

Scottish Student Championships 2024

16th – 17th November

SATURDAY	Individual Competition <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Area: Kippendavie• Planner: Scarlett Kelly• Start Times: From 12:00 until 13:30
SUNDAY	Relay Competition <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Area: Falkirk Wheel• Planner: Holly Stodgell & Phil Wood• Mass Start: 10:30am

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2023 Champions: Edinburgh University

Competitors should run under the name of the university they attend rather than the club they run for.

Scoring will be done in compliance with the 2022 Scottish Student Championships rules. These can be accessed via the following link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1W3v2uH5UwJxLNPv8KKWV_JhWHo3m8ee3zVF0NRxAxhY/edit?usp=sharing

Individual Competition

Kippendavie is a relatively new area. The terrain is varied, stretching from the edge of Dunblane to the Sherrifmuir Monument. There is a mixture of coniferous plantation, deciduous woodland, open areas, farmer's fields, and a good track network. This makes the area suitable for orienteers of all abilities.

The event is being held alongside the FVO club championships. Athletes competing in the Scottish Students will have a later start block to FVO club members. Starts will be between 12:00 & 13:30. Starts will be seeded.

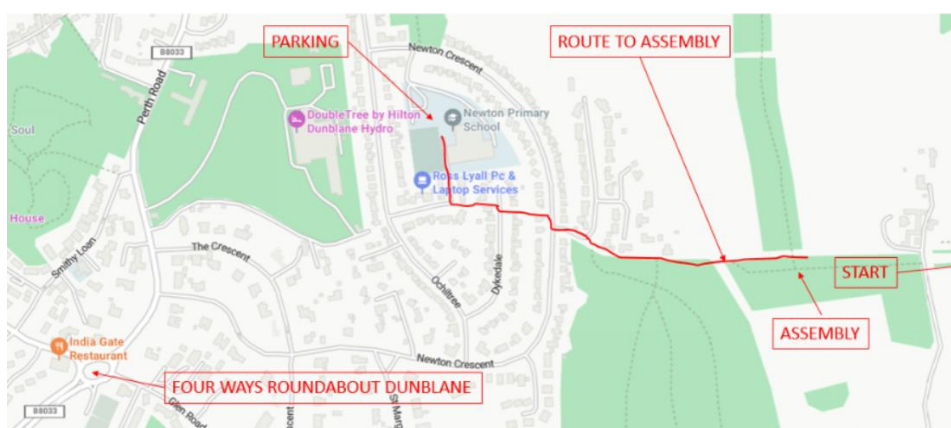
Event Officials:

- Planner: Scarlett Kelly (FVO)
- Organiser: Rupert Parkinson (FVO)

Parking & Assembly:

Main Parking will be in Newton Primary School. Additional parking on local streets if required. Parking will not be marshalled. Please park courteously.

Assembly will be in the forest ~800m from the parking. There will be tape from the parking. There will be no toilets.



Start & Finish:

Start and finish are at different locations; both are ~500m from assembly.

Course Details:

Class	Course	Distance	Climb
Men's A	Brown	6.7	115
Women's A	Blue	6.0	95
Men's B	Green	4.4	70
Women's B	Short Green	3.6	40
Men's & Women's C	Orange	3.1	35

There is also a gender non-conforming class which uses the same courses as the women, but results and scoring will be separate.

Safety:

It is the club captain's responsibility to ensure all competitors are running in a category that is suitable for their ability.

The area has seen some tree felling. Please avoid any areas of recently cut trees or forestry equipment. Competitors take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety.

Courses close at 3:30pm.

Prizes:

Scottish Orienteering are providing medals for the top 3 runners in each class. These will be given out at the prize giving on day 2.

Control Collection:

In order to thank FVO for hosting us at their event we have offered to collect controls. If there are any volunteers to help out please let us know :)

Relay Competition

The Falkirk Wheel is an iconic location in the central belt. The forest that surrounds the famous landmark is beautiful consisting of beech woodland, open land and a roman fort. There is great contour detail as well as a good track network. The area is suitable for orienteers of all abilities.

A previous map of the area can be found here:

<https://www.fvo.routegadget.co.uk/rg2/#87>

Event Officials:

- Planner: Phil Wood & Holly Stodgell (STUOC)
- Organiser: Holly Stodgell (STUOC)
- Controller: Fraser Purves (FVO)

Cost: £15 per team or £5 per runner

Parking & Assembly:

Please arrive via Bonnyside Road. Continue past the industrial buildings and Bonnyside House. The road turns into a track – please park along the side of the track ***leaving enough space for an emergency vehicle*** to pass if required.

Postcode: FK4 2AA

Google Maps Link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/1Vc1ZXVF8n7Gp2pc6>

What3Words: <https://what3words.com/video.resurgent.fixtures>

After parking continue up the track and through the gate. From the gate it is about 250m to the arena. The route will be taped.

We encourage you to bring club tents and banners. There is lots of space for spectators with a great view of changeover and the spectator loop. There will not be any caterers so please bring your own food and water. Apologies but there will be no toilets (we tried but the quote was HUGELY

out of budget). Please go to the toilet before the event. There are public toilets at the Wheel but please go on your way to car parking. We kindly ask that once the event has begun, you do not run through the area to use the toilets at the Wheel.

Start & Finish:

The mass start will take place at 10:30am

Changeover is in the arena. There will be a demonstration before the start of the relays. Competitors should remember to punch the finish **BEFORE** handing over to the next runner. Should there be a sprint finish, the winner will be first to cross the finish line and **NOT** the first to punch the finish.

All courses have a leg that crosses the view of the arena. Athletes can cheer on their teammates before they complete the final 1km of their courses.

Teams:

It is the club captain's responsibility to ensure all competitors are running a course that is suitable for their ability.

Relay teams must be mixed with at least 1 female in each team. Spare runners can join to make ad-hoc teams, but these teams will not score points.

Relay teams with multiple universities will be classed as ad-hoc.

Course Details:

The relay will follow the usual structure. Leg 1 will run light green, leg 2 will run orange, and leg 3 will run green.

Leg	Course	Gaffles	Distance	Controls
1	Light Green	✓	3.9km	18
2	Orange	x	3.2km	12
3	Green	✓	4.8km	20

Safety:

ATHLETES MUST NOT CROSS THE RAILWAY LINE!

Depending on the rainfall and the depth of the river, there may be a designated crossing point on the day. If necessary, there will be a rope and marshal to assist. It is the ***competitor's responsibility*** to use the crossing if asked to by organisers on the day.

Athletes should also use the ***mandatory fence crossing***.

We will do a mini mass start if necessary.

Prize Giving:

We aim to have the prize giving underway by 1pm. If possible on the day it will be brought forward. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 in each individual category and the top 3 relay teams. The Scottish Student Championships trophy will be awarded to the highest overall scoring university.