



Orienteering

10th Edition



Big Weekend Final details 2018

Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, it's nearly that time again. The one you've all been waiting for. The highlight of the orienteering calendar. The one where you get almost no information until a couple of days before. The one that the club has to essentially force an unsuspecting fresher to organise every year. The one that this year over 700 of you have decided to turn up to, to make my life more exciting. The one that most of us haven't got a clue what we're doing, especially the organiser. The one that always works out fine in the end, which I guess is why you keep on coming back. That's right, it's time for the Edinburgh Big Weekend! Hope you enjoy it.

Edinburgh University Orienteering Club is proud to present the return of the annual Big Weekend on the weekend of the 19-21st of January, forming a terrific weekend of Edinburgh-based orienteering.

The weekend will kick off with FWTN and a brand new indoor race on Friday evening, a great opportunity to sharpen up your night navigation skills, at Kings Buildings.

The City Race on Saturday will launch the UKOL, UKUL and SOUL for 2018 and will provide competitors with fine technical urban orienteering, whilst taking in the best sights Edinburgh has to offer. Visiting the historic Royal Mile, Greyfriars Kirkyard and the classic University and Meadows areas, it is not to be missed!

This will be followed by a traditional ceilidh in the evening, just to make sure you've no extra energy.

A classic race on the fantastic Arthur's Seat and Holyrood Park will round off the weekend on Sunday, and is also part of the UKOL. We look forward to seeing you for, what is sure to be, a great weekend!

Summary:

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Assembly	Common Room, KB House, Kings Buildings	George Heriot's School, Lauriston Place	Grassy slope on the south side of Holyrood Park, next to Queens Drive at Pollock roundabout.
Start times	18.30-20.30	10.30-14.30	10:00-13:00
Start	FWTN: 100m, follow tapes Indoor: JCMB, 300m. Follow reflective tubes.	Start: 1km, following tapes.	Start: 650m, 50m climb on footpaths.
Finish	FWTN: Adjacent to assembly Indoor: JCMB	Senior Finish: Adjacent to assembly Junior finish: 500m, in Quartermile	Adjacent to assembly

Toilets?	At assembly	At assembly	At Commonwealth Pool
EOD?	V limited	V Limited	V Limited
Special notes	You need a headtorch for both the FWTN and the indoor.	SI card for competitors on course 1 must be able to hold more than 36 punches and for course 2 and 3 more than 30. Map turnover 1-3, 6 and 7.	The planner, Ali Masson, is not only a devious course setter but also an incredibly talented barber. If you're ever in town and need a trim hit him up.

General Information:

T-shirts:

If you really want to look the part, make sure you buy a Big Weekend T-shirt! These popular t-shirts will be limited edition burgundy, with the special 10th edition logo. They will be on sale for £12 at the event. Sizes available are XS, S, M, L, XL but are very limited so come early! Pre-orders can collect them from enquiries at any of the events.

Cancellation:

In the case of extreme weather, details will be published on the website - please check in the days leading up to the event. Extreme winter weather is likely to lead to the cancellation of the weekend. <https://euoc.wordpress.com/>

Privacy:

When entering our events your name may appear in the results section of the website or in newspaper reports.

Hospital/First Aid:

Limited first aid will be available at the assembly on each day. **In an emergency call 999.**

The nearest hospital to all three events is Edinburgh Royal Infirmary:

Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh
51 Little France Crescent
Old Dalkeith Road
Edinburgh
EH16 4SA
Telephone: 0131 536 1000

Acknowledgments:

A huge thank you to non-EUOC members for all their help in putting on this event, which they do year after year. Robin Strain for all the computing and SI wizardry, Mark Nixon for updating the map and general saving the day with his fountain of knowledge, Graeme Ackland for map updates and taking on the challenge of setting up the new indoor event, and the controllers Roger Scrutton and David Eades. We wouldn't be able to do it without you.

Also thanks to George Heriot's school for hosting us again for the city race assembly, and ESOC, INT and FVO for letting us borrow all the equipment.

Friday 19th January: Fight with the Night

Location:

The event will be based in Edinburgh University's King's Buildings campus.

King's Buildings House, King's Buildings, Edinburgh, EH9 3JF

Google maps: [+55°55'25.20", -3°10'30.30"](https://www.google.com/maps/place/55.552520,-3.103030)

Grid reference: NT 26663 70675



Travel to the event:

Parking: There is no official event car parking. West Mains Road, the main road beside Kings Buildings, and residential streets adjacent to the campus should have plenty of space for parking. In extreme circumstances there is very limited parking availability in Kings Buildings, outside Kings Buildings house (enter via Gate 2), it would be preferred if competitors parked off campus. Please use common sense as appropriate.

Public Transport: Lothian Buses have a number of buses which travel to or near the area. The No. 41 travels directly from the city centre into the very heart of the area that we all love so much: King's Buildings (see map above). Every other 41 bus does not travel to Kings Buildings, so if you intend on using this method of travel, please check it says Kings Buildings on the front of the bus (or choose to live dangerously and don't). As the route to assembly from this bus stop passes through the competition area, competitors are requested to close their eyes along this route.

Other buses such as the 24, 42, and 67 all travel near the campus. Always a great read, more information on all bus routes can be found on the Lothian buses website:
<http://lothianbuses.com/plan-a-journey/journey-planner>

Walking/Cycling: It is also possible to jog or cycle to King's Buildings from the central Edinburgh area if you want to get some last minute training in for the city or Seat races. It should take no more than a 15min jog, 30min walk or 10min cycle.

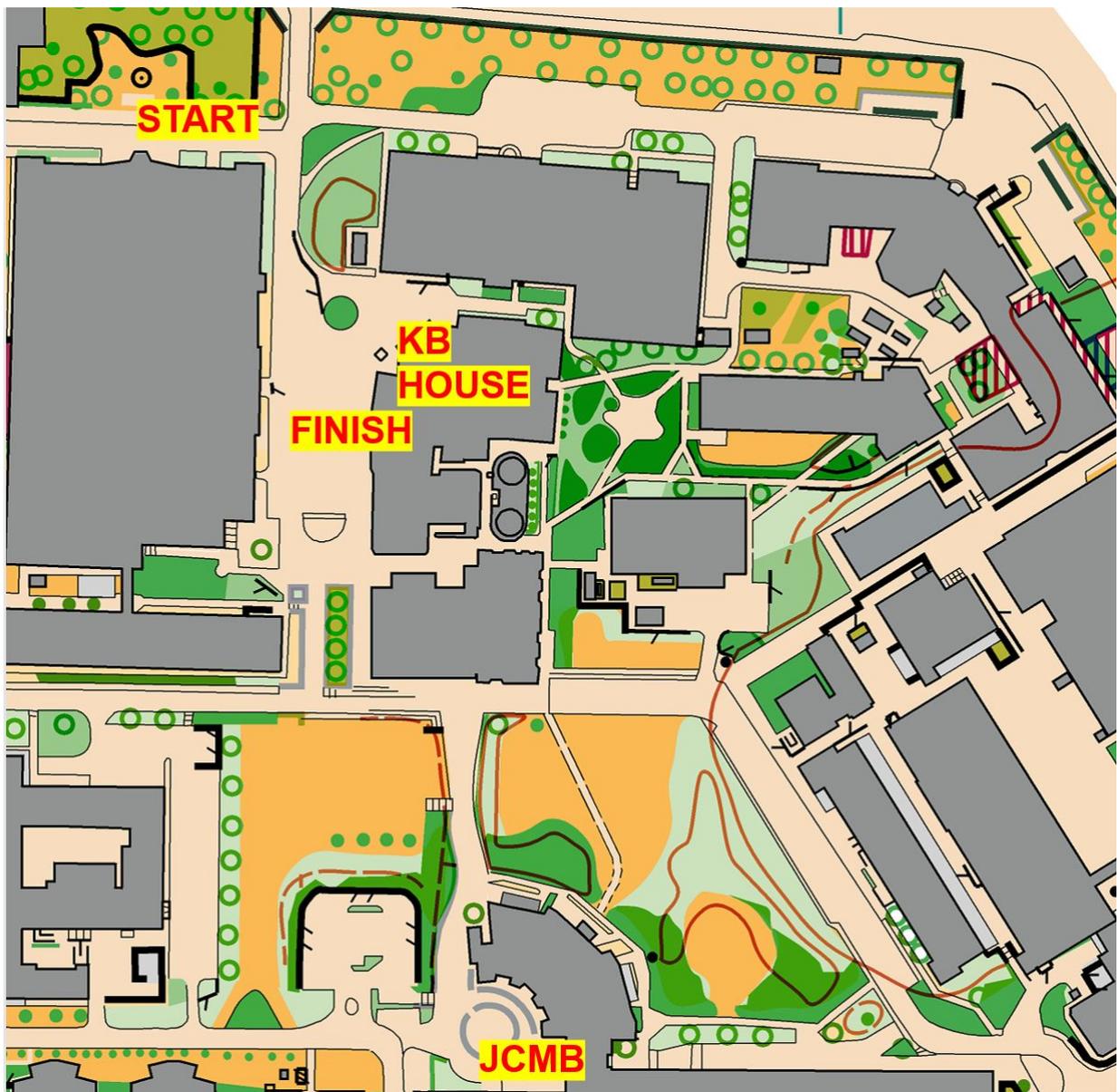
Assembly:

The assembly will be in the common room, upstairs in Kings Buildings House. Please enter the campus through Gate 2, to avoid walking through the competition area. Once inside KB House follow signs (and possibly tapes too) to the common room, it should be very obvious!

The room will be open from 17:45. Entries, Enquiries and Download for both races will be in this location. There will be room for competitors to leave bags, at their own risk.

Toilets are available downstairs in KB House. There will be showers too if you're really keen.

Please do not enter any university buildings wearing muddy footwear.



Entries and Electronic Punching:

Pre-entry is now closed. Entries can be viewed on SiEntries via the following link:

https://www.sientries.co.uk/list.php?event_id=4081

There will be limited entry on the day (EOD) at the assembly. EOD will have the same entry fee as pre entry and maps will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

BOF member - £6.00

Non-BOF member - £8.00

SI cards are available to hire free of charge, but there will be a hefty charge of £50 if lost. SIAC available to hire for £5.

All controls are set up for contactless punching for runners with a SIAC. The Start AND FINISH are not contactless and must be punched normally.

Any enquiries about late entries, alterations to existing entries or cancellation of entries should be made to Matthew Fellbaum at euocbigweekend@gmail.com and he will happily deal with all issues. No issue too small. Really. Any time, day or night, just send him an email and he'll sort you out.

Terrain and Safety Information:

King's Buildings is a complex modern university campus with old and new buildings, courtyards, dead ends, greenhouses, and some grassy areas with bushes and trees. There are steps, slopes and uneven surfaces. These can become slippery especially in wet weather. It is an active university campus and it is likely that there will be moving vehicles - including a bus service - and bikes on campus so please take care throughout the area. Please also be aware of and be courteous to other pedestrians in the area.

In the area in the SE corner of map, there are building works that have been going on forever. The map is as up to date as possible but some builders might have decided to do some builder stuff and change things in the last few days/weeks/months. This shouldn't really matter anyway as the courses don't really go into this area, so if you do find yourself in a building site, please leave promptly and avoid mentioning that you're orienteering. It being winter in Scotland the sun will be long since set and a torch is highly recommended, even for the indoors, although those who crave an extra challenge can run without one if they want. It will be dark and some areas are unlit.

Competitors take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety. BOF advise that you carry a spare torch and a whistle during this event.

Should first aid be required please report to download and we can find a stray medical student to lend a hand.

Course and Map Information:

The course will be marked using full sized kites and will use SI electronic timing at every control point. Sorry to disappoint any hard-core Fight with the Night fans who like looking for bits of pipe. Below is a helpful table:

Course	Straight Line Length (km)	Real World Length approx. (km)	Controls
Long	3.9	5	23
Short	2.8	3.5	15

Loose control descriptions will be available.

Maps will be printed on waterproof paper. **Map scale: 1:4000**

Start:

Starts between: 18.30-20.30

Start blocks of 20 minutes have been assigned online. Turn up to the start at some point within the start block, and you will be started at 30 second intervals. Please try not to follow the person starting in front of you. There will probably be a 3 minute call up. Start times should be found here:

https://www.sientries.co.uk/list.php?event_id=4081

The start will be located a little walk from assembly, just on the north of KB House. Follow tapes for around 100m until you see a load of people in funny clothing with headtorches on. That will probably be it.

Finish:

There will be one finish for both courses near the start. All competitors must download after they have finished, even if the course is incomplete, so that we know you have returned from your course safely. Download will be situated in the Common Room in KB House.

Results:

Results will be displayed in the assembly area during the event.

Results will be posted as soon as possible on the club website:

<https://euoc.wordpress.com/big-weekend/>

And at this link: www.rstrain.co.uk/results_18/euoc_bw/

Courses will close at 21.30. Everyone (and their belongings) must be out of KB House by 21.45, when the building will close. You don't want to mess with the building staff, they lift.

Planner - Jack Leitch (EUOC)

Organisers - Matthew Fellbaum (EUOC)

Moral Support – Calum McLeod (EUOC), Colm Moran (EUOC)

The James Clerk Maxwell Building Indoor Event

Registration and download are at KB House, same as for the sprint. The entry is larger than expected, so in order to finish everything by 9:30 some people will need to do the indoor first.

The start is at the main entrance foyer to JCMB, some 200m south from assembly. The route will be marked with reflective tubes. The finish is by the SW exit. Punching is SI, with SIAC enabled - remember to clear and check between events. You have been allocated a start block for the indoor, one hour earlier or later than the FwtN start block: there is some flexibility, especially if you are early. It will be a punching start, one person at a time, but please start promptly: we have about 300 entrants for a 2-hour start window.

JCMB is an eight-storey building hosting Physics and Maths, each level is mapped separately. Controls are joined by purple lines as usual, but when going between levels the direction of the line is meaningless. Control codes are on the map, but there are no control descriptions, except that the final digit of the control code shows the level. Staircases are denoted by a blue letter on the map and notices on the ground, so if you go up from staircase B, level 1, you will arrive at staircase B, level 2.

The map scale is 1:1500. Courses are planned for winning times similar to a sprint 12-15 minutes, with about 30-40m climb.

Indoor orienteering is a new discipline in Scotland, so it is especially important that it goes smoothly. So please note that...

1/ We are very grateful to the building team for permission, but we DO NOT have exclusive access to the building. Although it is quiet on Friday nights, there will be students and scientists moving around. Probably they won't be carrying anything toxic, explosive or radioactive, but you should still keep out of their way. Whistles and cagoules may be carried at your own risk.

2/ There are MANY staircases. On the map these are marked with letters and enable you to go from one floor to another. Courses have been planned to minimise climb, but it may not feel like it. Most stairways have plenty of room to pass, but be courteous to others. And watch your footing on the steps.

3/ Heavy fire doors are marked with green lines on the map. Some will be open, others you will have to push/pull open yourself. Again, be aware of other people.

4/ Many parts of the building have automatic lights, so it may be a few seconds before a corridor's lights come on. Other places are actually dark, so it is sensible to carry a head torch. There are also some unlit outside sections. Beware of trip hazards with steps and trailing wires on the floor.

5/ The map is in the spirit of sprint maps: white means you can go there, olive means you can't, thick black lines are impassable walls or locked doors. Thin green lines are fire doors that you can get through. Thin black lines are some door or step you can cross. Light brown is outdoors. Staircases linking levels are denoted by letters. Test runners have found this all quite intuitive.

6/ Some doors are alarmed and should only be opened if there is a fire. They have big notices to this effect. Do not open these: if you do the whole event will be abandoned to let the fire engine on site.

7/ Courses close at 9pm. Some doors will automatically lock at this time. You can always get back towards the lobby using press buttons.

Planner & Organiser: Graeme Ackland (INT/EUOC)

Moral Support: Neil Wood and Frank Morris (PandA security)

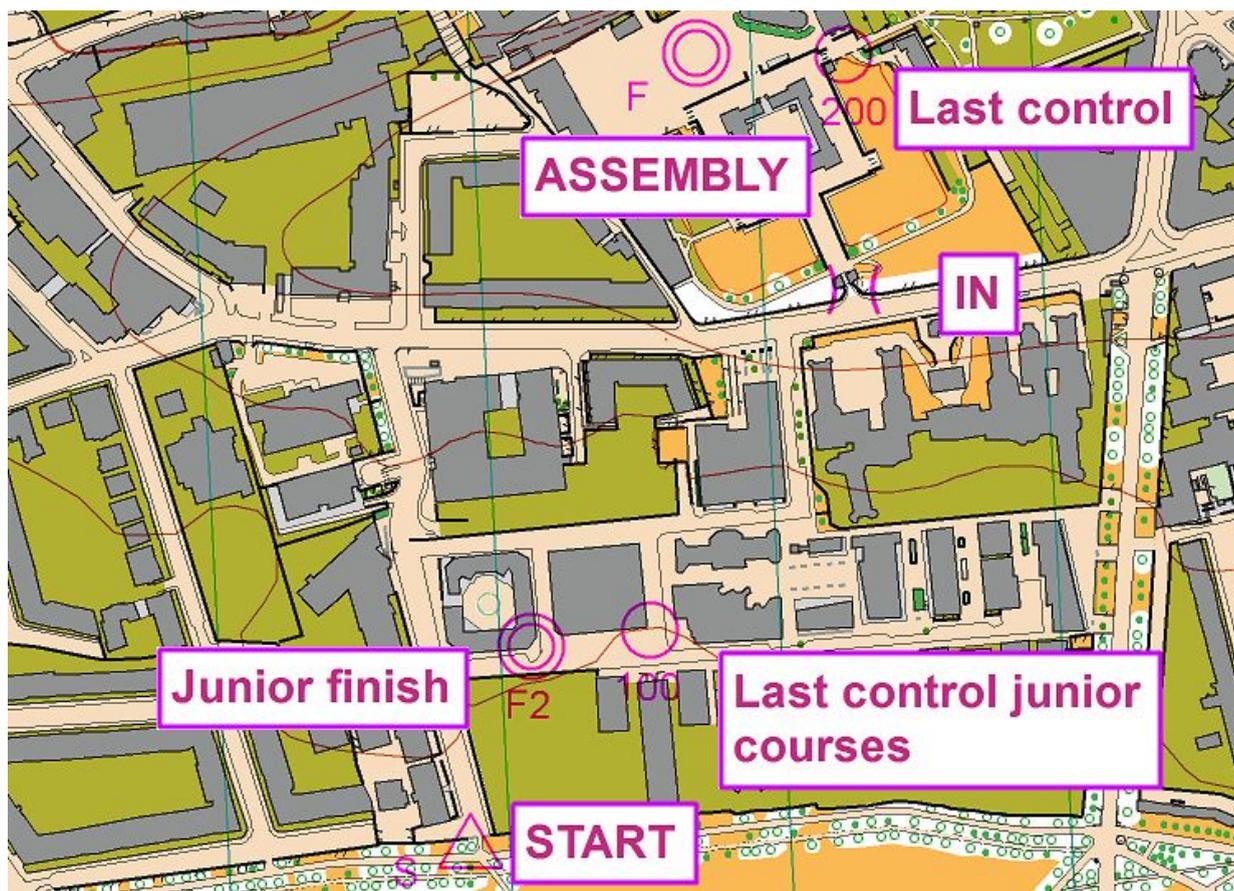
Saturday 20th January: Edinburgh City Race (SOUL 1, UKOL and UKUL):

Location:

The event is based at George Heriot's School - the inspiration for Hogwarts in Harry Potter!
George Heriot's School, Lauriston Place, Edinburgh, EH3 9EQ.

Google Maps: [+55.945872, -3.194292](https://www.google.com/maps?q=+55.945872,-3.194292)

Grid Reference: NT 25500 73183



Travel to the event:

Parking: There is no official event car parking and it is the competitor's own responsibility to find somewhere to park. Please allow enough time to park and to get to the assembly and starts.

The Edinburgh City Council site (http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20085/parking_spaces) has information about where to park.

The nearest car parks are at Riego Street or Semple Street, where you can park for a fee. These are both approximately a 15 minute walk away from assembly.

Competitors must not park on the grass in the Meadows, even if you see other cars doing so.

Public Transport: Several bus routes all pass outside the school, including the 23, 27, 35, 45 and 47. More information on these and several other possible bus routes can be found on Lothian buses website:

<http://lothianbuses.com/plan-a-journey/journey-planner>

It is also within easy reach of both Waverley and Haymarket Train Stations. They are just a 15-25 minute walk.

Walking/Cycling: The assembly is also very accessible by bike or by walking and is much encouraged.

Assembly:

The registration, download, enquiries, first aid and entry on the day will be situated at assembly. As will the finish. There will also be a cake stall with delicious cakes to raise funds for SAMH Scottish Association for Mental Health (Edinburgh University Sports Union charity partner 2017-18). They do some incredible work so check them out here:

<https://www.samh.org.uk/>

Please do not step on the grass around the school, this is one of the conditions we have for using the site.

Unfortunately due to access rules no club tents are allowed in the assembly area.

There will be an inside area for people to leave their bags. Bags will be guarded by officials but are left at their own risk.

Toilets will be available inside the school.

Compass Point will be present in the assembly to sell all kinds of great O equipment.

There are a number of shops and cafes near to the assembly. Down Middle Meadow Walk, there is a Sainsbury's local, a Starbucks and other cafes. There are a number of Student Union cafes and bars also located within a 5-10min walk from assembly, the closest being Potterrow. Please remember our cakes are tastier!

Please do not enter any buildings wearing muddy footwear.

Water will not be provided after the event. Please use litter bins or take rubbish home.

Entries and Electronic Punching:

Pre-entry is now closed, entries can be viewed on SiEntries via the following link:

https://www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?elid=Y&event_id=4081

There will be very limited entry on the day (EOD). EOD will have the same entry fee as pre-entry and maps for EOD will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Senior - £12

Non-BOF members - £14

Juniors and Students - £6.00

Any enquiries about late entries, alterations to existing entries or cancellation of entries should be made to Matthew Fellbaum by emailing: euocbigweekend@gmail.com

SI electronic timing will be used, with both standard and SIAC. SI cards are available for hire free of charge; but if lost there will be a charge of £50.

All controls are set up for contactless punching for runners with a SIAC. The Start **AND FINISH** are not contactless and must be punched normally.

Runners on course 1, 2 and 3 will need an SI card capable of holding more than 30 punches. Course 1 must *not* use a type 5 (0-499,999) or a type 8 (2,000,000- 2,999,999) and Course 2 and 3 must *not* use a type 8 (2,000,000- 2,999,999). Competitors affected will be able to pick up an SI from enquiries. If you are at all unsure if this will affect you, please do come and check before your run to ensure no disappointments!

Terrain and Safety Information:

The terrain consists of large road network interspersed with narrow alleyways, detailed housing and parkland. The courses will visit the Grassmarket, Royal Mile, George Square and Dumbiedykes areas of the city, where there are tight alleyways, steps, slopes, some cobbled streets and large height differences for a city centre.

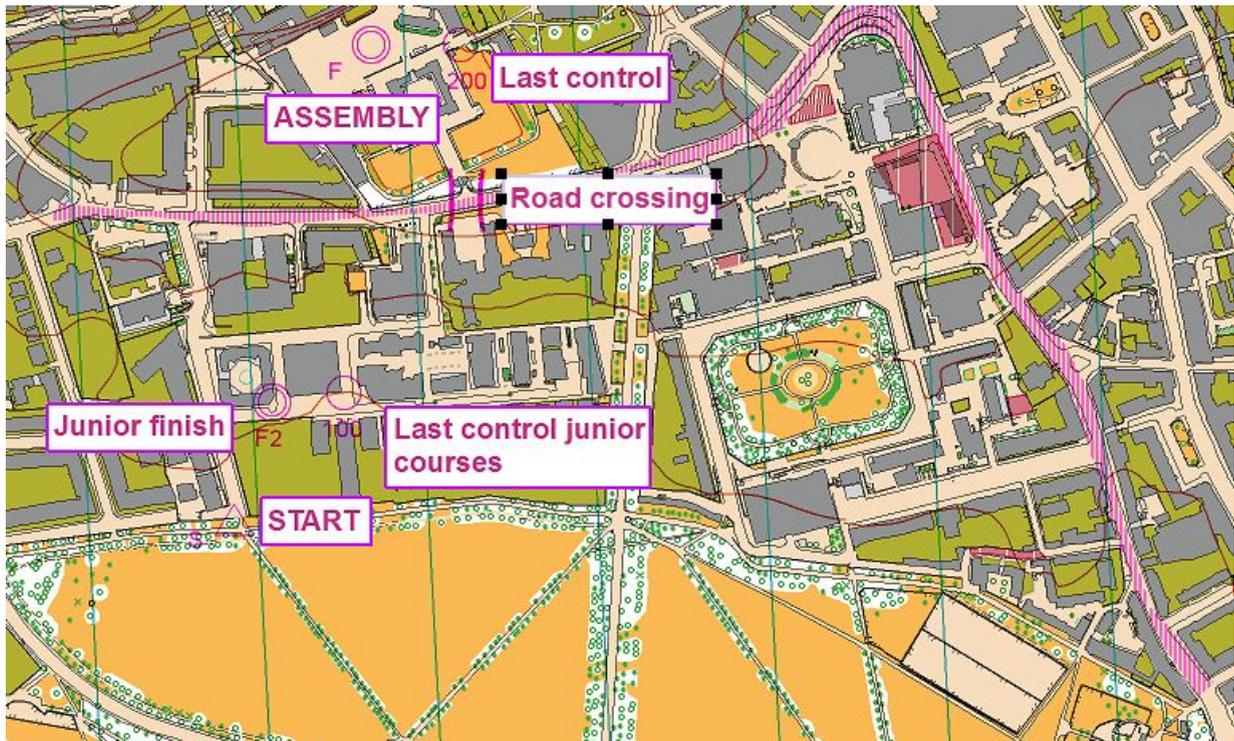
Please note there are some gates/doors which are not under the organiser's control and so may be open or closed on the day of the event. **Please respect the mapping, and do not pass through if mapped as impassable/closed.** Kites will be placed in a nearby, visible position if the control site is blocked off.

The senior courses will finish through the historical site of Greyfriars Kirkyard. As a condition of access competitors must not run over the grass, which has been marked as out of bounds with olive green. Anyone seen running over the grass will be disqualified, and we'll be watching.

Areas of building works come and go. Any building sites that appear which have an effect on control sites or route choices will be displayed at the start.

All competitors take part in this event at their own risk. Road crossings will be the competitor's responsibility and care should be taken, whilst following the Highway Code. This is a city centre race – be traffic aware. Priority should be given to traffic, and where possible please use pedestrian crossings.

Junior courses 6 and 7 will only take place in the Quartermile and George Square area. **Nonetheless, please make sure no juniors cross the road showed as OOB on the map below. The OOB is not on the junior courses maps. There will be Marshals helping them to cross the main street from George Heriot's on the way to the start and from the finish.**



The courses will pass through residential areas and competitors must be considerate to the residents as well as to the general public throughout the competition. Slowing down to negotiate sharp corners or alleyway entrances and exits is advised to avoid collisions. The weather could be cold, wet and icy so please dress accordingly. There are steps, slopes and uneven surfaces which can become slippery, especially in wet weather.

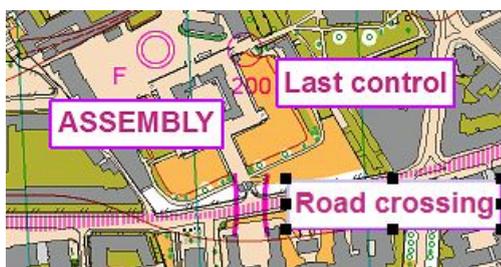
A number of popular cycle routes go through The Meadows and there are several bike lanes in some stages of all courses. Please watch out for cyclists and treat the bike lanes as if you were crossing a road. The Meadows is also a popular area for dog walkers, so please be aware of dogs.

Should first aid be required please report to enquiries.

Cagoules should be taken to the event, as they may be made compulsory on the day if the weather requires it.

Start:

There will be one start for this event, located 900m from assembly. The route will be marked with red and white tape and crosses a main road, there will be a marshal at the crossing helping everyone but especially juniors to cross.



The start will be operated with a 4-minute call up. A clock at the start will display call up times. Competitors will be called into the -4 box according to their start time.

Descriptions will be available in the -3 box and blank maps in the -2 box. There will be a punching start. Competitors must punch the start box to begin their time, then pick up their map and begin their course.

Starts between: 10:30-14:30

Due to a unexpected number of entries, we've been forced to be enterprising with the start intervals. On courses 2 and 3 the start interval will be 1 minute, on course 1,4 and 5 the start interval is 2 minutes, and courses 6 and 7 have punching start. Start times are available on SiEntries:

https://www.sientries.co.uk/list.php?event_id=4081&page=2

Competitors are strongly advised to check their start times prior to the event. The start block will be very full and if start times are missed there will be limited scope to reallocate you a specific start time. Entry on the day competitors will be allocated start times at registration. Again, due to the full start block they may have to wait for a gap in the start block. There will be pre-runners starting before the official race.

Course and Map Information:

Course	Category	Straight line Length (km)	Optimal route (km)	Scale	Map Size	Map turnover
1	Men Open	9.6	15.6	1:5,000	A3	Yes
2	Women Open Men Vet	7.9	12.8	1:5,000	A3	Yes
3	Women Vet Men Super Vet	6.9	10.9	1:5,000	A3	No
4	Women Super Vet Men Ultra Vet	5.4	9.3	1:5,000	A3	No
5	Women Ultra Vet Hyper Vet	4.4	6.7	1:5,000	A3	No
6	Junior M/W 16-	4.3	6.2	1:4,000	A4	Yes
7	Junior M/W 12-	2.7	4.0	1:4,000	A4	Yes

The majority of the courses will be on hardstanding ground with small sections on grass. Choice of footwear is each competitor's decision. In wet or icy weather, running flats would not be advised.

The map scale depends on course; please consult table above.

Controls are mostly attached to the feature by gripples, but some are located on tressles.

Courses 1, 2, 6 and 7 will require the competitors to turn over their maps part-way through the course to reveal the second half of the course on the other side of the map. The point to do so will be obvious as the controls will run out on the first side of the map. **Parents of competitors on course 7 can see the map at Assembly and go over the turnover with their children.**

There will be loose control descriptions provided at the start, these will be rather long so please bring your longest holders, or opt for some origami skills!

There will be no string course.

Finish:

There will be two finishes. The finish for courses 1-5 will be located in the assembly. Junior courses (6,7) have another finish, located in the Quartermile area. There will be red and white tapes going from the junior finish to the assembly. To cross the main road to the assembly, the same road crossing as on the way to start is used.

All competitors must visit the download after their run even if the course is incomplete so that we know everyone has returned safely.

Incoming runners can be viewed running in from the last control. Courses will close at 16.30.

Results:

Results will be displayed in the assembly area during the event.

Preliminary results will be available at the ceilidh in the evening and final results, as soon as possible after the event, via this link: www.rstrain.co.uk/results_18/euoc_bw/

The results of the respective leagues will be published by the organisers on their websites. If we're feeling nice we may put the links on our results page.

Prizes:

There are trophies for Men and Women Open which were hand crafted by Robin Orr. These, along with prizes for each age class, will be presented at the ceilidh. However, if the winner of an open trophy is from outside of the UK, their trophy will have to be taken back at the end of the weekend. The prizes are kindly supplied by Active Root for category winners.

Additionally the SOUL 2017 prize giving will take place after the race.

Planner – Klára Novotná (EUOC)

Controller – Roger Scrutton (ESOC)

Organisers – Matthew Fellbaum (EUOC)

Moral Support – Calum McLeod (EUOC), Colm Moran (EUOC)

Contact: euocbigweekend@gmail.com

Sunday 21st January: Holyrood Park (UKOL)

Location:

The event will be situated in Holyrood and Meadowfield Parks in Edinburgh. The assembly and finish will be located on the grassy slopes to the south side of the Park, close to the Pollock roundabout and beneath Radical Road.

Google maps: [Queen's Drive Assembly](#)

Grid reference: NT 27073 72813

Travel to the event:

If travelling through Holyrood Park, follow the main road to the north side of the park. Please do not cross the competition area.

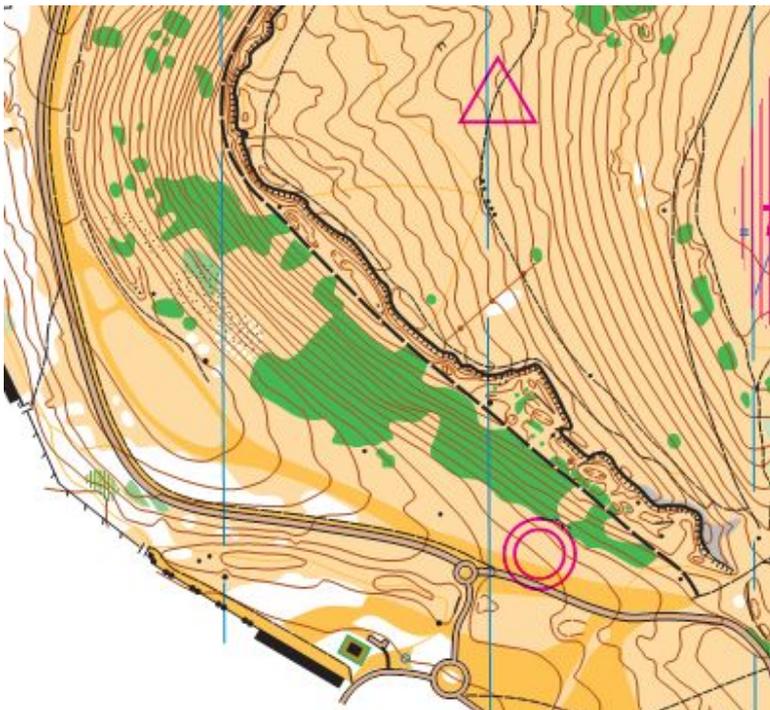
Parking: There is no official event car parking. We would recommend parking in the car park beside Holyrood House where there will be limited room to park. This car park is close to the assembly so is likely to fill up quickly. Alternatively there are lots of residential streets close to Pollock Halls and the Commonwealth Pool, or along the road leading to Holyrood Park. Please ensure to allow enough time to find a parking space and get to the start on time.

Public transport: There are many buses in Edinburgh with multiple routes passing near Holyrood Park. A great way to see which will suit your journey along with more information can be found on the Lothian buses website:

<http://lothianbuses.com/plan-a-journey/journeyplanner>

Waverley train station is a 20min walk from assembly

Assembly:



The assembly will be based on the grass south of Radical Road and close to the roundabout. At assembly, there will be a tent where the registration, download, enquiries, first aid, entry on the day. There will also be a tent available for shelter and a place to put bags, but this is likely to get very crowded. There is space for club tents opposite the run in, and are highly advised.

There will be no toilets available at assembly but toilets are available at the Royal Commonwealth Pool, situated just at the other end of Holyrood Park Road (500m walk), EH16 5BB. Also in the Commonwealth Pool is a cafe which is open for anyone to use.

Compass Point will be present in the assembly to sell all kinds of great O equipment.

Water will not be provided after the event. Litter bins will also not be provided, please take litter home with you.

There will be a maze located adjacent to assembly, several courses available with electronic timing.

Entries and Electronic Punching:

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Terrain and Safety Information:

Holyrood Park and Arthur's Seat contains mixed park and grassland with some complex rock and contour detail in places. The area has some large hills which provide a physical challenge. On Arthur's Seat itself the vegetation varies from short, tussocky grass to rougher areas of taller grass and gorse. Meadowfield Park will offer fast running in short grass and areas of woodland. The central location of Arthur's Seat means it is very popular with the general public, especially dog walkers, runners and families - please respect other users of the park. The regular use of the area by the public, and park management, can mean that some aspects of the terrain, for example paths and gorse bushes, are dynamic. Therefore, these along with the gorse should not solely be relied upon for navigation. Some boulders and other features on the map are small on the ground but they are significant for the area that they are in. The paths in the woods can be very muddy in places, and the hill/rocks may be slippery especially if icy, so take care. Because of this and the gorse we recommend that

orienteering or fell shoes for all courses and that full leg cover is worn. Recent cross country races in the fields by Holyrood Palace may have added some new "paths".

Cagoules should be taken to the event, as they may be made compulsory on the day if the weather requires it.

All competitors take part in this event at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety during the event. The weather could be cold, wet and icy so please dress accordingly. Holyrood Park is open high ground, and in the case of adverse weather can become a very exposed environment. Competitors must be prepared for this. There are also large cliffs in the area which are OOB, the courses will be planned to stay away from them but care must still be taken. All courses have been planned appropriately for the expected competitors.

Please respect the OOB marked on the map. These areas exist either for your safety or for the conservation of Hunter's Bog. Anyone seen crossing any marked OOB areas will be disqualified.

Should first aid be required please report to the enquiries tent.

Some of the longer courses will cross the park road. This road is in use during the weekends, so please take care.

Start:

There is one start for the event, it is a 650m (50m climb) walk/jog/sprint from assembly.

Starts are from 10:00 – 13:00.

We have had to increase the start interval by half an hour to account for the unexpected number of entries. If there is a problem with this please contact the organiser.

Routes to the start will be signed/taped from assembly.

The start will be operated with a 4-minute call up. A clock at the start will display call up times. Competitors will be called into the -4 box according to their start time.

Descriptions will be available in the -3 box and blank maps in the -2 box. There will be a punching start. Competitors must punch the start box to begin their time, then pick up their map and begin their course. The start kite must be visited and a route will be taped to its location.

Maps:

Maps will be pre-marked and printed on waterproof paper. **There is a *brand new* 1:10000 map being used for this event made by Jonathan Musgrave in September 2017.**

Map turnover – The Brown course will require competitors to turn over their maps mid-way through the course to reveal the second half of the course on the other side of the map. This will be reminded to competitors in the start box.

There will be loose control descriptions provided at the start for all courses. All descriptions will be on the map. The Brown course will only have lengths and climb for the section on that map side.

Course Information:

Course	Course Length (km)	Climb (m)	Controls	Map turnover?
Brown	8.2	585	29	Yes
Blue	5.8	390	20	No
Green	4.6	350	18	No
Short Green	2.9	210	11	No
Light Green	3.3	260	11	No
Orange	2.7	75	9	No
Yellow	2.1	55	11	No
White	1.6	45	12	No

Finish:

There will be one finish for all courses, right by the assembly. Please remember to download at the tent in assembly, even if you do not complete your course, so that we know you are back safely. Please take care crossing the road after the finish to get back to assembly. Your time will have stopped so take care and time!!

Incoming runners can be viewed running down the hill from the last control and the last few controls on the longer courses.

Courses will close at 14.30

Results:

Results will be displayed in the assembly area during the event.

Results will be posted as soon as possible on the club website:

<https://euoc.wordpress.com/big-weekend/>

And at this link: www.rstrain.co.uk/results_18/euoc_bw/

Planner – Ali Masson (EUOC)

Controller – David Eades (INT)

Organiser – Matthew Fellbaum (EUOC)

Moral support - Calum Mcleod (EUOC) and Colm Moran (EUOC)

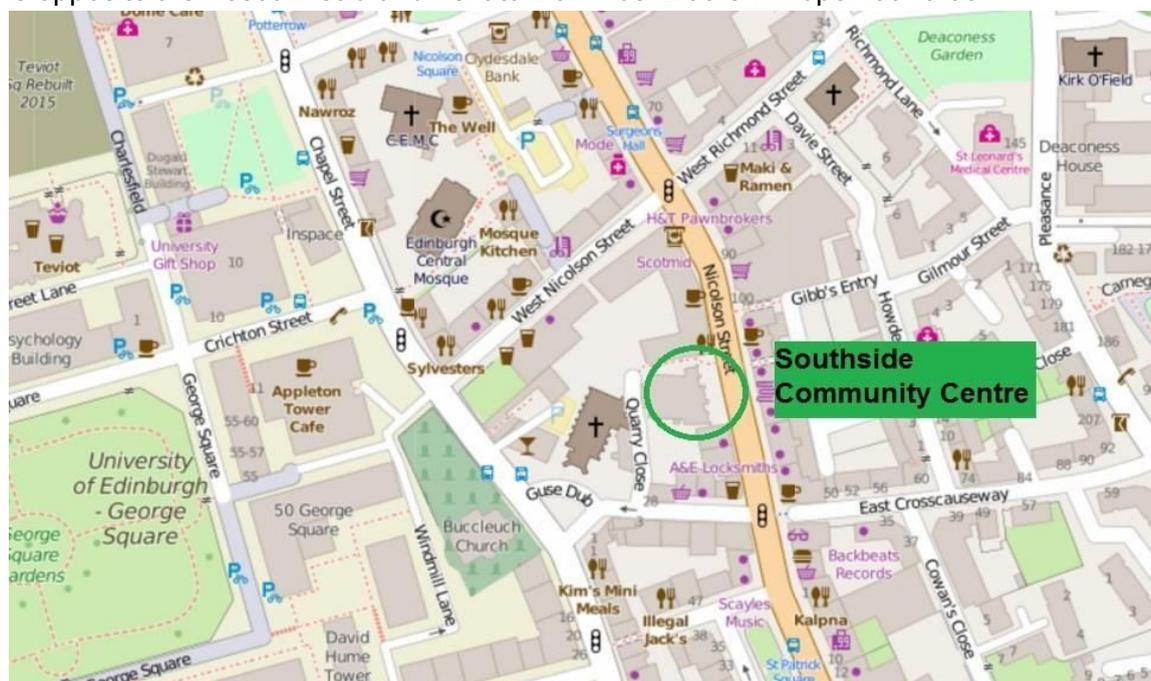
Contact: euocbigweekend@gmail.com

Ceilidh, Saturday 21st January:

THERE ARE NO MORE TICKETS AVAILABLE

The ceilidh will be in our old favourite venue of **South Side Community Centre**.

South Side Community Centre is located at 117 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9ER. This is opposite the Tesco Metro and next to Dominos. Doors will open at 19.00



The ceilidh will be a traditional Burns celebration including live music and dancing from 19.30, provided by Kylestrome Ceilidh Band, along with presentation of prizes from the afternoon's race. There will also be a raffle and the chance to try some haggis and oatcakes.

We will be running a bar, please bring ID and take it as a compliment if you're asked to show it. There will be a variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks available. We are not able to accept cards so please bring plenty of cash if you want to buy drinks. You are **not** allowed to bring your own drinks into the venue.

All ages are welcome - from grandparents to the young ones. Don't worry if you don't know any dances, as the caller will talk you through them!

Prize giving, haggis and the raffle will be at approximately 21.00. The ceilidh will finish at around 23.00.

Organiser: Madara Brice (EUOC)

Moral support: Matthew Fellbaum (EUOC)