**Loch Ordie SoSOL and ESOA champs final details Sun 17 Nov**

**Recommended clothing and Current conditions**The area is remote and exposed so whistles are compulsory and cagoules are highly recommended. Full torso and leg covering is compulsory for tick protection and warmth. Inspect yourself for ticks after the event. It is muddy and if cold may be icy. The highest ground today (Wed) has some residual snow a couple of inches deep which is frosted but not icy. The marshy ground underneath is very wet .The high tracks however have ice on puddles, wheel ruts and where drainage has flowed across rock on the track so care is required. The temperature is forecast to rise a few degrees so it should not get any worse.

**Location and Parking**

The nearest postcode for the event parking is PH9 0NX but that isn’t accurate. The event is just off the minor road east of Guay. Guay is just off the A9 between Dunkeld and Pitlochry. You continue past Guay for about half a mile and just before the road bends to the left there is a gate to a field. This is the field where the car parking will although you may be directed round the corner to the other entrance.
The field is well drained but is on a slope. There will be a £1 charge per car for the field owner. This field is not suitable for campervans. **There is no suitable campervan parking.** There is a small amount of hardstanding where a minibus could be accommodated. Let the organiser know if you are bringing a minibus. Local hillwalkers often use this though.

**Travelling to the event**

The competition area may be approached on the A9 from the SOUTH via the minor road on the right signed to Guay about 8km north of the Dunkeld/Birnam turn-off. This is a POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ACCESS as the single track road is initially very steep and it is usually necessary to wait in the centre of the A9 road before turning until the A9 is clear of traffic approaching from the north. If using this access keep speed to 15mph and give way to any descending vehicles.

HOWEVER IF THERE ARE ALREADY TWO VEHICLES WAITING TO TURN IN FRONT OF YOU THEN FOR SAFETY REASONS YOU SHOULD CONTINUE NORTHWARDS ON THE A9 TO THE BALLINLUIG SLIP ROAD (LEFT) SIGNED ABERFELDY / BALLINLUIG A827. Follow this slip road to the roundabout and take the 3rd exit signed Ballinluig Local Services and follow over the A9 bridge into Ballinluig village. Where the A827 turns sharply left to rejoin the A9 continue straight ahead on unclassified road signed Tulliemet / Delcapon and take the 2nd turning right signed Tulliemet/ Delcapon past the school. Continue at a slow speed on this winding single track road keeping right at any junctions for several kms until arriving at the parking from the north.

Competitors from the NORTH  travelling south on the A9 dual carriageway should take the Ballinluig Services turn-off into Ballinluig village then turn almost immediately left onto the Tulliemet/Delcapon unclassified road, then follow instructions as above.

EXIT from the event for cars south is downhill back to the A9 via the Guay turn-off. If heading north it is safer to return along the minor road to Ballinluig.

**Toilets** There will be 2 portaloos in the parking field.

**Registration**  10-12 Will be in the parking field. If you have paid and have SI cards you can go straight to the start. White and yellow maps are at reg. EOD/ pick up SI cards at reg.
**EOD** Adults LG to Brown courses BOF £13, non BOF/SOA £15
 Adults Orange Yellow and White courses BOF £8, non BOF/SOA £10
 Under 21 and students all courses BOF £6, non BOF/SOA £7

**First Aid** Will be at registration. The nearest Hospital is Perth Royal Infirmary. PH1 1NX

**Download** Will be at registration

**Start**Starts 10.30-12.30 The start is a punching start. No pre-allocated times. The start is an approximately 700m walk with 100m ascent from the parking field, not suitable for pushchairs. It is initially on easy tracks with the final short climb on a narrow path. The start is manned. Take care of tired finishers coming back down the track on the way to the start

**Finish**
500m approx from the car park en-route to the start

**Course Details**
White 2.5km 15m climb, Yellow 2.5km 35m, Orange 2.6km 55m, Light Green 2.5km 100m, Short Green 3.0km 150m, Green 4.1km 220m, Blue 5.8km 360m, Brown 6.6km 465m
The white course is longer than usual but is mainly on farm tracks.
COURSES CLOSE 14.30. Controls will be collected after that due to limited daylight.
There will be some sort of treasure hunt with controls to find for young children in an area on the way to the start.

**Terrain**The venue is exposed moorland terrain with some spectacular rock features to the north-west of Loch Ordie near to Dunkeld. The event is based at Guay and will use the southern area of the Loch Ordie map NEVER PREVIOUSLY USED FOR ORIENTEERING. The terrain has some intricate contour detail and in places hidden wooded marshes that add to the scenic beauty. There are terrific views on a fine day from all courses, especially northwards along the Tay Valley towards Pitlochry with Schiehallion and other distant Munros as a backdrop.
ALL LARGE CRAGS ARE TO BE CONSIDERED IMPASSABLE AND ARE NOT TO BE CLIMBED.

**Prize Giving for ESOA Champs**This will be done at 14.30 or whenever everyone is back whichever is the earlier. To win a prize you must have entered the appropriate course for your age class (or altered your age class in an upwards direction when entering to suit the trophy you are after).Details of the classes are on the event website. Contact the organiser before the prize giving if you have any queries. Only ESOA club members are eligible for trophies.