

6 Steps to Enjoying a Covid Safe Orienteering Event - Participants

Step 1 Pre-event entry and information

To reduce contact and help avoid gatherings, queuing and handling cash on the day, clubs will set up an online pre-entry system. Clubs may choose to use their own pre-booking / payment system or a commercial system such as SiEntries or Fabian4. Payment may be requested to be made on-line whilst registering or using a cashless payment system on the day.

Note: From a recent club survey 50% of clubs are using a commercial pre-entry booking system and 44% are managing their own pre-entry system.

Before entering you should carefully read all the event information provided by the host club and agree to the British Orienteering Participant Code of Conduct. There should be no known reasons, regarding Covid-19 transmission, which would prevent you from attending the event e.g. Covid-19 symptoms, period of quarantine.



Step 2 Registration and Download

For some events, you will be able to go straight to the start without the need to register on the day. However, if a club is operating a registration/info point you should be welcomed in a well-ventilated space by officials wearing appropriate PPE. Hand sanitiser should also be available to use.

Case Study: in this example a family group was used to operate registration and download – thus cutting out the need to socially distance.

Step 3 Clear Signage and Safety Instructions

Before the event, you should have been provided with clear Covid safety instructions within the promotional material and the on-line registration.

At the event, clear signage should be in place at registration, start, finish, other pinch points and queuing areas to remind participants to adhere to the Participants Code of Conduct.

Check out: the British Orienteering Website for up the up to date Guidance, the Participant Code of Conduct.



Step 4 Managing queues/social distancing

Please keep to your allocated start times/windows as this will prevent lengthy queues or gatherings.



Top Tip: Read signage and listen out for instructions from the Start official. Canes with signage may be placed at 2m intervals to help with social distancing and provide information.



In both the club events shown here, there were just under 100 participants.

Step 5 Out on the course

Orienteering is the perfect sport for social distancing and it is easy to forget there are others out on the course. Please be aware of those around you, both participants and the public. Be courteous at controls and pinch points such as crossings and junctions.



Enjoy the run!

Step 6 Participant facilities – Car Parking and Toilets

When parking, please be aware of possible additional car parking pressures, there may be an increase of cars due to reduced car sharing. Also allow space for social distancing between cars. If there is a parking assistant, follow their direction in assisting you to park.

If toilets are available to use, please use hand washing facilities or the hand sanitiser provided.

