

SOUTHDOWNS ORIENTEERS

Tilgate Regional Event

Final Details

Sun 2nd February, 2020



Southdowns Orienteers welcome you to Tilgate and hope you enjoy your run.

**We are grateful to Crawley Borough Council & The Forestry Commission
for the use of these areas.**

Officials

Planner: Neil Crickmore (SO)

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Car Parking and Directions

Main car parking: TQ276345. Postcode: RH10 5PQ

Pay and Display Car Park. £1.10/hour or £5.50/day. From M23/A23 take Pease Pottage exit, follow signs towards Crawley, then follow brown tourist signs to Tilgate Park (which also directs visitors entering Crawley from other directions). **Updated Postcode: RH11 9BQ for K2 Leisure Centre - where Tilgate Park road is signed from. There is another access via Titmus Drive which can also be used.** There is a 2.1m height restriction in all Tilgate Park car parks.

Mini-Buses: Please contact the organiser if you wish to bring a mini-bus or a vehicle higher than 2.1m and we will arrange parking for you.

Public Transport

The nearest train station is Crawley, approx 2km to the north of the event. Bus 2 will take you all the way to Tilgate Park - it's the stop after K2 Leisure Centre.

Event layout

Everyone will park in the same main car park. Entries (from a car), enquiries, SI registration and download computers will be on the north side of the car park. Toilets are located on the south side of the car park, with the start 100m to the south west of the toilets and the finish 150m to the south east. If you have pre-entered and have your own SI dibber, then you may go straight to the start.

Electronic timing - SIAC and SI dibbers

The event will use contactless SIAC electronic timing and also support non contactless dibbers. You must dib the start and the finish. SIAC and SI dibbers are available for hire. If you have pre-entered and need to pick up an SIAC or SI dibber, please go to the computer team in the blue tent to collect it.

Entry on the Day

EOD will be in a car identified by an Entries Flag and will be open from 9:30 to 11:30. The number of course maps available for entry on the day will be limited. First come will be first served.

Courses	BO Senior fee	Other Senior fee
All other courses	£11.00	£13.00
white, yellow, orange,	£5.00	£7.00
SO juniors free, other juniors £3 per event. Juniors are age 20 and under.		

Facilities and SO Junior Cake Stall

Toilets are provided in the car park. There is a large free children's play area and Go Ape Treetop Adventure nearby, as well as a Nature Centre with lots of animals.

Options for food include: the SO cake stall (with contributions going towards the SO junior squad), the café in the walled garden or the Smith and Western adjacent to the car park.

Start

Starts are from 10:00 to 12:00. There are no allocated start times, but your name will be ticked off our list of starters. The start is approx 100m from Car Parking, to the southwest of the toilets. Please take care crossing the car park and access road. Loose control descriptions will be available at -3 minutes. Yellow and White maps will be available before the start.

Finish

The finish is located to the southeast of the toilets, between the children's play area and GoApe junior. Everyone must dib the final control, then follow tapes back to the car park to download.

Course Close

Courses close at 2pm. You must report to download by 2pm to avoid unnecessary searches being launched.

Mapping

Map 1:10,000 - survey and cartography by Neil Crickmore 2018 with updates in Jan 2020.

Drawn to ISOM 2017 using a LIDAR base map.

Control descriptions

Loose descriptions for all courses will be available in the start lanes at -3 minutes.

	On map		Loose	
	Pictorial	Written	Pictorial	Written
All other courses	✓		✓	
White, yellow and orange	✓			✓

Terrain and course notes

Tilgate park consists of a mixture of woodland and a well-maintained country park. The area is split into two by the M23 motorway - only the Brown and Blue courses cross this using one or both of the two mapped footbridges. There are a number of Out of Bounds areas marked by black and white stripes on the map which must be avoided, one of these includes a clay pigeon shooting area, competitors should not be alarmed if they hear shooting. The white and yellow courses have been planned to avoid this area.

The white course uses some additional signs to lead the competitors in the correct direction. Competitors on other courses should ignore these signs.

Course details

Course	Length (km)	Climb (m)	Controls
Brown	9.6	130	19
Blue	7.1	120	14
Green	4.5	60	12
Short / light green *	3.6	50	10
Orange	2.7	40	9
Yellow	2.0	35	9
Assisted White	1.7	35	9

Since Tilgate Park does not offer particularly technical or physical terrain the short green and light green classes will run the same course which will be labelled S/L green. The classes will however be separated in the results to allow calculation of individual colour awards.

The "Assisted White" course is an entry on the day course. This is shorter than the yellow course and is ideal for those juniors wanting to try it on their own. It will include signs to help with directions.

SAFETY WARNINGS

- *Safety bearing information - If you become disorientated, head North.*
- *Everyone should carry a whistle on their course and have full leg cover.*
- *Do not go onto the motorway - there are two footbridges to cross.*
- *Wooden bridges can be very slippery – take care.*
- *There is a fenced clay pigeon shooting area in the middle of the area. Yellow and white courses avoid this area, but orange and above may run adjacent to it. There is a chance that shooting may be taking place, but it is contained within the fenced area.*
- *This is an area which is shared with members of the public and dogs. Please show respect to other users.*
- *If you come to the event alone, we would be grateful if you could leave your named vehicle keys / details at registration.*
- *Please remember that competitors take part at their own risk. Orienteering is an adventure sport, your safety while orienteering is your own responsibility.*

Shadowing children

Parents are welcome to shadow/follow their child. If parents or carers want to shadow/follow their child and they want to run their own individual course, they should run their own course first and please not pick up an extra map at the start.

Dog restrictions

Dogs must be kept on lead around Tilgate Lake at all times. Dogs are allowed off lead elsewhere in the park so long as the owner has them in sight, can bring them to heel at any time and they do not cause a nuisance to other park users. Dogs are excluded from the Nature Centre, Walled Garden and play area.

Clothing and Safety Equipment

The torso and legs must be covered. For safety reasons we recommend you carry a whistle. The distress signal is six short blasts, wait one minute, then repeat.

First Aid

Club First Aiders are available throughout the event and can be found at the blue download tent.

Water

Water will not be provided at the finish. We recommend you bring your own.

Complaints, Protests and Appeals

In the first case the competitor should discuss any concerns with the Planner, Controller or Organiser, dependent on the problem. If this does not resolve the issue then Complaints should be made to the Day Organiser in writing via Enquiries. A Complaint should be made as soon as possible after the problem is identified and no more than 15 minutes after the last result being displayed. The Organiser is the adjudicator. A Protest can only be made against the Organiser's decision, in writing to the Controller, again via Enquiries. Protests and appeals will be handled under the current British Orienteering Rules.

Photography

In accordance with British Orienteering Child Welfare Policy and Procedures, we request that any person wishing to engage in any video, zoom or close range photography should make themselves aware of British Orienteering policy. Organisers reserve the right to challenge anyone who is giving cause for concern. Photos may be taken by the event organisers and published on Southdowns Orienteers website. Please inform the event organiser if you do not wish you or your child to be photographed.

Data Protection

Personal information provided for this event will be used to process your entry, communicate about the event, publish results and check for missing runners only.