

## Scottish Relay Championships

### 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022

#### Final Details

Thank you for your entries for the 2022 Scottish Relay Championships, organised by MAROC at Sluie Woods on Deeside. We hope you enjoy an exciting day of orienteering.

#### Entries and Team Members

Entries closed on 18<sup>th</sup> May. In order to reduce waste, there will be no paper team declaration forms. Team captains are requested to make all changes to team members and team eligibility in SiEntries [www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?elid=Y&event\\_id=9795](http://www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?elid=Y&event_id=9795) where changes will be permitted until 18:00 on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

MAROC will have an enquiries point at the individual event on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May from 11:00 to 15:00 and will be able to accept team changes there if team captains are not available to make changes in SiEntries. We won't be using paper forms so you may have to be patient whilst we capture changes directly into the computer.

We understand that there may be unavoidable last-minute changes to your team due to illness, injury, or the like. You will be able to make last minute changes at the information tent on the day of the relay event between 09:00 and 10:30.

Historically there have been up to 25% of entries changed at the last minute. We hope that eliminating team declaration forms and allowing changes in SiEntries right up until the evening prior to the event will both reduce the paper and printing requirements and reduce the administrative burden on the event organising team on the day of the event.

As there will be no team declaration forms nor printed team member slips in the team bib envelopes, please ensure that your team is aware in advance of the order in which they are running! A printed list of all teams will be available to check outside the map issue tent. Also, mobile data access is good (O2 and Vodafone) in the Assembly Field allowing team details and running order to be checked.

#### Car parking

Car parking is in a sloping field off the minor Tillydrine road between the B993 Torphins road and the A93 near Kincardine O'Neil. This will be accessed from the B993 ONLY. If arriving from the east or west on the A93, take the turning signposted B993 Torphins 1km east of Kincardine O'Neil. Follow this uphill for 400m and then turn right where the event will be signposted. What3words for car park

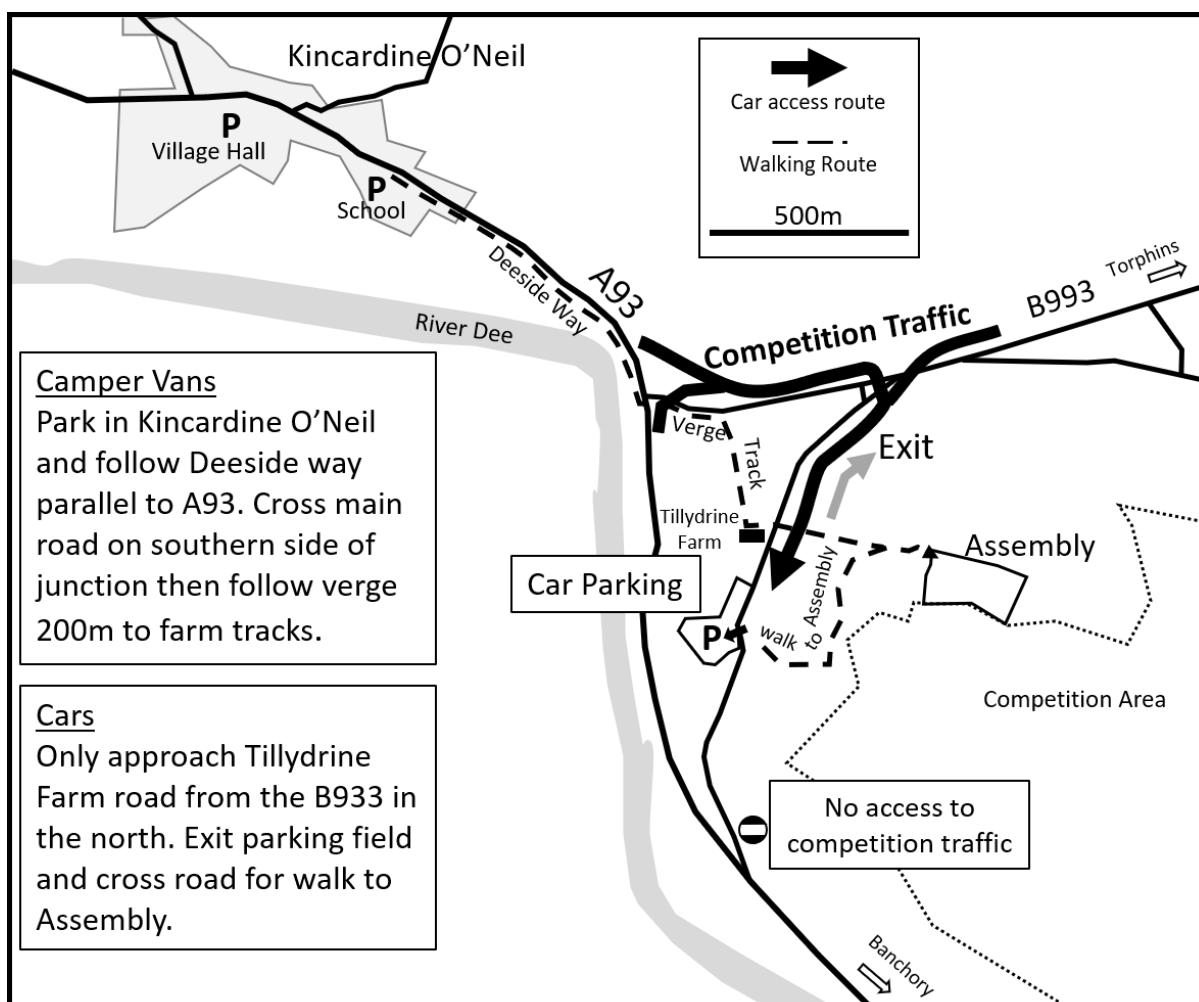
kitchen.rumbles.breakfast. Grid reference NO601985. Note that there is a big sponsored walk starting from Potarch on Sunday morning so all local roads will be busy.

### Large campervans

The parking field is unsuitable for large campervans. These should be parked in Kincardine O'Neil. There are a few spaces at the school and the village hall, and also on street parking. The walking route from there is shown on the map below and will take about 25 minutes. Note that this route will not be taped, and will have long potentially wet grass. Please take extreme care when crossing roads as they will not be marshalled.

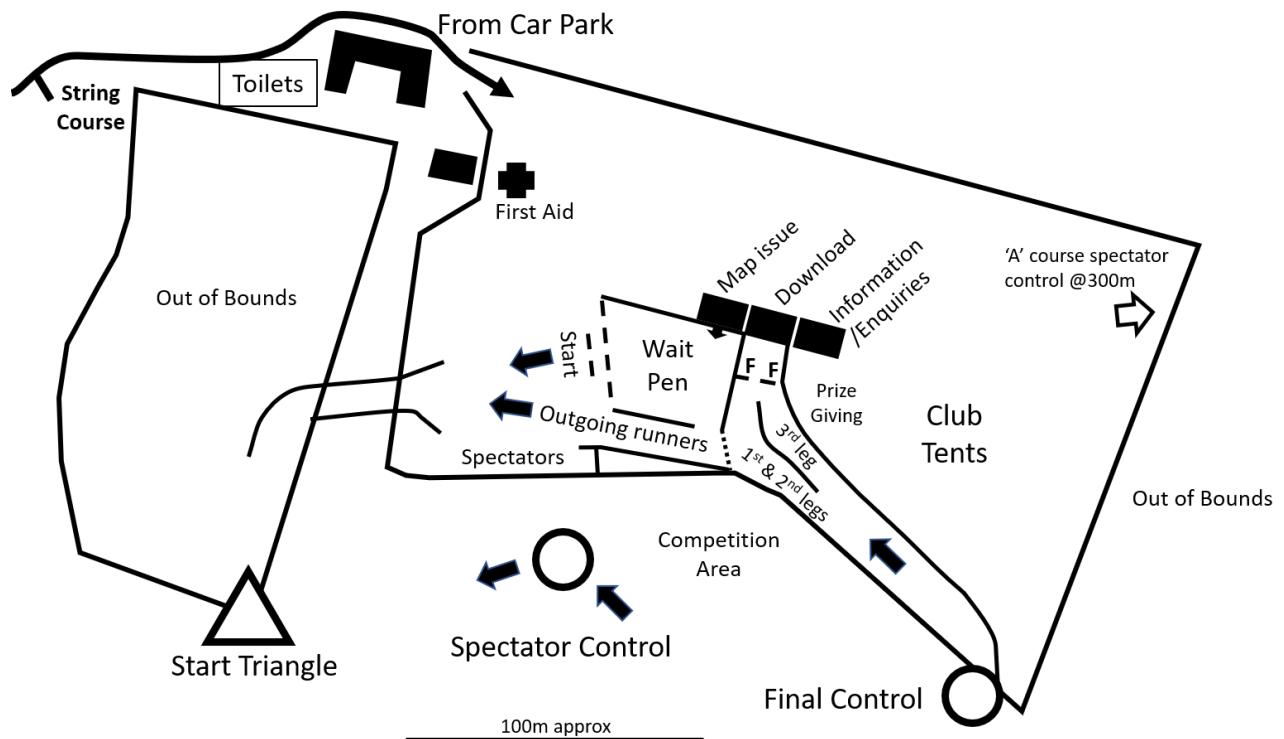
### Walk to assembly

There is only one gate into and out of the car park field and this will be shared between vehicles and competitors on foot. Please follow the instructions from the marshals who will manage this gateway and the road crossing adjacent to it. Once across the road, it is a taped 700m walk to the assembly field. This is over rough ground along the edge of the competition area and is unsuitable for buggies. Please do not stray into the competition area on your right-hand side. The final section is through a semi-derelict farm steading which can be muddy when wet.



## Assembly

The start, finish and handover will all be in the assembly field. There is plenty of space for club tents and a good view of proceedings from the sloping field. The layout of the assembly field is shown below.



## Toilets

It is hoped to provide toilets near the assembly field. However, this is conditional on good weather and a willing toilet truck driver as access is poor. The backup plan is to site the toilets in the car park. If you see toilets in the car park, then there will NOT be toilets at assembly.

## Catering

Note that there will be no water provided at the event. ScotJOS will however have a cake stall, and will be selling hot drinks. Please remember to **bring a mug** and some change. Please take your rubbish home.

## Registration/ bibs/ hired dibbers

Team captains should collect their bibs from the information tent between 9am and 11am. Each relay team will have an envelope with their bibs, pins and a team name and number. There will be one bag of envelopes per club. First leg bibs have a red band, second leg are white and third leg have a blue band. The first digit of your bib number is your course number. Hired dibbers should also be collected here. Volunteers will be able to help you with any last-minute team changes.

## Time schedule

08:30	Car park open
09:00	Information tent open
10:30	Deadline for team changes
11:15	Call up for mass start classes 1 to 6
11:30	First mass start for classes 1 to 6
11:31	Call up for mass start classes 7 and 8 (juniors)
11:45	Second mass start classes 7 and 8
13:15approx	Mini mass start for 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> legs
14:00+	Prize giving

## Map issue

There will be SI clear units before you enter the map issue tent. You will punch a check unit as you enter the tent. This will check that you have the correct dibber number for your bib. You will then be issued with your folded and sealed map and proceed to the holding pen. Please do not leave it until the last minute! Second leg runners are welcome to pass through map issue as soon as the mass starts have happened.

**SI Timing** will be used. All controls will be SIAC enabled apart from the Finish controls and the mini mass start Start controls which must be 'dibbed'. The mass starts will be timed starts while the mini mass start(s) will be punching starts. For 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> leg runners the Finish control will be after you have handed over to your outgoing runner. All 3<sup>rd</sup> leg runners must go directly to the Finish control. There will be back-up pin punches on all controls in case of equipment malfunction.

**Map Collection.** Incoming runners' maps will be collected in Club bags immediately after Download until such time as all outgoing runners have passed through the Map Issue Tent. At that time map bags may be collected by Club representatives.

**Safety.** There are a number of large, recently harvested log piles next to a major track in the forest. These must be avoided for your own safety. Please take care around fallen trees and when crossing any ruined fences or walls. Some rock features can be slippery when wet. Please do not touch farm equipment around the steading.

**Covid.** Contracting Covid is still a serious health risk for some people. Please do not come to the event if you are symptomatic. Please also be aware of keeping some space between you and others if queuing at map issue, download etc.

**Terrain.** Sluie is a classic Deeside Forest comprising five hills with abundant rock and contour detail. Conditions underfoot are generally runnable throughout although recent storms and subsequent forestry activity has increased brashings in some places.

**Windblown.** Three storms from three different directions hit Sluie over the winter and created areas of windblown. These generally occur as either a jumbled mess or spaced parallel fallen trunks. A special mapping symbol (an elongated green 'T' – see example below) has been used to represent fallen trunks and the density and direction of these is a good indicator of time and effort required to cross the ground. The windblown symbol should be used to gauge runnability and not for detailed navigation. All courses have been planned to make use of the best intact parts of the forest and to avoid the areas of windblown as much as possible.

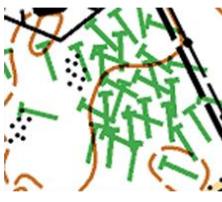
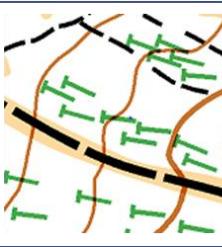
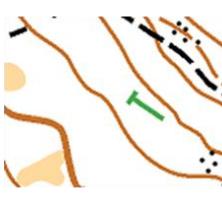
**Motorbike trails.** We share the forest with motorsport clubs who, like us, are keen to be active after the Covid restrictions. Recent events have been held in the forest, including one just two weeks before our event and these, clearly fresh trails are not shown on the map. Only older, more established tracks are mapped.

**Spectator Controls.** Courses A, B and C have a spectator control approximately 8 minutes before the finish for the leading runners. This and the runner's approach will be visible from the wait pen, the Club Tent area and a specific closer spectator position. In addition, the A course runners will be visible at a distance of around 300m uphill from the Assembly field at an intermediate control, around 20 minutes into their course for the leading runners.

**Tapes and Markings.** The Orange and Yellow courses have a short taped section from the start triangle to a track. The Yellow course has two additional taped sections highlighted on the control descriptions while the remainder of the course follows a combination of walls, fences, rides and tracks. Smiley faces are used on some legs. All runners may come across other random tapes, markers and arrows in the forest but these have no connection to this event and should be ignored.

**Map.** The map is a 2022 update of the 2017 Sluie map by Jon Musgrave of Deeside Orienteering and Leisure Maps (DOLM). All courses are at 1:7,500 scale.

### Special Mapping Symbols

		Multiple windblown trees lying in several directions.
		Multiple windblown trees lying in same direction.
		Isolated windblown

## Courses

The course legs that will be run by each class are shown below:

1. Men's Open	A	A	A
2. age-class: 8+ point	A	B	C
3. age-class: 11+ point / Women Open	B	C	C
4. age-class: 14+ point	B	D	C
5. age-class: 17+ point	C	D	C
6. age-class: 20+ point	D	D	C
7. Junior: Total BOF age class 44-	LG	O	LG
8. Junior: Total BOF age class 36-	Y	Y	O

Note: All final legs in classes 2-6 run 'C' on the final leg to enhance competition.

Indicative course details are shown in the table below.

Course	Technical difficulty	Length (km)	Climb (m)	Controls
A	TD5	5.6	150	18
B	TD5	4.6	120	14
C	TD5	4.0	110	12
D	TD5	3.0	80	8
LG	Light Green TD4	2.8	80	11
O	Orange TD3	2.7	75	9
Y	Yellow TD2	2.7	70	12

Courses are gaffled leading to a large number of controls in some areas so control codes should be checked carefully. Control descriptions are printed on the front of the maps. There are no loose control descriptions.

## Results

Live results will be published every few minutes to the MAROC website:

<https://www.marocscotland.org.uk/latest-results/>

There is mobile phone signal in the arena with O2 being the strongest from the mast atop Sluie hill. In order to maintain distancing paper results will not be posted in assembly, nor will there be screens displaying results.

Provisional and final results will be posted to the MAROC website as soon as they are available:

<https://www.marocscotland.org.uk/events/scottish-relay-championships-29-may-2022>

## String course

There will be a string course available. You will pass this between the car park and the assembly field.

## Dogs

Dogs are permitted but must be kept on leads. Please clear up and take away any mess.

### **First aid**

First aid will be available in the assembly field.

### **Prize giving**

There will be a prize giving as soon after 1400 as possible. There will be medals for the first 3 teams in each class, including age classes, and trophies for the Scottish Champions. Six trophies will be awarded to the first qualifying team in Men's Open, Women's Open, Age Class Junior, Age Class senior, Junior 44- and Junior 36-.

### **Departing**

Please leave the car park by turning left – the same way you came in.

### **Officials**

Organiser: Sue Barrie

Planner: Nick Hale

Controller: Tim Griffin (GRAMP)