Planning a Summer Evening Event

Here are some notes for planners of a Summer Evening Event, to accompany the Organising a Level D Event Document.

Summer Evening Events will normally be score events, usually with an odd/even format, in which a competitor starts by visiting only odd or even numbered controls, then switches over to visiting even or odd controls, after first visiting a transition control. Competitors can visit as many odd or even controls as they like before switching over. Competitors don't have to switch over, but, once they have switched over, by punching the transition control, they can't switch back.

Summer Evening Events Score events usually last 60 minutes, with points being deducted for being late back. Normally each control visited scores 10 points and 5 points are deducted for each minute, or part minute, that a competitor is late back.

A Yellow course has to be planned for novices. The Yellow course controls should be included as part of the Score event. The Score events controls should range in difficulty between td2 and td5.

Summer Evening events don't have a mass start. Normally, starts will be between 1800 and 1900, with all competitors returning to download by 2000, at the latest. Competitors should not start within 30secs of anyone else. Registration will normally open at 1730.

The planner is responsible for deciding how many maps to print and organising that job with the map printer.

The planner is responsible for deciding on the locations of the start and the finish and planning the rest of the course. The technical difficulty of the course is td5 throughout. If possible, the physical difficulty of the shorter course should allow for the fact that older runners will be taking part, so really steep descents and fallen trees should be avoided.

The planner is responsible for producing the xml file for his courses and sending that file to the SI Manager, to arrive at least a week before the event. The SI Manager can advise how to produce this file.

The planner is also responsible for sending to the SI Manager the information to be uploaded to the website, including parking location and any directions. A template is available from the SI Manager.

For Routegadget, the planner also needs to send to the SI Manager a copy of the OCAD base map, plus an 'all controls' map. Again, the SI Manager can advise on the production of these files.

For each set of these events the SI Manager will advise about which range of control numbers to use.