

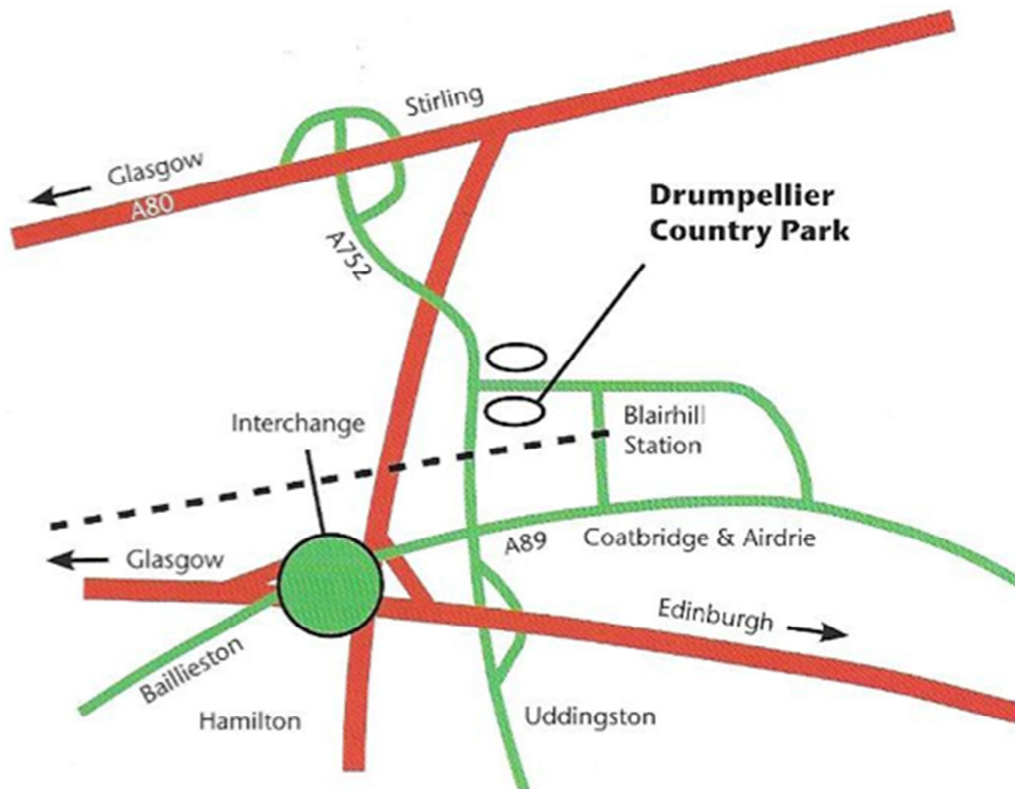
Scottish Schools Orienteering Festival 2017

FINAL INFORMATION

Travel

Due to the major road works affecting the M8/M73 it is very difficult to give accurate exit numbers from the M8 for those travelling from the East to Coatbridge. Temporary closures and diversions are constantly changing. Currently the choice seems to be exiting at Junction 8 and following diversion signs for Coatbridge and navigating through the town to the A752. The alternative route is to stay on the M8 and follow signs for the M73/M80 to roundabout then up M73 and exit for Gartcosh and then follow the A752 for 3 miles and then turn East onto Townhead Road where Drumpellier CP is situated. You may wish to check the Transport Scotland website for the latest closures.

The Country Park lies beside the A752, two miles south of Junction 2a on the M73 and two miles north of the Baillieston Interchange on the M8/A8 Glasgow to Edinburgh Road. Tel No for the Country Park is 01235 422257.



On arrival at the event the team organiser should proceed to the Education Room in the visitor centre where SI dibbers can be collected for the whole team. Take care to give the correct dibber to each pupil and any unused dibbers are returned. Warn the pupils that lost dibbers will cost the school £30. Can those orienteers who have their own SI dibber, please bring it to the event.

Terrain and Safety

The area has a good path network with a main track around Lochend Loch. Mixed woodland and fast, flat tracks. Please note that some the undergrowth is high this year. There will be a lot of controls in the area – please advise competitors that, even on the shorter courses they will come across controls that are not on their course. **They should therefore check the code number on the control before punching!**

Map

The map scale is **1:10000** with the contour interval at 5 m. The map will be printed on A4 size waterproof paper. The map was updated in May 2017 by B Young. Control Descriptions will be in written format and printed on the front of the map.

Descriptions

There will be no loose descriptions.

A few perhaps less obvious descriptions being used are:

Control symbol on map	Description used	What it looks like
Green X	Root Stock	Fallen tree or large tree stump
Black X	Tall wooden post	Large(2.4m) T-post
Brown	Gully	A dry ditch
Dark green 'blob'	Thicket	Thick group of trees or Rhododendron

Start

The start will be close to the Visitor Centre and to the car park. Starts are from 10.15 to 12.30. Start lists above.

Finish

Please ask all runners to punch the finish control and then proceed to the download as quickly as possible. This will help to ensure that the results can be processed as soon as possible. Download will be located in the Education Room in the Visitor Centre.

Toilets/Café

These are available in the Visitor Centre.

Trophies

There are team trophies for each course worked out from the total time of best three from the school. Overall Schools Trophies, Primary and Secondary, go to the school with most runners within twice the winners time.

Prize Giving

This will take place as soon as possible after 1.15 pm. Current trophy holders – please return these to registration on arrival.

Litter

Please help us to keep litter to a minimum by encouraging your pupils to either use the bins provided or take litter home. Runners are asked not to take food or drink out on their course as this inevitably leads to litter being dropped. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Disqualifications

This year, pupils who cannot find controls, visit the wrong one or visit them in the wrong order will not be disqualified but will have a 10 minute penalty for each one missing. Pupils who deliberately miss controls may still be disqualified.

Courses

Course	Distance	Climb	Controls
P5/6 G	1900m	0 m	11
P5/6 B	2170 m	0 m	11
P7 G	2220 m	5 m	10
P7 B	2310 m	25 m	10
S1 G	2650m	35 m	11
S1 B	2640 m	25m	10
S2/3 G	2820 m	30m	9
S2/3 B	3030 m	35 m	12
S4/5/6 G	3980 m	50 m	13
S4/5/6 B	4440 m	60 m	14

This year we have an entry of over 400 pupils from 60 Schools and they will be travelling from Dalbeattie in the South to Fortrose in the North, Oban in the West to East Lothian on the East coast.

Results

Results will be online at www.ssoa.org.uk/results/2017/ and it is hoped that provisional results will be updated at intervals during the day.