

Final Details

The uncertainty with the weather now means that the owner of the parking field shall, on Friday 10th March, make a decision whether or not to allow us to use his land or not.

This event is being run under the rules of the British Orienteering Federation 2023.

Acknowledgements - Thank-you to all listed below and to you for your support.

- STAG Members and friends of STAG for their assistance.
- Blair Young (TINTO), Controller.
- Robin & Sheila Strain, computing support.
- Steve Barrett, Stirling Surveys.
- David Ritchie, A4 Design & Print
- Andy Chapman and Anne Rodger, field owner/tenants
- Active First Aid Scotland
- Scotloos
- Sue Brown, Forest & Land Scotland East

Officials

Organiser Terry O'Brien, BEM (STAG)

Planner - Graham McFadyen (STAG)

Controller - Blair Young (TINTO)

Travel directions - See STAG website.

Parking, assembly and download

Are all located in a large field at **NN767637 (1.5km west of postcode PH18 5UE)**. The parking fees are **£3 charge** per car and **£6 per Minibus** which shall be collected as you enter the field on arrival and passed to the owner after the event. Cars may be queuing back onto the B847 so please approach with care.

Enquiries

Unless the problem is one of our makings, we reserve the right to charge £5 per person for any further changes requested after **9pm** on **Wednesday 8th March 2023**.

All such requests must be made by email only to 58terryobrien@gmail.com.

After this time any further requests shall be dealt with on the day of the event.

Cancellation of the event

Refunds will be at the discretion of the Event Organiser. Should the event be cancelled, STAG reserves the right to retain all or part of the entry fee to cover committed costs.

Notification of cancellation

The main officials aim to be on site from lunchtime on Friday 10th March. We shall take advice from PoliceScotland should the access road from Calvine be deemed impassable and shall inform the person who submitted your entry with relevant information. Car key drop available at Registration / Tent.

Course Information - see **STAG Website** > Events > Errochty.

Collection of SI and SIAC cards and White, Yellow and Orange maps.

Please uplift the electronic fingers from **REGISTRATION** point within the Tent in the Assembly Field. A fee of £30 is payable if the SI-card is not returned after use. SIACs must also be uplifted and £60 will be charged if lost.

As numbers are very low - White (2); Yellow (7) and Orange (11) these maps should be uplifted from REGISTRATION. This Start has **10** orienteers starting between 11:00 > 11:15; **11** between 11:50 > 12:08 and **2** @ 12:58. This Start shall **not** be continually staffed.

Due to a lack of terrain, a lack of young juniors and poor weather forecast there shall neither be a String Course nor '9 Tree Wood' provided.

Safety, Clothing and First Aid Cover

Competitors take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety at all times. In the event of bad weather, the carrying/wearing of a windproof/waterproof jacket is advised. A whistle should be taken to attract attention in the event of an emergency.

Full body cover is required, and competitors should check their person for ticks as these are present in the area. **Any competitor with an existing high risk medical condition, please send an email to 58terryobrien@gmail.com to inform us of such by 9pm Wednesday 8th March.**

This information will be kept confidential and destroyed after the event.

First Aid cover is provided by Active First Aid Scotland.

The Errochty Water which runs along the southern edge of our Assembly field is steep sided, fast flowing and deep in places. Children should be instructed **NOT** to play either in or close to the edge of the river.

Competitors must avoid climbing over or through stacks of timber currently waiting to be uplifted which are located at various places throughout the forest.

Children must be accompanied and always supervised.

Route to Toilets and Starts - 3 chemical toilets shall be on the right hand side as you cross the footbridge. Distances to Starts are measured from the bridge. No clothing transfer but clothing dump within 50m of Finish is available.

Near Start - White, Yellow and Orange - 100m.

Far Start - All other courses. Through gate and turn west following forest road for 1km.

Competitors should walk to the SW corner of the parking field to a fence crossing adjacent to the bridge. This is a step over with the top strand of wire (not barbed wire) lowered. On crossing the bridge, go through the main gate and continue to follow the **STAG** Tape to the **right** (west) along the forest road for 900m. At this point turn **south** into the forest to reach the Main Start.

Dogs - on leads in Assembly field only and owners please clean up any dog mess.

Start Times from 11:00 > 12:59.

Control Descriptions - Are printed on the front of your map and available loose in start lanes.

Map Information

Scale 1:10000. Contours 5m for Black, Brown, Short Brown, Blue, Light Green, Orange, Yellow and White.

Scale 1:7500 ; Contours 5m for Short Blue, Green and Short Green.

Original map was produced for JHI 2002 and with updates by Stirling Surveys over the years including in November 2022.

Terrain – Errochty Forest is a cracking bit of terrain for Orienteering. West of the Allt Garth it comprises of natural woodland and mostly pine forest with squiggly contours and in places a plethora of rock features some of which make the underfoot conditions tough going. A large area has been felled in the past few years but this has been mainly avoided.

To the east the area is more standard forestry plantation where the runnability is different but still pleasant, particularly the downhill slaloms.

Note that some parts of the forest are likely to be waterlogged – southwest of the main felled area an indistinct marsh screen has been used to show the wettest of these areas (indicative extent only).

Control Sites & Electronic Punching - Standard equipment in the form of fibre glass stakes with Si Unit and IOF Control Flag attached. Touch free punching will be enabled.

If the Si Unit fails to Flash/Beep please punch your map with clipper found on the stake.

Code Number is displayed on the SI Box only.

You must contact punch both the Start SI Box and Finish SI Box.

Drinks Station - There are no drink stations or water provided at the Finish or at Download.

There is no map collection as competitors are being trusted not to discuss or show their map to anyone who has still to run their course – Thank-you!

Anyone having to retire is also asked to report to download so that we know you are safely back.

Results

Live results will be at www.stag-orienteeing.co.uk/latest-results/
Full results and comments shall be uploaded onto STAG Website after the event.

Prizegiving of SOL 2022 trophies is due to take place at this event.

Complaints & Protests

Section 16 of the Rules of Orienteering cover complaints, protests and appeals.

Complaints about any competitor or aspect of the organisation or planning thought to have substantially contravened the rules must be made to the Organiser orally or in writing on the day of the competition.

A "protest" may be made against the decision of the Organiser with regards to a Complaint, in writing and to the Controller. The Controller may have to convene a Jury.

When approaching the Organiser or any other event official you should bear in mind that they are volunteers who have given their valuable time to lay on the event, often under circumstances which are not ideal.

Event accounts shall be published as soon as possible on the **STAG** website after the event.

STAG thank-you for your support.

We hope you enjoy your orienteering adventure and have a safe journey to and from Errochty.