Steel City Cup 2026
Bulletin 1
5th – 6th December

Saturday Morning – Indoor O
Regional level event
📍 Sheffield Students' Union

Saturday Afternoon – Individual Sprint
Regional level event
📍 Burngreave

Saturday Evening Social

Sunday – Forest Long
National level event and YHOA Superleague
📍 Baslow and Curbar Edges

STEEL CITY CUP

ShUOC

Overview

ShUOC and SYO invite you to the second ever Steel City Cup!

There will be 3 completely different styles of events (Indoor, Sprint and Forest) over 2 days in and around Sheffield. All events have courses for all ages!

There will also be a social quiz night on Saturday evening.

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The weekend coordinator is Lily Birkinshaw. Email her for general weekend enquiries (birkinshawlily@gmail.com)

We intend for Bulletin 2 (final details) to be published on Sunday 22nd November.

Entries

Entries are now open!

Entry for all 3 events available on Fabian4: https://www.fabian4.co.uk/default.aspx?EventID=4365

Costs

	Indoor (Regional)	Sprint (Regional)	Classic (National)
Senior	£10	£10	£13
Junior (20-) / Student	£5	£5	£6
Family	£25	£25	£32

Plus an extra £2 for seniors who are not members of BOF.

Entries close Sunday 29th November (the weekend before the event). There will still be an opportunity to enter after this, subject to spare maps and at an additional £2 per event (£1 for Juniors).

A family price covers 2 parents + any number of children.

You can hire an SI card at £1 at each event (free for juniors). There will be a £30 fee if you lose it.

Prize-Giving

Unlike last year, prizes will be done separately for each event (Just for the Saturday events).

There will be a prize-giving immediately after each event. We will try to do it soon after we know the top 3 in each class.

Prizes

There will be prizes for the top 3 in both men's and women's classes on all the courses, except for the following:

- Indoor Easy Open, where there will just be a prize for 1st.
- Young Junior courses, where there will instead be a small prize for everyone who finishes!

Last year's prize-giving Photo by Sarah Darley (2025)

Saturday Morning Indoor at the Students' Union

Officials

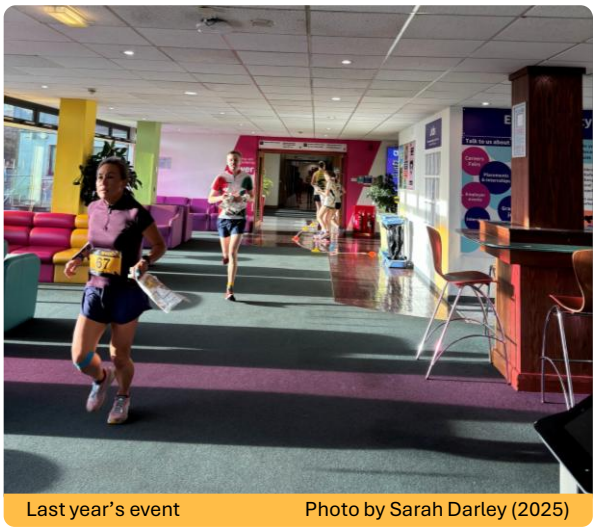
Organisers	Alex Hawkins (ShUOC) & Theo Stevenson-Barnes (ShUOC)
Planner	Lily Birkinshaw (ShUOC)
Controller	Dom Dakin (SYO)

Enquiries to Alex (athaug06@gmail.com) or to Lily (birkinshawlily@gmail.com)

Location

There will be an assembly in the building.

- Sheffield Students Union, Western Bank, Sheffield S10 2TG
- Google maps: https://maps.app.goo.gl/fthvreH2JWpwrV5Y9
- What3words: ///canny.spots.tell



Last year's event Photo by Sarah Darley (2025)

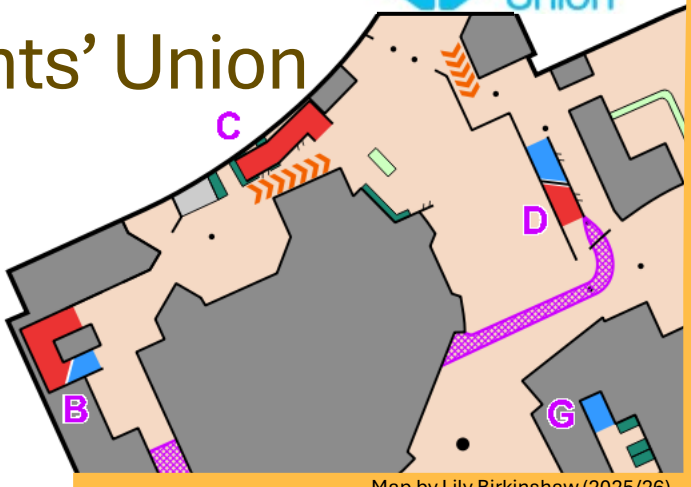
Timings

Due to the Student Unions usage during the day, we will have to have early start times.

Provisionally:
Starts: 8:45 - 9:45
Courses Close: 10:30

When entering, you can pick a start block of Early, Middle or Late. Please select and run in the earliest start block you can.

Starts will likely be at a 30 second interval but may be reduced further if there are too many entries to fit everyone in.



Map by Lily Birkinshaw (2025/26)

Terrain Details

The Students' Union is a very complicated building with lots of stairs. There will also be artificial barriers and one-way passages on the courses.

Although it is in the same place as last year, we will likely have access to use 2 additional floors of the building. The courses will feel very different because of these floors as well as a completely different system of one-ways and barriers.

Last year's courses can be viewed here: https://www.shuoc.routegadget.co.uk/rg2/#5

Courses

Course	Age Classes
Young Junior	M/W12-
Junior	M/W16-
Open	Open
Easy Open	Open
Veteran	M/W40+
Ultra Veteran	M/W65+

All courses will have an intended winning time of 15 minutes.

If you are new to indoor orienteering, or not very confident at it, consider running the Easy Open course which will be planned to an easier standard (similar difficulty to the Junior course).

Safety

As per our safeguarding agreement with the Students' Union, under 18s must come to the event with a parent or guardian, and juniors must run a junior course.

Saturday Afternoon Sprint at Burngreave

Map by Peel Land Surveys (2026)

Officials

Organisers	Ben Hayward (ShUOC) & Abbie Walker (ShUOC)
Planner	Adam Methven (ShUOC)
Controller	Dave Peel (SYO)

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Location

There will be an indoor assembly at Byron Wood Academy, with toilets and some parking available.

- Address: 85 Earldom Rd, Sheffield S4 7EA
- Google maps: https://maps.app.goo.gl/h9rFrX2L7gYg1Tjg7
- What3words: ///codes.food.pines

Timings

Starts: 13:00 – 15:00
Courses Close: 16:00

When entering, you can pick a start block of Early, Middle or Late. Please try to start roughly when you selected.

Sunset will be at 15:50, if you are starting late, consider bringing a headtorch for reading your map in case it is dark in the tight alleys.

Terrain Details

Complex urban terrain with a mix of parks, small paths, roads, and patches of wooded areas.

It has never been used for orienteering before so there is no old map available.

Courses

Course	Age Classes
Young Junior	M/W12-
Junior	M/W16-
Open	Open
Veteran	M/W40+
Ultra Veteran	M/W65+

All courses will have an intended winning time of 15-20 minutes.

Safety

There are some reasonable sized roads in the area that you should cross with caution.

People who are under 16 on the day must run a junior course as these have no dangerous road crossings. There may be a few manned crossings on junior courses.

Quiz Social

On Saturday evening, there will be an orienteering themed quiz night.

It is completely free to come! If you plan to come, please indicate you intention by selecting the option on Fabian4 (so we have an idea of numbers).

Location

It will be located at The Edge in Endcliffe Village, room High Tor 1.

- Address: The Edge, 34 Endcliffe Cres, Endcliffe, Sheffield S10 3ED
- Google maps: https://maps.app.goo.gl/EEghu3yVXWiyikRw7
- What3words: ///strain.forgot.scrap

Note that Endcliffe Village is currently embargoed for British Sprint Relays 2028. To avoid breaking the embargo, we will direct you to a point on the edge of the area with a taped route in.

Timings

20:00 – 22:00

Saturday Transport

The options for travelling to all the Saturday activities are together here as it makes sense to organise logistics for the day together. There are options for driving or public transport.

By Car

For the indoor, you can park at Q-Park Durham Road, which is adjacent to the building. It costs £7.70 for the day. There are very few roads with free parking nearby.

For the sprint, you may use the school parking at the arena. This will be free, but we will be collecting donations for the school for kindly letting us use it as an arena. There are limited spaces here, so you may only park here if your car has 3+ people in. Otherwise, there is parking on residential streets a few minutes SW of the arena, beyond Burngreave road.

For the quiz, there is some parking at Stanage Car Park in Endcliffe Village, which cost £2.60.

By Public Transport

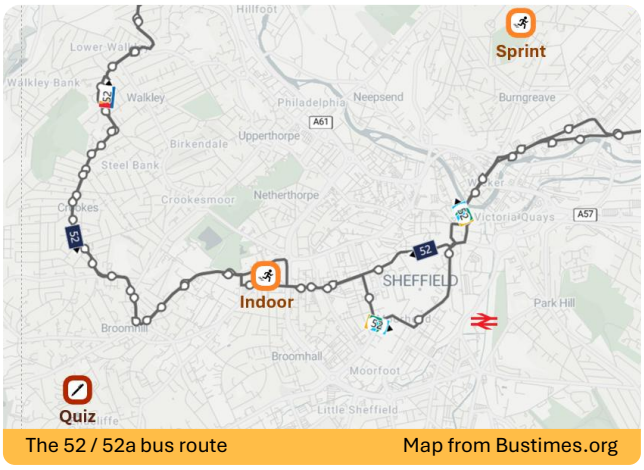
We would recommend buying a day pass for all busses and trams in Sheffield for £7.20. They can be bought on any bus or tram.

There are plenty of park-and-ride options for if you are driving from outside the city. They are free if you buy a public transport ticket.

To get to the Indoor, you can get the tram to the University of Sheffield stop or get one of many bus options which go nearby.

To get to the sprint, we recommend taking the 52 or 52a from the Students' Union (which runs roughly every 10 minutes), followed by a 20 minute walk. There are also many bus routes from the city centre up Burgreave Road which get closer to the arena.

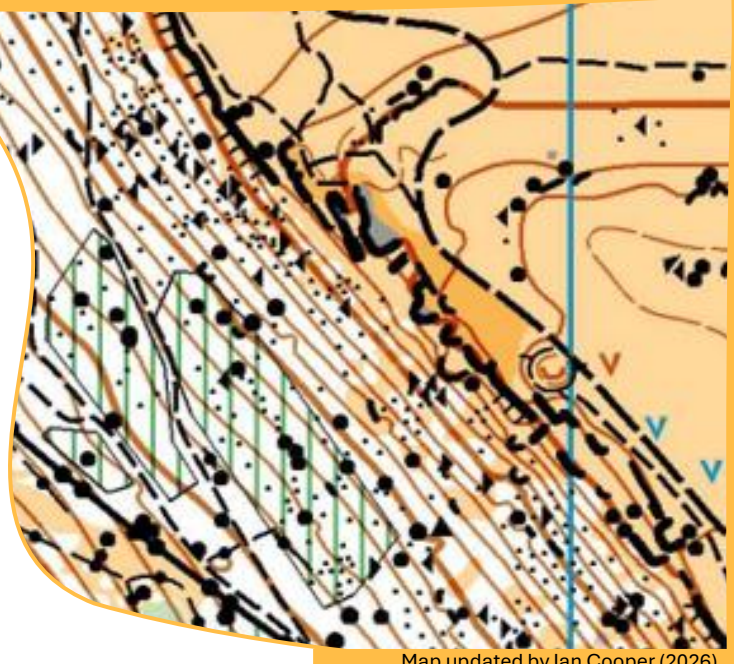
For the Quiz, you can once again take the 52 or 52a, then a 10 minute walk. Alternatively, the 120 takes you a bit closer if you want to change onto that.



The 52 / 52a bus route Map from Bustimes.org

Note that most of Sheffield city centre is embargoed for British Sprint Champs 2028, try to avoid walking through it when there is a reasonable alternative.

Sunday Classic at Baslow & Curbar Edges



Map updated by Ian Cooper (2026)

Officials

Organiser	Louise Reynolds (SYO)
Planner	Martin Ward (SYO)
Controller	Paul Addison (LOC)

Enquiries to Louise Reynolds (louise@reynoldsresearch.co.uk)

Location

Assembly will be at Cliff College, where there will be parking, toilets and showers.

- Address: Cliff College, Cliff Lane, Hope Valley S32 3XG
- Google maps: https://maps.app.goo.gl/79myZNq7McMGHRZ58
- What3words: ///maddening.draw.oaks

There may be an indoor assembly area but this is still TBC.

Timings

Starts: 10:30 – 12:30
Courses Close: 14:30

Terrain Details

The area comprises steep, partially wooded slopes with lots of complex rock detail. There's also open moorland areas that will be visited only by the longer courses. There is a network of paths and walls, many of them ruined.

There is extensive bracken in the area, but this should have died down substantially by early December.

Courses

Courses can be viewed below. The classes suggested are the ones used for the YHOA Superleague. (feel free to run any course)

Distances are subject to changes and final controlling.

Course	Classes	Distance (km)	Map scale
Black	M21	11.5	1:15,000
Brown	M20, M35, M40, W21	9.8	1:10,000
Short Brown	M18, M45, M50, W20,W35	7.9	1:10,000
Blue	M16, M55, M60, W18, W40, W45	6.4	1:7,500
Short Blue	M65, M70, W16, W50, W55	5.2	1:7,500
Green	M75, W60, W65	4.5	1:7,500
Short Green	M80, W70	3.8	1:7,500
Very Short Green	W75, W80	3.2	1:7,500
Light Green	M14, W14	4.0	1:7,500
Orange	M12, W12	3.0	1:7,500
Yellow	M10, W10	2.5	1:7,500
White		1.6	1:7,500

An old map of the area can be found here: https://www.syo.routegadget.co.uk/rg2/#251

Volunteers

Volunteers get a free run! Enter code SYOHELPER

Refreshments

There will be a stall selling soup, tea, coffee and cake run by the YHOA Junior Squad, with money raised going to the squad.

Starts

There are two starts:

- A near start for TD1-4 and shorter TD5 courses:
  900m with 80m climb.
  Allow at least 20 minutes walking.
- A far start for TD5 courses:
  1.5km with 100m climb.
  Allow at least 25 minutes walking.

There is a remote finish close to the near start.

There will be a monitored clothing dump at the finish. People at the far start may also use this but it is a 5-10 minute detour.

Children should be accompanied to the start.

When entering, you choose a specific start time. Please stick to it.

Parking

Parking is at Cliff College (Location linked on previous page).

Take care turning in and out of the entrance. If possible, approach from the north to save turning into oncoming traffic. Please do not approach via the Curbar Gap road, it is essentially single track and heavily used by walkers etc and residents of the village do not appreciate extra traffic. Do not park anywhere else for the event.

Parking is limited so share cars if you can. In the event of more cars than Cliff College can accommodate, it may be necessary to redirect you to roadside parking by the church and school in Curbar village, which will entail a 5 minute walk via a footpath to Cliff College.

Please contact the organiser if you plan to bring an unusually large minibus or large camper.

Public transport

The 257 and 66 buses from Sheffield stop at the entrance to Cliff College.

There are also other buses to Calver which is a 5 minute walk away.

Please refer to relevant timetable for these (such as bustimes.org)

Safety

It is December and the event takes place on exposed, steep, rocky ground. Please take care and dress appropriately.

All competitors must carry a whistle and have full leg cover.

In the event of bad weather, you may be required to carry a waterproof (as well as hat and gloves if it is particularly bad). A decision will be made about this on the day.

If you think you will finish after courses close (14:30), you must abandon your course and return to download. You must report to download even if you retire.

The escarpment edges have some cliffs, all courses are planned to avoid these, please do not climb impassable crags.

The nearest A&E department is at the Chesterfield Royal Hospital, Calow, Chesterfield, S44 5BL

More information for this event on the SYO Website

https://www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk/events/event/1059:steel-city-weekend-day-2

Acknowledgements

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- Sheffield Students' Union for providing access to the building and arranging logistics for use of the building before usual opening hours.
- Byron Wood Academy for allowing us to use the school building for an arena and toilets for the sprint.
- Peel Land Surveys for use of the map of Burgreave.
- Eastern Moors Partnership for allowing us access and getting permission for the event from Natural England, for the Sunday event.
- Cliff College for the parking and assembly for Sunday.
- Ian Cooper for updating the map for Sunday.
- Many other members of SYO & ShUOC who have helped already and will help on the days of the events.

Other Information

Insurance

Participants who are not members of British Orienteering are not covered by British Orienteering's public liability insurance. By entering this event, you acknowledge that you are taking part at your own risk. For example, if you were to accidentally injure a member of the public or damage property during the event, you would not be covered.

Cancellation policy

In the event of a situation outside of our control (such as extreme weather), events may be cancelled.

Photography Policy

Photos may be taken according to SYO's Photography Policy.

By entering, you agree to have photos taken of you according to it.