

Competition Rules : CompassSport Cup & Trophy

Text in bold below has mandatory status and shall be followed by event officials. Other content refers to material provided for guidance and for information. These Rules shall be read in conjunction with the British Orienteering Rules and have the same authority. They shall be considered as their extension. Where these Rules vary or supplement British Orienteering Rules, then these Competition Rules shall 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 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 CompassSport 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 Clubs will be allocated to their first entry preference if this is within their Association, unless there are exceptional circumstances, such as a limit on entry numbers.

Clubs that wish to participate in a round outside their Association will only be allocated to this preference if the clubs participating in their Association round make up a viable competition, which is a minimum of three teams in the Trophy round and three teams in the Cup round.

In the English and Welsh 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.

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

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 shall be limited to those clubs with 125 or fewer

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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.

1.2.3 Membership shall be measured as at 1st October in the year prior to the competition.

1.2.4 All competitors shall be members of British Orienteering.

1.2.5 Eligibility to run in the competition is governed by the British Orienteering Rules. 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 shall 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 shall 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 shall 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.

2.3 Map Printing

2.3.1 The map shall be printed by an approved printer.

2.3.2 All maps for the Final shall be offset litho printed if the level of detail requires this. If not, the printing process must be approved by the event Controller.

3. Organisational Requirements

3.1 General

3.1.1 A qualifying round shall 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 shall 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 shall be published at the event and on a website by the next day offering post event route and graphical split time analysis. As this is a team competition it is

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important that the team scores are regularly displayed and updated at the event.

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

3.1.5 The officials for the Final shall 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 shall 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 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. Event Scheduling Group shall 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.

3.4 Organisation of Qualifying Round matches

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 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

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- frequently updated results display
- Clubs may use a system such as Fabian, Oentries Slentries or any other online entry system to collect entries and payments, but start times must be allocated in accordance with Rule 6.1.

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
- 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

4. Planning Requirements

4.1 Course details

4.1.1 There shall be nine 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

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

4.1.3 The course for class 8A can be the same Green course as used for class 6, however the results must be displayed separately.

4.1.4 The course for class 8B can be the same Short Green course as used for class 7, however the results must be displayed separately.

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

4.1.6 The allocation of age classes to courses results in:

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

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

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

5.2.6 CompassSport Trophy team score

- 13 scores to count
- maximum of 2 counters from any one 'Large' CompassSport class
- maximum of 2 counters from each pair of 'Small' CompassSport classes. e.g. two from 8A, none from 8B; one from 8A, one from 8B; none from 8A, two from 8B; etc.

5.2.7 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 CompassSport class) for each team. Then, if needed, the next best and so on.

5.2.8 In the event of one course being voided the result shall be decided on the courses not voided.

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

5.2.10 Scoring Example - Trophy match:

- List your two highest scores from each Large CompassSport class.
- List your two highest scores from each pair of Small CompassSport classes.
- You will now have eighteen 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 eighteen and add them together. This gives you the team score.

5.3 Qualifying for the Final

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

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

5.3.3 For Scotland, the winner and second placed team from the Trophy round and the winner of the Cup round qualify for the Final. Three Trophy teams will qualify for the Final if Rule 5.3.2 applies.

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, 5.3.2 or 5.3.3 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 virtue of its finishing position in the match.

5.3.6 When a team who has qualified for the Final declines to take part the Compass Sport

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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.

6. Other Information

6.1 Start times

6.1.1 Competing clubs shall initially be pre-allocated an equal number of start times, in rotation, throughout the start period. A different order of rotation shall 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 there should be two Cup start times to one Trophy start time.

6.1.2 From this the organiser shall prepare a schedule of start times. These shall 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.

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 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.

6.3 Further advice

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