



Scottish Relay Championships – Roseisle – Sunday 26 May 2024

Final Details

With kind permission of Forestry and Land Scotland and Moray Council, Moravian invite you to an exciting day of relay orienteering in Roseisle Forest. Thank you for entering. We hope you have an enjoyable day.

The area was last used as part of the Scottish 6 Days, Moray 2023, whilst the Scottish Relays were held in the same location in 2018. The routegadget for both events are linked here: [2023-08-01 Roseisle \(routegadget.co.uk\)](https://routegadget.co.uk/2023-08-01-Roseisle); [2018-05-27 Scottish Relay Championships - Roseisle N \(routegadget.co.uk\)](https://routegadget.co.uk/2018-05-27-Scottish-Relay-Championships-Roseisle-N).

Biosecurity

Roseisle Forest offers a fabulous place to orienteer with intricate contour features and a good path network, all on a coastal dune covered in pine trees. To keep the forest healthy, FLS has asked participants to be aware of biosecurity. They advise that tree diseases and pests are posing an increasing threat to our forests and can be spread very quickly from forest to forest on muddy tyres, boots or paws.

To minimise the spread of tree diseases and pests, FLS have highlighted some simple ways that everyone can follow to help. Moravian supports these ways, and we encourage all orienteers to be aware and follow them. The following link has the details: <https://forestryandland.gov.scot/keep-it-clean?highlight=keep%20it%20clean>.

Key Safety Information

- **Participants** take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety.
- **Other Forest Users.** Please respect other users of the Forest (dog walkers, dogs, horse riders, horses and cyclists).
- **Log stacks.** Recent forest work has resulted in log stacks. As tempting as it may be, they must not be climbed on as they could fall and injure you or someone else.
- **Disused Railway Line.** Participants are advised that the area is bisected by the disused Alves-Burghead railway line, which is crossed (twice) by all courses. Please note that you may cross at any point, noting that the line runs through a deep cutting in places, and is flanked on both sides by fences in variable states of disrepair. Please beware of loose strands of wire.

- **Trip Hazards.** Please note that Roseisle has potential trip hazards, including tree roots, stony and broken ground, and fence wires bordering the sides of the disused Alves-Burghead railway line.
- **Ticks.** Roseisle Forest has ticks. Please check yourself for ticks and remove them ideally within 48 hours of the event.
- **Weather.** Participants are advised that a waterproof may be made compulsory if inclement weather. Participants will be advised by a sign at assembly, as required.
- **Dis-orientation.** Participants are advised that the safety bearing is to head due north until the sea, a main forest track or a disused railway line is met.
- **Water Hazard.** Participants on Course A will cross a stream, which can be deep and sludgy. It is not recommended to cross other than via the bridge or beach.

Bib/Hired Dibber Collection and Team Changes

Moravian will have an enquiry point at assembly at the Individual Championships between 11:00 and 12:00 hours, where relay bibs will be available for collection by Team Captains or a representative. Any remaining bibs may be collected from the Enquires/Information tent in the arena from 09:00 hours on the day. Unfortunately, some of the bibs were damaged in delivery from the printers. Please accept our apologies that the condition of some of them is not as expected.

We understand that last-minute changes may be necessary. SIEntries will be open for changes up to 23:59 hours on Wednesday 22 May 2024. After that, changes can be made at the enquiry point at the Individual Championships and at the Enquires/Information tent between 09:00 and 10:00 hours on the day. Please complete the change form provided. Historically, there have been many last-minute change requests. We are hoping that most changes can be made in SIEntries before the event to reduce the administrative burden on the organising team on the day. Your support would be much appreciated.

Bibs must be worn by all competitors. A reminder of the order: red – first leg, white-second leg; and blue – third leg. Please remember to bring your own pins. Some spare pins will be at the Enquiries/Information tent if you forget.

Hired SI dibbers may be collected from the Enquiries/Information tent from 09:00 hours on the day.

Directions and Parking

From Forres: Turn off the A96 onto the B9011 to Kinloss, then the B9089 to Burghead. Turn left after the Roseisle distillery onto the B9089 and then left onto the B9013 into Burghead.

From Elgin: Turn off the A96 onto the B9013 to Burghead. At College of Roseisle continue straight on and into Burghead.

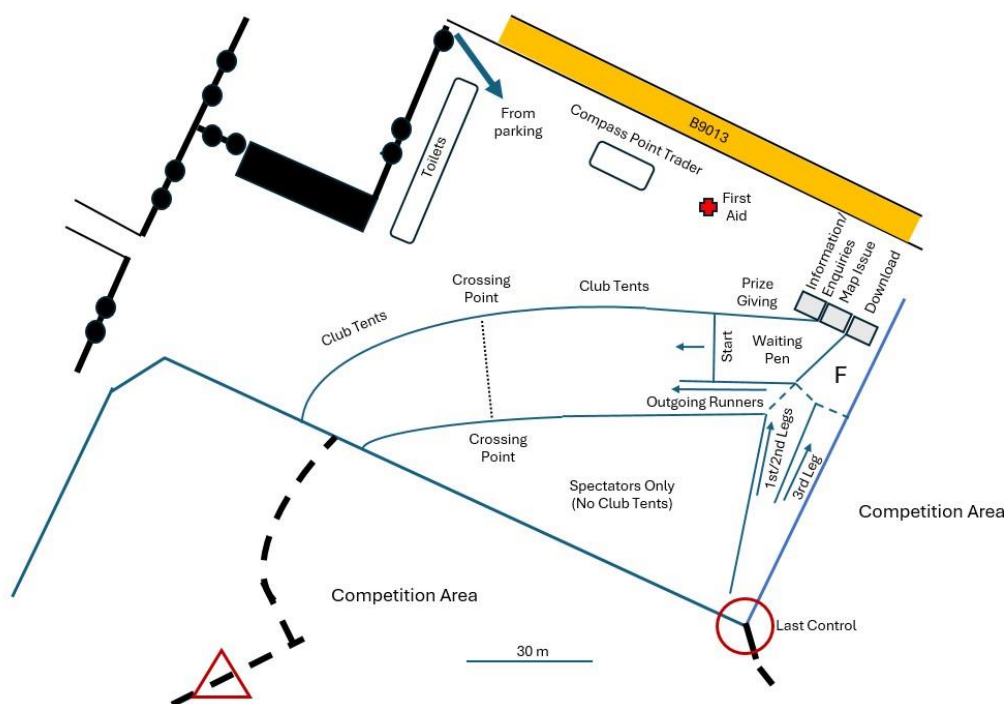
All competitors and spectators must approach and leave the arena via the main B9013 road in Burghead. Please do not take routes through the caravan park and adjacent side-roads hashed in yellow/green above.

There will be plenty of space for club tents and banners. Please position them as detailed in the layout below. Please do not put club tents in the inner area so that we can maximise the number of people who can spectate the run-in, and to minimise obscuring the view of participants in club tents further away.

Event **toilets** will be at Assembly. Public toilets are also available at the end of Church Street (adjacent to the Parking Area).

Compass Point are expected.

There will also be a **cake stall** at the arena to raise funds for the Moravian juniors. Please support where possible.



Start Information

Collect your map in good time from the map issue tent before your start or expected handover. Your bib number will be printed on the reverse of your map. There will be an SI clear station on the way in to map issue and a check box on exit. Before you collect your map there will be a 'bib number' validation SI station in use. If your SI dibber doesn't match your 'bib', you will be directed to Enquiries to make any changes necessary. A start clock showing real time will also be at the entrance to map issue and in the waiting pen.

The junior classes (M/W 36- and M/W44-) will start at 10:30 hours with call up 15 minutes before at 10:15 hours. All senior classes will start at 10:50 hours with call up 20 minutes before at 10:30 hours. The route to the start kite in the Forest will be taped.

After map issue, second and third leg runners will wait in the waiting pen before moving through a gap to the changeover line as their incoming runner approaches. Incoming runners will only be visible from the last control, so waiting runners will need to be vigilant.

A mini-mass start will happen for remaining second and third leg runners at appropriate times, if necessary. Teams participating in the mini-mass start will be competitive based on total running times.

Finish

The finish control (F on arena layout) is after the finish (or changeover) line. Please remember to punch after your run.

Championships

There are six Scottish Relay Championships: Open, Women's Open, Age-Class Championship, Junior Championship, Junior 36-, and Junior 44-. Full details are provided at the following link, including courses to be run: [Scottish-Relay-Championships-Rules-and-Guidelines.pdf](#)

For the Age-Class Championship, the handicap courses allow teams with different age-class composition to compete head-to-head. The winning team will be the first age-class team across the finishing line after completing three legs. If an all-junior age class team wins the age class relay, they will win the Junior Championship trophy (Atholl Orienteering Cup). The first team including a senior will then be awarded the Age-Class Championship.

Courses (Subject to Final Controlling)

Course	TD	Length	Controls
A	5	6.4-6.6 Km	22
B	5	5.3-5.4 Km	19
C	5	5.0-5.2 Km	17
D	5	3.3-3.5 Km	13
E	5	2.7-2.9 Km	11
Light Green	4	3.1 Km	10
Orange	3	2.4 Km	9
Yellow	2	1.9 Km	13

Courses A, B, C, D and E have an estimated winning time of 35 minutes for the fastest M21, W21, M60, W60 and W75 respectively. Light Green, Orange and Yellow correspond to the colour-coded system.

Courses close at 14:15 hours. Please report to download by this time.

Download

Download will be in the event arena next to the finish. Please remember to download, even if you do not finish your course. Please return hired SI dibbers to download after your run.

There will be map collection after first and second legs runners immediately on exit from download. Please place your maps into your Club bag. Map bags may be collected by teams after courses close at 14:15 hours.

Map

The map was revised in 2023 for the Scottish 6 Days, Moray 2023, and subject to minor amendments in 2024. All courses will use the same map scale: 1:7,500, size A3, contour interval 2.5 m.

Terrain

Roseisle, like its neighbours Culbin and Lossie, was planted between the wars to stabilise shifting sand dunes. The resulting open pine forest on complex topography is perfect for orienteering. The event is at northern end of the forest, which contains the most physically and technically challenging terrain: the biggest and steepest dunes are in the coastal strip while further inland there are areas of lower visibility forest containing smaller dunes and knolls. Roseisle is also a popular recreation forest. Please be aware of and courteous to walkers, cyclists and horse-riders.

Planner's Notes

For those of you unfamiliar with Roseisle, it is a delightful pine forest over some complex sand dunes with an extensive track network, which should prevent people from losing too much time with mistakes. There are two significant features that you need to be aware of:

- All courses cross the disused Alves-Burghead railway line (twice). You may cross at any point, noting that the line runs through a deep cutting in places, and is flanked on both sides by fences in variable states of disrepair. Please beware of loose strands of wire.
- The A course only, crosses a stream in the south. This can be deep and sludgy - it includes run off from Roseisle Maltings, so it is not recommended to cross other than by the bridges or the beach.

Roseisle is a working forest, with a good network of forest roads and many smaller paths. Last winter, the light green forest east of the railway line and some light green blocks west of the railway line were thinned. The brashings left are not a major

obstacle - the worst being an occasional tractor wide line of significant brashings, but in general the odd piles can be avoided.

Consideration was given to changing these areas from light green to green stripes to reflect the better visibility, but the features were so much harder to see on the map that the affected areas remain as light green. Almost all the small paths in these areas have been obliterated and thus removed from the map. Occasional sections of these paths may be spotted, but they are not continuous.

The **Yellow course** is predominantly on narrow, uneven and twisty single-track paths - the route is clear, but there are exposed roots and stumps providing potential trip hazards. Take care! It also follows a path through a thinned area which has survived, although a short section may be a little unclear. Smiley faces signage will be used to ensure that the path can be followed.

Mapping Notes

A number of features have been omitted for clarity: an overhead powerline; a line of concrete anti-tank blocks on the beach each approx. 1.5m high (the significantly larger concrete blockhouses are mapped); various items of play equipment in the assembly field; a great many minor trails, especially in the coastal dune strip and near Burghead; and various hides and crude shelters.

Results

Live results will be updated every few minutes and can be accessed via the following link and/or by scanning the QR code in the arena:

Link for [LIVE RESULTS](#).

Final results and routegadget will be published on the Moravian website as soon as possible after the relays, linked here: [Results for Moravian Events | Moravian Orienteers](#).

First Aid

First Aid will be available in the Assembly Field.

Dogs

Dogs are permitted but must be kept on leads. Please clear up and take away any mess.

Prizes and Trophies

There will be a prize giving as soon after 14:15 hours as possible. The first three teams in each of the ten relay categories will receive medals. Six of those teams will also be awarded the Championship Trophies. These will be to the first qualifying team in Men's

Open, Women's Open, Age-Class Championship, Junior Championship, Junior 44- and Junior 36-.

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