

# Mixed Punching

This event is using Mixed Punching which means that you can use a SIAC for contactless punching and **anyone with a traditional SI-Card (e-stick) can punch (dib) in the normal way**. Competitors using a SIAC (air stick) pass it within 50cm of the control and will receive a series of vivid flashes and loud beeps providing feedback that the visit has been registered.

If this is your first time using a SIAC there are a few things to remember:

- Wear your SIAC on your finger as you would a traditional SI-Card. If you have a GPS watch have it on your other wrist.
- The SIAC needs to be switched on to work contactlessly – this is done by dibbing the SIAC in the CHECK box once you have CLEARED it. When the SIAC is in contactless mode you will see its ‘heartbeat’ - a faint green flash at the tip every 10 seconds or so.
- At a control you will move your SIAC towards the station. The SIAC will produce shrill beeps and bright red flashes when it has recorded the visit and the timestamp. This will happen when the SIAC is within 50cm of the beacon station. If the SIAC has not started beeping or flashing as you get closer to the control station, dib it into the hole in the station in the traditional way.
- Registering at the FINISH station will turn your SIAC off. So it’s important not to run near the finish until you have finished!
- After your run go to download as normal.

Don’t worry, you can still use your traditional SI-Card and ‘dib’ in the normal way, but why not hire a SIAC and try contactless punching?

Optical feedback signals

