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Urban Sprint – Friday 31st July

Venue: Killarney Town Centre

Event Centre Location:

- What3Word : ///cone.embarks.mulls
- Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/8p4Q57A4465UpNs17>

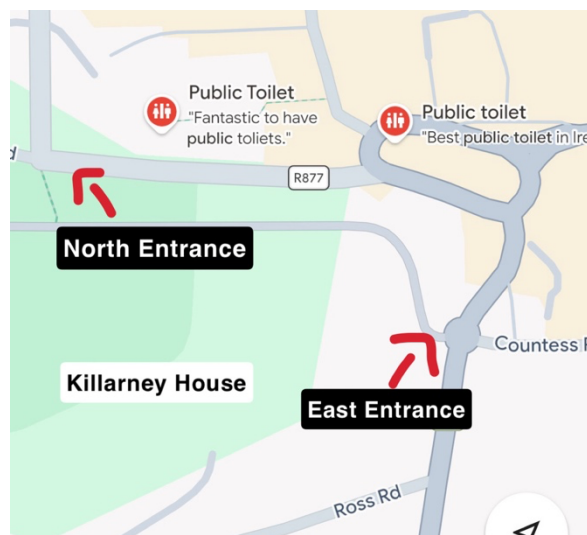
Time: Start Times from 10:00 – 12:00

Overall:

The Killarney Town sprint event is set to be the final day of the Kerry Orienteering Festival. Explore Ireland's tourism hub like never before as you navigate its narrow side streets and bustling town centre before punching the final control at the picturesque Killarney House and Gardens.

This event takes place in a busy tourist town. Be aware that there are cars, pedestrians, cyclists, scooters, and even horses in the competition area. You do not have the right of way, and you must respect all other road users. Look around you, give way to others, and compete in the 'fun spirit' of this event. The event uses virtual barriers (see below) - please respect these and plan your routes accordingly.

We ask all competitors to arrive via the Main Entrance to Killarney House, located to the East of the Gardens. Do not enter from the Northern entrance, as this will be a busy runner's crossing as they enter the town from the Gardens.





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The sprint will feature a mixture of **urban** orienteering through the streets and laneways of Killarney, along with open **parkland** and **maze** orienteering.

There are three mandatory crossing points across courses 1-4 and Open M, and two on course 5. These are located at pelican crossings; they will be marshalled by stewards and are clearly marked on the map. We ask competitors to take caution while crossing and heed instructions from stewards where necessary. SIAC will be enabled, although it will be placed on its lowest range (50 cm) to prevent accidental punching of controls during the maze.

Download will be located within the courtyard of Killarney House.

Public toilets are located at the 'haha' roundabout, where Killarney's famous horse and carts depart; they are also located in the car park of the Killarney Plaza Hotel. There are a limited number of toilets available for use at the Killarney House visitor information centre.

Start Process:

Start times are assigned to all pre-entered competitors; however the organisers will make every effort to fit in any competitor who missed their start slot. It is a punching start. Call-up will be at -4 minutes. After punching the start, follow the tapes to the start triangle. Please check your maps. Late starts -please speak to the Start team. Open Start is available for those requiring Split Start times; please proceed to the Start team. There will be loose Control Descriptions available in the -2 Start box.

Finish:

It is a punching finish. After the finish, please proceed to download. There will be a viewing area adjacent to the finish for spectators.

The Maze:

The maze will be constructed of fencing stakes and red and white tape. In the spirit of fair play, we ask that competitors do not reach over / cross the maze's borders to punch controls. There will be marshals at the maze ensuring compliance. Any person found in breach of these rules will be disqualified. The boundaries of the maze have been mapped in black (rather than purple) using "symbol uncrossable wall" to aid legibility. Any damage to the maze should be reported to a marshal, irrespective



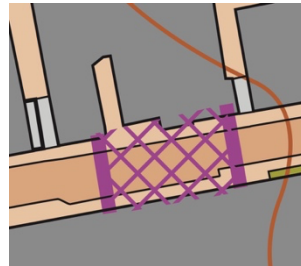
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of who caused said damage, as we must ensure the maze remains fairly marked throughout.

Artificial Barriers:

Some artificial barriers will be present throughout the town. They are marked on the map using "symbol do not cross" and "symbol area out of bounds", as shown; They will be marked in the terrain with red and white tape running across the ground and a section of tape hanging off the wall at eye level. On busy streets with car and foot traffic, these barriers will be marshalled by stewards, reminding competitors not to cross the barriers. On smaller, side streets, red and white tape will be present, but stewards will not be. We ask all competitors comply with these barriers in the interest of fair play.



Course/Class Matrix:

Competitors are assigned to courses as follows

- Course 1: M/W21, M20, M35, M40, M45, M18
- Course 2: W18, W20, W35, W40, W45, M50, M55
- Course 3: W/M 16, W50, W55, M60, M65,
- Course 4: W14, W60, W65, W70, W75, M14, M70, M75
- Course 5: M/W10, M/W12, Open Medium & Entry on the Day

Parking:

There is NO PARKING at the venue. Please use public parking in Killarney in car parks or on-street parking.

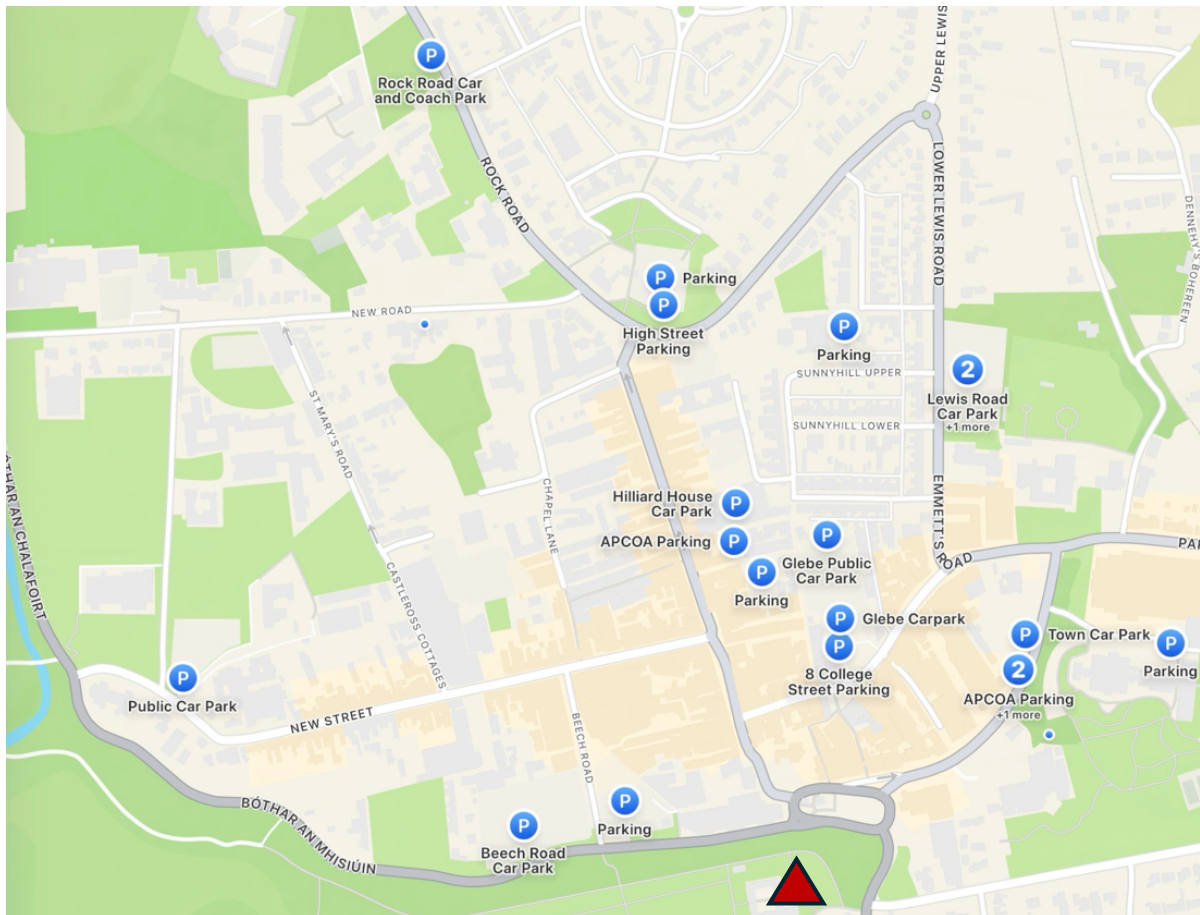


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Entry On The Day:

A select number of Open Medium maps will be available for purchase on the day from event registration. (20Eur Adults/ 10Eur under16)





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Indoor Event – Saturday 25th July

Six Key Items:

1. Keep RIGHT, particularly going around corners.
2. No JUMPING from stairs – competitors must be on the last or second last step before landing on the floor.
3. Respect the barriers, the one-ways and any taped routes.
4. Take care to go to the correct control, check the control codes – the lines on the map can be difficult to follow.
5. Report any damage, as soon as you finish.
6. All doors in use will be open. During the competition they may close, inadvertently. Locked doors are not in use.

Venue: St Brendan's College, Killarney

Event Centre Location:

- What3Words: ///cheerful.remark.lifted
- Google Maps: <https://shorturl.at/o2PpR>

Time: Start Times from 16:00 – 18:45

Overall:

These courses can prove VERY CHALLENGING from a navigation and route planning perspective. Remember you may have to change levels MULTIPLE times to get between controls. Each set of stairs is marked with a letter, stairs are generally both ways, up and down (except for only 2 which are one-way)

Please only RUN or WALK on the RIGHT SIDE of ALL Corridors and Stairs. Remember there are 500 people in the building so ALWAYS expect a runner coming around the corner! No jumping from stairs to the floor, competitors must be on the last step or second last step before landing on the floor.



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Report any damage, irrespective of who caused the damage. This is the first indoor event of this scale in Ireland and we need to be able to convince future property owners that we are responsible both as organisers and as competitors.

All doors in use will be open. During the competition they may close (inadvertently). However, any locked rooms are not in use. Marshals will be checking to ensure any doors that close will be opened as soon as possible.

Faster runners should be mindful of slower competitors – be courteous and respectful. Speed is not likely to be the winning of this event.

General:

The event is both indoor and outdoor and as such no spikes are allowed. There are multiple barriers in place, and a small number one way systems. Barriers will be marked with red and white tape, as well there will be roaming marshals. However please respect the barriers marked on the map.

The event centre will be signposted from both the Killarney Cathedral and from New Road. The event centre will be open from 14:00. This is the same location as the OOCup event centre. First starts are at 16:00. No tents are allowed. There is lots of space both indoor and outdoor for competitors to wait and to warm-up. Depending on some schoolworks, warming up may be possible on a running track, otherwise on a quiet road adjacent the start.

The controls are SportIdent units, and you **must punch each control** (No SI Air - due to small area and many controls). Once you are in the right room the controls will be visible and won't be hidden from view. Please do not warm up in the competition area, this will be clearly marked and is adjacent to the start box.

Map:

Newly mapped in 2026, scale 1:700, with a small section 1:1000 (it will be clear on the map) The map consists of multiple buildings each with up to 3 floors.

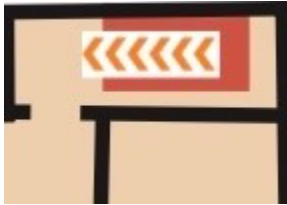
There will be **no control descriptions on the map**, the control number and code will be shown (eg: **6-181, 7-190 etc**), and control description will be available in the pre-start.



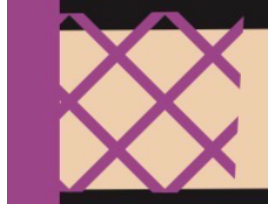
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Competitors will go outside to go between buildings - there will be a one-way system in place. Arrows as shown will indicate the one-way direction. Here are some of the symbols used on the map:



One-way Stairs



Barrier



One-way Exit

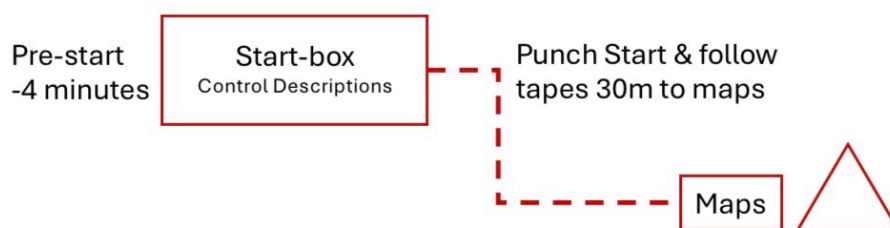
Start Process:

Start times are assigned to all pre-entered competitors - however the organisers will make every effort to fit in any competitor who missed their start slot.

It is a Punching Start. Call up will be at -4minutes. After punching the start follow the tapes for 30m to the maps and start triangle. Please check your maps. Late starts - please speak to the start team.

The start is 200m/5m walk from the Event Centre.

Open start is available for those requiring Split Start times, please proceed to the start team.



Finish:

It is a punching finish. After the finish, please proceed to download.

There will be a viewing area adjacent to the finish for spectators.

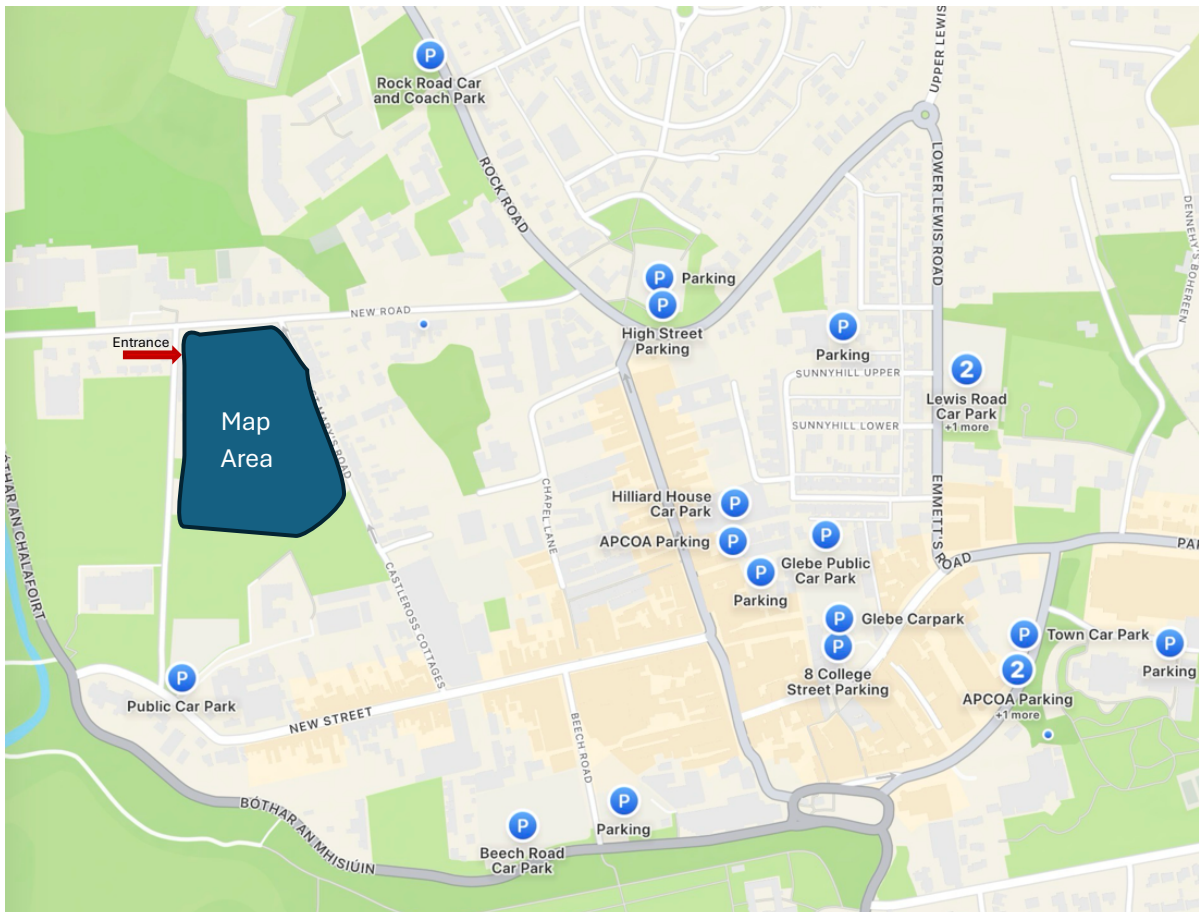


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Parking:

There is **NO PARKING** at the venue. Please use public parking in Killarney in car parks or on-street parking. All car parks shown are <15mins from the event centre & map area.



Prizes:

Small prizes will be given to the first M & W in each age class. Prizes at 19:30 or 45mins after the last starter, unclaimed prizes can be picked up at OOCup Event Centre the following days.



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Courses:

The following courses are available:

- Course 1: Very complex & physical
- Course 2: Very complex
- Course 3: Complex
- Course 4: Moderately complex
- Open Medium: Moderately complex
- Open Short: Easier

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Open M	Entry on the Day
Open S	M/W10, M/W12 & Entry on the Day

Wherever possible we will facilitate moving between courses - but note we will have a limited number of additional maps.

Entry on the Day:

A select number of Open Short and Medium maps will be available for purchase at registration for entry on the day (20Eur Adults / 10Eur under 16)