

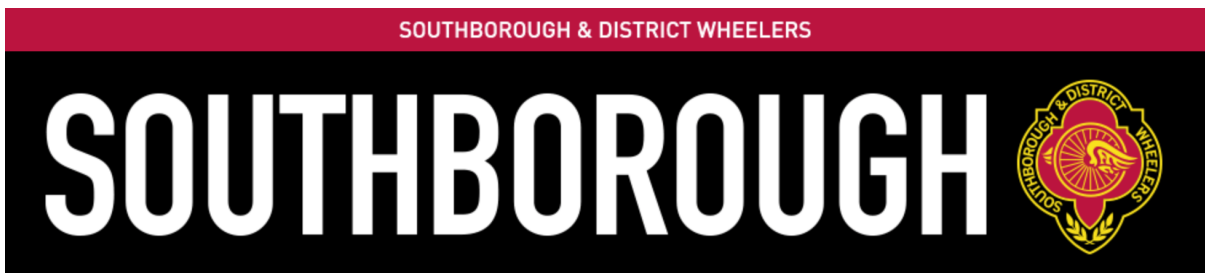
Southborough & District Wheelers

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Challenge Tires London & South East Cyclo- Cross League Round #5

Sunday 17th October 2021



- British Cycling Category B event.
- Date: Sunday 17th October 2021
- Location: The Schools at Somerhill, entrance is on B2017/ Tudeley Road, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 0NJ.
- To be held under the technical regulations of British Cycling
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Technical Manual. Class – British Cycling Category B

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1. Introduction

Southborough & District Wheelers (SDW) welcomes you to the Round #3 of the Challenge Tires London & South-East Cyclocross League, at [The Schools at Somerhill](#), an Independent School for girls and boys aged 2 to 13, with over 150 acres of amazing parkland in Tonbridge, Kent. This is the third time SDW has host a Cyclo-cross race at the venue – the course is known for its signature climb named after local riders Dan and Ben Tulett called 'Tulett's Turret'. Please respect the grounds and do not enter the private areas of the school grounds.

Safeguarding against Covid19

1) If you have coronavirus symptoms - **Do not attend the event** ·

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

2) You are required to follow the [BC COVID-19 Discipline Code](#)

2. About the course

The course is a variation on the last two races at The Schools at Somerhill

- Access to the course is via the tarmac road – please DO NOT use the public footpath or areas in front of the school
- The start/finish area and pits all can be accessed via the tarmac road
- The course features all the popular features from previous years, 'Tulett's Turret', 'The Drop Off of Doom' and the 'Off Camber Switchbacks' through the woods
- The start area is on the tarmac road and the course heads up a long drag uphill, this hill is crested and then there is a sharp right turn into a new area for the race, known by SDW riders as 'Acorns' – with lots of switchbacks under the tree canopy
- Riders will then head downhill to the popular 'Drop Off of Doom' - a short drop-off/ steep long decent which leads into the signature part of the course a very steep climb named 'Tulett's Turret'. This heads into a downhill off camber section through the woods
- The Under 10/12 course will be on a shorter section of the main course.
- A course map is included (This may change slightly on the day)
- Riders and spectators are asked to please keep off the public footpath and ALL areas in front of the school.

3. Travelling to the event

By Road (from the A21):

- M25 to Sevenoaks Bypass/A21
- Continue on A21
- Exit A21 at second turning for Tonbridge
- Follow B2017/ Tudeley Road
- School entrance is on the right

By Rail:

- The nearest rail station is [Tonbridge](#), located in town centre around 20 minute's walk or 5/10 minutes ride from The Schools at Somerhill
- Please refer to National Rail enquiries for train times.
- Please check for any scheduled engineering works that may affect your journey at weekends

Accommodation:

There is a Premier Inn, close the race venue – see this [link](#)

- Address: Pembury Road, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 0NA
- Telephone: 0871 527 9096

Accessibility:

There are designated disabled parking spaces and a disabled toilet on request at The Schools at Somerhill. The area around this is mainly flat tarmac and suitable for wheelchair access directly to the start/finish area of the course.

4. Sign on

If this event is the first time you have raced in the London & South East League this season, please collect your race numbers from the race HQ (see map) in the SDW branded Gazebo. You will need to keep these and bring them every time you race in this year's league.

We suggest you allocate at least 10 minutes to set up the number pack and timing chip. Riders are not required to sign anything, and are to use their race number for all events in the League. Riders will be confirmed at the event by the timing system picking up their timing chip at the start of the race. This means that you will not have to revisit sign-on at any other event you enter in advance once you have your race number pack.

If you have entered Rounds 1, 2,3 or 4 and have your back number and tailfin number, you will not have to visit sign on for this race.

If you have forgotten your numbers, you will need to visit the timing tent and collect a 'Bib of Shame' which you must return after your race. This will be your race number for the day only.

5. Toilets

Toilets are located in the sign-on area

6. Course map



The following points are covered in the maps above.

- First Aid
- CP – Course crossing points
- Start
- Finish
- Gridding
 1. Transfer from tarmac surface to gravel
 2. Gravel surface down wooden ramp to smooth curb onto tarmac
 3. Steep off camber drop-off
 4. Steep and muddy climb, likely to be slippery
 5. Off camber turns through woods
 6. Short drop off
 7. Narrow Bridge, funnelled with barriers and then wooden posts with netting
 8. Flat field with lots of corners

NOTE: This course may be subject to change on race day.

7. Catering

Food and drink will be supplied by Real Belgian Fries – which will be located on the sign on area (see map). Tea, Coffee, cold drinks, Belgian Fries with authentic Belgian sauces and waffles will all be available on the day.

Real Belgian Fries (Michael Kennedy/ 07796 368141/realbelgianfries@gmail.com)

8. Parking

Adjacent to The Schools at Somerhill is parking for 300 vehicles. Additional spaces are available if necessary. Please avoid parking on any grassy sections within the site.

9. Event Officials

- **Event Organiser:** Bruce Sandell/ bruce@into-tomorrow.com/ M: +44 776 457 658
- **Chief Marshals** – Greg Tate and Rob Ledger
- **Timekeeping** – LCCA Timing Team
- **Manual scoring:** Geoff Hodgson (San Fairy Ann/ Bedgebury CC) and Scott Purchas and team (Southborough & District Wheelers)
- **Venue:** Simon Steward
- **Judge:** Chris Clague
- **British Cycling Chief Commissaire** – Jon Goodge
- **British Cycling Commissaire 2** – Sarah Cook
- **British Cycling Commissaire 3** – Peter Lloyd
- **British Cycling Chief Trainee Commissaire** – Brian Gardner
- **Course Design** – Ed Fraser and Glen Whittington
- **First Aid Provider** – Collingwood Medical Services
- **Governing Body** – British Cycling

10. Race Programme and timetable

Race	Sign on Start	Sign on Close	Gridding	Race Start	Duration
Practice 1	9.00 to 9.25				
Under 10	8.45	9.30	9.25	9.30	10 mins
Under 8	8.45	9.30	9.25	9.30	10 mins
Under 12	8.45	9.30	9.45	9.50	15 mins
Under 14 + Under 16	8.45	10.00	10.15	10.20	30 mins
Practice 2	11.00 to 11.25				
Vet 50 plus Men	10.00	11.00	11.25	11.30	40 mins
Women (All Cats)	11.00	12.00	12.25	12.30	40 mins
Practice 3	13.20 to 13.40				
Junior + V40 Men	12.00	13.15	13.40	13.50	40 mins
Senior Men	13.15	14.15	14.45	14.50	60 mins

Practice times – Please note that course open times are provisional as dependent on lap times and conditions. Please look for the green course open and red closed flags for accurate info on when you can get on course.

Gridding: will be created for each event race and advertised on the [league results website](#) and Facebook page before the event, any queries in gridding may be raised on Friday via email. Please visit the London & South East Cyclo-Cross League website [rules section](#) for a full explanation on how the gridding has been created. If you believe that you should be brought forward, then you must talk to the commissaires BEFORE they start gridding riders. This is at least 15 minutes before race time. Please note that the commissaire's decision is final.

Pits:

- We will have a double pit on the course defined by yellow flags, this will be located close to the Start/Finish area. Servicing and the changing of bicycles will only be allowed in these pits. A rider may only take the pit lane with the intention of changing a bicycle, wheel or receiving mechanical assistance. We would really appreciate it if all competitors and supporters show greater care to ensure that equipment is placed in a manner that allows free movement through the pit area/s.
- When holding a bike for a rider please make sure that you do not impede another helper or rider.
- We rely upon you to self-police the pits rather than place the burden on the already very busy commissaires. The commissaires may be there in attendance to provide guidance and direction.
- Please note that for all under 10 and under 12 riders there is no option of a pit. These races are 1 bike only.
- If you are planning to have a spare bike then we advise you purchase a spare bike number as this has the timing chip in it. If you use a bike without one then you go invisible to the timing system and it relies on manual scoring and a clever process in the timing software that predicts you position in the race, however this has to be manually verified and slows down confirming a result for the prize presentation.
- We also ask that riders only place their equipment in the pits just before their race and not whilst another race is still on to avoid congestion.

Bike Wash Area:

- There is a dedicated and identified bike wash area close by the pits. Water taps are located near to the car park.
- Please **do not clean bikes in any of the car parks**, ONLY in the designated area.

11. Prize List, presentation times and results

This season there will be no prizes at each round however for this race we will have podium announcements for the top 3 in each category

Subject to the results being available, we will make these podium presentations as soon as we can after the start of the following race.

Results

Race Results and overall league tables will be published online as soon as feasible after each race. Race queries can be made up to 6pm on the Tuesday after each race by emailing admin@londonxleaguerevents.co.uk. Once finalised the results will be sent to BC update events page and allocate national rankings points.

12. Technical Regulations

- The event is run under the [rules of British Cycling](#)
- London and South East Cyclo Cross rules and info on league available [here](#)
- Results will be published on the London and South East Cyclo Cross website and Facebook pages in most cases on the day of the race
- Any queries on results please visit [here](#) for info how to do this

13. First Aid and local hospitals

- First Aid is provided by: Collingwood Services Ltd (part of the Collingwood Group) Suite 5, Minton House, Amesbury Distribution Park, London Road, Amesbury SP4 7RT
- T: 01980 623 820
- E: admin@collingwoodservices.co.uk
- First aid on the day will be Lee and Karen. Mobile 07775 511623.
- Support - if required from Alan Oakley (Southborough Wheelers), with car

Local Hospital:

Tunbridge Wells Hospital, Tonbridge Rd, Pembury, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 4Q