



The English Universities Orienteering Championships

1. Format

- 1.1. The English Universities Orienteering Championships (hereafter, EUOC) is a team and individual competition between university orienteers. In its inaugural edition, it will run alongside CUOC's Icenian Trophy.
- 1.2. Teams are comprised of four runners
 - 1.2.1. Teams not comprising four runners are still eligible, but will receive maximum points for any missing runners
- 1.3. A university club may have multiple teams
 - 1.3.1. Teams are automatically generated from the individual results list, with the four highest scorers from a given university club forming their A team, the next four their B team, and so on
- 1.4. The cup is awarded to the team with the lowest score after courses close.
 - 1.4.1. At the organiser's discretion, there may also be prizes for the first placed male and female finisher.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. In order to score, a competitor must have completed at least the suggested course for their class.
 - 2.1.1. Suggested courses are shown in the following table:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Class</u>
Black	Men
Brown	Women

- 2.2. Competitors are permitted to 'run down'. This entails competing on a course lower down in the table than their suggested course (i.e. of lower technical difficulty and/or distance). 'Running up' is likewise permitted.
 - 2.2.1. Competitors running down cannot be a member of any of their club's teams
 - 2.2.2. Conversely, competitors running up (i.e. women running black) can contribute to their club's teams. However, their score will be calculated relative to the winner of the course they are running, even if that is someone of the opposite gender.
- 2.3. Only people meeting the membership requirements of a university orienteering club may score for the same team.
 - 2.3.1. In instances where multiple orienteers are from the same university, but do not have a BOF-affiliated club, they are permitted to notify the organiser of their intention to form a team
 - 2.3.2. In this case, at the organiser's discretion, a competitive team may be formed, or the request may be denied
- 2.4. In order to score, a competitor must have a valid finish (no mispunches or disqualifications).

3. Scoring

- 3.1. Individual scores are equal to the finishing position of the competitor on his/her course
 - 3.1.1. This finishing position only includes other EUOC competitors, and not non-university entrants to EUOC courses
 - 3.1.2. Thus, the winner of the Black course will score 1, as will the winner of the Brown course
 - 3.1.3. Women running the Men's race will have their score calculated as if they were male
- 3.2. Team scores are equal to the sum of the four individual scores, or, where a team lacks four members, the sum of the existing runners, with maximum scores assigned in place of 'missing' runners
- 3.3. In normal circumstances, the lowest possible score is 1 for an individual, or 6 for a team (where a team has the first and second-placed runners on both courses)

- 3.3.1. In the case of a tie, more than one person may win the course, so a 4-point team score is technically possible.
 - 3.4. There are no gender requirements on team composition, teams can be all-male, all-female, or a mixture.
 - 3.4.1. This is to benefit smaller clubs
 - 3.5. In the case that two teams have an equal points total, the winner will be determined by the team with the lowest scoring individual
 - 3.5.1. If two teams have an equal points total and an equally low-scoring, lowest-scoring individual, the next lowest-scoring individual shall be consulted until all four members have been compared for their points contribution
 - 3.5.2. In the case that two teams have an equal points total comprised of runners finishing in the same positions, the result will be declared a draw
4. **Clubs**
 - 4.1. Clubs may end up with multiple teams (where they have more than 4 successful finishers)
 - 4.1.1. Subsequent teams shall be automatically named A, B, C etc.
 - 4.2. Non-A teams are still considered competitive for the purposes of the results list, though by definition they cannot win (because if their points total was low enough to beat all other teams, they would be the A team for their club)
 - 4.3. In the case that a clubs 4th and 5th lowest-scoring runners both score the same number of points (or 8th and 9th etc.), the runner running the longer course shall be considered the counting member of the team.
5. **Misc.**
 - 5.1. Scores are calculated automatically
 - 5.2. For the purposes of this document, the terms 'male' and 'female' refer to individuals in classes designated 'M' or 'W' only, as is sporting convention. This does not necessarily designate the gender that an individual identifies with.
 - 5.2.1. If you find this usage offensive in any way, please contact the author at icenian@cuoc.org.uk and we will do our best to rectify this.
 - 5.3. The organisers intend to announce results on the day of the event, as soon as the necessary calculations are complete.