

EVENT SAFETY WORKSHOP: 19th March

Update

An Event Safety Workshop will be held at Ilchester, Somerset on Saturday 19th March. This will be aimed primarily at Grade B, C and A organisers, but controllers and planners are welcome to attend, and there are still plenty of vacancies. You are reminded that this training will be required for all organisers of Level C events and above over the next 3 years, and that controllers who wish to move up a grade, and those applying for Grade C, must have completed this training.

BOF will not be supporting any more Event Safety Workshops in the SW. They will have to be run by SWOA members acting as tutors. Some of those attending this one should be potential tutors who will go on to run workshops for their own club, or a group of neighbouring clubs. Tutors will need to have some teaching or training qualifications or experience, and experience of organising or controlling events. They will have their travel expenses for this Ilchester workshop paid by BOF if they take on this job. However there is no BOF funding for local workshops.

The workshop is interactive; those attending will be expected to participate rather than sit back and be talked at. It looks at all aspects of safety, on and off the course, for both competitors and volunteers, as well as at missing competitors and searches, in addition to risk assessment. For the background to this workshop see the Training section on page 22 of the recent issue of *Focus*.

The workshop will last 3 to 3½ hours, starting at 10am, at Ilchester Town Hall. It will be free to participants and SWOA will pay 50% of its members travel costs at the current BOF rate - unless BOF is paying their expenses as future tutors. (Those from the same club will be expected to share lifts if possible.) Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. The tutor will be Katy Stubbs of BKO, a very experienced organiser and a Grade A controller. Bookings should be made as soon as possible, and in any case by 14th March, to the SWOA Secretary.

Arthur Vince

SWOA Secretary