

# YHOA SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## The Aims Of This Competition

This event is promoted by the Yorkshire and Humberside Orienteering Association to suit pupils from a wide range of ages and abilities and to boost participation in orienteering in Yorkshire and Humberside. It also aims to reward performance in schools' orienteering by providing a good level of competition.

## COMPETITION RULES

### Entries

- 1 Entries are by National Curriculum School Years. For example Class G7 means Girls from National Curriculum Year Seven (those having their 12th birthday between 1st September and 31st August during the School Year in which the competition is held).
- 2 In all other aspects (except entry by school years) the Yorkshire and Humberside Schools Orienteering Championships shall be guided by the BOF Rules and Guidelines for orienteering in general.
- 3 All children entered should be able to read an orienteering map competently and be confident in using basic navigational techniques such as map to ground orientation with and without a compass and the use of line features as "handrails". They should have competed in at least three orienteering events at the appropriate standard before the Schools' Championships.
- 4 A school is defined as an institution under one Head Teacher and one Governing Body with one admission register on which all the names of their entrants appear.

### Age Classes, Course Standards and Times

- 5 The classes and targets determined for the British Schools Orienteering Championships will be apply (B indicates boys; G indicates girls; numbers indicate National Curriculum Years) and the current set is listed below:

Class	Target Technical Level	Target Winning Time min	Class	Target Technical Level	Target Winning Time min
G3*	White	16 - 18	B3*	White	16 - 18
G4*	White	14 - 16	B4*	White	14 - 16
G5*	White	12 - 14	B5*	White	12 - 14
G6*	Yellow	18 - 20	B6*	Yellow	18 - 20
G7*	Yellow	16 - 18	B7*	Yellow	16 - 18
G8*	Yellow	14 - 16	B8*	Yellow	14 - 16
G9	Orange	22 - 26	B9	Orange	22 - 26
G10	Orange	18 - 22	B10	Orange	18 - 22
G11	Light Green	30 - 35	B11	Light Green	30 - 35
G12	Light Green	26 - 30	B12	Light Green	26 - 30
G13	Green	35-40	B13	Green	35-40

\* indicates classes where pairs are allowed. Competitors on the B/G4 to B/G8 courses may compete as pairs with one control card but a map each. The pairs must keep together but, if split, shall be timed as the slower of the two crosses the finish line.

- 6 A partner may also be allowed by the event Organiser for a competitor in any other age group whose "special needs" warrant it - providing that these are adequately summarised in a signed written statement from a senior member of staff at the pupil's school.
- 7 Start Interval: The minimum time gap on the start list between competitors from the same school on the same course shall be 4 minutes.
8. Finishing Times; Course closing times will be given in the final competition details and description sheets and competitors should be told by their teachers to retire if they are still on the course after 2 hours.

- 9 Control Descriptions: Control descriptions will be given in words for all courses and will include any basic safety instructions for a specific course, e.g. caution at road crossings.
10. One Map Each For All: Every runner (including both members of each pair) shall have their own copy of the map.

### **The Age Class Competitions**

#### Individual

- 11 There will be a Girls' competition and a Boys' competition in each separate age class outlined above. As with each other competition category, awards will be given for the top three positions (whether these be won by a pair or by a solo runner).

#### The Schools' Age Class Team Competition

- 12 There will be a Schools' Age Class Competition for every age class for each of Boys and Girls with a school's best 3 runners to count in each case.
- 13 Scoring shall be by position in the results, the lowest total producing the winner in each category. Where teams have the same number of points, the position of the last scorer shall decide precedence.
- 14 Incomplete teams will be ranked for results or award purposes behind all complete teams.

### **The "Whole-School" Competitions**

#### The Primary Schools' Competition

- 15 The Primary Schools Team competition will cover the school years "Year 3" to "Year 6" (Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6).
- 16 Four entrants shall score in the Primary School team competition across both boys and girls, or within one gender category. These may be four solo competitors or four pairs or any combination of pairs and solos. They shall only be runners on the Boys' Primary Courses (B3/B4/B5/ B6) and/or the Girls' Primary Courses (G3/G4/G5/G6).

#### The High Schools' Competitions

- 17 There will be 2 categories for the High Schools' Team Competition.

Secondary School - 6 runners to score covering any of at least 3 age classes which can be for either boys, girls or both. Runners from National Curriculum Year 7 upwards shall be eligible.

Tertiary Colleges, 6th Form Colleges & Colleges of Further Education - 3 to score, with the stipulation that no competitor may take part who is older than 18 by 31st August in the academic year of the competition.