



SOUTH YORKSHIRE ORIENTEERS
Urban Sprint Relays
(incorporating a UK Relay League race)



Saturday 1st Sept. 2012

**The Edge Campus,
Sheffield University**



Final Details

PARKING: Parking is on residential streets - use Riverdale Road, Endcliffe Park Avenue or Endcliffe Grove Avenue, as shown on the map. Please park considerately and do not block driveways. Alternatively, buses from the city centre can be used to Broomhill or Hunters Bar, from where it is a short walk to assembly.

TOILETS: **There are no toilets at the event.** There are public toilets in Endcliffe Park (enter the Park at the bottom of Riverdale Road, cross the river and head downstream 200m to park Cafe which has adjacent toilets).

ASSEMBLY: The route to the assembly area within Endcliffe Crescent will pass through the competition area and so everyone **MUST** be in Assembly by 1.45pm. The route will be marked from the entrance to the Edge Campus on Endcliffe Vale Road, just N of the junction with Riverdale Road (marked by arrow on map). The assembly area is a gently sloping grass area and is suitable for club tents.



REGISTRATION: Team captains/leaders can collect team numbers from registration. Forms to make changes to pre-declared teams are also available from registration. Individual entrants who have been assigned to teams can meet here. There are a small number of spare teams – contact the organiser if you are looking for a late entry.

TERRAIN: The area consists of a mix of new and old university student accommodation comprising many converted Victorian houses and gardens and more traditional halls of residence spread across a number of public roads. The underfoot conditions will be approx 70% tarmac and 30% grass / woodland / rough open. Unless conditions are very wet, trainers will be fine. The small parts of wood / rough open should not require any leg protection, i.e. shorts should be ok.

IMPORTANT – OTHER CAMPUS USERS: The Edge Campus Conference facilities are being used on the day and delegates will be moving between buildings and accommodation blocks. The areas in use have been marked as Out of Bounds (red hatching) and the courses have been planned to avoid them. However, some delegates may leave early on foot or car and you may encounter them on your course. **PLEASE GIVE WAY TO THEM** – it was difficult getting permission to use the area on the same day as the conferences.

MAP: 1:3,000, 2.5m contours, newly updated by Neil Northrop for this event. There is no legend on the map. It is printed on A4 waterproof paper and will be sealed with a label containing your team number and leg on. As with all urban events, please respect all uncrossable boundaries (thick black lines depicting uncrossable fences and walls, solid green lines depicting hedges) and private/OOB areas marked in olive green. Teams will be disqualified if uncrossable areas/boundaries are crossed. Note that there are a number of places where it will be tempting to do so – we will be watching!

SPECIAL MAP SYMBOLS:

Brown cross: root stocks, in some places there may be more than one root stock on the ground but only one on the map.

Black cross: a number of exercise stations are situated around the area, these are marked with a black cross.
 Filled in green circles: some single tree symbols have the green circle filled by a lighter green – this depicts a single tree with branches down to the ground.

COURSES AND START TIMES:

Class	Course	Distance (straight line)	Climb	Controls	Leg 1 Start time
Mens UKRL	A	2.86-2.94km	80m	30	2.15pm
Womens UKRL	B	2.36-2.54km	80m	25	2.15pm
Handicap	B	2.36-2.54km	80m	25	From 2pm (see published start list)
	C	1.74-1.79km	40m	20	
Kids	D	1.19-1.23km	25m	14	2.00pm

The urban 'bloat factor' is between 45% on the Kids course and 70% on the Mens UKRL, i.e. the optimum route for the 2.9km Mens course is approx 5km.

CONTROL DESCRIPTIONS: All courses except Kids will have pictorial control descriptions – the Kids will have text descriptions. These will be printed on the front of the map.

CONTROLS: These will be a mixture of SI units on canes, aluminium stakes and hung on wire all with a normal size kite. The control number is on the SI unit. The aluminium stakes will also have the number on the stake.

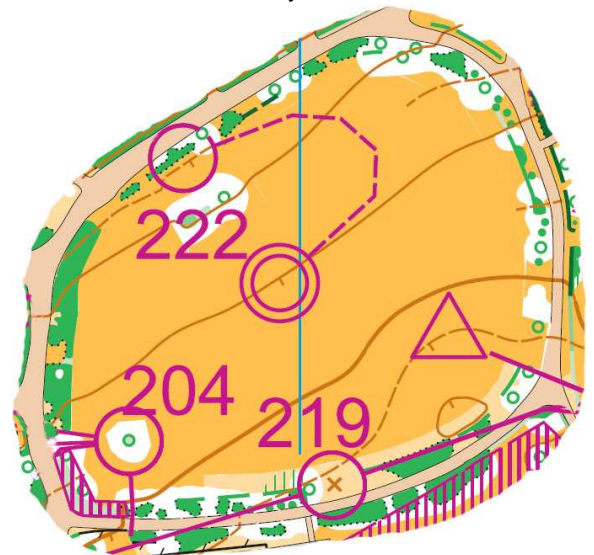
SPECTATOR CONTROLS: There are 3 spectator controls, 2 of which will be visited by courses Men's and Women's Classes - the 1st is at approx 30% of the course and the 2nd at 85%. Depending on courses allocated to the handicap, the Handicap runner may visit 1 or 2 of the 3. On the Kids Class the single spectator control is at approx 30% but the competitors can be seen passing near the 2nd spectator control on the other courses as they enter the last part of their course (at 80%).

CHANGEOVER: Within the changeover area you will clear your SI card, display your number bib and receive the appropriate map. Check you map matches your running number. Wait in the waiting pen for your incoming runner. You will see them pass a spectator control (204) shortly before the end of their course. There will be no announcement of incoming runners. Handover is by touch.

START & FINISH LAYOUT: The map extract shows the Start, the last control (222) used by all courses, the run-in and the Finish. It also shows spectator control 219 which is only used by courses C and D, and spectator control 204 which is used by courses A, B and C (but not D).

FINISH: The finish control will be positioned after the finish line. Please keep in order once crossing the finish line. Incoming 1st and 2nd leg runners will punch AFTER handing over to their outgoing team member. On the 3rd leg it is the crossing of the finish line that determines the relay results.

PRIZEGIVING: In assembly, as soon as possible after the relays finish. Prizes kindly sponsored by Buff.



POST RELAY SCORE EVENT: Anyone wishing for a little more exercise can enter the (free to Relay runners) Score event. The planner has selected 50 of the relay controls and adjusted the OOB area (to allow for departing conference delegates) and competitors will have 30 minutes to visit as many as possible.

OFFICIALS: Organisers: Martin Ward, phone 0114 220 9553 / 07974 355181 (between 7-10pm).
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 Planner: Tim Tett
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DOGS: Allowed, but should be kept on a lead.

ACCOMMODATION: On site, including B&B, see: <http://www.sheffield-rooms.co.uk/halls/endcliffe.aspx>

SAFETY: Competitors take part in this event **at their own risk.**