

2014 QO Club Championships - Saturday 6th September- Final details

Directions: Parking and registration will be at the stables off the Staple Fitzpaine road, grid ref 253 205, postcode TA3 5AX. Parking will be on a grass field. **Do not go to Orchard Portman village.**

Times: Registration from 10am-10:30. **Please be ready by 10:30 for the 800m walk to the start.** The format will then be explained before a mass start at 11am.

Entry: Entry on the day is possible, but if you want to join in to the pub lunch afterwards, let the organiser know by 29th August.

Terrain: Mostly forest with tracks, but also a fishing lake, streams, and steep gradients. There may be cars moving slowly on the forest roads. We've put the controls in the runnable areas - there are some areas of thick undergrowth which are best avoided.

Dogs: Dogs are welcome as long as they do not disturb the anglers. Please be aware there will probably be horses and cattle near registration and along the route to the start.

Format: This is a 1 hour score event with 20 controls:
 6 controls 111 to 116 each worth 10 points
 6 controls 121 to 126 each worth 20 points
 6 controls 131 to 136 each worth 30 points
 2 controls 141 and 142 each worth 40 points
 Competitors can only tackle the controls in order of increasing score, i.e. once you have punched a 20 point control you cannot go back to the 10s, once you have punched a 30 you cannot go back to 10s or 20s, and once you have punched a 40 you cannot go back to 10s, 20s or 30s.

Afterwards: Please stay for a pub meal and prize giving at the Farmers Arms, West Hatch, grid ref 272 198, postcode TA3 5RS, only a 5 minute drive away. All are welcome whether QO members or not.

Punching: Sportident will be used. Dibbers can be hired for £1.

Scoring: Scores will be adjusted by age class by this formula:

$$Final\ score = \frac{Basic\ score - Time\ penalty}{Age\ handicap}$$

Time bonus: It may be possible to get all 20 controls for the full 440 points. Anyone who achieves this within the hour will get their basic score increased to 440 x 60mins/time taken.

Time penalty: Anyone taking over 60 minutes will lose points. Up to 15 minutes late 1 point will be deducted per 5 seconds. Anyone over 15 minutes late will forfeit all their points, as we need to pack up and leave the forest promptly and get to the pub!

Age handicap: Standard age class handicaps will be used, these are:

M10	0.70	W10	0.60
M12	0.74	W12	0.62
M14	0.80	W14	0.65
M16	0.84	W16	0.67
M18	0.88	W18	0.70
M20	0.93	W20	0.71
M21	1.00	W21	0.80
M35	0.93	W35	0.71
M40	0.89	W40	0.67
M45	0.84	W45	0.62
M50	0.79	W50	0.57
M55	0.74	W55	0.53
M60	0.68	W60	0.48
M65	0.60	W65	0.44
M70	0.53	W70	0.39
M75	0.46	W75	0.35