

British Orienteering

JK 2014 Child Handover Plan

Aim

The aim of the JK 2014 Child Handover Plan is to provide a safe method of reuniting a lone child, who is separated from its parent or carer, to its parent/carer or responsible adult. Whilst the risk of a child being handed over to an unsuitable adult is low, it is a risk that unfortunately cannot be ignored.

Location of child

A lone child is likely to be found wandering around the Event Arena or in the car park. A lone child may also be found injured either on or off the courses and should be taken to the First Aid tent in the Event Arena for attention.

Where to keep the lone child

The lone, uninjured child found wandering should be taken to the Enquiries tent for safe keeping. It should be seated inside the tent and not allowed to escape!

The lone, injured child should remain at the First Aid tent until treated and if it is fit, it should be escorted to the Enquiries tent (by a First Aider if possible). If the child needs to remain at the First Aid tent, the day Organiser should be called to arrange the handover to a parent/carer, first taking details of the child and collecting adult as described below.

Officials in the Enquiries tent should where possible, note the child's name, age, address and other relevant details eg where it last saw Mum/Dad/sister.

Finding the parent/carer

The Organiser should be informed about a lone child and should make every effort to find the parent/carer as soon as possible.

Handover of the lone child to parent/carer

The child shall only be handed over to an adult and preferably the parent. It must be obvious that the child recognises the adult. For the record, the name and address of the adult and its relationship with the child should be noted along with the time of handover.

If there is some doubt about the identity of the adult and/or the relationship with the child, then it may be necessary to ask the adult for verification of their identity. It is suggested that the Organiser is called.

If there is lots of concern about the identity of the adult and the relationship with the child, officials may consider refusing to hand over the child. The JK coordinator and/or Safety Officer should be called.

Note that a young person is any child under 18 years and an adult has moral and statutory duty of care, custody and control of any child under 18 years under their supervision. (See British Orienteering Policies v1.1 p72-75 and Children's Act 1989)

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