

Aylestone Meadows Event Details

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EMOA League Event Sunday 8th March 2026

Car Parking

Leicester County Cricket Ground, off Curzon Road, Leicester, LE2 8EB

What3Words: [///flying.lonelyCLOCKS](https://www.what3words.com/leicester-county-cricket-ground)

A £2 charge towards parking is payable via Start Kite.
Please follow the directions of the car park marshal.

Times

Start times: 10:30 -12:30

Courses close at: 14:00

Competitors should be at the Finish by the course closing time.

Entries and Fees

Entry only via The Start Kite:

Enter before end of Tuesday 3rd March to guarantee a map.

Senior £10; Non-BOF Members £12; Junior (20 & under),

Full-time students & unwaged £3; Seniors on White to Orange courses £4.

Non-Members of BOF

If you are not a member of British Orienteering, you are not covered by British Orienteering's public liability insurance. By entering this event, you acknowledge that you are taking part at your own risk. For example, if you were to accidentally injure a member of the public or damage property during the event, you would not be covered.

Route to the Event Location

A 800m (approximately) walk to the start will be taped from the entrance to the Cricket Ground parking. The route crosses the main Aylestone Road (see safety concerns below). You are strongly advised to use the pedestrian crossing, and to accompany Juniors, as this will not be marshalled. Please also make arrangements for Juniors returning after their run.

A small "Kit Drop" will be available near the start, items are left entirely as the owner's risk.

Toilets

Toilets are available to us at the cricket club, but shoes will need to be removed as the flooring is carpeted. Toilets are not available at the Start/Finish.

Enquiries and First Aid

Adjacent to the Start/Finish. **Hire Dibbers** and **information to those new to orienteering** will be available at the Enquiries point, not at the Cricket Ground car park. Check with the Meet and Greeter in the Hi Viz for details.

Electronic Punching

All courses will use Sportident. Both SI contactless and contact punching are possible. Hire charge for SI cards: £1 per person, £2 for a SIAC card, with limited availability. Hire dibbers will be allocated via The Start Kite and should be collected prior to going to the Start.

Start, Finish and Download

One Start, approx. 800m from the car park, and one Finish, approx. 850m from the car park.

You **must punch** both the Start and Finish.

You **must download before returning to your car** as soon as possible after your run, even if you did not complete the course.

Control descriptions and Controls

Loose control descriptions will be available in the Start lanes. This is an SI and SIAC electronic punching event.

Terrain

There is a mixture of woodland, paths and open land with a number of significant water features.

Map

All maps will be printed on waterproof paper with course details and control descriptions on the front of the map.

Provisional Courses

Courses subject to final controlling and weather conditions.

| Course | Length Km | Climb m | Controls |
|------------------|-----------|---------|----------|
| White | 0.9 | 10 | 7 |
| Yellow | 1.8 | 10 | 13 |
| Orange | 2.3 | 30 | 13 |
| Light Green | 3.2 | 35 | 14 |
| Very Short Green | 3.1 | 30 | 14 |
| Short Green | 3.5 | 35 | 15 |
| Green | 4.8 | 35 | 15 |
| Blue | 6.5 | 40 | 18 |
| Brown | 8.4 | 60 | 26 |

Yellow and White are shorter than usual, to avoid potentially high water levels. If competitors wish to run both courses, they may do. However, they will not gain EMOA League points on their second run. They must download first, before starting their additional course.

Shadowing of junior competitors

Anyone wishing to remain competitive must have completed their own course before shadowing a junior competitor. Competitors on the Yellow and White Courses may study the map before they begin their run.

Safety

- **Route to and from the Start** - this will be signposted and taped from the entrance to the Cricket Ground parking. Please be aware that the route crossed the main Aylestone Road. You are strongly advised to use the pedestrian crossing, and to accompany Juniors as this will not be marshalled. Please also make arrangements for Juniors returning after their run. The taped route will also cross minor roads. Whilst the traffic on these roads may be light it can be travelling at relatively high speeds. Please check that the road is clear before crossing.

- **Water features** - there are several ponds, streams and a canal in the area. All competitors should take great care when near any water feature, follow any specific map directions regarding potential crossing points, and at no point attempt to enter any of the water features.
- **Ground conditions** - given the recent weather conditions, it is likely that there may be standing water in the area and ground conditions could be very wet.
- **Whistles** – it is advised that all competitors carry a whistle.
- **Clothing and footwear** – full leg cover is required and competitors should wear clothing appropriate to the weather conditions on the day. Suitable footwear should be worn. In the event of bad weather the organiser may require that a waterproof hooded jacket is worn. Please bring one to the event with you.
- **Other users** - please give due consideration to cyclists, walkers, runners, horses, especially at crossing points and on narrow paths.
- **Medical condition** - if you have any that you wish the organiser to be aware of, please leave the details in a sealed envelope with your name on at download.
- **Dogs** - must be on a lead whilst in the car park. Please clean up after them. They are not allowed in any building.

Hospital and First Aid

The nearest Accident and Emergency Unit is at the Leicester Royal Infirmary, Infirmary Square, Leicester LE1 5WW. A First Aider will be on duty - help can be requested via the Download tent.

Personal Data

The personal data you give will be used by the event organiser for the purposes of processing and publishing the event results, for conducting safety checks and to validate BOF insurance cover.

Photography

Photography is permitted, however please be reminded that participants must:

- be respectful of others' privacy when taking photographs,
- not take inappropriate or intrusive photographs,
- bear in mind British Orienteering's guidelines on photography,
- contact the organiser if they have concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography (in terms of the way, by whom, or where photography is being undertaken) and
- Be aware that photographs may be taken at the event, and some may be posted onto public websites. Parents, guardians or carers who have a reason to be sensitive about the children they are responsible for should bear this in mind in their decision to attend the event.

We will be taking some photos of the event for promotional purposes. If you do not wish your photo to be published on the LEI website, please let the organiser know as soon as possible.

Officials.

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