



## **Mole Valley Orienteering Club**

(affiliated to British Orienteering)

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**BALCOMBE ESTATE**  
**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

**Level C national ranking event**

### **FINAL DETAILS**

Welcome to Balcombe. We are very privileged to have access to this estate which provides excellent orienteering country and for which we thank Simon Greenwood and the staff. There is only one public footpath that crosses the orienteering area. If you do encounter other users, possibly horse riders, please respect them. This is a managed forest with working farmland. We hope that there will be no livestock in the fields but it is home to many ground nesting birds so please avoid disturbing them if you can.

To get to the start you must cross the road at a marshalled crossing. The courses up to green are entirely on the east side of the road, so you will use the same crossing to return to the event centre and car park. The brown and blue courses come over to the west side and so will also use the crossing as part of the courses; you will be allowed up to three minutes without affecting your overall time.

You will find yourself crossing numerous fences, many are very difficult to cross so we have marked easier, optional, crossing points on the maps. Some of these points will be padded where needed. Please be careful when you cross fences and if you think you may have damaged one please report this to the event centre. We have tried to ensure that any gates will be open but if you have to climb one, please climb on the hinge side. There are three compulsory crossing points on particular courses. On the brown course there are two to ensure you cross the railway in the correct underpasses, and if you are running the orange there is one to guide you to the right place to cross a fence.

The orange and light green courses have a control placed in a field with newly growing corn. This is fine for small numbers but we would ask runners on other courses to avoid this field – it is not the best route anyway. A map will be provided at the start showing this field, you might encounter it between 12 and 13 on the brown, 9 and 10 on the blue and 12 and 13 on the green.

There are three houses, one residential home and some offices either in, or, bordering the orienteering area. Please be careful not to disturb the occupants who have been informed of this event. The immediate areas surrounding the residential home (Balcombe Place) have been shown as out of bounds, as has one of the gardens which is not fenced.

There are numerous wind blown trees in the area. There is one particular area that affects the yellow course which we hope will be cleared but we might have to mark a route around it. If you find yourself climbing over any windblown trees, please take very great care and ensure that they are secure.

This may sound like rather a lot of do's and don't's but they are only sensible precautions. It is a very fine area so enjoy your run!

**Event centre and Car Parking:** At the Balcombe Estate Forestry and Sawmill, Haywards Heath Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex (GR TQ317296 Post Code RH17 6QH). Event will be signed from the B2036 at GR TQ307307

Car parking is limited so please share if possible. Toilets in the car park. No charge for car parking  
Public transport to Balcombe Railway Station which is approx 1.5km from the event.

**Registration:** Online entry preferred via <http://www.fabian4.co.uk/>. Or by post to Michael White, 19 Sheephouse Green, Wotton, Dorking, RH5 6QW. There will be limited entry on the day from 9.45 until 11.30, subject to map availability.

Entry fee £7 with a £2 deduction for British Orienteering members. £3 for under 21's and full time students. Students entering online to pay the full fee and claim the £2 fee reduction at registration on production of a student card. Entries on the day +£1

SI electronic punching will be used. SI dibbers available for hire at £1

**Map:** 1:10000 scale. Maps will be waterproof and bags will not be provided. Please take care crossing the road. There are some steep descents which could be slippery. Control descriptions will be on the map. Loose descriptions will be available at the start.

**Courses:** Brown 8.0km, 285m climb. Blue 5.6km, 175m climb. Green 4.0km, 110m climb. Light Green 3.4km, 110m climb. Orange 2.7km, 110m climb. Yellow 2.0km, 55m climb.

**Starts:** From 10.00 until 12.00. Courses close at 14.00. Start and finishes are adjacent to the registration and car parking.

**Safety:** There will be a first aid kit at registration. Nearest A & E. Princess Royal Hospital, Lewes Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 4EX. No water will be provided by the event.

The car park is in a working sawmill. Please do not allow children to climb either on the log piles or on the machinery.

**Dogs:** Dogs are allowed on a lead in the car park but not on the area.

**Event Officials:** Organiser: Michael White (MV) [mandj@white1966.freerve.co.uk](mailto:mandj@white1966.freerve.co.uk) Telephone 01306 888886

Planner: Bill Alexander (MV)

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**You are responsible for your own safety and you take part in this event at your own risk**