

## **FINAL DETAILS – Aboyne SOUL 2nd May**

Full details available on MAROC website <https://www.marocscotland.org.uk/events/aboyne-urban-soul2-2-may-2026>

### **Registration and Assembly**

Registration and Assembly are at the Hall on the Green, which is located on the B968, Charleston Road, Aboyne. This is signed off the A93 in Aboyne.

Registration opens from 12.30pm - 2.30pm

**IMPORTANT – CASH ONLY FOR ENTRIES ON THE DAY –** (mobile phone signal weak)

Juniors on Course 7 must collect their map at Registration

Collection of hired SI cards

Key drop – lone travellers should leave keys in a named envelope with the vehicle registration

Adults are reminded they must declare if they are actually helping a Junior competitor as opposed to following.

Pairs:

- Entry from less experienced orienteers as pairs will be accepted on the easier technical courses.
- Pairs must share one map and one SI-card.
- They will not be eligible for SOUL league points.

### **Start and Finish**

Starts from 1 - 3pm

Start interval will be around 1 minute on each course. There will be no allocated start times so there may be a delay in starting on some courses towards the end of the start block

Punching start

Limited entry on day dependent upon map availability

Sportident (SI) electronic timing will be used. SIAC for contactless 'punching' will be enabled for controls. Start and finish must be punched manually. Competitors are responsible to make sure their SI-Card registers the control (beeps). We will do our utmost to "wake up" all the controls on the morning of the event but that is a significant task. Early starters might need to insert their SIAC card into the hole in the unit.

The start is approximately 200m from the Hall on the north side of the A93. Please follow the tapes and use the pedestrian crossing to cross the A93. **All juniors to be accompanied by a parent or carer to the start.**

Finish is adjacent to the Hall on the Green. There will be a marshall located close to the finish at the road crossing on the B968. **YOU MUST USE THIS ROAD CROSSING.**

### **Download**

Inside the Hall on the Green for everyone, regardless of whether course has been completed or not. All competitors must download.

### **Parking**

Parking is 80m from the Hall on the Green, off the B968, Charlestown Road. Please follow the signage off the A93 in Aboyne.

### **Courses**

Courses 1-5 are approx. 20% forest and 80% tarmac

Courses 6 and 7 are predominantly forest track

Map scale for all courses 1:4000

Courses close promptly – 5pm

Course lengths calculated by the optimum route:

1	TD3	M Open	10km
2	TD3	W Open / M Vet 40+	7.7km
3	TD3	W Vet 40+ / M Supervet 55+	6.5km
4	TD3	W Supervet 55+ / M Ultravet 65+	4.9km
5	TD3	W Ultravet 65+ / M/W Hypervet 75+	3.9km
6	TD3	M/W 16-	4.0km
7	TD2	M/W 12-	2.4km

### **IMPORTANT – SAFETY INFORMATION**

COURSES 6 and 7 are planned to avoid crossing roads except where the courses cross back over the A93 at the pedestrian crossing and then have another road crossing onto the Green where the courses continue. These 2 crossings will be timed out for all Juniors on Courses 6 and 7.

### **YOU MUST USE THE 2 CROSSINGS**

There will be a control at the north side of the A93 crossing which you must punch before crossing the road. There is also a control after crossing the second road crossing which you must also punch. You will have around 2 minutes to do this, allowing you plenty of time and no need to try and rush across the roads.

Marshalls will be in place to ensure your safety.

COURSES 1 – 5 cross a number of roads, so competitors should take care and cross with caution.

**IMPORTANT –** Courses 1 – 5 have a 'time out crossing' on the A93 with a control each side of the zebra crossing - you must punch both of these. This is to allow you 1 minute to get across the road safely. A marshall will be in place to ensure that any traffic has seen you and stops before you attempt to cross.

## **YOU MUST ONLY CROSS THE A93 AT THIS ZEBRA CROSSING.**

Please be aware of other users in the vicinity: walkers, cyclists, cars, dog walkers, horse riders etc and ensure that you give way where possible. Be cautious when running around blind corners and across driveways in the urban areas.

### **Results**

During the event live results will be displayed in the Hall and will be available on the Maroc website at

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

### **Medical**

High Risk Medical details: please notify the organiser: [joy.cameron001@gmail.com](mailto:joy.cameron001@gmail.com) of any relevant information in advance of the event.

### **Facilities**

Light refreshments – in the Hall on the Green– teas, coffees, cakes.

Toilets – at Registration

No dirty shoes or O shoes inside the Hall on the Green

First Aid will be available in the Hall if required

Nearest A&E Hospital – Aberdeen Royal Infirmary AB25 2ZN

Cafes and restaurants – located in and around Aboyne