

ALL-IRELAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING
CHAMPIONSHIPS
2024

CATEGORIES:

Championship Categories		NON-Championship Categories
1st Yr Girls		
1st Yr Boys		1st-3rd Yr PAIRS
2nd-3rd Yr Girls		Post Junior Cert PAIRS
2nd-3rd Yr Boys		
Post Junior Cert Girls		
Post Junior Cert Boys		

DATE: Thursday 25 April 2024 **Entry Deadline:** Thursday 11 April 2024 @ 23:59

COMPETITION:

Competitors must take part as individuals in the Championship categories to be competitive. A school can enter up to **8 competitive runners** in each Championship category. (Any extras will be accepted subject to availability of start times and must be declared as non-competitive when entering.) The 4 best finishers per school per category will count for Team purposes.

Schools can enter as many further competitors as they wish in the **2** Non-Championship categories.

PRIZES:

Medals will be awarded to the first 3 finishers in each Championship category. 4 medals per team will also be awarded to the first 3 teams in each Championship category. (The times of the 4 best finishers for a school will be added up for their overall time for their team in that category.)

COMPETITION RULES:

Please use the following link to read full details of the ISOC competition rules, as set out by the Irish Orienteering Schools Group (IOSG): [ISOC Competition Rules](#).

COURSES:

Courses will be planned in accordance with Orienteering Ireland colour-coded course standards, with assigned categories agreed by Irish Orienteering Schools Group.

TIMING:

Sportident (SI) electronic timing will be used. Pre-allocated SI cards will be issued to each school at Registration, for use by each competitor (1 SI card per pair). Pairs should remain together at all times throughout the course. All SI cards will be returned to the Organisers by the Teacher-in-Charge, when all their runners have finished. Any lost/unreturned SI card will incur a payment of €38, which is the replacement cost of the item.

MAPS:

Maps printed on waterproof paper will be pre-marked with the course and control descriptions.

ADULT HELPERS:

All schools must provide 1 Adult (Teacher or Parent) to be assigned a job by the Organiser, in the running of the event on the day. None of these jobs will require any knowledge of orienteering and although very important for the smooth running of the event, they are very simple tasks. The Helper's name and mobile phone number must be given on the entry sheet.

No Teacher or Adult in charge of a school team may enter the competition area (anywhere between the Start and the Finish) whilst the courses are open, without leave from the Organiser of the event. Also, any finished runners may not return to the competition area. Concerns about pupils who are out a long time should be expressed to an official near the Finish.

NB: All Adult Helpers must wear a high-vis jacket. Either they bring their own or they can borrow one from the Organiser.

ENTRY:

The event is pre-entry. Entry fees are €5.25 per competitor (1 pair = €10.50). To enter, email the Organiser to obtain the 'all-ireland secondary schools champs entry sheet'. Complete the entry sheet and email it back to the Organiser. Entry sheet and payment **MUST** be received by the Organiser by **23:59hrs** on the entry deadline date. **Absolutely no exceptions will be made to extend this deadline time/date.** This deadline is created to allow the Organiser sufficient time to prepare an efficient and smooth-running event for you.

The all-ireland secondary schools champs entry sheet must be received by email **in excel format** by the Organiser before the entry deadline. Email: marydennehyhealy@gmail.com .

As well as payment by cheque or online bank transfer:

Bank Account Details:

Account Name: Mary Dennehy Healy
Account Number: 11213012
BIC: AIBKIE2D
IBAN No.: IE53AIBK93339211213012
Bank: Allied Irish Banks plc
Sorting Code: 93-33-92
Bank Address: Cornelscourt, Dublin 18.

Postal Address: 11 Belmont Grove
Galloping Green
Blackrock
Co Dublin
A94 ED29

All cheques must be made payable to: Mary Dennehy Healy.

FINAL DETAILS:

A few days before the event, Final Details, Startlist and School Lists will be published, giving all relevant information for that event, ie directions & signposting, Startlist, terrain/map description, courses details, safety information, allocated SI card nos.

REGISTRATION:

Registration will be open from 10:30. On arrival, only the Teacher-in-Charge should come to the Registration, where they will collect their Teachers' Bag. This bag will contain all the items they need to compete:-

1. SI Cards
2. Competitors' allocated SI Card Nos list

START TIMES:

Start times will be from 11:00-13:00. Courses will close at 15:00. Maximum course time for any competitor is 120 mins, after which they should retire and download.

Start times are at the discretion of the Organiser. Schools can indicate their preferred first Start time on the Entries document and all efforts will be made to allocate them a time close to this. Schools will be intermixed, to create more competition and enjoyment for the competitors. Preferred Start times are allocated on a 'First Come' basis, in the order that full entry is received by the Organiser.

RESULTS:

ALL competitors must report to the Download, even if they don't finish their course, as all competitors on the courses must be accounted for by the Organisers, for safety reasons. Result times, including split times, will be available on the day, as the competitor downloads. Provisional placings, updated regularly, will be on display on the Results board, at the event. Live Results can be viewed online. Team results will be calculated manually afterwards and uploaded on our website.

[Live Results](#): Results can be viewed online as they happen.

Official Results will be posted that evening to:

- www.schoolsorienteing.ie - Results
- Orienteering Ireland website: www.orienteing.ie - Results
- All relevant National and local media.

WHAT TO BRING:

Students should wear appropriate and sufficient comfortable clothes for the weather, which they do not mind getting quite dirty, wet or torn. A complete change of clothes/shoes should be brought, plus towel. No food or drinks allowed on the course. Any litter from food or drink at assembly should be brought home with you, as a requirement of the use of the forest area is that we leave it as we found it. Smoking is not allowed. Interference with Controls/Sportident units will incur automatic disqualification.

PHOTOS:

As it is a public environment, photos could be taken of your students on the day. However, no student will be identified by name. If you have any student/s who do not want to appear in any photos, please identify them to the Organiser beforehand.

MEDIA:

Pre-event press releases and Results will be sent to all relevant media for Ireland – local and national. If you would like a particular media for your area contacted, please notify the Organiser, to ensure it is included.

SAFETY:

These are closed events. The Organisers are organising these schools competitions as specialist advisors. It remains the responsibility of the supervising teachers/adults to ensure discipline, to obtain parental consent forms and to retain responsibility for the safety and wellbeing of the competitors under their care.

Schools are expected to provide adequate supervision for their own students and advise them regarding their obligations towards the Country Code. At least two teachers should accompany the school to the event: Teacher-in-Charge and Adult Helper.

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Orienteering is an adventure sport and can be dangerous. Students take part at their own risk. Please ensure that your students are covered by your School Insurance policy for the day.

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