

Lincoln Orienteering Group

Midsummer Madness Chasing Sprint

August 5th 2010



**FINAL DETAILS**  
**for**  
**The Chasing Sprint at the Brayford Campus,**  
**University of Lincoln**  
**(incorporating the Lincolnshire Challenge Shield)**

**Venue**

**Our thanks to the University of Lincoln estates department for their support and cooperation in helping to stage the event.**

The Brayford campus is a modern university site made up of a number of elegant buildings, containing a complex area of student accommodation, with the Brayford Pool and the River Witham bordering the north end of the site. The grid reference for the main entrance to the University is SK 971 709; Postcode LN7 6TS. [Assembly map](#)

**Travel**

**The event will not be signposted.** From the A46 Lincoln bypass, take the A57 into the city (signed city centre), and then passing West Common (on the left) and the Carholme Road golf course and old grandstand (on the right) on the way in. At the T-junction at the end of Carholme Road, with the Horse & Groom pub opposite, turn right and go over the flyover, with the Brayford Pool now on the left. Bear left at the foot of the flyover onto Ropewalk. The assembly area should be visible on the left now, with the main entrance just 100m ahead. Turn left at the traffic lights opposite Toys R Us into the campus and park along the boulevard.

**Parking**

Please be aware that the University is in the process of installing pay and display meters during the next month and you **may** have to pay a small sum (~£1) to park on-site for the duration of the event. Alternative parking is available in the main shopping area across the road from the University.

**Facilities**

All the usual town centre facilities are available within reach of the Assembly - pubs, cafes, supermarkets, Pizza Hut and Burger King are within 200 metres. Toilets are available on campus within all of the nearby buildings.

## Assembly/Registration

Assembly and registration will be on the earthbank next to the parking area/boulevard and will be visible as you drive into the campus. Registration will be open soon after 5pm. **Please register on arrival.** Entry fee for the event is £2 per head, including dibber hire.

## First Aid and Safety

**Competitors take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety.** If travelling alone, or if you want us to ensure your safe return, please leave car keys at registration. A mobile phone number attached would allow us to ring you to find out where you are.

The event takes place entirely on campus, although there is route choice on some legs which, if taken, would see competitors crossing roads. Please take care if you do decide to cross any main roads and give way to cars and cyclists at all times. The campus should be quiet at this time of year, but please be courteous to pedestrians encountered and take care also turning blind corners, in narrow alleys and going up and coming down steps. Please slow down and run wide on corners. If it is wet some of the surfaces can be slippery.

First Aid available at Enquiries.

Local Accident and Emergency - Lincoln County Hospital, Greetwell Road, Lincoln LN25QY. Tel: 01522 512 512. [Hospital map](#)

## Dogs

Dogs are allowed in the parking and assembly fields if kept on leads and under control. No dogs allowed on the courses.

## Competition format

There are 2 courses – Prologue and Chase - both of which start with 4 controls in the maze, then 13 controls on the campus, and finally 4 controls in the maze to finish (21 controls in total). All ages and sexes do the same. Winning times for the prologue and the chase should be around 12-15 minutes. **Everyone will do both courses.**

Prologue	21 controls, 2.1km, 10m
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Chase	21 controls, 2.3km, 10m
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The prologue has three course variations: Competitors will be assigned to course A, B or C in the start lanes. The chase has only one course for all competitors.

Courses are run almost entirely on either tarmac or mown grass. While serious studs may not be necessary, some degree of grip is recommended, particularly if the grass in the maze is wet.

## Prologue

The start will be open from 5:15pm-6:30-ish, with runners able to choose when they would like to start. Starts will be at one minute intervals, with a maximum of three competitors starting at any one time (one on prologue course A, one on B and one on C). There will be start lanes, with call-up at -3 minutes to read final safety information

and have dibbers checked. At -2 minutes sample maps will be available to view, showing the layout of the maze and the remainder of the course. At -1 minute loose control descriptions will be available and the particular prologue course will be assigned to each runner. Please do not communicate with other competitors to indicate which course you are on. Mis-punches / DNF / DNS count as disqualification, but competitors will still be allowed to run in the chase, starting at the back of the pack. At download, successful completion of the prologue will be verified and your chase start time will be written on your hand.

## Chase

The base time for the chase will be 7pm. The chase will consist of competitors starting at the base time plus their time on the prologue. For example, completing the prologue in 19 minutes and 32 seconds would mean a start time on the chase of 19:19:32hrs. Please ensure you are at call-up in plenty of time to allow the starter to start you at the right time, as it will be frantic in places! Loose control descriptions will be available in the start lanes.

The winner of the event will be the first across the finish line in the chase. For the overall results list, and the Lincolnshire Challenge Shield, both prologue and chase times will be added together. Mis-punches, etc., will result in disqualification, as in the heats.

## Download

When you download after the prologue, you must present your map to identify which course you have done. Please do not show your map to anyone yet to run on the prologue. You will be given your start time for the chase at this point.

## Controls

This is an SI electronic punching event. Expect to find some of the SI boxes on stakes and some attached via gripples to the control feature, along with the standard kite.

## Control Descriptions

These are on the map for the campus controls, in written format, with loose copies available at -1 minute in the start lanes.

## Base Map

2007 map; 1:5000 to ISSOM standards, by Stephen Bones, with 2010 updates. Maps will be bagged. There will be a blank base map with legend on display at registration. A limited legend is on the map, and, if you are new to Urban Orienteering, please take time to study the map, noticing all the places you must not go. In particular, note that any area shown on the map as purple, olive green or blue is not to be entered. Purple hatching shows out of bounds areas. Thick black lines **MUST NOT BE CROSSED. All out of bounds areas listed above are to be strictly adhered to.**

## Competition map

The competition map comprises the 1:5000 base map, supplemented with a chunk on the right side showing the maze at 1:500.

In the maze, a purple dot marks the centre of each control circle to assist navigation. There are no control descriptions for the controls in the maze. On the map, each

control carries both the sequence number on your course plus the control code of the box to punch. ie. 3-61 means box 61 is your 3rd control.

Your final "normal" campus control has a line from it to where the next control in the maze is located.

## **The maze**

The maze is a specially-designed and very temporary creation, which should be treated as high and solid. However tempting it may be, you are not allowed to touch, reach over, or duck under, any of it, ie. when punching you must be standing at the control with no part of any barrier between you and the flag. We will have a marshal keeping an eye on you, ready to DSQ your result.

"No touch" means please don't try to swing on bits of it to help your cornering ... the odds are that you'll bring it down rather than get any assistance.

## **Finish**

The Finish is located near to the start and is shown on the final section of the maze map.

## **Results/Awards**

Interim results at registration. Final results on [www.logonline.org.uk](http://www.logonline.org.uk)

Trophies for the winners of the LOG summer series will be made as soon as possible after the chase is concluded. The Lincolnshire Challenge Shield will also be awarded then.

## **Post Event Refreshment**

The Shed, next to the marina and on the Brayford campus, will be the location for after event refreshments and socialising. It is over the railway line via the footbridge located near to the maze.

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