

# BW Edinburgh

A light blue silhouette of the Edinburgh skyline, including various buildings and spires, is positioned behind the 'BW' part of the title.

**Bulletin 1**

**2025**

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## WELCOME

Edinburgh University Orienteering Club invites you to its annual festival of orienteering in the heart of Scotland's capital. The Edinburgh Big Weekend is Edinburgh's premier orienteering event attracting over 600 competitors annually.

The weekend consists of a Night Sprint around Edinburgh University's Kings Buildings on Friday, an Urban/Sprint around Edinburgh City Centre on Saturday, and a Classic at Holyrood Park or Sprint around Dumbiedykes on Sunday.



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## PROGRAMME AND TIMINGS

5th Jan	Entry price increase
15th Jan	Entries close
Friday 24th Jan	Fight With The Night (Kings Buildings) Start Times: 1700 – 1930
Saturday 25th Jan	City Race (Edinburgh Central) Start Times: 1000 – TBC
	Ceilidh (Location TBC) 2000 – 2300
Sunday 26th Jan	Classic Race (Holyrood Park) Start Times: 1000 – 1315
	Urban Sprint (Edinburgh Dumbiedykes) Start Times: 1000 – 1315

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Organisers		Cat Chapman, Fiona Eades and Joe Sunley (EUOC)
Friday	Planner	Frank Townley (EUOC)
	Controller	Joe Hudd (EUOC)
Saturday	Planner	Fiona Bunn (EUOC)
	Controller	Roger Scrutton (ESOC)
Sunday	Planner	Ellie Bales (EUOC)
	Controller	Graeme Ackland (INT)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## TRANSPORT

### Getting to Edinburgh

Air - Edinburgh Airport (EDI) is the primary international gateway to the city and serves a number of low cost airlines from various Domestic and European destinations. The city centre is easily reached via bus and tram links.

Train - Edinburgh Waverley is the major train station in the city. It serves rails links to major UK Cities. To reach Edinburgh by train, it takes around 4hrs30 from London, 3hrs from Manchester, and 1hrs 30 from Newcastle.

Car – Edinburgh is readily accessible by car. We encourage you to explore more sustainable transport options – public transport will be available when travelling to every event.

### Getting to the event

All areas have good transport links from the various Park & Rides around the city. There will be no event parking provided and competitors will not be permitted to park at the arenas.

If you are unable to use public transport or require parking close to the event arena please contact the organisers at [euocbigweekend@gmail.com](mailto:euocbigweekend@gmail.com). Please note requests will be taken on a case by case basis and may not be approved.

Edinburgh City Centre is now covered by a Low Emission Zone. More information can be found online at: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/lowemissionzone>.

## ACCOMMODATION

Edinburgh offers a variety of accommodation types and caters to various budgets and requirements. Travelodges and Premier Inns provide budget hotel accommodation. The city also has numerous independent 'Bed and Breakfasts' and hotels. Moreover, there are many self-catering options available through sites such as AirBnB and Vrbo.

## VISAS

Overseas visitors may need a visa to enter the United Kingdom, and the Government's visa information website provides details of when visas are required. Competitors who require visas are advised to contact the Organisers at [euocbigweekend@gmail.com](mailto:euocbigweekend@gmail.com) for the required reference information and are advised to submit their form to the United Kingdom Embassy or Consulate as soon as possible.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTICE

All competitors should use caution when crossing roads, special care should be taken by international athletes as traffic drives on the left hand side of the road in the United Kingdom.

## ENTRIES

Entries are open now on [SiEntries](#).

## ENTRY DATES

Standard Rate	1st Oct - 5th Jan
Late Entries	6th Jan - 14th Jan

## ENTRY FEES

	Friday - Fight With The Night		Saturday / Sunday	
	Senior	Junior	Senior	Junior
Standard Rate	£8	£4	£15	£8
Late Entries	£9	£5	£17	£9

## ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

On Saturday those aged 15 & under may only enter courses 6 or 7 (M/W16- & M/W12-)

On Sunday those aged 15 & under may not enter courses 9 or 10 (MSprint & WSprint)

Those aged 16 on the day of the event are permitted to enter any course.

## COMPETITION INFORMATION (TBC)

All course lengths are to be confirmed

### FRIDAY - FIGHT WITH THE NIGHT

Course	Class	Distance
1	Long	4km
2	Medium	3km
3	Short	2km
4	Junior / Novice	1km

### SATURDAY - URBAN / SPRINT

Course	Male Classes	Female Classes	Distance
1	MOpen		11km
2	M40+	WOpen	9.5km
3	M55+	W40+	7.5km
4	M65+	W55+	6km
5	M75+	W65+, W75+	4km
6	M16-	W16-	4km
7	M12-	W12-	2.5km
8	MSprint		3.5
9		WSprint	3.5

Courses 2-7 will have an Open Class available to enter

### SUNDAY - CLASSIC / SPRINT

Course	Class	Distance
1	Brown	7.2km
2	Blue	6km
3	Green	4.5km
4	Short Green	3km
5	Light Green	3.4km
6	Orange	3km
7	Yellow	2km
8	White	1.2km
9	MSprint	4km
10	WSprint	3.5km

## ADDITIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

### COMPETITION MAPS

All maps will be printed on either A3 or A4 waterproof paper

#### FRIDAY

Map Name	Kings Buildings
Survey & Cartography	2024 by Graham Gristwood (GGMaps) for WOC 2024
Map Scales	1:4000
Map Specification	ISSprOM 2019-2 v6
Previous Map	<a href="https://www.soa.routegadget.co.uk/rg2/#84">https://www.soa.routegadget.co.uk/rg2/#84</a>

#### SATURDAY

Map Name	Edinburgh Central
Survey & Cartography	2024 by Graham Gristwood (GGMaps) for WOC 2024
Map Scales	1:4000
Map Specification	ISSprOM 2019-2 v6
Previous Map	<a href="https://www.scottish6days.routegadget.co.uk/rg2/#76">https://www.scottish6days.routegadget.co.uk/rg2/#76</a>

#### SUNDAY - CLASSIC

Map Name	Holyrood & Meadowfield Parks
Survey & Cartography	2024 by Matthew Gooch (EUOC)
Map Scales	1:10000 / 1:7500
Map Specification	ISOM 2017-2
Previous Map	<a href="https://www.scottish6days.routegadget.co.uk/rg2/#72">https://www.scottish6days.routegadget.co.uk/rg2/#72</a>

#### SUNDAY - SPRINT

Map Name	Edinburgh Central (Dumbiedykes)
Survey & Cartography	2024 by Graham Gristwood (GGMaps) for WOC 2024
Map Scales	1:4000
Map Specification	ISSprOM 2019-2 v6
Previous Map	<a href="https://www.scottish6days.routegadget.co.uk/rg2/#76">https://www.scottish6days.routegadget.co.uk/rg2/#76</a>

### ARTIFICIAL BARRIERS

Artificial Barriers may be encountered out in the terrain, more information will be provided in Bulletin 2, including examples of their depiction on the map and in the terrain.

### PUNCHING SYSTEM

The SportIdent Air+ Touch Free Punching System will be used on all days, Competitors without SIAC Dibbers will still be able to use manual punching.

SIAC and SI-Card's will be available to hire:

Weekend SIAC	£5
Day SIAC	£3
SI-Card	Free

For more information on the punching system please look here:

<https://www.sportident.co.uk/solutions/howitworks>.

## CLOTHING

Shoes with metal spikes (ie. Dobbled shoes) are not permitted on Friday, Saturday, or the Sprint Races on Sunday. They are only allowed for the classic race on Sunday.

There are no other clothing restrictions.

## CLIMATE

The temperature in Edinburgh during January has a daily average high of 6°C and a daily average low of 1°C. During the competition days, sunrise is at around 0830 and sunset is at around 1630.

## RULES

The events will be held under British Orienteering Federation Rules, these can be found here.

All competitors must follow [British Orienteering's Participant Code of Conduct](#).

Competitors must not attend the event if they have been advised to self-isolate / quarantine.

## CEILIDH

As is tradition, there will be a Ceilidh and traditional Burns Supper on the Saturday Evening, this year made even more special by Saturday being Burns Night.

Preliminary timings are 20:00 – 23:00.

Tickets will cost £7 and can be purchased alongside your Entry on [SiEntries](#). We may have to restrict ticket numbers if required to by the venue.

## MERCHANDISE

An event T-Shirt will be on sale for £12 and can also be purchased on [SiEntries](#).

The T-Shirt is available in unisex sizes XS, S, M, L, XL. We are unfortunately unable to provide Women's sizes.