
	<b>MILITARY LEAGUE (SOUTH)</b> <b>INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENT</b> <b>HOSTED BY BAOC/SOC</b> <b>BLACKWOOD Forest, Micheldever</b> <b>WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2026</b>					
<b>Travel Directions:</b>	<b>Entrance:</b> W3W: <b>checked.stumble.parked</b> Grid: Forest entrance SU 536418 Nearest Post Code: SO21 3BG Takes you to entrance off Larkwhistle Farm Road. Follow signs down dirt track to Forest Holidays ( <b>Take care as runners will be crossing this track</b> ). At W3W <b>dolls.novels.helpers</b> turn right and drive through gate down to registration at end of track. Parking is on forest tracks around regn. <b>M3 Southbound</b> exit at J7 and follow A33 towards Winchester. <b>M3 Northbound</b> exit at J9, take A34 keeping right and filter onto A33. <b>A303 eastbound</b> follow signs to Micheldever Station and then continue East out of the village.					
<b>Terrain:</b>	Blackwood is a gently undulating forest with mostly deciduous trees. The woods are very open and terrain is fast, which favours those taking the direct route. The area is littered with many V/large depressions caused by bombs in 2WW where pilots dumped their loads rather than risk the barrages over Southampton. These can require a bit of a scramble to get in/out of. <b>NOTE: Holiday chalets areas are strictly OOB, there should be no need to go within 50m of any of them, stay in the woods away from them and also off the main tracks leading to them.</b> (They are not marked OOB as that would cause confusion on the map as there are routes available between the groups of huts)					
<b>Mapping:</b>	Updated fully Dec 2023 and revised in May 2025 for last year's MLS HARRIS event by Alan Kersley BADO. Scale 1:10,000 overprinted on waterproof paper. (1:7500 for SG & 1:5000 for VSG) Loose control description provided at the start.					
<b>Pre-entry:</b>	Opens at 18:00 on Wed 18 March 26 at <a href="https://racesignup.co.uk">racesignup.co.uk</a> .					
<b>Result System</b>	EMIT Results <a href="https://race-results.info/">https://race-results.info/</a> & <a href="http://www.baoc.info/">http://www.baoc.info/</a>					
<b>Registration:</b>	1045 – 1355 hours. <b>Starts:</b> 1100 – 1400hrs <b>Cses Close:</b> Cses closes at 1500hrs..					
Coaching provided, either email or register via RSU if you have a group to coach. Indivs can turn up on the day						
All runners must download by course closure time; even if you do not finish the course.						
<b>Cses:</b>	<b>Colour</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Climb</b>	<b>Controls</b>	<b>Remarks</b>	
	Brown	10.5km	80m		Experienced Orienteers Only	
	Blue	7.5km	80m		Experienced Orienteers Only	
	Light Green	5.0km	60m		Suitable for Improving Orienteers	
	Lg Orange	4.0km	50m		Suitable for Novices	
	Sh Green	3.5km	40m		Experienced Orienteers Only	
	VSG	2.5 km	30m		Experienced Orienteers Only	
	Score	60 mins		30	Suitable for all. All Controls worth 10 pts.	
<b>Dress:</b>	Full leg and arm cover are mandatory; that means no shorts or vests.					
<b>Instructions:</b>	Whistles are compulsory, place £1 in charity box at registration and take one					
	Military - £4.25p Military Veterans - £5.50					
	Senior Civilians (M/W 21 and above) - £8.00					
	Junior Civilians (M/W 20 and below) - £5.50					
	EMIT Hire (if required) - £2.00p Limited EOD £1.50 extra					
	<b>NOTE: To be eligible for the MLS Indiv Champs you have to run on the nominated course for your Age Gp:</b> M21, M35, M40, M45 – on <b>Brown</b> , W21, W35, W40, W45, W50+, M50+ on <b>Blue</b> , MU21, WU21 <b>Light Green</b> , Novices <b>Long Orange</b>					
<b>SRO:</b>	WO1 Dickinson MOD Abbey Wood					
<b>Organiser:</b>	Maj(Retd) Allan Farrington – BAOC					
<b>Planner:</b>	Paul Thwaites SOC <b>Controller:</b> Julian Hartwell SOC :					
<b>Contact Detail:</b>	Email: <a href="mailto:allan.emituk@gmail.com">allan.emituk@gmail.com</a> Tel: 07747 446600					
<b>Facilities:</b>	Tom's Food Wagon(with Warren), Toilets by Regn and also at Forest Centre...					
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>For civilians participating in Army orienteering, Public Liability Insurance provided by Towergate; individuals are advised to have their own private accident insurance. This event is conducted iaw British Orienteering Rules 2025 and land booked iaw the AOA DIO Licence and JSP907</b>					
Orienteering in the Army is classed as individual military training. Competitors are responsible for their own personal safety and for assessing their own abilities to complete the course.						

