

Anyone orienteering using permanent or virtual courses, or taking part in club activities or events, should follow this code of conduct and any additional requirements set out by the organising club to ensure the safety of themselves, other participants, event volunteers and the general public.

Government or local authority guidance takes precedence over this code of conduct. If government/local authority guidance changes at any time, it must be followed with immediate effect, including, if necessary, by stopping any orienteering activity. Personal safety must be the main driver for all decision making.

COVID-19 is still present in society and Orienteering events have a responsibility to remain safe. People who have tested positive for Covid are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with others for at least five full days. This code of conduct may be amended at late notice should any restrictions be reintroduced.

Personal conduct – Preparing to Attend an Orienteering Activity/Event

- Act as an ambassador for the sport of orienteering at all times.
- **You should NOT take part in any form of orienteering**
 - If you have any COVID-19 symptoms or
 - Have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last five days
 - If you are awaiting the result of a COVID-19 test that isn't part of any routine testing you may be undertaking.
- Ensure you have read, fully understand and follow any information or instructions provided by a club about the event/activity before you arrive at an orienteering course. This will form part of the club's risk assessment for the activity and may be as a result of restrictions imposed by landowners, local authorities or the government.
- Observe national government and governing body guidance.

Personal Conduct - At the Orienteering Activity/Event

- **Be mindful of others who wish to observe social distancing**, including – but not only – when you arrive, while on the course (including start and finish areas) and when you leave.
- Be patient, courteous and respectful of others. Treat others how you would like to be treated. Consider how your actions may appear in the eyes of landowners or other members of the public.
- Keep your distance from members of the public including giving way to other participants and members of the public on narrow paths and at gates or stiles.
- If applicable, arrive at an event during the time window that you have been allocated by the organising club.
- Move quickly away from controls after you have punched – do not stand next to a control looking at your map to work out your route to the next control.
- After finishing a course, move away from the finish, allow yourself to recover (e.g. by catching your breath and reducing your rate of perspiration), and then move swiftly through to download.

Most important of all - enjoy the outdoors safely.