

## **H.B.O.C. – Course Setters Information - Summer Events**

Summer events are held on Wednesday evenings from late January to mid March. They are generally simple events on school grounds, town parks and streets. In 2014 the results are converted to a points system and count towards the Super Summer Series with a Finals run-off of the top runners in each grade.

### **General**

- Start times are between 6pm – 7pm.
- There is no set course closure time.
- Courses required – 3 'Loop' courses & a White course.
- Courses are pre-printed on the map together with control descriptions.
- Let the club Publicity officer (publicity@hborienteering.com) know where you are starting and any special information about the event that needs to be advertised.
- Electronic controls will be used for all controls.

### **'Loop' courses**

- 3 loop courses are required.
- The courses should be made up of 3 loops, all with a central control (pivot) point.
- Design Course1 with 3 loops, then make Course2 and Course3 run the same loops, in the same direction, but in a different order.  
(eg) Course1: Start-Pivot-LoopA-Pivot-LoopB-Pivot-LoopC-Pivot-Finish  
Course2: Start-Pivot-LoopB-Pivot-LoopC-Pivot-LoopA-Pivot-Finish  
Course3: Start-Pivot-LoopC-Pivot-LoopA-Pivot-LoopB-Pivot-Finish
- The Pivot control will be very busy, so don't put it too close to the Start or Finish.
- Control features should be White or Yellow course level. (None at Red level.)
- Competitors are started off, three at a time, at 1 minute intervals.
- The total course length should be no more than 3 km. (Runnable course, not straight line course.) The estimated winning time for the best competitors should be 12 – 15 minutes.

### **White course**

- Refer to the official specifications for white courses (see Course setters checklist).
- Avoid crossing public roads during the course.
- The total course length should be no more than 1.5 km.

### **Other**

- The CONDES computer program should be used to produce control descriptions and courses.
- Control descriptions must be in English, not symbols, and will be printed on the map.
- The CONDES file will be used to produce the maps for the event. This needs to be with the map master (maps@hborienteering.com) by the Sunday evening prior to your event to enable maps to be printed by Wednesday.
- Use the normal controls with the electronic clippers. Control codes are 101 – 165.

### **Results**

- The results are produced from the computer system.
- Each finisher takes their own results slip from the printer when they download.
- A full results list should be printed now-and-then and displayed at the caravan.
- Final results are put onto the website.

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### **Set up suggestions**

As there is likely to be a large number of people competing in a short space of time, here are some suggestions to help organise the crowds:

- Control descriptions should only be in text and should only be printed on the map. No loose control descriptions are needed.
- At the start – put the maps into boxes and have competitors stand behind the boxes & pick up their own map when their start time arrives.
- Have competitors waiting for a start standing behind a line behind the starter. This will avoid crowding around the starter and will allow the starter to call up and give instructions to the competitors on the start-line.
- Put up the 'Finish' banner at the finish, beside the finish control. The finish control is an electronic control, so the finish line does not have to be manned. However, keep an eye open for finishers who forget to dip their SICard at the finish control.
- Put up obvious signs near the finish pointing to the 'Download' computer. Everybody must report back to the computer and download their SICard.
- Good luck, have fun and thank you for your contribution to the success of HBOC.

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