



Mole Valley Orienteering Club

(affiliated to British Orienteering)

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RANMORE COMMON

**Incorporating South East Compass Sport
Cup and Trophy regional qualifier
Sunday 16th January 2011**

FINAL DETAILS

Mole Valley Orienteering Club welcomes you back to one of the first areas used for orienteering in England - recently resurveyed and with improved runability Ranmore Common offers challenging and enjoyable orienteering

Event centre

We are fortunate to have the use of the National Trust's facilities at Polesden Lacey, west of Leatherhead, Surrey (GR 136524, RH5 6BD). Follow the visitor signs to Polesden Lacey from the A246. There will be no O signs. The nearest rail stations are Leatherhead and Boxhill & Westhumble. There will be a £1 parking charge (including for National Trust members). Please do not park in the main visitor car park at Polesden Lacey. Drive through the main car park into the overflow car park which is reserved for orienteers.

The catering facilities at Polesden Lacey will be available – please support them and the National Trust which has made this event possible. The National Trust restaurant and shops can be accessed without paying an entrance fee. Polesden Lacey's garden is open till 16.00 at normal National Trust rates.

Regrettably there is no space available for club tents at the event centre or in the forest.

Parking may be available for coaches at Polesden Lacey but only if agreed in advance by the National Trust so please contact the Organiser (details below) as soon as possible if you are thinking of bringing a coach.

Terrain

Ranmore Common runs along the wooded back slope of the North Downs and is incised by five steep dry valleys. It contains an extensive path network and a variety of ground features. You will not be disappointed by the size of some of the depressions. Large parts of the area comprise a mix of low yew trees and large holly bushes which is more runnable than it looks but will challenge those wanting to run straight on a bearing. There are some small rough open areas.

This is a popular area for walkers, horse riders and cyclists. Please be considerate towards them and also avoid the various cottages located across the area.

The Brown and both Blue courses cross a minor road in the east and the Brown course crosses a minor road to the west. These are normally quiet but nonetheless care is required. The busy road running along the south of the area is out of bounds to all competitors.

Entry on the day

There is limited entry on the day for all courses subject to the availability of overprinted maps:

Seniors (M/W 21+) £14 (£12 for British Orienteering National or Local Members)
Juniors and full time students £4
Yellow Course Seniors £5 & Juniors/students £3

Registration for entry on the day is open between 10.00 and 12.00

SI electronic punching will be used. SI dibbers available for hire for £1

Map and control descriptions

1:10,000, A3, newly surveyed by Mike Elliot.

Control descriptions will be on the map.

Loose control descriptions will be available at Registration. There will be no loose control descriptions at the Start.

Courses

Compass Sport Cup and Trophy entrants must run in their age class or run up. The event is open to orienteers in other clubs and to those who do not wish to count in the Compass Sport competition.

Course details are subject to final controlling

Course	Eligible Compass Sport Classes	Length/km	Climb/m	Controls
Brown	Men Open	8.3	370	15
Blue Women	Women Open	6.5	270	11
Blue Men	M45+ M20-	6.4	255	13
Green Women	W45+ W20-	4.5	150	11
Green Men	M60+	4.6	110	9
Short Green Veterans	M75+ W60+	3.5	105	8
Light Green	M18- W18-	3.7	120	8
Orange	M14- W14-	2.8	75	8
Yellow	n/a	2.0	30	9

There will be no White or String Course

The clubs expected to be competing in the Compass Sport competition are:

Cup SAX, HH, TVOC, SO, SLOW, SN
Trophy DFOK, HAVOC, LOK, GO, MV, SOS, CHIG

SO and MV went through to the Final in 2010.

Start, Finish and clothing dump

Starts run between 10.30 and 13.00. Courses close at 14.45 prompt and you must finish by this time even if you have not completed your course. The Start is approximately 2km from the car park, mostly along good paths and tracks with 60m descent and 50m ascent. Allow 40 minutes. It is approximately the same distance back from the Finish.

All competitors have start times allocated. If you are late for your start then you may have to wait for a long time before a free slot becomes available.

A punching and not a timed start will be used.

Start times will be posted on www.fabian4.org.uk and the final version is expected to go online from Thursday 13 January. Check before you travel.

There will be an unattended clothing dump along the route to the Start as it passes near the Finish. Clothing is left at owner's risk.

Don't forget to download at Polesden Lacey on your return.

Dogs

Dogs are allowed on a lead in the car park and under close control on the area.

Toilets and refreshments

National Trust toilets are available in the visitor car park. There are no toilets at the Start.

There will be no squash or water provided. Please bring your own or use the National Trust's catering facilities.

First Aid

There will be a first aid box at registration. The nearest Accident & Emergency Unit is at Royal Surrey County Hospital, Egerton Road, Guildford, GU2 7XX and details for finding this will be available at Registration.

Results

These will be available at the MV website as soon as possible after the event www.mvoc.org. We cannot guarantee providing results of the Compass Sport competition on the day.

Protests

If you have any reason to complain about the event then please talk informally with the Organiser in the first instance who will talk to other officials if necessary. If you feel compelled to make an official protest then a jury will be convened as soon as practicable.

Event Officials

Organiser Michael White (MV) mandj@white1966.freeserve.co.uk 01306 888886 (before 9pm)
Planner Tony Burton (MV)
Controller Mike Elliot (MV)

Acknowledgments

Mole Valley Orienteering Club is grateful to the National Trust and Denbies Estate for the support given to this event.

Last minute changes

Please visit the MV website before travelling to check for last minute changes or new information about this event www.mvoc.org

You are responsible for your own safety and you take part in this event at your own risk