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| **PERMISSION TO HOLD AN EVENT IN PARKS AND GREENSPACES** | |
| Event | World Orienteering Championships (WOC) 2024 |
| Parks | Leith Links |
| Organiser | World Orienteering Championships 2024 |
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| Date of Event  Time of Event | 12/07/24  Set up: 06.00  Event: 08.30 – 15.00  Offsite: 18.00 |
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| **EVENT BACKGROUND**  Edinburgh is hosting the Sprint World Orienteering Championships 2024. Orienteers use a map and compass to navigate individually at speed around a series of checkpoints in unfamiliar terrain.  The Championships will attract elite athletes from up to 50 nations, competing in three separate disciplines at various locations across the city over a five-day period in July 2024.  The City of Edinburgh Council and EventScotland are supporting the event and are two of the main financial partners.  The “WOC Tour” races are organised alongside the Championships and provide an opportunity for spectators and supporters to compete in the same areas as the Championship competitors.  **LEITH LINKS & SURROUNDING AREA – 12 JULY 2024**  **INDIVIDUAL SPRINT QUALIFIER** (between 200-250 elite runners)  **Finish / Arena**: Leith Links (6:00 - 18:00) Run-in chute marked by barriers. Surrounding area will remain open to the public. Minimal surrounding infrastructure. Commentary through a PA system and the event IT base is planned to be located at Leith Primary School (power, internet, competitor toilets).  After finishing, athletes will be chaperoned across to Leith Primary School, which will be used as an IT base to collate results etc…  The WOC Individual Sprint Qualifier should be finished by 11:00.  The event will be promoted and is free to watch. Organisers expect up to a few hundred spectators.  --  **PUBLIC SPECTATOR RACE** (approximately500-1000 WOC Tour runners)  Takes place from 12:00 – 14:00 and is much more informal.  **Start** - Leith Links (exact location tbc). Numbers of runners may be 500 - 1000, with a few starting each minute (those starting together will be running different courses)  **Finish** – Leith Links, using the same finish as the earlier elite WOC sprint race.  A finish time of 15.00 is expected with the entire site clear by 18:00 if not earlier.  **INFRASTRUCTURE**   * Leith Links - barriered run-in, portable toilets, commentary tent, finish line webcam   **PARK IMPACT**   * Leith Links will remain open to public throughout.   **STAFFING**  Stewarding numbers for the races will be –   * Leith Links - 10-15 people * In the competition area - approx. 50 marshals.   **EVENT PLANNING**  Organisers are engaging with the council and other services including blue light and transport providers as part of the Event Planning & Operations Group (EPOG) process ahead of the event and will be required to provide a detailed event management plan, including Health & Safety documentation and contingencies as part of this process.  **Map of route deleted for confidentiality reasons**  **Confidentiality**: Please only share this information with people who need to know as part of the engagement process and not with the wider public. Orienteering is a navigation-based sport, so any knowledge of the potential routes/courses would give an athlete an unfair advantage. If you have any queries concerning this, please contact - [alasdairpedley@scottish-orienteering.org](mailto:alasdairpedley@scottish-orienteering.org)  Additional event details and information about orienteering can be found here –  [World Orienteering Championships 2024 Edinburgh (woc2024.org)](https://www.woc2024.org/) | |