



## Mid-Atlantic Championships 2024: Scoring Details

### Classic Course Scoring

To score points on your individual course for any club in the Broken Compass competition, you must choose either the course corresponding to your gender and age or a more difficult course. However, this is only a consideration if there's a reasonable chance you'll be in the top ~7 finishers, male or female, on a course (full details are below). If that isn't you, or you are a group, simply sign up for whichever course you prefer - you'll still be contributing to your club's score just by taking part, as attendance figures into the Broken Compass scoring, not just the individual course and relay results.

The different classes and the course each class will run are listed below:

White: F-10, F-12, M-10, M-12

Yellow: F-14, M-14

Orange: F-16, M-16

Brown: F-18, F55+, F60+, F65+, F70+, F75+, F80+, F85+, F90+, M65+, M70+, M75+, M80+, M85+, M90+,

Green: F-20, F35+, F40+, F45+, F50+, M-18, M50+, M55+, M60+,

Red: F-21+, M-20, M35+, M40+, M45+

Blue: M-21+

In the list above F = female and M = male. The number denotes age on Dec 31, 2024. A "-" before the age means "and younger"; the "+" after the age means "and older". Example: M-12 is open to boys 12 and under, F35+ is open to women 35 and older. "21" classes have no age limit.

### Relay Composition and Scoring Details

The relay will have three sprint course legs so forming a relay team requires THREE (3) orienteers. Anyone can form a team and a club can enter as many teams as it likes. There will be three classes of relay teams: 3-point, 6-point, and 9-point, according to the total points of the three team members. A team with 3-5 points counts as a 3-point team; 6-8 points counts as a 6-point team, and 9 or more points counts as a 9-point team.

Below are the rules for calculating team member points according to age and gender.

- Ages 17-20 or 35-49 receives 1 point
- Ages 15-16 or 50-59 receives 2 points
- Under 15 years of age or 60 and older receives 3 points
- a female orienteer receives 2 points in addition to any age points

Only teams with members all belonging to the same club and whose team members total at least 3 points can affect the scoring for the Broken Compass. Other teams are more than welcome to participate (please join the fun!). Such teams will have their times posted in the results but will not be factored into the Broken Compass scoring system.

There will be a "chasing" start. 9-point teams will take part in the initial mass start, 6-point teams will start 6 minutes later, 3-point another 6 minutes after that. There will be mass starts for 2nd, and 3rd leg orienteers who haven't already been tagged ~15 minutes after the lead runner on the leg in question starts. We will count each runner's full time in the result. All classes of team are part of the same

competition, i.e., the first 10 club teams whose third leg runners finish, with no one on the team mis-punching, are the ones that earn points for their clubs.

All relay maps will be 1:5000 scale with 5m contour intervals, and there will be three courses/legs; course stats and descriptions will be posted online and at the event.

### **Team Scoring for Broken Compass Award**

The coveted Broken Compass Award will be awarded to the club with the highest number of points. To keep the burden of computing the scores manageable, it is each competitor's responsibility to make sure the results list them as competing for the correct club and in the correct competitive class.

Points are awarded as follows:

Attendance:  $200 \times (\text{club members participating} / \text{total club membership})$ . Maximum 200 points possible for each club.

Individual Courses: Separate points for top eligible male and female finishers on each course (not class) as shown below, for a total of 341 points at stake. To be eligible you must be a current club member and must be running the appropriate class according to OUSA rules, or running up in a harder class. Non-eligible members earn attendance points for their club, but will be ignored for purposes of individual course scoring (so they can't prevent others from earning points). If anyone runs more than one course, only the first course they run counts for attendance, scoring, and national ranking.

While first place for each course and gender is worth 10 points, we have adjusted the number of places for which points are earned to reflect the number of different classes running that course. For example, the only female class running the orange course is F-16, while the green course is run by classes F-20, F35+, F40+, F45+, and F50+; thus there are more places that earn points for green course women than for orange course women.

White: F/M: 1st through 3rd -  $10/5/2$  pts -  $17+17=34$  points at stake

Yellow: F/M: 1st through 3th -  $10/5/2$  pts -  $17+17=34$  points at stake

Orange: F/M 1st through 3rd -  $10/5/2$  pts -  $17+17=34$  points at stake

Brown: F 1st through 7th-  $10/8/6/5/4/3/2$  pts - 38 total points at stake

M 1st through 5th-  $10/8/6/4/2$  pts - 30 points at stake

Green: F 1st through 7th-  $10/8/6/5/4/3/2$  pts - 38 total points at stake

M 1st through 6th-  $10/8/6/4/3/2$  pts - 33 points at stake

Red: F/M 1st through 6th -  $10/8/6/4/3/2$  pts -  $33 + 33 = 66$  points at stake

There will be no separate male and female points for the blue course, points will be awarded to top finishers' clubs as follows:

Blue - 1st through 7th -  $10/8/6/4/3/2/1$  pts - 34 total points at stake

Relay: As noted above, the handicapping for the relay will be done by giving higher point teams a head start. Thus all relay teams will be scored together, regardless of how many points the team has.

Relay points: 1st through 10th-  $60/50/41/33/26/20/15/11/8/6$ pts - 270 points at stake

All teams beyond tenth will earn 2 points for their club.