

GENERAL INFORMATION

LEINSTER SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING

CATEGORIES:

Primary:

- 5th Class Girls
- 5th Class Boys
- 6th Class Girls
- 6th Class Boys

Post-Primary:

- 1st Yr Girls
- 1st Yr Boys
- 2nd/3rd Yr Girls (A); 2nd/3rd Yr Girls (B)
- 2nd/3rd Yr Boys (A); 2nd/3rd Yr Boys (B)
- TY Girls (A); TY Girls (B)
- TY Boys (A); TY Boys (B)
- 5th/6th Yr Girls (A); 5th/6th Yr Girls (B)
- 5th/6th Yr Boys (A); 5th/6th Yr Boys (B)

Beginners:

- Beginners

COMPETITIONS:

To be eligible for a prize, a competitor must compete individually in at least 2 events of the league.

Competitors can take part as individuals or in pairs. If it is a mixed pair (boy + girl), they compete in the Boys category. However, **only individual runners qualify for prizes or earn points for their school team.** League scores will be calculated using the Irish Orienteering Association's online league tables scoring system. The onus is on the school to use exactly the same name spelling when entering competitors in each event. The software will accumulate scores for a competitor **only if** their entry details are **identical** for each event. **Competitors must earn points in a given category in at least 2 league events to qualify for an award at the end of the year.** Runners are allowed to change partners in the next event. The 3 (Post-Primary), 4 (Primary) best finishers per school per category will count for Team purposes. Their scores will be added up and, at the end of the year, prizes will also be awarded to the top team in each category where more than 1 school competes. In the event of any tie, prizes will be awarded to the competitor/school with the highest placings.

COURSES:

Courses will be planned in accordance with the Irish Orienteering Association colour-coded courses standards, with assigned categories agreed by Irish Orienteering Schools Group :

Colour	Courses
Yellow	5th Class 6th Class 1st Yr 2nd/3rd Yr (B)
Orange	2nd/3rd Yr (A) TY (B) 5th/6th Yr (B)
Red	TY (A) 5th/6th Yr (A)

B CLASSES:

B classes will be given the course below their A class, ie 2nd/3rd Yr (B) will be on the same course as 1st Yr. Only certificates will be awarded as prizes for B class winners. Organisers reserve the right to amalgamate A and B classes in cases of insufficient entries.

BEGINNERS:

There will be a Beginners course at each event for new schools. It's purpose is to give the participants a very easy course, where they can familiarise themselves with the map and its legend, as well as all other aspects of an event, ie Sportident timing, Start area, Finish/Download. It is advised that any school competing for their first time enter all their students in this category. Before the event, instruct them in how to orientate their map and familiarise them with map legends. This category is a once-off event for new schools and is not a part of the league.

LEAGUES:

There are 2 leagues: Primary; Post Primary.

TIMING:

Sportident (SI) electronic timing will be used. 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 in resealable bags 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 no. must be given in the 'Entries' document. This requirement does not apply to schools entering their first event.

NB: All Adult Helpers must wear a high-vis jacket. Either they bring their own or they can borrow one from the Organiser. This applies also to any adult patrolling the course.

ENTRY:

All events are pre-entry. Entry fees for League events are **€3.50** per competitor (**1 pair = €7**). To enter, complete the 'Entries' excel document and email it to the Organiser. All entry requirements **MUST** be received by the Organiser by 23:59hrs on the entry deadline date (see calendar). **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.

OPTION A

By Email: 1. Entries – (Post) Primary excel document

By Post: 2. Entry Payment
3. **Affiliation Fee to Irish Orienteering Schools Group (if required – see below)**

To Organiser: Mary Dennehy Healy, 11 Belmont Grove, Galloping Green, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.
Email: marydennehyhealy@gmail.com

OPTION B

By Email: 1. Entries – (Post) Primary excel document

Entry Payment: 2. Lodgment online **OR** in any **AIB branch.**
+ Affiliation Fee to Irish Orienteering Schools Group
(if required – see below)

To Organiser: marydennehyhealy@gmail.com

Account Name: Mary Dennehy Healy

Account Number: 11213012

BIC: AIBKIE2D

IBAN: IE53AIBK93339211213012

Bank: Allied Irish Banks plc

Sorting Code: 93-33-92

Bank Address: Cornelscourt, Dublin 18.

FINAL DETAILS:

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

REGISTRATION:

Registration will be open from 10.30am and is usually situated adjacent to the Finish. On arrival, only the Teacher-in-Charge should come to the Registration, where they will collect their Event Pack. This pack will contain all the items they need to compete:-

1. Competitors' Maps
2. SI Cards
3. Competitors' Allocated SI Card Numbers list
4. Teacher's Map/s

START TIMES:

Start times will be from 11.00-13.00. Competitors from the same school will start in at least 2min intervals. Courses will close at 14.00.

Start times are at the discretion of the Organiser. Schools can indicate their preferred first Start time on the 'Entries' form 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 requirements are received by the Organiser.

RESULTS:

ALL competitors must report to the Download, even if they don't finish, 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 a competitor downloads. Provisional results, updated regularly, will be on display on the Results board, at the event. On their departure from the event, Teacher-in-Charge can request a printout of the provisional results, as they stand, from the Download. Team results will be calculated manually afterwards and emailed to schools asap.

Official Results will be posted that evening to:

- Leinster Schools Orienteering website: www.schoolsorienteering.ie
- Irish Orienteering Association website: www.orienteeing.ie
- 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 should be brought home with you, as a requirement of the use of these parks is that we leave them as we found them. Smoking is not allowed. Interference with Controls/Sportident units will incur automatic disqualification.

PHOTOS:

Permission will be requested from schools to upload photos of their students on our website. No student will be identified by name. Schools can refuse permission for all their students or just certain individuals, if they wish.

All students must wear their school sports top, as identification for photos and/or safety.

MEDIA:

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

IOSG AFFILIATION:

These are closed events and all schools taking part must affiliate to the Irish Orienteering Schools Group (IOSG) which is, in turn, affiliated to the Irish Orienteering Association. Affiliation fee for the school year September 2015–June 2016 is a once-off payment of €5 per school, no matter how many events you enter in that period.

SAFETY:

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. Any further teachers could go around the course on patrol. This could also be used as an instruction exercise.

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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