



Hertfordshire Orienteering Club

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Youth League

- The League is scored over 5 events – October, November, December, February and March.
- Any School or Youth Group (i.e. Scouting groups) that attend the events will be included in the league. Orienteering clubs are not eligible. To appear in the results listing the organisation must have at least three different runners over the course of the season.
- Any junior competing will be ranked in the individual league.
- Courses are as follows:

Class	Age – Full points	Age -75% points
Boys' Extension	M18	N/A
Boys' Light Green	M16	M18
Boys' Orange	M14	M16
Boys' Yellow	M12	M14
Girls' Extension	W18	N/A
Girls' Light Green	W16	W18
Girls' Orange	W14	W16
Girls' Yellow	W12	W14

- Pairs and Groups will score as individuals for their organisations, the oldest age determines class. Mixed gender pairs will score points in the Boy's category. A member of a pair / group will receive only half the points (rounded up to the nearest integer) earned by the pair in the individual league. A girl in a mixed gender pair / group will still score points in the girl's class for that course.
- At each event runners score points as follows:
 - Winner 100
 - Second 97
 - Then decreasing by 2 points to 9th position, 85 points
 - Then descending by 1 point to a minimum of 2 points per control found on the relevant course.
- Shadowing:
 - Shadowing of runners on Yellow and Orange is allowed without penalty
 - In a shadowed run the helper will follow approximately 10 meters behind the runner and only intervene *where necessary for the safety of the runner* or after a

serious navigational mistake and a following opportunity for relocation have been missed.

- Assisted runs in which the parent or helper intervenes to any greater extent are non-competitive in the league and must so declare themselves.
- Children running down score 75% of the points earned and will not affect the points of fully eligible entrants in that class.
- Joker points
 - Any individual, successfully punching 5 or more controls on a course at an HH non-Youth League event that occurs between the first and last events of the season can, before the final schools league event, claim **10** additional “joker points” by notifying the youth league co-ordinator by email.
 - Joker points can also be claimed for a level C (or above) event, hosted by any club.
 - Individuals who are individual members of HH at the time of the last Youth League Event may double their “joker points” in an analogous manner.
 - Only two set of Joker points may be claimed in a season.
- League scoring:
 - An organisation's score for an event will be the 6 highest scoring individuals or pairs, regardless of Class.
 - An organisation's league score will be the sum of its 3 highest event scores plus the sum of the all joker points earned.
 - An individual's league score will be the sum of their 3 highest event scores in eligible classes over the season plus the sum of any joker points earned.
Individuals who go up an age class after the December rank in their age class at the end of the season although some of their scores may be from events in which they ran courses appropriate to their initial age class.
- Medals:
 - Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top three individual competitors in each class provided they have attended at least three events.
 - Competitor medals are awarded to all juniors who participate at three events in the season.

Maureen Webster Memorial Trophy

This trophy is in memory of Maureen Webster a member of HHOC and a teacher at Wood End School and dedicated supporter of the League for many years.

The trophy is awarded to the Organisation that achieves the highest level of *participation* in the Schools' League in a season:

- Each competitor will score a point if they punch 5 or more controls on a single course (this can, but need not, include the start and finish). For pairs or larger groups each member shall score a point.
- An Organisation's score for an event will be the sum of qualifying competitors.
- An Organisation's score for the league will be the sum of the 5 event scores.
- The Organisation with the highest number of points shall be awarded the trophy.

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