

## Competition at Vogrie, Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020

With the current restrictions on travel outwith our own local area we are having to make new plans and arrangements for this at the last minute so there may be changes.

At this time of year the gates at Vogrie don't open till 10 and are locked again at 6 pm so we are a bit time limited in getting controls out and in.

Remember to check the website for the latest details, especially the safety points which may go up at the last minute. <https://www.elo.org.uk/2020-vogrie/#more-4657>

### Competition Information

Date: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

Location: Vogrie Country Perk, Gorebridge

Planner: Michael Atkinson

**BOF Code of Practice:** This is included on the entry form and must be read before entering. Entering confirms that you have read it and will comply.

### Symptoms/Self isolating

No-one must come along if they or anyone in their household is showing any symptoms of Covid-19 or if they have been asked to self-isolate or quarantine. Entry fees will be returned to anyone who has to withdraw because of this.

We have been asked to point out that people in higher risk categories as set out by the government should be aware that attending puts you at increased risk.

### Courses and Entry

There will be White and Yellow courses, 1.0 km and 1.7 km respectively. Instead of Orange and Green there will be a Score course for which you will have a maximum of 60 minutes to find as many controls as possible, in any order you like. Some will be easier to find and others more difficult or further away. Most will earn you 10 points but some of the tougher or more distant ones will give you 20 or 30 points. But beware, you will lose points very quickly if you over-run the time!

Enter using the google form – one form per entry ie per person/pair/group

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Ph1qSBIQPpTvEqvDPUPjkPntpeeqtq0S6aT8uEFvOE/edit?ts=5fa98b0b>

One entry per individual, pair or group going together on one 'dibber'.

### Payment

No cash or other payments are to be taken on the day. Best way of paying for your entry is by an on-line payment to the ELO account:

East Lothian Orienteering Club

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In the place for Reference please put Vogrie followed by your name so that we can match the payment with your registration slip.

If you can't do online banking, then try making a payment at a bank branch. Bottom line is to put it into a sealed envelope and we will have a bag in which to drop it and which we will not handle till 72 hours have passed.

The amount you are due is as follows:

Single Senior £4; Single Junior £1.50; Pair of Seniors £5 (two maps available); Pair of juniors £2 (two maps); Junior with accompanying adult £2.50 (two maps)

For larger groups, add £1 for each additional adult and 50p for each additional junior.

There is an additional charge for non-members.

### Parking

Parking will probably be in the overflow car park to the north of the main car park but look out for the fin.

There is a £2 charge to be paid on the way out and this is now to be paid by contactless card so make sure you have some way of paying with you.

## **Start Blocks**

Because of early dark early starts will be 1-1:30, middle from 1:30 – 2 and late from 2-2:30. We will send out a note of your start time in the week before the event.

## **'Dibbers'**

If you require to hire 'dibbers' they will have been labeled individually at least 72 hours ahead of the day and then laid out in a box for uplifting. After downloading, drop the dibber into the container provided.

## **Start**

Unless you need to collect a dibber you should go straight to Start. Start is (probably) at the SW corner of the walled garden.

Maps will be laid out in trays at Start. Please clean your hands before touching the pile of maps. Gel will be provided. The start will be laid out with 2 metre spacings.

## **The Courses**

Reminder – keeping physical distancing is more important than a few moments onto your time so if someone else is at a control, hold back till they have moved away.

'Dibbers' should be inserted into the SI unit without touching the unit. Please supervise children for this.

## **Finish**

Finish will be near the overflow car park. Please make your way straight back to Download in the car park once you have finished. Courses will close sharp at 3:30 or within 60 minutes of the last starter and the more distant controls may be collected in even just before that time.

## **Download**

The download unit will be on a table well in front of the person supervising. The computer will be set for continuous download, which means that it does not stop and wait for corrections if you have mispunched or not completed your course. If there is a problem with your result, then email this to us once you are home and we will fix the results and you will see the correct version on line.

We do plan to having a splits printer working. You should lift off your print-out without touching the printer itself.

## **Results**

There will be no results display at the area as this would lead to people gathering. Results will be available on-line on the ELO website as soon as possible, hopefully immediately if the signal is OK.

## **Junior Record Cards**

We will not be able to sign these so parents should complete the record for the day.

If any junior does not already have a card, or needs a new one, then please email to ask for this.

## **General Safety**

When thinking about Covid safety, bear in mind that any person could be infectious and any surface could be contaminated. The 2 metre physical distancing rule (for adults) should be stuck to throughout.

While we are allowed up to 30 in an area such as start and out in the competition area, the rule of 6 people from 2 households applies outwith the competition area, specifically around Download and the Car Park.

Although masks are not required outdoors you are advised to carry one in your pocket just in case you need to be closer to someone.

Hand gel will be available and should be used as described below, but you are advised to carry your own bottle and use it any time you might be touching something such as stiles or gates.

We do hope that you will enjoy the courses that Michael has pulled out all the stops to plan for you at this late stage and will be sure to participate safely.

The most important Guideline is to be kind and considerate to everyone you may meet – helpers, other competitors and the general public. We will be very much in the public eye at Vogrie.