# **General Event Information**

NOTE: While some COVID-19 policies remain in effect, things are a bit different than described below. For example, all registration is done online in advance, social distancing will be practiced, and participants must provide their own water on and/or off a course. For full details, see our <a href="COVID-19 Policy">COVID-19 Policy</a> [1].

Quantico Orienteering Club events usually take place on Sundays, with a start window running from 10am to 1:30pm EST. Courses close and everyone is required to report back to the finish by 3 pm EST. Classic events typically include a full range of courses, including ones suitable for beginners, and consist of a series of checkpoints (also known as controls) which are to be found in order and on foot. Volunteers will be on hand during the entire start window to give beginner instruction. Exceptions to these general event parameters (such as for non-classic courses) will be described in the meet announcement and meet notes for individual events.

Regular individual adult registration fees are shown below. Members are defined as members of QOC or visitors who are members of any Orienteering USA-affiliated or foreign orienteering clubs. Juniors are those under 21 years of age. Registration fees cover the provision of one map. An additional map for a second course is \$2. Participants are welcome to copy a second course onto any map they've already paid for that day without paying any additional fee.

### **Team or Group Entries**

Participants are welcome to compete together as a single team entry; a group is defined as the set of people sharing one e-punch (electronic timing unit), and all starting together (a "starting unit"). For teams to receive member or junior rates, all members of the team must be members or juniors, respectively. Individuals or teams desiring to compete on a second course can do so for a reduced fee of \$2/map.

#### **Individual Entries**

*Note: juniors = under 21* 

Club Member, adult Club Member, junior Non-Member, adult Non-Member, junior \$10 \$5 \$20 \$5

#### **Group Entries**

Participants are welcome to orienteer together as a group (up to the maximum for that event; usually 4). Each member of a group is charged their individual rate as shown above, up to a group total of \$30 (maximum), and each receives a map. Groups larger than 4 must split into smaller subsets (of 4 or less per starting group). Individuals or groups desiring to compete on a second course can do so for a reduced fee of \$2/map.

Beginners instruction Free
Compass loan Free
Compass replacement if lost \$15.00
Whistle (sale not rental, recommended but not \$1.00

required)

Most of our events use an 'epunch' timing chip for electronic timing. Individuals or groups without their own epunch pay a higher entry fee (see above), which includes the loan of an epunch for that event. Loaned epunches that are lost incur a \$40 replacement fee; please provide collateral (driver's license or car keys) when borrowing a compass or epunch. Epunches (also known as SI-cards or finger sticks) are usually available for sale at the electronic timing station at each event as described <a href="here">here</a> [2]. QOC membership can be purchased or renewed at any QOC event or through this web site via our <a href="Membership">Membership</a> [3] page. Annual membership fees are \$25.00 per individual or \$35 per family or group (such as school). Non-members participating in an event who decide to join that day can count their

registration fee towards the cost of their membership.

At this time, at events QOC only accepts payment by cash or check, whereas online we accept payment by credit card or PayPal for memberships or the (few) events offering pre-registraion.

## Map fee examples

- A QOC club (adult) member with their own epunch: \$10.
- Non-member husband and wife (adult) couple, orienteering together (i.e. one epunch, one start time): \$30 (the group maximum) for both; this includes one epunch and two maps.
- Team of 3 adult adventure racers, one of whom is a member and who has an epunch, orienteering together: \$30 (the group maximum) for the group; this includes one epunch and three maps.
- Non-member family of 4 consisting of 2 adults and 2 juniors, borrowing an epunch, all orienteering together, wanting one map: \$30 (group maximum) total for the family.
- Two Boy Scouts (both non-member juniors), going out together, borrowing an epunch: \$10 total, including 2 maps.
- Member family, consisting of 3 starting units (one adult, one adult plus one child, and one child, each starting unit having their own epunch): \$(10+10+5+5)=\$30 total for family.

If this policy is unclear, please ask (or make suggestions) for clarification! ShareThis [4]

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- [1] https://qocweb.org/sites/default/files/QOC COVID Risk Reduction .pdf
- [2] https://gocweb.org/epunch
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