Competition Rules J: CompassSport Cup & Trophy

Text in bold below has mandatory status and shall be followed by event officials. Other content refers to material provided for guidance and for information. These Rules shall be read in conjunction with the BOF Rules and have the same authority. They shall be considered as their extension. Where these Rules vary or supplement BOF Rules, then these Competition Rules shall take precedence.

1. General Information

1.1 Nature of the event

1.1.1 The CompassSport Cup and CompassSport Trophy events are the premier inter-club competitions for British clubs. The organising clubs should aim to make a real occasion out of it. It is intended to foster club spirit and be attractive both to competitors and to the club hosting it, for which it should be financially viable.

1.1.2 Each competition shall consist of Qualifying Round matches and a Final.

1.1.3 The Final of each competition shall be between six or more clubs.

1.1.4 Each match in the Qualifying Round shall be between the same number of clubs, as far as is possible having regard to the geographical distribution of the clubs.

1.1.5 The CompassSport Cup/Trophy Co-ordinator shall be responsible for collecting entries, arranging the draw, allocating the Qualifying Round matches to the venues, and informing all competing clubs of the draw and the dates and venues of the Qualifying Round and Final.

1.1.6 A CompassSport Cup/Trophy qualifying round is a Level B event.

1.1.7 The Final of the CompassSport Cup/Trophy is a Level A event.

1.1.8 Rules for the Qualifying Round may only be varied by Rules Group, in consultation with the CompassSport Cup/Trophy Co-ordinator. Rules for the Final may only be varied by Rules Group, in consultation with the Major Events Group.

1.2 Eligibility

1.2.1 All clubs affiliated to British Orienteering may enter the CompassSport Cup or the CompassSport Trophy.

1.2.2 Entry to the Trophy competition shall be limited to those clubs with 125 or fewer National and Local members of British Orienteering. For this purpose individual Senior and Junior members each count as one member; families count as three members.

1.2.3 Membership shall be measured as at 30th June in the year prior to the competition.

1.2.4 All competitors shall be either National or Local Members of British Orienteering.

1.2.5 Eligibility to run in the competition is governed by Rule 3.2, except that

competitors who change clubs in accordance with Rule 3.2.2, and have already competed for one club in either the Cup competition or the Trophy competition, may not then compete for the second club in either of the competitions in the same year.

2. Map and Terrain

2.1 Embargo

2.1.1 The CompassSport Cup/Trophy Qualification competition terrain is embargoed as soon as its location is published. The terrain shall not have been used for orienteering for a minimum period of 12 months before the date of the competition.

2.1.2 The CompassSport Cup/Trophy Final competition terrain is embargoed as soon as its location is published. The terrain shall not have been used for orienteering for a minimum period of 24 months before the date of the competition.

2.2 Map

2.2.1 The terrain shall be field worked in order for the map to be legible when presented at a scale of 1:15,000.

2.2.2 See Appendix H (Mapping)

2.3 Map Printing

2.3.1 The map shall be printed by an approved printer.

2.3.2 All maps for the Final shall be offset litho printed unless agreed otherwise with Map Group.

3. Organisational Requirements

3.1 General

3.1.1 A qualifying round shall have all the characteristics of a Level B Event (i.e. a Regional event) such as good terrain, pre-marked maps and a suitable assembly area.

3.1.2 The Final shall have all the characteristics of a Level A Event (i.e. a National event) such as good terrain, pre-marked maps and a suitable assembly area.

3.1.3 There should only be one entry fee for Seniors. As clubs have no choice as to whether the fixtures they take part in are in their own Region or not, the £2.00 discount for Local members within their own Region will apply to everyone. (Note that there are no discounts applicable to Juniors).

3.1.4 Results shall be published at the event and on a website by the next day offering post event route and graphical split time analysis.

3.1.5 The officials for each qualifying round shall meet the requirements set out for a Level B Event in the British Orienteering Rules, Appendix C: Event Officials.

3.1.6 The officials for the Finals shall include a Grade A Controller appointed by the Major Events Group and a Map Adviser, appointed by Map Group. There shall also be a Safety Officer.

3.1.7 Event Organisers shall arrange a Jury before the event to deal with possible protests. Although the occasions on which they will be required should be rare, it is likely to prove more difficult than usual to obtain an independent Jury on the day, as many of the potential members will be competitors in the CompassSport competition, and thus not unbiased.

3.1.8 The competitions are organised in a spirit of goodwill, and it is hoped that all problems can be settled on an amicable basis.

3.2 Event dates

3.2.1 Fixtures Group shall be responsible for determining the dates of the Qualifying Round. Major Events Group, advised by the National Fixtures Group, is responsible for scheduling the Final. All matches in the Qualifying Round shall take place on the same day unless, exceptionally, that is not possible. Fixtures Group shall inform the Cup/Trophy Co-ordinator of these dates before the end of September in the year prior to the competition.

3.3 Publicity

3.3.1 Via the British Orienteering fixtures list and a direct link from the British Orienteering website to the dedicated event details page.

3.4 Entries

3.4.1 EOD for non-competition/recreation courses

3.4.2 Pre-allocated start times

3.5 Organisation of Qualifying Round matches

3.5.1 Regional Associations shall be responsible for determining the venues and shall inform the Cup/Trophy Co-ordinator of these venues.

3.5.2 The CompassSport Cup/Trophy competitions should normally provide the following facilities:

- An event web site for information, start lists, results, publication of previous maps and on-line entry and payment
- Courses pre-marked on maps
- Control description issue in start lanes

- Pre-entry, with entry closing date as close as possible to, and certainly no more than 28 days before, the date of competition
- EOD for non-competition/recreation courses
- Pre-allocated start times
- start list at assembly area and at pre-start
- where an area has been used for an earlier event, unmarked maps on display in the assembly area (these may be of the map used for the earlier event)
- electronic punching
- same control site format at each control, with sample on display at the pre-start
- frequently updated results display

3.6 Organisation of the Final

3.6.1 Any club may bid to host the Final through their Regional Association Fixtures Secretary.

3.6.2 Responsibility for organising the Final will be allocated to a specific club by the Fixtures Group.

3.6.3 In addition to the facilities described in 3.5.2, the Final competition should also provide

- timed (rather than punching) starts
- spectator control
- radio control sites for the major courses
- public address system for commentary
- a dignified and prestigious ceremony to present the prizes

4. Planning Requirements

4.1 Course details

4.1.1 There shall be eight different CompassSport courses planned to the colour coded standards shown below.

Course	CompassSport Course	Eligible Age Classes	Class Size
1	Brown	Men Open	Large
2	Blue Women	Women Open	Small
3	Blue Men	M45+ M20-	Large
4	Green Women	W45+ W20-	Small
5	Green Men	M60+	Small
6	Short Green Veterans	M75+ W60+	Small
7A	Light Green Men	Men 18-	Very Small
7B	Light Green Women	Women 18-	Very Small

8A	Orange Men	Men 14-	Very Small
8B	Orange Women	Women 14-	Very Small

4.1.2 The two Blue courses (2 & 3) must be different. The two Green courses (4 & 5) must be different. The extent of these differences is a matter for the Planner.

4.1.3 Due to the number of competitors, separate Cup and Trophy Blue Men's courses will be required for the Final and may be required in Qualifying Round matches

4.1.4 Course 6 shall be of Light Green length, but of the same technical difficulty as the Green courses.

4.1.5 Only one Light Green course (used for 7A & 7B) and one Orange course (for 8A & 8B) need to be planned.

4.1.6 The allocation of age classes to courses results in:

- **two 'large' CompassSport classes - on courses 1 and 3**
- **four 'small' CompassSport classes - on courses 2, 4, 5 and 6**
- **four 'very small' CompassSport classes - on courses 7A, 7B, 8A and 8B**

4.2 White and Yellow courses

4.2.1 Planners are requested to put on White and Yellow courses for Juniors attending the event with families, but who do not have sufficient skills to tackle the Orange course.

5. Competition Rules

5.1 Course eligibility

5.1.1 There is no limit to the number of runners a club may field.

5.1.2 No runner may run competitively more than once per match.

5.1.3 Age classes are those applicable in the year of the competition.

5.1.4 Any competitor may run up an age class or classes, but not necessarily a course. Thus (for example) a W18, rather than competing on Course 7, may run up as a W20 and compete on Course 4, but may not run on Courses 6 or 5.

5.1.5 Women may run as Men e.g. a W45 could run as an M45 on Course 3.

5.2 Scoring

5.2.1 The CompassSport Cup and CompassSport Trophy are to be treated as two entirely separate competitions when taking place at the same event. On each course there will therefore be one set of scores starting at 100 for the Cup and another set starting at 100 for the Trophy.

5.2.2 The winner of each CompassSport class scores 100 points.

5.2.3 Every competitor receives a score based on their finishing position.

- **Scoring in each 'large' CompassSport class will be 100, 99, 98, 97, 96, etc. down to 0. (Subsequent positions also score 0).**
- **Scoring in each 'small' CompassSport class will be 100, 98, 96, 94, 92, etc. down to 0. (Subsequent positions also score 0).**
- **Scoring in each 'very small' CompassSport class will be 100, 96, 92, 88, 84, etc. down to 0. (Subsequent positions also score 0).**

5.2.4 If two runners tie for a place, both runners will score the points appropriate for that place. The next runner scores 2 points less on a 'large' course or 4 points less on a 'small' course (eg. if two runners on a 'large' course each score 98 points, the next scores 96 points; if two runners on a 'small' course each score 96 points, the next scores 92 points)

5.2.5 CompassSport Cup team score

- **25 scores to count**
- **maximum of 6 counters from any one 'large' CompassSport class**
- **maximum of 4 counters from any one 'small' CompassSport class**
- **maximum of 4 counters from each pair of 'very small' CompassSport classes running the same course. e.g. four from 7A, none from 7B; three from 7A, one from 7B; two from 7A, two from 7B; etc.**

5.2.6 CompassSport Trophy team score

- **13 scores to count**
- **maximum of 3 counters from any one 'large' CompassSport class**
- **maximum of 2 counters from any one 'small' CompassSport class**
- **maximum of 2 counters from each pair of 'very small' CompassSport classes running the same course. i.e. two from 7A, none from 7B; one from 7A, one from 7B; none from 7A, two from 7B;**

5.2.7 The winner shall be the team with the highest points total. Where clubs finish on equal points, positions will be determined by looking at the best scores of the 26th (Cup) or 14th (Trophy) eligible counter (i.e. from within the maximum number of counters per course) for each team. Then, if needed, the next best and so on.

5.2.8 In the event of a course or courses being voided by the Controller, the result shall be decided on the courses not voided.

5.2.9 In the event of two courses being voided then the number of scorers will be: Cup - 20 and Trophy - 10.

5.2.10 Scoring Example - Trophy match:

- List your three highest scores from each large class.
- List your two highest scores from each small class.
- List your two highest scores from each pair of very small classes.
- You will now have eighteen scores (or fewer if you weren't able to run enough

competitors on any one of the courses.)

- Finally, select the highest thirteen scores of these eighteen and add them together. This gives you the team score.

5.3 Qualifying for the Final

5.3.1 The winner of each qualifying match, with scoring in accordance with Rule 4.2, shall qualify for the Final.

5.3.2 If there are eight or more teams entered for a Qualifying Round match then the first two teams shall qualify for the Final.

5.3.3 Two teams qualify from Scotland for the Trophy Final. These shall be either the two winning teams if there are two Qualifying Round matches, or the first two teams if there is only one Qualifying Round match.

5.3.4 NIOA may nominate a Cup and Trophy Club for the final. They may either hold an elimination competition or nominate them based on an existing league competition.

5.3.5 In Qualifying Round matches where a club that qualifies for the Final under Rules 5.3.1, 5.3.2 or 5.3.3 also finished in the top three in the Final in the previous year, then an additional qualifying place shall be made available from that match for the club finishing in the next position. No extra qualifying place will be provided if the 'top three' team does not automatically qualify by virtue of its finishing position in the match.

6. Other Information

6.1 Start times

6.1.1 Competing clubs shall initially be pre-allocated an equal number of start times, in rotation, throughout the start period. A different order of rotation shall be used on each course. (There shall be no specific allowance for clubs travelling longer distances.) When allocating start times at a match which is both Cup and Trophy there should be two Cup start times to one Trophy start time.

6.1.2 Where it is necessary to allocate additional start times to a club these can be taken from vacant start slots not required by other clubs. Runners from the same club should be separated as far as practical and not start on adjacent start times.

6.1.3 A club will only be allocated additional start times if they have nominated runners to all their original allocation of start times. The event organiser will allocate spare slots equitably across all the clubs that request them by the closing date for entries. Any club requesting extra start slots after the closing date will be only be allocated those still remaining

6.1.4 The event organiser may extend the start period at their discretion.

6.2 Shadowing

6.2.1 There have been some instances of clubs sending out inexperienced juniors with an adult shadowing them, on the basis that if the junior gets round on their own they will score, and if the adult has to help they will be disqualified. This is against the spirit of the competition and therefore not allowed. Competitors must run on their own.

6.3 Further advice

6.3.1 Appendices B (Course Planning), E (Event Safety), and G (Protests, Juries and Appeals).

6.3.2 If you cannot find the answer to a question within the published Rules, Appendices and Guidelines then please contact either the CompassSport Cup/Trophy Co-ordinator or the Chairman of Rules Group via British Orienteering National Office.