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East Yorkshire Short Race Series 2011

Final Details - Event 3: Drifffield Airfield

Saturday 11-June-2011

Directions

The entrance to the Airfield is on the A614, at TA 001 560, [SATNAV 53 59 24.5N; 0 28 23W] approximately 1 mile to the South West of Drifffield. If approaching along the A614 from the South West, the entrance gate is just after, but obscured slightly by, woodland on the left hand side of the road. (*I know where it is and often overshoot and have to go to the roundabout with the A164 and retrace my route!*).

Competitors from the south travelling along the A164 should turn west at the roundabout with the A614 and the entrance gate is approximately 1 mile on the right hand side of the road.

For this event we will be parking on the North Western edge of the airfield; follow the orienteing signs after entering the area.

Access to the airfield is via a locked gate. A condition of our use of the area is that the gate must either be locked or manned. We will man the gate from approximately 10am to 10:30am. If you are going to arrive outside of these times a notice on the gate will give you a number to ring. Alternatively, ring or email Neil Harvatt (07800-784255 or neil@halo-orienteing.org.uk) prior to the event for access information.

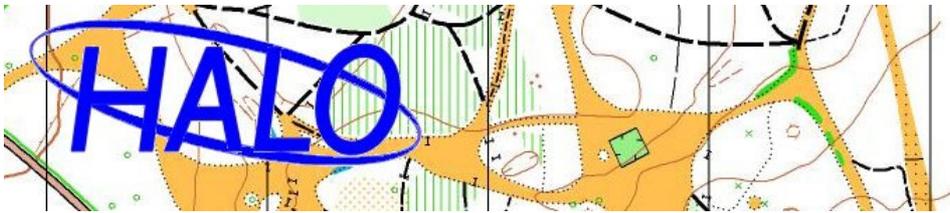
Entrants

Those wishing to enter on the day must go to registration, which will be available from 10am, to complete an EOD form. SI card hire will be available from Registration.

Competitors who have pre-entered can start at any time between 10:30 and 11:15, but should report to Registration to confirm their presence before going to the Start.

Yellow Course

A yellow course will be available at this and other Short Race Events, this is aimed at beginners to the sport and anyone not wanting to take part in the Prologue/Chase Races. Entry for this will be On The Day only. Fees are £2 adults, £1 juniors plus dibber hire of £1/50p if required.



Start procedure

Starts will be from 10.30am for the Prologue event and from 12.00 noon for the Chase event.

There will be a punching start for both the Prologue and Chase.

Chase start times will be displayed at registration as soon as practicable after completion of the Prologue course. The organisers may amend the Chase start time, subject to agreement of all competitors.

For this event, the Chase will have a handicap start based on the times in the Prologue, ie the fastest competitors on the Prologue will start last. This will prevent the situation arising whereby the later starters are still waiting to start when the leading runners have finished.

Scoring

For the league purposes, the Prologue and Chase are treated as separate races. The winner in each category will receive 50 points, second place 49, etc. The best six scores (out of a possible eight) will count for the overall placings.

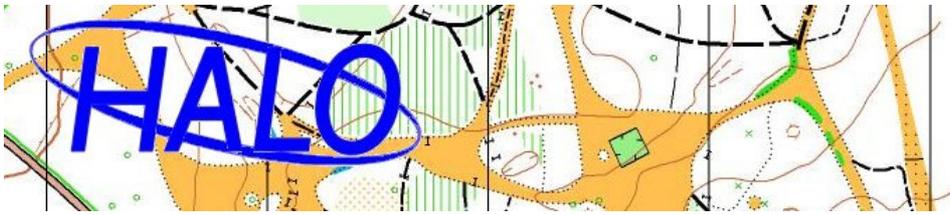
Maps

The map scale will be 1:5000 with contour intervals of 5m, the map has been updated for this event. Both Prologue (3km) and Chase (3km) Courses will be pre-marked and printed on A4 sized paper. If necessary, map bags will be provided. (Course distances are subject to final controlling).

Control descriptions will be printed on the maps. Loose descriptions will also be available (at Registration for the Prologue and in the Start Lane for the Chase).

There will not be a legend on the map, loose copies will be available at Registration. The black cross symbol for man-made object represents a Triangulation Pillar (map symbol and control description).

There are a number of pockets of woodland around the site. There are recent motorcycle tracks in most of these wooded areas, but they are too numerous to map and hence have not been shown.



Terrain

The Airfield is now used as an MOD Training Area for drivers. The area, as you would expect for a former airfield consists of predominately flat rough grassland, however there are a couple of areas that have been partly excavated. In these areas many hills have been created for driver practice, there are also many pits created as a result of heavy vehicle movements over relatively soft ground.

The rough grassland is generally runnable.

There are numerous vehicle tracks on the ground, it would appear that once a track gets too pitted, the army drivers then create a parallel one. Hence many of the tracks are now grassed over. Only the current major tracks are shown on the map, the disused tracks are not shown (although there can be some evidence on the ground of their existence).

There can be a lot of standing water in these areas, the major wet areas only have been mapped. Many of the vehicle tracks and pits contain standing water, these can be quite deep and should not be crossed.

Facilities

There will be a Portaloo available near the old hangars, although this is quite a way from the parking area.

Squash and water will also be available at Registration.

Car keys may be left at Registration..

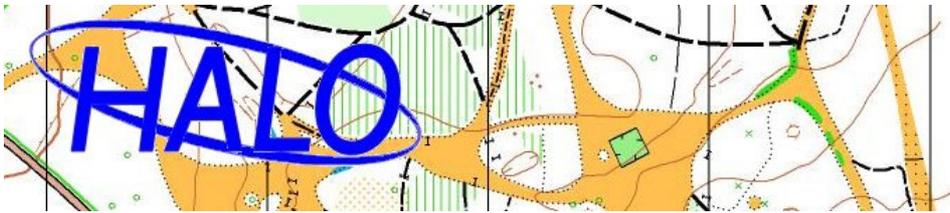
Safety

Please note that British Orienteering insurance and other liability insurances do not provide personal accident cover. It is a standard condition of British Orienteering events that participants take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety.

All competitors should carry a whistle.

All competitors must report to download in the assembly/registration area, even if they do not complete their course.

As stated above, there are many unmapped areas of standing water, these can be deceptively deep, do not attempt to cross them.



There will be a First Aid Kit in the Registration tent.

The nearest 24 hour A&E hospitals are at Hull (Anlaby Road, HU3 2JZ, Tel: 01482-875875) and at York (Wigginton Road, YO31 8HE, Tel: 01904-631313). Directions available at Registration.

Results

Provisional results will be posted at Registration during the event.

Final results will be published on HALO website (www.halo-orienteeing.org.uk) as soon as practicable. RouteGadget will be used at this event.

Competitors requiring a printed copy of the results must deposit a stamped addressed envelope at Registration.

Cancellation

If it is necessary to cancel the event a notice will be posted on the HALO website. In addition, the organisers will endeavour to e-mail all pre-entered competitors.

Contacts

Neil Harvatt (Joint organiser) can be contacted on 07800-784255 if you have any queries.

Thank you for supporting this event and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday.

HALO hope you have enjoyable runs and safe journeys to and from home.