



Final Details – Gordonstoun Parkland/Urban Sprint - 5 February 2022

Moravian Orienteers welcomes you to Gordonstoun School for a Parkland/Urban Sprint event. This will be the second event in a weekend of orienteering in the highland region, following INVOC's SOUL 2 event on 4 February 2023 (final details are linked here: [SOUL 2 Inverness City Race - Final Event Details](#)).

We would like to give a special thank you to **Gordonstoun School** for giving its permission to stage the event.

Event Safety

- **Road Safety**
 - The three sprint courses (long, medium and short) will cross the main campus road. All participants must check for traffic before crossing any road.
 - Drivers are to observe the speed limit of 20 mph within the School Grounds, which is reduced to 10 mph in front of Gordonstoun House. Please pay attention to 'caution runner' signs and be aware that pedestrians and cyclists have right of way in front of Gordonstoun House.
 - Drivers are to observe the school's reverse-park only policy and reverse-park for the safety of pupils, staff and fellow participants.
- **Water Hazards.** Participants are advised that Gordonstoun has a number of pond areas within the school grounds. Ponds must not be entered.
- **Terrain Hazards.**
 - Participants are advised that the wooded areas and the steep slopes found mostly in the south-west of the mapped area are likely to be slippery and muddy. These areas may also contain brambles; denser, lower visibility, vegetation; and many head-height branches. Grippped shoes and full leg cover are highly recommended.
 - Participants are advised that the terrain has a number of trip hazards, including tree roots, stony and broken ground, kerbs, steps and fallen branches/logs.
- **Disorientation.** Participants are advised that the safety bearing is to head north to the main Gordonstoun Estate Road or to the Gordonstoun School (northern) Estate boundary.
- **Other Users.** Participants are advised that Gordonstoun School remains active on the day of the event and staff, pupils and other people may be using the area, paths and its buildings. Participants are advised to be aware of other users and to avoid potential collisions.
- **Course Closure.** Participants must report to download by course closure at 14:00 hours, even if retired and not completing the course.
- **First Aid.** A first aid kit will be available at registration, as and if required. The nearest hospital is Dr Gray's in Elgin (15 mins drive away). A map will be available at registration, if required.

Terrain

Gordonstoun estate offers an ideal venue for Parkland/Urban Sprint Orienteering. The terrain is relatively flat overall and consists of parkland, some wooded areas, short steeper sections and multiple complex buildings throughout the grounds with a good path and road network. Currently, some parts are pretty wet, with lots of puddles and some unmapped standing water/marshy areas on the paths and open ground. Some of the ditches may also contain water - please observe those that are marked as un-crossable.

Parts of the urban area consist of narrow lanes, low head-height passage ways and stairways. The wooded areas are mostly runnable but contain brambles and denser, lower visibility, vegetation in parts.



Areas of the campus not included in the competition are out-of-bounds to visitors and competitors. Please also be mindful that students and staff will be on campus throughout the event.

Participants are reminded to acquaint themselves with the map symbols for sprint orienteering and un-crossable boundaries, in particular.

- Please respect and observe all un-crossable boundaries and out-of-bounds areas on the map, even if the terrain suggests that the area/feature could be crossed.
- Please note that the Cricket Pitch is marked as out-of-bounds.
- Should participants be seen to cross an un-crossable boundary or knowingly cross one, then they will be disqualified or should declare themselves disqualified, respectively.

Directions

By Road

Gordonstoun School ([what3words /// diets.pigtails.splint](#)) is situated to the north east of the village of Duffus ([what3words /// wakes.universes.hamster](#)) in Moray.

Access to the event from **all** directions will be via Duffus on the B9012 and the School's West Gate and **all** departures from the event will be via the School's East Gate. **Please observe and respect this one-way system into and out of the School Grounds.** The event will be signed from the junction of the B9012 and Gordonstoun Road.



From Edinburgh, Glasgow and the South, please follow the M90 and A9 to Perth. After which you follow signs to Inverness and Aviemore. Just after Aviemore take the A95 to Grantown-on-Spey and then follow signs to Forres. At Forres join the A96 to Elgin. As you approach Elgin, at the Eight Acres Hotel, turn left and follow the road for one mile before turning left onto the B9012 signposted Hopeman. After four miles you'll reach the village of Duffus. The Post Office will appear in front of you as the road bends to the left. At this point turn right into Gordonstoun Road.

From Inverness, please follow the A96 to Nairn, Forres and Elgin, and then follow the instructions above.

From Aberdeen, follow the A96 towards Inverness, through Huntly, Keith, Fochabers and Elgin. Look out for the Eight Acres Hotel on your right and follow the instructions as above.

Parking

- On entering Gordonstoun Road, continue for approximately 500m to the West Gate and then into the school grounds. At the West Gate, continue for approximately 1 km, past Gordonstoun House (the main school building) and the King George V playing fields. Car parking will be at the Sports Ground car park, immediately on the right after the playing fields. Parking marshalls will direct you.
- Please Park only in this designated parking area, unless directed to an overflow parking area (which will be by Gordonstoun House). The school has a strict reverse-park only policy for the safety of its pupils and staff, so **please reverse-park only into spaces**. Please observe the Gordonstoun School **speed limit of 20-mph** for the safety of pupils, residents and fellow participants, which is **reduced to 10-mph** in front of Gordonstoun House. **Pedestrians and cyclists have the right of way here.**
- After the event, please turn right out of the car park and head towards and out of the School's East Gate to a T-Junction.

By Public Transport. Trains operate a regular service to Elgin from which a taxi can take you to Gordonstoun School. Unfortunately, there is no bus service from Elgin to Duffus on a Sunday.

Registration/Download

The event registration and download will be in the foyer of the George Welsh Sports Centre ([what3words /// active.providing.flame](#)). It will be open from 1000 to 1200 hours. Please remove muddy footwear before entering the building.

Registration will host:

- Entries on the Day (EOD) (subject to map availability). EOD fees are detailed below.
 - Map issue for the Yellow/Beginner Course.
 - Hired dibber collection.
 - Enquiries
 - Download.
 - Toilets.
 - Advice for beginners.
- A cake stall will also be available in support of Moravian Juniors. Please come along and buy a cake before or after your run (or both!).

Start

- The Start will be approximately 600m from registration. It will be signed from registration and accessed along wide, level, paths.
- Start times will be between 1030-1230 hours and allocated for the long, medium and short sprint course participants only. Participants on the yellow/beginner course may start at any time.
- Call up will be at -3 mins. Loose control descriptions will be available in the start box (-2 mins).
- A start official will be available to guide participants to move through the start area as required.
- Should you miss your start time, then please speak to the start official for a new start time.

Finish

- On finishing, all competitors must report to download – even if you retire and do not complete your course.
- The finish is on the field adjacent to registration.
- All courses close at 1400 hours. Controls will be removed progressively after this time. At this time, all competitors on the course must return to registration and report to download.

Timing

- SI Units will be mounted on metal stakes. They will be SI-AIR enabled.
- Participants must physically dib the start and finish SI units to start/finish their timings.

Courses

Four courses will be available for all abilities as follows:

- **Long.** 4.0km straight-line distance; 4.9km optimum route; 26 controls
- **Medium.** 3.2km straight-line distance; 3.8km optimum route; 20 controls
- **Short.** 2.5km straight-line distance; 3.0km optimum route; 15 controls
- **Yellow/Beginner.** 1.8km straight-line; 2.0km optimum route; 14 controls

The three sprint courses (long, medium and short) are planned at TD3 with an estimated winning time of 20 to 25 mins. The area has little climb. All courses will be contained within the school grounds.

Map

- The map will be at 1:4000 scale, with 5m contours, for all courses. It has recently been updated to ISSprOM 2019 standards by Steve Smirthwaite.
- Control descriptions are printed on each map.

Clothing

- Shorts are permitted, but this is northern Scotland so dress appropriately for the weather on the day. However, due to the wooded areas and slippery/short steep slopes on some parts of the course, full leg cover and gripped shoes are highly recommended for the three sprints courses only.
- The weather is forecast to be sunny intervals and around 6 deg. If the weather becomes severe (not considered likely), a waterproof top may be made compulsory. Participants will be advised at registration. There will also be a clear sign to this effect at the beginning of the route to the start.

Warm up

There will be plenty of space for warming up on the field next to assembly, as well as along the track to the start. Please only use these areas.

Spectators

Spectators will have the opportunity to view the last few controls on each course near registration and the finish area.

EOD Fees

EOD will be possible, but subject to map availability. Our preferred method of payment is via card. There will be a £1 discount if using your own SI-dibber. EOD fees are below:

- Seniors - Sprint Courses - £11 Non-member/£10 BOF SOA member;
- Juniors - Sprint Courses - £6 Non-member/£5 BOF SOA member;
- Yellow/Beginner Course Only - £4 Non-member/£3 BOF SOA member.

Additional Information

- **Other Users.** Please note that Gordonstoun School remains active on the day of the event with staff, pupils and other users on the estate. Please be mindful and take care to avoid collisions.
- **Car Keys.** There will be a box at registration for leaving car keys.
- **Litter.** All participants are asked to take their litter home with them.
- **Dogs.** Dogs are welcome but must be kept on leads.

COVID-19

- Participants must abide by the British Orienteering COVID Code of Conduct. Details to be found at: https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/COVID19_Safe_Orienteering.
- Please remember that anyone with COVID-19, either displaying symptoms or in quarantine, should not attend the event in line with the British Orienteering COVID Code of Conduct.
- Participants are recommended to minimise time spent inside the registration area and to avoid being in close proximity with people/groups (<1m).
- Volunteers reminded to consider wearing a mask if working close to others.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at registration and the start area for participant use as required.
- Disposable gloves will be available at registration for control collectors as required.

See you on Sunday

Moravian Orienteers

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