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# Forth Valley Orienteers

Orienteering at the Heart of Scotland

## 38th COMPASS SPORT CUP & TROPHY FINAL 16th October 2022

Congratulations to your club on qualifying for this year's Compass Sport Cup Final to be held at Tulliallan and Devilla Wood (near the Kincardine Bridge) on the 16th of October. We thought some initial information would be useful, to help your club plan its logistics for attending this event. In return, we would appreciate it if you could follow this link and provide us with some very rough guesses to help us design the event to give your club the best possible experience:

### [Short form to help us plan](#)

#### Where is the event?

The event will be held at Devilla Wood and Tulliallan, two adjoining areas that have been used for orienteering extensively in the past by Kingdom of Fife Orienteers and Forth Valley Orienteers respectively. But it's all been completely remapped especially in time for this event, in part with support from the Orienteering Foundation.

Devilla is a classic Scots Pine Forest (complete with red squirrels)!. There are a significant number of paths that cross some parts of the area providing good opportunities for Orienteering at all levels.

Tulliallan is the home of the Scottish Police College, Tulliallan Castle and its grounds, and some associated woodland which make an ideal assembly location for an event of this scale. Car Parking and assembly will be at the Police College.

Scottish Police College,  
Tulliallan Castle,  
Alloa,  
FK10 4BE

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#### How can I get there?

For those travelling by car or coach, the college is on the North Side of the Kincardine Bridge which sits at the North end of the M876. It

If you are considering flying then it is about 35 minutes drive from Edinburgh Airport, and around an hour from Glasgow Airport.

Busses leave Buchanan Bus Station in Glasgow (destination Glenrothes) to Kincardine regularly throughout the day. Services from Edinburgh and Stirling are less direct. The nearest train station is

in Alloa (about 15 minutes away by bus + 10 minutes walk) although Larbert Station may be better served.

### **Who else has qualified?**

The results from the qualifiers can be found here:

<http://pgorienteering.uk/compass-sport-cup.html>

### **Where can I find the CSC/T Competition Rules?**

[http://pgorienteering.uk/uploads/1/3/9/8/139814617/cscrules\\_2022.pdf](http://pgorienteering.uk/uploads/1/3/9/8/139814617/cscrules_2022.pdf)

### **Will I be able to park close to assembly?**

We are working on the final arrangements - but expect parking to be very close to the assembly area, with a short walk from Assembly to the starts. The finish will be at the assembly.

### **Will club tents be permitted at assembly? Can we drop tents off?**

Yes, we are planning for club tents to be in assembly. We expect car parking to be so close to the assembly that there is no need for special drop off arrangements.

### **Will there be catering and equipment traders on site?**

We expect this to be like other level A events with both food and O kit available to purchase in the arena.

### **We have a long way to travel can we get early starts?**

The rules for starts are stipulated in detail in the CSC/T rules - your club will be provided with start slots and these will be allocated to individuals in your club by your club captain. The organiser is not permitted to allocate slots to clubs on any other basis.

### **Are there any events nearby on the Saturday?**

Yes - FVO will host the Stirling City Race the day before the Compass Sport Cup/Trophy so its an ideal opportunity for teams coming from further away to make a weekend of it.

### **Where can I find the details / enter the Stirling City Race?**

We'll share more details nearer the time - they'll be posted here in due course:

<https://fvo.org.uk/events/> Here's the [final details from last year's Stirling City Race](#) which will give you some idea what to expect. This year's race will be on a different area, and we are finalising permissions and agreeing start/finish parking arrangements - getting an idea of numbers is important for this so we really would appreciate it if you could complete the quick survey linked above. The assembly will be about 25-30 minutes drive west of Tulliallan.

### **How do we enter?**

Entries will be coordinated directly with club captains during September 2022. Payments will be by bank transfer direct to the FVO bank account.

**Will there be entry on the day?**

We won't have entry on the day, but we will have White, Yellow and Light Green courses for those accompanying runners in the competition who are not entering the competition classes. We will keep entries for these open until very close to the event. There is no late entry or EOD for the competition classes.

**What scale will the map be?**

Map scale and size will depend on the course. Some courses will be double-sided A3, others will be single sided, and the shortest courses are expected to be A4. Map scales for each course will be confirmed nearer the time, but it may be of interest to note that the area has been completely remapped (and so any old maps you have of the area will be significantly different), using Lidar data with 2.5m contours.

**Will there be any Covid Restrictions?**

We hope by October as much of life as possible, and certainly, orienteering will be back to normal and we are planning for a "normal" level A event, but it is possible the Scottish public health rules will impose restrictions. The event will be run within the Scottish Orienteering Association guidelines in place at the time. We will highlight any special arrangements to Club Captains during the entries process and to all competitors with the final details.

**Can I shadow juniors who are running?**

The CSC rules do not permit you to shadow juniors on the competition courses. If you have juniors who need shadowed please enter them in one of the non-competition courses (White, Yellow, Light Green) and complete your own competitive run before going to shadow them.

**Will there be a string course?**

Yes, there will either be a string course or a maze, with competitors vying for the coveted golden string trophy. The start will be within sight of the arena.

**It's October in Scotland - is there indoor space?**

We do have a limited amount of indoor space available. We do encourage clubs to bring tents thought to provide shelter. The indoor space will be ~300m from the main arena.

**Is there a webpage with details of the CSC Final?**

There will be and we will share the details with Club Captains as soon as it is ready - we will add additional details there as they become known, and whenever there is major news share it with club captains.

**I'm coming by camper van - can I arrive the night before and stay in the car park?**

No, the car park is barrier controlled and you will not get access the night before. See the question below about accommodation for possible sensible parking spaces.

**It is school mid-term, our family or our club are thinking about making a longer weekend of it - can you suggest areas locally we could use for orienteering training?**

FVO maintain a number of POCs in West Lothian, Falkirk and Stirlingshire which would make good training areas for families wanting to extend their stay and add some more orienteering. They can be accessed via the BOF website. If any clubs want to use the POCs as the basis for their own courses or access maps from our other areas to use for training exercises then please get in touch

**Is there stuff to do for non-orienteers nearby?**

The event is close to both Stirling and Falkirk which bring their tourist attractions like the Falkirk Wheel, Kelpies, Stirling Castle and Wallace Monument as well as the usual retail opportunities. You'll also be on the doorstep of the Ochil hills, very close to the Trossachs and within easy travelling distance of everything the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park have to offer those who enjoy the outdoors whilst for those who prefer busier places Glasgow and Edinburgh are both less than an hour away by car with enough culture, food and bars to keep anyone who's been dragged along busy for a while! And of course we will have white, yellow and light green courses for anyone who doesn't fancy the full course for their age.

**Our group need accommodation - can you help us organise that?**

Unfortunately with so many clubs and so many competitors coming its probably not practical for us to help everyone individually - but here is a list of local providers who might be able to help:

Forestry Scotland Stay the Night Scheme - [Pendreich](#) - suitable for motorhomes with self contained facilities. Please check you understand their sensible rules. I don't think it is possible to book this.

[Witchesraig Camping, Caravan, Motorhome site](#) close to Stirling City Race, 20 mins drive to CSC Final. Also has some "glamping pods".

[Balgownie Mains Farm](#) have a small bunk house, a holiday house suitable for 8 and would have space for a couple of self sufficient camper vans - this might fit one of the smaller clubs all together. Although the address is Culross it is outside the 2023 Embargoed area (but please don't walk through Devilla wood on the way to the assembly).

There is a [Premier Inn](#) (Falkirk North) close to the south side of the Kincardine Bridge (about 3 miles from assembly). There are a number of other Premier inns which are sensible distances away too.

Falkirk and Grangemouth both have a range of budget hotels, including the [Travel Lodge](#) and [Meteo Inns](#) near M9 J5 which are currently the cheapest within about 15 minutes drive of the CSC assembly area.

Stirling has the range of hotels, B&Bs etc you would expect for a small tourism friendly city, and Stirling University Campus has the [Stirling Court Hotel](#) - however anyone considering this or Stirling town centre should be aware of the [Embargo for Euromeet 2023](#). Also within Stirling centre is [Stirling](#)

[Youth Hostel](#) (discounts available to YHA as well as Hostelling Scotland Members). A bit further afield there is an [independent hostel in Callendar](#) about 25 mins to Stirling City Race and 45 mins to the CSC Final.

[Airth Castle](#) or the [MacDonald Inchyra Hotel](#) would provide accommodation for those with bigger budgets looking for luxuries like spa facilities to help tired muscles!

**If I have questions who can I talk to?**

The organiser is Neil Polwart, 07905 752 416 - n.polwart@gmx.com