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### News:

1. Although we're exiting lockdown, we are all well aware it continues to be difficult to hold proper events at the moment due to government restrictions and landowner permissions. However I'd still like us to continue to schedule events. If we do this then when the conditions allow we will have a programme ready. If the situation does not improve the worst that happens is we cancel before committing significant effort. But if we do not plan ahead we will not be ready for when the restrictions eventually disappear. Nationally the programme for major events is proceeding on this basis - our Event Scheduling Group has put it like this:

*"We need to be positive about future events and so plan for 2021 onwards as if COVID will either be beaten, or we will have learned to live with it. However being realistic, much of the planning is in hope rather than certainty, and we know that many permissions are on hold or impossible to obtain at the moment. Some of our planning will be subject to permissions which simply cannot even be requested at the moment."*

I hope we will all be happy to continue on this basis, and thanks for your efforts so far.

2. It has been decided that there will be no Compass Sport cup qualifiers this March, and that 2020 qualifiers will go to the 2021 final. This means March 14th 2021 is now available for events.
3. I need to try to find an event to be the Yvette Baker qualifier for 2021 for our region. This should be a Regional level colour coded event with courses from yellow to green, ideally to take place between March and May, complying with Competition Rule L on the British Orienteering website. I realise this is a difficult ask, but this competition will have extra interest for our region as the final on 4th July due to be hosted by BOK.
4. SWOA committee would like us to try to have a summer relay competition in 2021. Relays are an interesting problem - as well as difficulty obtaining permissions, if we are still social distancing by then we will need to find new and novel formats. We hope some clubs will be up for this challenge. So far 3 clubs have put tentative dates forward.
5. SWOA committee would also like to hold SW Championships next year. The middle and long distance events will be part of the Caddihoe weekend, so we are looking for an event that could provide a Sprint championship. We're looking for a Regional level event with morning and afternoon sprint distance races.

As usual, any changes since last edition are **highlighted**

Richard Sansbury, SWOA Fixtures Secretary

November 2020

## Major Competitions:

The JK and British Championships are allocated on a rota to associations with a bias away from smaller associations that would struggle to cope with large events.

The Southern Championships and Southern Night Championships rotate around South East, South Central and South West Associations on a 3-year cycle.

Home Internationals rotate around the 4 home nations, as decided by the national teams.

Junior Inter-Regional Championships are allocated on a rota to associations. The other junior competitions (Yvette Baker final, Peter Palmer, British Schools, and British Schools Score) rotate between north, middle, and south of the country, and clubs are encouraged to volunteer to host.

No rota is used for the CompassSport Cup final or Harvester. Clubs are encouraged to volunteer.

The UK Leagues consist of the major competitions plus a few other quality weekends (i.e. National status) chosen to balance events through the year and across the county. Clubs are encouraged to volunteer.

Competition	Host agreed by	Date	Date fixed by
JK	Mar 4yrs before	Easter	Fixed
British Long Distance Champs	Mar 4yrs before	Usually April/May	Mar 3yrs before
British Relay Champs	Mar 4yrs before	Usually April/May	Mar 3yrs before
British Middle Distance Champs	Mar 4yrs before	Any	Mar 3yrs before
British Sprint Champs	Mar 4yrs before	Any	Mar 3yrs before
British Night Champs	Mar 4yrs before	Late Feb	Mar 3yrs before
British Mixed Sprint Relay Champs	Mar 4yrs before	June preferred	Mar 3yrs before
Southern Champs	Oct 3yrs before	Any	Oct 3yrs before
CompassSport Cup Heats	Oct 2yrs before	Mid-March	Oct 3yrs before
CompassSport Cup Final	Oct 3yrs before	Usually mid-October	Oct 3yrs before
Yvette Baker Heats	Oct 1yr before	March/April/May	Oct 1yr before
Yvette Baker Final	Oct 3yrs before	First weekend in July	Fixed
Harvester	Oct 3yrs before	Usually late June	Oct 3yrs before
Peter Palmer Junior	Oct 3yrs before	Second Sunday in Sept	Fixed
Junior Inter Regional	Oct 3yrs before	Last weekend in Sept	Fixed
British Schools Score Champs	Oct 3yrs before	2nd Saturday in October	Fixed
British Schools Orienteering Champs	Oct 3yrs before	Mid/Late November	Fixed
British Universities & Colleges Sport	Oct 2yrs before	late Feb	Oct 2yrs before
Jun/Sen/Vet Home Internationals	Oct 3yrs before	Sept/Oct	Oct 3yrs before
UK Orienteering League	Mar 1yr before	Throughout year	Mar 1yr before
UK Urban League	Oct 1yr before	Throughout year	Oct 1yr before
UK Elite League	Oct 1yr before	First half of year	Oct 1yr before

## When to set events

Ideally events should be set in order of importance, with dates for major competitions taking precedence. After that it would be appreciated if clubs follow the timetable below so that an orderly programme of events develops. Although club events can be entered at any time, the dates cannot be considered fixed until around a year in advance otherwise they may have to make way for more important events.

Event / Series	When date(s) will be set
National events - January to Summer	Oct of preceding year, i.e. 1½yrs in advance
National events - Summer to December	Mar of preceding year, i.e. 1½yrs in advance
South West Orienteering League	Autumn of preceding year, i.e. 1-1½yrs in advance
South West Relay series	Summer of preceding year, i.e. 1yr in advance
Other Regional and Local events	Anytime after SW League events finalised

## Allocation of National Competitions:

Event	Date	Host	Location
British Night Championships	20 Feb 21	NGOC	Cleeve Hill, Cheltenham
JK Festival	2-5 Apr 21	SWOA	Plymouth Hoe & Penhale/Hayle
Yvette Baker Trophy Final	4 July 21	BOK	Westonbirt, Tetbury
British Long Distance & Southern + British Relay Championships	30 Apr 22 - 1 May 22	DEVON & BOK	Braunton Burrows
British Night Championships	18 Feb 23?	WIM	New Forest
Compass Sport Cup Final	12 Nov 23	BOK	tbc

**UKOL 2021: BOK Trot (British Nights weekend), Caddihoe weekend, Salisbury City (Nov classic weekend)**

## Allocation of Regional Competitions:

Event	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Southern Champs	<i>South Central</i>	<i>South East</i>	BOK 1 Dec	<i>South Ctrl Cancelled</i>	<i>South East</i>	
Southern Night Champs	<i>South Central</i>	<i>South East</i>	BAOC 30 Nov	<i>South Ctrl Cancelled</i>	<i>South East</i>	
SW long dist champs	Caddihoe Day 2	Caddihoe Day 1	Caddihoe Day 1	<i>Caddihoe cancelled</i>	Caddihoe Day 2	
SW middle dist champs	Caddihoe Day 1	Tamar Day 3	DEVON 19 May	<i>Caddihoe cancelled</i>	Caddihoe Day 1	
SW sprint champs	WIM 21 May	QO 19 Aug	DEVON 2 June	<i>NGOC cancelled</i>		
Caddihoe Chase	KERNO 2/3 Sept	SARUM 22/23 Sept	DEVON 28/29 Sept	<i>WIM cancelled</i>	WIM 18/19 Sept	<b>DEVON 17/18 Sept</b>
CompassSport Cup qual	WIM 12 Mar	<i>QO cancelled</i>	QO 17 Mar	NGOC 15 Mar	<b>All heats cancelled</b>	<b>QO 13 Feb</b>
Yvette Baker qualifier	NWO 30 Apr	QO 8 Apr	NWO 7 Apr	<i>QO cancelled</i>		

## Rules and policies

Major events allocated and dates agreed at a national level by Event Scheduling Group.

National event dates must be agreed at a national level by the Event Scheduling Group.

Regional event dates are agreed by Association Fixtures Secretaries.

Local events and Activities can be registered by Club Fixtures Secretaries.

SWOA policies:

- SWOA intends that South West Orienteering League events have precedence over other events in the region. Another club wishing to hold another Regional event on the same date must obtain the agreement of the League hosting club first.
- The South West Orienteering League series will be spread across the season, and with no more than 2 events in any 4 week period.
- All requests for Regional event status will be granted unless there is a clash with a South West Orienteering League, another significant event in SWOA, or an objection from a neighbouring region.
- For Regional events, the tasks of assessing terrain suitability and competency of proposed officials are delegated to the organising club and to the Controller. (British Orienteering rules state: the Association must assess the suitability of the terrain for the event, and the association must ensure that suitably experienced officials are appointed and must assess the competency of any new or unknown officials.)

## South West League:

Club	2019-2020 season (cancelled)		2020-2021 season	
QO	<del>14 Feb 21</del>	<del>Ramscombe, Quantock Hills</del>	31 Oct 21	Blackborough, Cullompton
DEVON	<del>25 Oct 20</del>	<del>Five Tors, Dartmoor</del>	14 Nov 21	Holne Moor, Dartmoor
BOK	<del>8 Nov 20</del>	<del>Cannop Ponds, Forest of Dean</del>	28 Nov 21	Cannop Ponds, Forest of Dean
SARUM	<del>6 Dec 20</del>	<del>Cannimore, Warminster</del>	5 Dec 21	
NWO	<del>10 Jan 21</del>	<del>Savernake, Marlborough</del>	16 Jan 22	
NGOC	<del>31 Jan 21</del>	<del>Soudley, Forest of Dean</del>	30 Jan 22	
WIM	<del>13 Dec 20</del>	<del>Gore Heath, Wareham</del>	6 Feb 22	
WESSEX	<del>11 Apr 21</del>	<del>Rushmore, Cranborne Chase</del>	20 Feb 22	
KERNO	<del>11 Oct 20</del>	<del>tba</del>	tba	

## Summer relay series:

Club	2020 season		2021 season	
NGOC	<del>6 June</del>	<del>Selsley Common, Stroud</del>		
NWO	<del>14 June</del>	<del>Lydiard Park, Swindon</del>	13 June	Lydiard Park, Swindon
WESSEX Hardy	<del>21 June</del>	<del>tbc</del>		
BOK Adams Avery	<del>28 June</del>	<del>Oldbury Court, Bristol</del>	26 June	tbc
SARUM Moonraker	<del>5 July</del>	<del>Farleigh School, Andover</del>	4 July	tbc

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Date	Major Level A (All regions)	National Level B (Nearby & UKOL only)	Regional Level C (SW region only)	Local Level D (SW region only)
Jan 3				(4)NGOC, (1)SARUM, (2)Night)NGOC, QO
10		SE Regional League CHIG		(9)BOK, DEVON, NWO
17		SE Regional League DFOK	WIM	BOK, DEVON
24		SE Regional League SAX		(23)Night)BOK, QO
31			NGOC	(30)Night)BOK
Feb 7		SE (6) Regional League GO SE Southern Champs MV		(6+6)Night)NWO, DEVON
14		SE Regional League LOK	(13)QO Urban, QO	(13+13)Night)SARUM, DEVON
21	SW (20)Night) British Night Champs NGOC (UKOL)	SW Mike Nelson BOK Trot (UKOL) SE Regional League HH		
28		SC Chiltern Challenge TVOC		(27)BOK, DEVON
Mar 7	SE (6-7) British Long & Relay Champs (UKOL)			
14		All GSC Qualifier SC Chiltern Challenge TVOC		BOK, DEVON
21		YH Northern Champs SYO (UKOL)	SARUM Saunter	
28				(27)NWO, BOK
Apr 4	SW (2-5) Jan Kjellström (UKOL)			(2-5)KERNO
11			(10)WIM Urban, WSX	
18		Wales Welsh Champs SWOC		QO
25				(24)SARUM, DEVON, BOK, NWO
May 2				
9	NW (8) British Middle Champs (UKOL)			
16		SE Regional League SO	BOK	
23				
30	WM Midlands Champs WRE	WM (29-31) Springtime in Shropshire HOC/WRE (UKOL)		
Jun 6				BOK
13		WM (12-13) Coventry Urban OD		DEVON, NWO Relay
20	NW (19-20) British Sprint Relay & Sprint Champs (UKOL)			(26)BOK Adams Avery
27				
Jul 4		SW Yvette Baker Final BOK		SARUM Moonraker Relay
11				
18			(17)NWO Urban	
25				
Aug 1				
8				
15				
22				
29		SE Urban MV		
Sep 5		SE (4) City of London SLOW		
12		WM Peter Palmer COBOC		NWO
19		SW (18-19) Caddihoe WIM (UKOL)	(18) Caddihoe SEOUL WIM	
26				
Oct 3				
10		SE (9-10) Junior Home Internationals SE Urban SAX		BOK, NWO
17	EM Compass Sport Cup Final DVO			
24				
31			SW League QO	
Nov 7		SC (6-7) Veteran Home Internationals SW (6) Salisbury City SARUM (UKOL) SC November Classic SOC (UKOL)		
14		SE Regional League SN	SW League DEVON	
21		SE Regional League SLOW		
28			SW League BOK	
Dec 5		SE Regional League CHIG	SW League SARUM	
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Jan 2				
9				
16		SE Regional League DFOK	SW League NWO	
23				
30		SC Concorde Chase BKO	SW League NGOC	
Feb 6		SE Regional League GO	SW League WIM	
13		SW CompassSport Cup Heat QO SE Regional League MV		
20	YH (19Night) British Night Champs AIRE (UKOL)	YH National AIRE (UKOL) SE Regional League SLOW	SW League WSX	
27		SE Regional League HH		
Mar 6	EA British Middle Champs (UKOL)	EA (5)National WAOC (UKOL)		
13		SE CompassSport Cup Heat SO		
20		SW SARUM Saunter		
27		SC Chiltern Challenge TVOC		
Apr 3		NE Northern Champs NATO (UKOL)		
10				
17	Wales (15-18) JK Festival (UKOL)			
24				
May 1	SW (30-1) British Long Dist & Relay Champs BOK/DEVON (UKOL)			
8				
15				
22				
29				
Jun 5		SW Tamar Triple Day 2 KERNO	(4,6) Tamar Triple Days 1 & 3 KERNO	
12	YH (11-12) British Sprint Relay & Sprint Champs AIRE (UKOL)			
19				
26				
Jul 3				
10				
17				
24				
31				
Aug 7				
14				
21				
28				
Sep 4				
11		SE (10-11) Senior Home International		
18		SW (17-18) Caddihoe Chase DEVON		
25				
Oct 2		Wales (1-2) Veteran Home Internationals & Welsh Champs MWOC		
9				
16	Scot CompassSport Cup Final FVO			
23				
30				
Nov 6				
13		SE Regional League SN		
20				
27				
Dec 4				
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