

The Provision of Toilets for Orienteering Events

Event organisers must be aware of their obligations under environmental health regulations and provide adequate toilet provision at events. Often at smaller events based round urban areas there will be sufficient public toilet provision but for many larger events portable toilets must be provided. The numbers detailed below are the recommended numbers, however organisers may require to change these depending on the circumstances for their individual event.

The numbers shown below are based on the grid shown on www.simplyloos.co.uk and the numbers used at the Scottish 6-Days

The number of toilets has been adjusted for the 15% extra waste apparently produced by orienteers!

Assumes the event runs from 8.00am to 4.00pm.

It is recommended that these numbers are increased by an additional 15% for Relays due to the compressed range of start times and shorter length of the competition.

If a gents urinal is used (usually 4 or 6 standing) then reduce the numbers by 15%.

Assumes a maximum wait of 10 minutes.

Max No of Competitors	150	250	500	1,000	2,000	3,000	4,000
Toilets Required	2	3	5	8	16	23	31

If there is a start more that 2km from assembly, consider placing an appropriate number of toilets there.

Perhaps consider an 'attended service' for major events where the hire company provide staff to keep toilets serviced during the event.

Note that BOF insurance does not cover the hire of toilets. Generally the hirer is responsible for insuring the toilets. Check with the hire company. Clubs with equipment insurance may be able to have hired toilets added to their policies or separate insurance may be obtained to cover them.

Agree all dates, times, locations, terms and conditions in writing.

Agree in writing what consumables will be provided – often toilets are supplied with 1 bar of soap and 2 toilet rolls and the hirer is responsible for additional supplies.

Be aware of VAT and delivery, collection and re-siting charges.

Ensure that toilets are not left unattended if at all possible. If hire company deposits or collects toilets outwith period of hire then agree in writing that they are responsible for their security and insurance.

Check access to site is clear of obstructions such as low bridges, weight restrictions, narrow access tracks and gateways etc. Consider making the hire company responsible for checking the access route prior to delivery. Always try and locate toilets adjacent to suitable tracks for ease of access by heavy vehicles. Again if this isn't possible ensure hire company are aware of this and have seen the site.

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