

Important

This SMBO (Scottish Mountain Bike Orienteering) event is run under the Scottish Outdoors Access Code (SOAC). Please respect the area and other outdoors users by leaving all gates as you find them, riding responsibly and leaving the area as you found it, e.g. no litter, no damage. This event is conducted in a shared space so please do not ride as if it is a closed course. Your assistance with this is very much appreciated and will enable us to continue to run more successful events in the future.

Score Event

This SMBO Event is a Score event – This means that the objective is to collect as many points as possible using your time as effectively as possible. Different checkpoints are worth different values so the strategy on choosing a route makes a big part of your final score. There is a time limit, after which penalty points start to be deducted from your gross score. These penalties ramp up quickly so don't be too late but on the other hand you are throwing points away coming back early, what a dilemma!

Penalty points are indicated on your checkpoint description.

Map

You can review a map of the area in advance and please do take time to review any warnings/notes. Feel free to question anything that you don't understand.

You will be issued with a map marked with the checkpoints at the start, i.e. planning your route and deciding which checkpoints are worth visiting is done within the time limit.

Checkpoints are generally placed on sensible map features and you should be able to ride to most just by reading the map. In addition to the map you are issued with a checkpoint description sheet which details the exact location/physical feature and the checkpoint value.

Dibbing

This is the action of placing your 'dibber' (RFID electronic tag) into the control station at the checkpoint. The control stations give both an audible and visual indication when they have successfully written to your 'dibber'.

We will clear your 'dibber' at the start and you get to 'dib' in the start control station so you know how to do it before you set off.

Your 'dibber' has a limited capacity so whilst we encourage you to make sure you have successfully recorded a visit to a checkpoint don't hold it in a control station for a long time otherwise it will fill up and you won't be able to record further checkpoints.

Finish

Once you have decided it's time to finish, head back to the start where there will be a Finish control station. You must 'dib' the Finish station to stop your time. Once you have recorded your finish you can take a breath, there's no rush now. Return your dibber to the organisers who will issue you with your Net Score. Final Scores are available once the last rider has returned. Hang around for the scores as there may well be prizes and not necessarily just for top placed riders.

There'll be hot home-made soup, a selection of home baking and post event massage all to aid your recovery.