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## ***British Sprint Relay Championships 2024***

***University of Birmingham***

***22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 5pm-8pm***

Hosted by Harlequins Orienteering Club

Part of the British Sprint Weekend 22-23 June 2024



### ***Welcome***

The British Sprint Relay Championships are open to members of the British Orienteering Federation and to members of overseas IOF affiliated Federations.

### ***Event Centre***

Alan Walters Building, University of Birmingham B15 2SB

Below is a map excerpt for illustrative purposes only.



The University of Birmingham was last used for a UKUL and WMUL Event in 2018.

We are grateful to University of Birmingham for the use of the campus and the excellent facilities. Thanks to Leanne Drury, Event Co-ordinator for University of Birmingham and Bob Scott from Harlequins Orienteering Club who enabled the event to go ahead on the same day as the University Open Day.

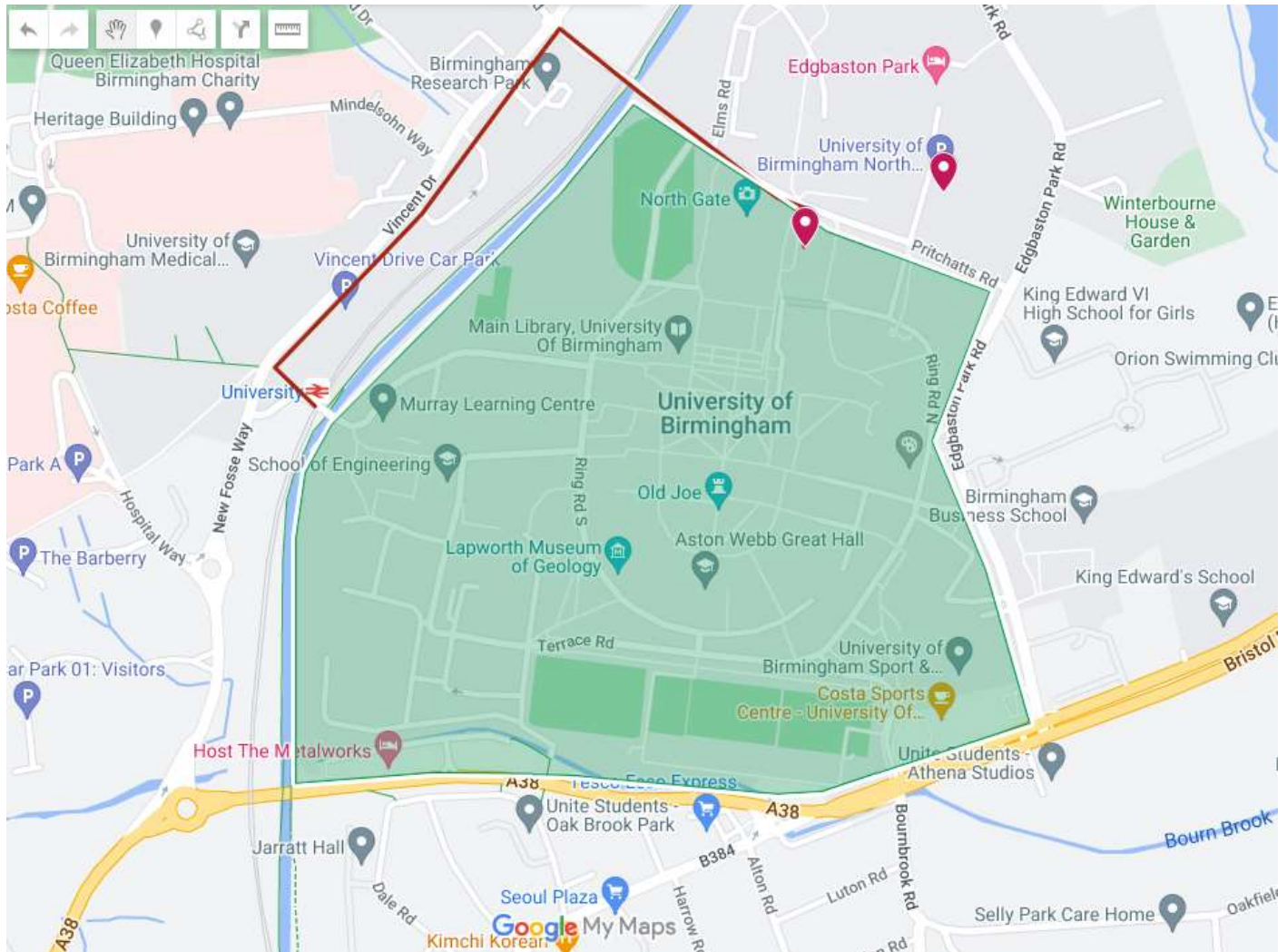
### ***Travel***

The University of Birmingham is easily accessible by car, train, and bus. The University Railway station is 0.5 miles from the Event Centre. Free car parking is available in the University of Birmingham North East Car Park, Pritchatts Road, Birmingham B15 2SA (see map next page). Height restriction is 2.1m. Please park vans and minibuses in designated areas nearby.

The university campus to the south of Pritchatts Road (shaded green) is out of bounds to all competitors prior to their runs, save for the access to the Event Centre and spectator area, which are at the Alan Walters Building.

All competitors must approach the Event Centre via a signed route leading from the pedestrian crossing on Pritchatts Road Birmingham B15 2SA. This crossing must be used by all entrants using the event car park.

If you are travelling by train, alight at the University Station. You must **NOT** enter the university campus by crossing the bridge over the canal to the east of the station (via Westgate). Please turn right when coming out of the station exit and walk along Vincent Drive. Turn right onto Pritchatts Road and walk down to the signed path leading to the Alan Walters Building.



## ***Terrain and Map***

The University was established in 1900 and has gone through several phases of expansion and redevelopment since. The campus has an intricate network of buildings with changes of level to challenge you.

Notable landmarks include the world's highest freestanding clock tower and the new Green Heart open space.

Map scale 1:4,000 contours 2.5m for Elite course, 1:3000 contours 2.5m for all other courses. The map has been drawn in accordance with ISSprOM 2019-2 by Alison Sloman. Mapping Advisor Rod Postlethwaite.

For a previous map of the area click on the following link: [Birmingham University Urban - Pt 2 2018-06-17](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/urban-pt2-2018-06-17) ([routegadget.co.uk](http://routegadget.co.uk)) It is worth noting that many of the areas previously marked out of bounds are now accessible.

## ***Punching system***

SportIdent timing will be used. All controls including the finishes will be enabled for contactless punching with SIACs. Competitors will be able to hire contactless and non-contactless dibbers (see fees below).

## ***Timings***

The event will be held in the evening as there is a University Open Day taking place until 4pm. Provisional timings are:

4.00 pm	Car Park opens
4.15 pm	Enquiries, bib collection etc for Elites opens
5.00 pm	Elite team declarations close. Enquiries, bib collection etc for all other courses opens
5.30 pm	Elite race start (4 legs)
5.45 pm	Non Elite team declarations close
6.00 pm	Junior -12 and -16 races start (3 legs)
6.10 pm	Ad Hoc race starts (3 legs)
6.20 pm	Vets race starts (3 legs)
6.30 pm	Ultra and Super Vets Vets races start (3 legs)
7:30pm	Prize Giving

Call-ups will be 10 minutes before start times.

## ***Trophy, Medals, Rules and Eligibility***

The British Sprint Relay Championships are open to members of the British Orienteering Federation and to members of overseas IOF affiliated Federations.

To be eligible to be British Sprint Relay Champions (all classes except for Ad Hoc; see Neighbouring Clubs Alliance below), all members of a team must meet the club representation eligibility requirements in the British Orienteering Rules of Orienteering and the individual eligibility requirements.

The competition rules can be found at <https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/rules>; British Sprint Relay Championship rules in section T.

To be eligible to be a British Champion (or a member of an eligible team), an individual competitor must on the day immediately preceding the day of competition in question be a member of British Orienteering and either be a British citizen or have been a member of British Orienteering in each of the three membership years preceding the year of the competition. For Juniors who are not British citizens, the membership criteria are as in British Sprint Championships rules.

To be eligible for British Sprint Relay Championship medals, all the members of a relay team must be eligible under the criteria specified above and the team must be representing a club which, on the day immediately before the day of competition in question, is affiliated to British Orienteering,

In the elite and junior (rule waiver applied for) classes the UK Relay League Neighbouring Clubs Alliance may apply - Geographically adjacent clubs are permitted to form combined teams ("Alliances"). Two clubs that wish to form such an alliance must satisfy the following criteria: The two combining clubs must be geographically adjacent. Neither club has fielded a team that finished in the top ten of the overall UK Relay league standings in the previous year in either

the Men's or Women's competitions. Alliance teams must be treated as competitive and will be eligible to win medals. Any clubs who wish to take advantage of this proposal must notify Events and Competitions Committee and be approved no later than 4 weeks before the event. Email the Organiser using [bsrc2024@gmail.com](mailto:bsrc2024@gmail.com) if assistance is needed.

The British Sprint Relay Championship Trophy will be presented to the eligible winners of the Elite class relay. British Championship medals will be awarded to the members of the eligible first, second and third placed teams in all classes (apart from the Ad Hoc Class).

In table form, the above translate into:

	Elite	Vet (40+)	Super Vet (55+)	Ultra Vet (65+)	Junior (16-)	Young Junior (12-)	Ad Hoc - competitive	Ad Hoc – non-competitive
Number of runners to be eligible *	2 men 2 women	2 men 1 women	2 men 1 women	2 men 1 women	2 men 1 women	2 men 1 women	2 men 1 women	Any 3 runners
Age restriction to be eligible?	No	Yes, all 40+	Yes, all 55+	Yes, all 65+	Yes, all 16 or younger	Yes, all 12 or younger	No	
Same club for all runners to be eligible?	Yes						No	
Eligible for British Sprint Relay Champion medals?	Yes if all members of a team meet the club representation eligibility requirements in the British Orienteering Rules of Orienteering and the individual eligibility requirements						No	
Does Neighbouring Clubs Alliance rule apply for BO clubs?	Yes	No, all runners must be from same club			Yes		No, as any mix of clubs allowed	
Can international teams run?	Yes, under same club & sex rules as above						Yes	
Medals awarded?	Yes for 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> teams eligible to be British Sprint Relay Champions						No	
Trophy awarded?	Yes for 1 <sup>st</sup> eligible BO affiliated team	No						

\* Teams may include more than the minimum number of female runners for their class or be all female

## Relay Classes

Teams which do not satisfy the requirements for the relay class they are entering will be shown as non-competitive in the results. No men's only teams will be allowed to run in the Elite class.

Elite- Teams of 4 people (at least 2 females) running 4 legs with only females running the first and last legs. The four must all be members of the same club or an "Alliance team" (see above). TD3.

Veteran (40+) - 3 legs, free running order, with teams consisting of 3 people in class M/W40 or older, of which at least one must be female. The three must all be members of the same club. TD3. Middle leg shorter.

Super Veteran (55+) - 3 legs, free running order, with teams consisting of 3 people in class M/W55 or older, of which at least one must be female. The three must all be members of the same club. TD3. Middle leg shorter.

Ultra Veteran (65+) - 3 legs, free running order, with teams consisting of 3 people in class M/W65 or older, of which at least one must be female. The three must all be members of the same club. TD3. Middle leg shorter.

Junior (16-) - 3 legs, free running order, with teams of 3 people in class M/W16 or younger, of which at least one must be female. The three must all be members of the same club. TD3. Middle leg shorter.

Young Juniors (12-) - 3 legs, free running order, with teams consisting of 3 people in class M/W12 or younger, of which at least one must be female. The three must all be members of the same club. TD2.

Ad Hoc (Mixed age classes) - 3 legs, free running order, with teams consisting of 3 people, of which at least one must be female. Middle leg shorter. Not a BSRC championship class. TD3

Teams may include more than the minimum number of female runners for their class or be all female.

## **Entries**

Entries must be made via [SiEntries - Events List](#)

Entries will open on 8th April and will close at 23:59 hrs on 9<sup>th</sup> June. There will be a price increase after 19th May.

Team declarations and changes can be made any time up until 23:59 on 16 June. After this time changes can only be made on the day if there are good reasons for needing them.

SI card hire will be available via SiEntries. The fee will be £3-00 per SIAC (contactless) and £1-50 per non-contactless card.

Entry fees per team are:

Sprint Relays	Entries up to and including 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Entries from 20 <sup>th</sup> May
Elite class	£72	£80
All Veteran and Ad Hoc classes	£54	£60
Both Junior classes	£27	£30
Elite Junior/University *	£36	£40

\* For Junior (M/W18 & M/W20) teams entering the Elite class wishing to claim a reduced fee per team, all team members must be M/W20 or younger.

## **Adhoc Team Matching Service**

To encourage as many participants as possible to take part in this event, we are offering a matching service for individuals not able to form a three-person team on their own. Please complete the following survey with your details including: Your name, BOF age class, preferred leg (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>) and we will try and match you with another 1-2 competitors to make up a team.

Please use the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BSRC2024> to enable us to match you up with other suitable team members.

If you wish to make use of this matching service, please complete the survey by 12noon on Thursday 6th June at the latest. You will be informed of potential matches by 11pm on 7th June. You will be responsible for confirming your team and entering via SiEntries before 23:59 on 9th June.

## **Accommodation**

Overnight accommodation is available on site at the Edgbaston Park Hotel (see map above). For more details go to [Edgbaston Park Hotel & Conference Centre](#) You can book online at [reservations@edgbastonparkhotel.com](mailto:reservations@edgbastonparkhotel.com) There is a 15% discount using code BRIT24 if you book before 11/5/24.

## ***Food***

We have arranged for Amazing Grace, a Caribbean catering company to provide hot meals and cold drinks including Jerk Chicken and Vegan Curry served with rice and peas. The cost of a hot meal + cold drink is £12 per large portion or £6 per small portion. Please pay on the day. Available from 6-8pm at the Event Centre. If you would like a hot meal please state how many large or small portions you require via SiEntries.

## ***Cancellations and changes***

Harlequins Orienteering Club reserve the right to cancel or curtail the event whether for operational reasons, Force Majeure, or other reasons, in which case HOC reserves the right to retain all or part of the entry fees. In the event of cancellation or curtailment, HOC will not make any payments for compensation of losses incurred by the entrant e.g. for accommodation and travel costs.

A team entry can be cancelled up to the closing date; a full refund minus an Si Entries cancellation fee of 3.5% will be given. No refunds will be possible after the entry closing date. Amendments which do not affect the entry costs may be made without charge until the closing date. Amendments after the closing date, except for team declarations, will not be possible.

Beyond the above, the normal Si Entries Competitor Terms and Conditions for entrants will apply.

## ***Dogs***

As the event is on a university campus dogs are permitted but only when on a lead. Any dog mess must be picked up.

## ***Safety and Risk***

A comprehensive risk assessment will have been carried out by the organiser, but participants take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety during the event.

## ***Officials***

Organiser: Ian Gamlen (HOC)

Deputy Organiser: Peter Langmaid (HOC)

Planners: John Leeson (HOC)

Deputy Planner: Simon Thompson (HOC)

Controller: Roger Edwards (LEI)

Deputy Controller: Ranald Macdonald (DVO)

Event Centre Manager: Bob Scott (HOC)

## ***Queries***

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