.1 All clubs affiliated to British Orienteering may enter the CompassSport Cup or the CompassSport Trophy.

1.2.2 Entry to the Trophy competition will be limited to those clubs with **120** or fewer members of British Orienteering. For this purpose, individual Senior and Junior members each count as one member. The count only includes Juniors in classes M/W12 and above and Seniors up to and including M/W80.

Methodology

Determine the number of BOF members in your club as at 30 September, (total people not units) then deduct all aged 1 to 11 and 86 or greater to give your club count. If this is **120** or less then you are a Trophy Club. **121** or more then you are a Cup club. This is the members first claim open club membership.

Total BOF membership:

Deduct aged 1 - 11 and 86 or greater:

Club count:

1.2.3 Membership will be measured as at 30 September in the year prior to the competition.

1.2.4 All competitors must be members of British Orienteering, except for SOA. "Club plus SOA only members" may compete for their clubs in the SOA eliminator round. They will need to join British Orienteering if they wish to compete in the Final.

1.2.5 Any competitor who changes clubs and has already competed for one club in either the Cup competition or the Trophy competition may not then compete for a second club in either of the competitions in the same year.

2. Map and Terrain

2.1 Embargo

2.1.1 The CompassSport Cup/Trophy Qualification competition terrain is embargoed as soon as its location is published. The terrain must not have been used for orienteering for a minimum period of 12 months before the date of the competition.

2.1.2 The CompassSport Cup/Trophy Final competition terrain is embargoed as soon as its location is published. The terrain must not have been used for orienteering for a minimum period of 24 months before the date of the competition.

2.2 Map

2.2.1 The terrain must be field worked in order for the map to be legible when presented at a scale of 1:15,000. However, a map printed at scale of 1:10,000 may be used for all classes.

2.2.2 The Compass Sport Cup logo may be added to the map and is available from Nick@CompassSport.co.uk

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2.2.3 Maps for the Final at 1:15,000 of more contoured areas must be printed by offset litho. (Level A Rule applies). Otherwise, for both qualifying rounds and the Final maps of less contoured areas can be printed by laser/digital. This should be approved of the Controller.

2.2.4 The map must be printed by an approved printer.

3. Organisational Requirements

3.1 General

3.1.1 A qualifying round should have all the characteristics of a Level B Event such as good terrain, pre-marked maps and a suitable assembly area.

3.1.2 The Final should have all the characteristics of a Level A Event such as good terrain, pre-marked maps and a suitable assembly area.

3.1.3 Results must be published at the event and on a website the same day. Post event route and graphical split time analysis must be offered as soon as practical. . As this is a team competition it is important that the team scores are regularly displayed and updated at the event.

3.1.4 The officials for each qualifying round must meet the requirements set out for a Level B Event in the British Orienteering Rules.

3.1.5 The officials for the Final must meet the requirements set out for a Level A Event in the British Orienteering Rules and include a Grade A Controller.

3.1.6 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 CompassSport competition, and thus not unbiased.

3.1.7 The competitions are organised in a spirit of goodwill, and it is hoped that all problems can be settled on an amicable basis.

3.2 Event dates

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

3.3 Publicity and Entries

Via the British Orienteering fixtures list, club websites, Compass Sport magazine and event website.

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3.4 Organisation of CompassSport Cup/Trophy events

3.4.1 The CompassSport Cup/Trophy competitions should normally provide the following facilities:

- an event web site for information, start lists, results, publication of previous maps and on-line entry and payment
- courses pre-marked on maps
- control description issue in start lanes
- pre-entry, with entry closing date as close as possible to, and certainly no more than 28 days before, the date of competition
- EOD for any non-competition/recreation courses
- pre-allocated punching start times
- start list at assembly area and at pre-start
- where an area has been used for an earlier event, unmarked maps on display in the assembly area (these may be of the map used for the earlier event)
- electronic punching
- same control site format at each control, with sample on display at the pre-start
- frequently updated results display
- A string course or other suitable activity for children such as “naughty numbers” or a maze.
- Clubs may use a system such as Fabian, Oentries, Slentries or any other online entry system to collect entries and payments. Start times must be allocated in accordance with Rule 6.1.

If the organising club uses an on-line entry system, then ALL clubs in that round MUST enter ALL their runners on the system by the closing date. Changes and further entries are at the organiser's discretion but MUST be shown on the on-line system.

3.5 Organisation of the Final

3.5.1 Any club may bid to host the Final through their Regional Association Fixtures Secretary.

3.5.2 Responsibility for organising the Final will be allocated to a specific club by the Event Scheduling Group.

3.5.3 In addition to the facilities described in 3.4.1, the Final competition should also provide

- timed (rather than punching) starts (Competitors may still be required to punch a start control)
- spectator control where practical
- radio control sites for the major courses
- public address system for commentary
- a dignified and prestigious ceremony to present the prizes
- Contact the CompassSport Cup Coordinator for some support documents for the commentary and a prize giving guide

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3.5.4 At the Final there are 'Golden Boot' trophies for the man and woman with the fastest run in times. The run-in should be a minimum of 150 metres, preferably longer.

3.5.5. At the Final the 'Golden String' trophy awarded for the fastest time on the string course, maze. It could also be awarded for a 'maze' or 'number grid' alternative to string course.

4. Planning Requirements

4.1 Course details

4.1.1 There shall be twelve different CompassSport classes, with courses planned to the colour coded standards shown below.

| CS Class | CompassSport Course | BOF Age Classes | Class Size |
|----------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1 | Brown | Men Open | Large |
| 2 | Short Brown | M20- M40+ | Large |
| 3 | Blue Women | Women Open | Large |
| 4 | Blue Men | M50+ | Large |
| 5 | Green Women | W20- W45+ | Large |
| 6 | Green Men | M60+ | Large |
| 7 | Veterans Short Green | M70+ W60+ | Large |
| 8A | Junior Men (Green) | Men 18- | Small |
| 8B | Junior Women (Short Green) | Women 18- | Small |
| 9A | Orange Men | Men 14- | Small |
| 9B | Orange Women | Women 14- | Small |
| 10 | Super Veterans Short Green | M80+ W70+ | Small |

4.1.2 The allocation of BOF age classes to CompassSport classes results in:

- seven 'Large' Classes - 1 to 7
- five 'Small' classes - 8A, 8B, 9A, 9B and 10

4.1.3 The course requirements shown below are in place to avoid too many competitors on any individual course and the resulting extension to the start time window.

4.1.4 The two Blue courses (3 & 4) must be different. The two Green courses (5 & 6) must be different. The two Short Green courses (7 & 10) must be different. The extent of these differences is a matter for the Planner.

4.1.5 The course for class 8A can be the same Green course as used for class 6, however the results must be displayed and calculated separately. Two different Green courses will be needed for the Final.

4.1.6 The course for class 8B can be the same Short Green course as used for class 10, however the results must be displayed and calculated separately. Planners may choose to plan different courses to give the best style of course for the competing age classes.

4.1.7 Only one Orange course needs to be planned for classes 9A & 9B, however the results must be displayed and calculated separately.

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4.2 Non-Competitive courses

4.2.1 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; and a Light Green course for inexperienced adults who may be accompanying other competitors.

5. Competition Rules

5.1 Course eligibility

5.1.1 There is no limit to the number of runners a club may field.

5.1.2 No runner may run competitively more than once per match.

5.1.3 Age classes are those applicable in the year of the competition.

5.1.4 Any competitor may run up an age class or classes, but not necessarily a course. Thus (for example) a W18, rather than competing in Class 8B, may run up as a W20 and compete in Class 5, but may not run in Classes 6 or 7.

5.1.5 Women may run as Men e.g. a W45 could run as an M45 in Class 2.

5.2 Scoring

5.2.1 The CompassSport Cup and CompassSport 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.

5.2.2 The winner of each CompassSport class scores 100 points.

5.2.3 Every competitor receives a score based on their finishing position.

- Scoring in each 'Large' CompassSport class will be 100, 99, 98, 97, 96, etc. down to 0. (Subsequent positions also score 0).
- Scoring in each 'Small' CompassSport class will be 100, 98, 96, 94, 92, etc. down to 0. (Subsequent positions also score 0).

5.2.4 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 (e.g. if two runners on a 'Large' course each score 97 points, the next scores 95 points; if two runners on a 'Small' course each score 96 points, the next scores 92 points).

5.2.5 CompassSport Cup team score

- 25 scores to count
 - a maximum of 4 counters from any one of the 'Large' classes 1 to 7.
 - a maximum of 4 counters from each pair of the 'Small' CompassSport classes. e.g. four from 8A, none from 8B; three from 8A, one from 8B; two from 8A, two from 8B; etc.
 - a maximum of 4 counters from the single 'Small' class 10.

5.2.6 CompassSport Trophy team score

- 13 scores to count

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- a maximum of 2 counters from any one of the 'Large' classes 1 to 7.
- a maximum of 2 counters from each pair of the 'Small' CompassSport classes. e.g. two from 8A, none from 8B; one from 8A, one from 8B; none from 8A, two from 8B;etc.
- a maximum of 2 counters from the single 'Small' class 10.

5.2.7 Scoring Example - Trophy match:

- List your two highest scores from each of the Large CompassSport classes 1 to 7.
- List your two highest scores from each pair of Small CompassSport classes 8 & 9.
- List your two highest scores from the single Small CompassSport class 10.
- You will now have twenty scores (or fewer if you weren't able to run enough competitors in any one of the classes.)
- Finally, select the highest thirteen scores of these twenty and add them together. This gives you the team score.

5.2.8 The winner will 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 CompassSport class) for each team. Then, if needed, the next best and so on.

5.2.9 In the event of one course being voided the result will be decided on the courses not voided.

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

5.3 Qualifying for the Final

5.3.1 The winner of each qualifying match, with scoring in accordance with Rule 5.2, will qualify for the Final.

5.3.2 If there are EIGHT or more teams entered for a Trophy Qualifying Round match and/or SIX or more teams entered for a Cup Qualifying Round, the first two teams will qualify for the Final.

5.3.3 NIOA may nominate a Cup and Trophy Club for the final. They may either hold an elimination competition or nominate them based on an existing league competition.

5.3.4 In Qualifying Round matches where a club that qualifies for the Final under Rules 5.3.1 or 5.3.2 also finished in the top three in the Final in the previous year, then an additional qualifying place will 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 virtue of its finishing position in the match.

5.3.5 When a team who has qualified for the Final declines to take part the Compass Sport Coordinator, after consultation with the Compass Sport Cup Coordinating Group and the organiser of the Final, may invite the next placed team from that qualifying round to take part in the Final.

5.3.6 The club hosting the Final will be invited to enter a competitive team, if they have not already qualified. They would be expected to take part in their Regional qualifier.

5.3.7 In a qualifying match is cancelled and cannot be rearranged at a suitable time, then the Compass Sport Coordinator, after consultation with the Compass Sport Cup Coordinating

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Group will invite teams from that match to take part in the Final, providing they can enter a competitive scoring team.

6. Other Information

6.1 Start times

6.1.1 Competing clubs will initially be pre-allocated an equal number of start times, in rotation, throughout the start period. A different order of rotation should be used on each course. (There shall be no specific allowance for clubs travelling longer distances.) When allocating start times at a match which is both Cup and Trophy an allocation of 3 Cup starts to two Trophy starts is a good starting point, based on 2017 data.

6.1.2 From this the organiser will prepare a schedule of start times. These will be provided to the clubs who will then nominate the names of runners to the start times and provide these to the organiser by a date specified prior to the date of the event.

6.1.3 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 on the same course.**

6.1.4 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.

6.1.5 The event organiser may extend the start period at their discretion.

6.2 Shadowing

6.2.1 There have been some instances of clubs sending out inexperienced juniors with an adult shadowing them, on the basis that if the junior completes the course 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.

6.3 Further advice for event officials

6.3.1 If you cannot find the answer to a question within the published Rules, Appendices and Guidelines or have a query, please contact the CompassSport Cup/Trophy Co-ordinator.

Compass Sport Cup Coordinator E: csportcupcoordinator@btinternet.com

There is often confusion over the labelling of the courses on the map, in the control descriptions and at the Start in the lanes and on the map boxes because some competitors run a different course from usual. Please label them in the same manner as this example:

- Course 7, Veterans Short Green, M70+ W60+.

6.3.3. Michael Napier is able, for a small fee to generate all the necessary files to help you get club entries and generate start lists. Email: mnapier@cix.co.uk

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6.3.4 It is expected that for the Final that 'live results' will be made available and that the team positions will be updated and announced as the event progresses.

6.3.5 Autodownload/ have produced a guide on using their software to produce the results for the CompassSport Cup. This can be obtained from Sportident. Please note they say "*Please contact us if you need any help setting up the configuration.*" And, make sure you use the Compass Sport Cup Course names.

6.3.6 The organisation of the Final is the responsibility of the organising club. The CompassSport Cup/Trophy Co-ordinator is available to offer advice and consult the Compass Sport Coordinating Group regarding any queries from the organising club.

The CSC Coordinator will advise the Final organisers of the qualifying clubs and the Final organiser is requested to make early contact with competing clubs to ascertain if they intend to compete in the Final.

The Final organiser shall send out preliminary details and the start time schedule at least two months before the date of the Final.