



THE CHARLTON CHASE

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Many thanks for your entry into the Charlton Chase. It is important that you read the information contained within this document and share it with all of your participants. **Failure to meet some of the conditions described in this document may result in your team(s) not being allowed to start the event.**

Arrival and Registration

Please arrive at the Adur Centre at the time stated on the email you will receive shortly before the event weekend. Please note early arrivals will not be allowed into the building. On arrival each team will be required to register and hand in the completed registration form, which will be attached to your joining e-mail. The teams will then be directed through a kit check and safety briefing; teams will be required to empty their rucksacks in order to show that they are carrying all of the equipment listed on the kit list. **Please note teams who are deemed to be not suitably equipped will be refused entry to the event. Gateway checkpoints throughout the night may also ask to see certain items of equipment to ensure they are still being carried.**

Planning

After completing the safety checks teams will proceed to the Start Gateway where they will receive route cards with grid references for the Gateway Checkpoints and unmanned Nodals.

- Premier Teams must visit all the Gateways on the course and as many Nodals as they choose.
- Standard Teams must visit all the Gateways listed on their route card and as many Nodals as they choose.
- Novice Teams must visit all the Gateways listed on their route card and as many Nodals as they choose.

Teams have a maximum of 8-hours of journeying and challenge time to complete the event; the time is stopped for a maximum of 20 minutes at the Gateways if teams are resting.

Scoring

Teams will be awarded points for visiting Gateways and Nodals that are reached in the 8-hour walking time limit. Teams will also be awarded points at each of the Gateways based upon how successful they are at the team challenge. Teams who go over the eight-hour time limit will be penalised a point per minute they are over time.

Finish

The Finish Gateway will be at the Adur Centre and will be in operation from approximately 0000hrs, all teams must return to the Adur Centre via this Finish Gateway even if they have retired from the event.

Teams can start to arrive back at the Adur Centre at any time. Therefore, all Team Managers are required to stay on-site to receive their teams once they have checked in at the Finish Gateway. Teams will start to finish the event during the early hours of the morning and normally within 9 hours of their actual start time.

Nodals close at 0600hrs whilst Gateways will remain open until all teams are accounted for at the Adur Centre, it is expected that all team will be back at the Adur Centre by 0800hrs and the event should be closed by 0900hrs.

On their return to the Adur Centre all participants will be provided with a cooked breakfast and hot drink.

Free tea & coffee refreshments will be available to all team managers, after the final team has departed the Adur Centre at the start of the challenge.

We recommend that teams have a set of fresh clothes at the Adur Centre to change into upon their return.

Team Managers and their teams must sign-out and collect the team's certificates from the Sign-out point before leaving the Adur Centre. The Sign-out point will be in reception.

Safety

The Event Organisers will do all they can to ensure the safety of participants during the night. If conditions require the event to be cancelled this will be in line with the Event Cancellation Policy.

A First Aid station will be available at the Adur Centre and the Event Staff will organise and co-ordinate the recovery of any teams needing assistance on the course using the network of 4x4 drivers available. Each Gateway will be assigned a radio operator, which allows two-way communications with the Event Headquarters throughout the night.

The Event Organisers, Gateway Staff and Nodal/Task staff are all experienced outdoor practitioners many of whom will hold National Governing Body Awards.

It is the Team Managers responsibility to ensure the participants are properly trained, equipped and able to complete the challenge as well as to ensure that all the necessary approvals and permissions have been received and insurance purchased.