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News:

1. At the last committee meeting SWOA decided not to continue promoting a summer relay series. The SWOA Chairman's Challenge was introduced in 2002 but we have a longer history of relay events in our region; see Gavin Clegg's excellent history on the relay page of the SWOA website. But in the past 20 years there has been a trend for summer orienteering to be urban, reducing interest in our summer relays. Clubs are of course welcome to offer relays, the only change is we will not score it in a series. If there any objections or concerns with this decision then please let me know.
2. It's time we scheduled dates for the South West league 2023-24. Let me know your preferred dates, ideally by the end of November.
3. There are lots of opportunities coming up! Any offers by the end of November, please:
 - Yvette Baker heat in 2023. This will probably be an event already scheduled. It 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.
 - One last call for Southern Night Championships in 2023. Traditionally on the last Saturday in November, this attracts about 100 competitors and is usually a Regional status event. However sometimes the military decide to adopt it for an inter-corps competition more than doubling the numbers. Usually run in conjunction with a daytime event on the Sunday.
 - Compass Sport Cup heat 2024. The preferred dates are 18th Feb or 17th March whichever is easier to get permissions for, but if neither of these is possible any alternative date will be considered. We had difficulty finding a venue for 2023, eventually "borrowing" an area, so it would be good to be able to host this within the region once again.
 - Caddihoe 2024. It would normally be Devon's turn but they have asked if they can switch to 2025 to avoid the Tamar Triple years. So I am looking for another club to take on this prestigious weekend. The exact format is the choice of the host, but we'd expect a weekend of events with at least one at National status.
4. Any offers for South West Championships in 2023 let me know by end of November. I have had interest in all three championships which is great, but need to give all clubs the chance to offer something. There are very few requirements and these are explained on the SWOA website.
5. There are some rule changes coming in at the end of this year. One rule that has tripped us up in the past is the Controller requirement for National status events, and it is changing again! I hope the new rule will suit as better as it will now say: *The Controller [for National events] must be Grade B or above and be perceived to be able to act independently of event officials. To achieve this, ideally the Controller would be from a different Region, but must be from a different club to the one staging the event.*

Richard Sansbury, SWOA Fixtures Secretary

October 2022

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 | October 2 years before, i.e. 1½yrs in advance |
| National events - Summer to December | March of preceding year, i.e. 1½yrs in advance |
| South West Orienteering League | Autumn of preceding year, i.e. 1-1½yrs in advance |
| Other Regional and Local events | Anytime after SW League events finalised |

Allocation of National Competitions:

| Event | Date | Host | Location |
|---|---------------------|----------|--|
| British Night Championships | 18 Feb 23 | WIM | Moors Valley, Ringwood |
| Compass Sport Cup Final | 12 Nov 23 | BOK | New Beechenhurst, Forest of Dean (tbc) |
| Veteran Home Internationals | 30 Sept & 1 Oct 23 | NGOC | Mallards Pike, Forest of Dean |
| Junior Inter Regional Championships | 28-29 Sep 24 | NGOC/BOK | tbc |
| British Long Distance and Relay Championships | Year 2025, date tbc | tbc | tbc |

UKOL events 2022: Caddihoe Day 1.

Allocation of Regional Competitions:

| Event | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Southern Champs | South East | BOK 1 Dec | South Ctrl Cancelled | South East | Caddihoe Day 1 | South Central |
| Southern Night Champs | South East | BAOC 30 Nov | South Ctrl Cancelled | South East | South Central | |
| SW long dist champs | Caddihoe Day 1 | Caddihoe Day 1 | Caddihoe cancelled | Caddihoe Day 2 | Caddihoe Day 1 | |
| SW middle dist champs | Tamar Day 3 | DEVON 19 May | Caddihoe cancelled | Caddihoe Day 1 | Caddihoe Day 2 | |
| SW sprint champs | QO 19 Aug | DEVON 2 June | NGOC cancelled | NGOC cancelled | No event | |
| Caddihoe Chase | SARUM 22/23 Sept | DEVON 28/29 Sept | WIM cancelled | WIM 18/19 Sept | DEVON 17/18 Sept | NGOC 30 Sept & 1 Oct |
| CompassSport Cup qual | QO cancelled | QO 17 Mar | NGOC 15 Mar | All heats cancelled | QO 13 Feb | WSX 22 Jan |
| Yvette Baker qualifier | QO 8 Apr | NWO 7 Apr | QO cancelled | BOK 16 May | BOK 8 May | |

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.
- 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 | 2021-2022 season | | 2022-2023 season | |
|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--|
| QO | 10 Oct 21 | Blackborough, Cullompton | 25 Sep 22 | Triscombe, Quantock Hills |
| DEVON | 14 Nov 21 | Holne Moor, Dartmoor | 20 Nov 22 | Five Tors, Dartmoor |
| SARUM | 5 Dec 21 | Sidbury Hill, Tidworth | 27 Nov 22 | Everleigh, tbc |
| BOK | 28 Nov 21 | Cannop Ponds, Forest of Dean | 4 Dec 22 | Cannop Ponds & Churchill Inclosure, Forest of Dean |
| NWO | 16 Jan 22 | West Woods, Marlborough | 8 Jan 23 | Savernake, Marlborough |
| WIM | 23 Jan 22 | Ocknell, New Forest | 15 Jan 23 | Bere Wood, tbc |
| WESSEX | 20 Feb 22 | Agglestone, Purbeck | 19 Feb 23 | Wilverley, Christchurch (hosted by SOC) |
| KERNO | 24 Oct 21 | Lanhydrock, Bodmin | 23 Apr 23 | Polly Joke, Newquay |
| NGOC | 30 Jan 22 | Soudley Ponds, Forest of Dean | 30 Apr 23 | Newent Woods East, Gloucestershire |

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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 2 | | | | (1)NGOC, (1)SARUM, DEVON |
| 9 | | | | (8Night)BOK, QO |
| 16 | | SE Regional League DFOK | SW League NWO, KERNO | (15+15Night)NGOC |
| 23 | | SE Regional League SAX | SW League WIM | (22)SARUM, DEVON |
| 30 | | SC Concorde Chase BKO (UKOL) EM Midlands Champs NOC (UKOL) | SW League NGOC | (29)BOK |
| Feb 6 | | SE Regional League GO | | (5)WSX, (5Night)BOK, NWO, QO, KERNO |
| S13 | | SW CompassSport Cup Heat QO WM CompassSport Cup Heat HOC SE Regional League MV | | (12)QO, (12Night)NGOC |
| 20 | YH (19Night) British Night Champs AIRE (UKOL) | YH National AIRE (UKOL) SE Regional League SLOW | SW League WSX | (19)BOK |
| 27 | | SE British Trail-O Champs SE Regional League HH | | NGOC, QO, DEVON |
| Mar 6 | EA British Middle Champs (UKOL) | EA (5)National WAOC (UKOL) | | (5)NWO |
| 13 | | SC CompassSport Cup Heat BKO SE CompassSport Cup Heat MV | KERNO | BOK |
| 20 | | | (19)NGOC, SARUM Saunter | DEVON |
| 27 | SE (26-27) British Long Dist & Relay Champs (UKOL) | | | DEVON |
| Apr 3 | | NE (2-3) Northern Champs NATO (UKOL) | | QO |
| 10 | | SE Regional League SLOW | (9) WIM Urban | |
| 17 | Wales (15-18) JK Festival (UKOL) | | | |
| 24 | | SC Chiltern Challenge TVOC | | (23)WIM, SARUM Urban, DEVON |
| May 1 | | | NGOC | |
| 8 | | | BOK | |
| 15 | | | SARUM | (14)WSX, DEVON |
| 22 | | SE Regional League SO | NGOC Urban | |
| 29 | | Scot (28) Scot Champ GRAMP (UKOL) | BOK Urban | |
| Jun 5 | | SW (4) Tamar Triple Day 2 KERNO | (3 & 5) Tamar Triple Days 1 & 3 KERNO | |
| 12 | YH (11-12) British Sprint Relay & Sprint Champs AIRE (UKOL) | | | NWO Relay |
| 19 | | WM (18) Coventry Urban OD WM Birmingham Urban HOC | | (18)BOK |
| 26 | | | | |
| Jul 3 | | | | (2)BOK, SARUM Relay, KERNO |
| 10 | | | NWO Urban | (9)NGOC Relay, DEVON |
| 17 | | | | (16)NGOC, WIM Relay |
| 24 | | | | WSX Relay, KERNO |
| 31 | | | | |
| Aug 7 | | NW (7-12) Lakes 5 days (UKOL) | | |
| 14 | | | | |
| 21 | | | | (20)NGOC, (20)WIM, KERNO |
| 28 | | SE Urban MV | (29) NGOC Urban | |
| Sep 4 | | SE (3) London City SLOW | | |
| 11 | | SC (10-11) Senior Home International WM Peter Palmer Jun Relay COBOC | (10)NGOC | (10)QO, BOK |
| 18 | | SW (17) Caddihoe & Southern Champs DEVON (UKOL) | Caddihoe Day 2 DEVON | |
| 25 | | Wales (24) Pembrokeshire Middle SBOC | SW League QO | (24)WSX |
| Oct 2 | | Wales (1-2) Veteran Home Internationals & Welsh Champs MWOC | WSX Dorset Delight | NWO |
| 9 | | NW (8-9) National DEE (UKOL) | SW League SARUM | (8)NGOC, SARUM |
| 16 | Scot CompassSport Cup Final FVO | | | QO |
| 23 | | | DEVON | (22)BOK, |
| 30 | | SE Regional League SLOW | | (29Night)BOK |
| Nov 6 | | SC November Classic SOC (UKOL) SC (5-6) Senior Home Internationals | (5)WSX Christchurch Urban | |
| 13 | | SE Regional League SN | SW League WIM | (12)BOK, (12Night)NGOC, NWO, QO |
| 20 | | | (19)NGOC, SW League DEVON | |
| 27 | | SE Regional League SAX | SW League SARUM | |
| Dec 4 | | SE Regional League CHIG | SW League BOK, KERNO | (3)SARUM, (3Night)WSX |
| 11 | | | | (10)NGOC, (40)SARUM, |
| 18 | | | | (10Night+11)NWO, QO |
| 25 | | | | (17Night)BOK |

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|-------|--|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Jan 1 | | | | NGOC |
| 8 | | | SW League NWO | (7Night)BOK |
| 15 | | | SW League WIM | (14)NGOC, (14Night)WSX, BOK, DEVON |
| 22 | | SE Regional League DFOK SW CompassSport Cup heat WSX | | |
| 29 | | SC Concorde Chase BKO | (28)QO Urban | (28Night)NGOC, QO, KERNO |
| Feb 5 | | SE Regional League GO | | (4Night)BOK, NWO, QO |
| 12 | | All CompassSport Cup heats | | (11)NGOC, BOK |
| 19 | SW (18Night) British Night Champs WIM (UKOL) | SE Regional League LOK | SW League WSX (hosted SOC) | |
| 26 | | SC Chiltern Challenge TVOC EM/YH (25-26) Northern Champs (UKOL) | | (25Night)NGOC, DEVON |
| Mar 5 | | Wales Welsh Champs SE Regional League HH | | |
| 12 | | Wales (11) Welsh Champs SBOC All CompassSport Cup heats | | |
| 19 | | SE Regional League MV SW Sarum Saunter | | (18)BOK, NGOC |
| 26 | SC (25-26) British Long/Southern & Relay Champs BKO/TVOC | | | |
| Apr 2 | | | | NWO |
| 9 | NW (7-10) JK Festival (UKOL) | | | |
| 16 | | SE OK Nuts SLOW | | DEVON |
| 23 | | SE SEOA Middle Dist Champs MV | SW League KERNO | |
| 30 | | | SW League NGOC | (29)BOK |
| May 7 | Northn Ireland (6-7) British Sprint and Middle Champs (UKOL) | | | |
| 14 | | SE Sunny Sussex SO | | (13)NGOC |
| 21 | | EA (20-21) Suffolk Urban (UKOL) | BOK | |
| 28 | | WM (27-29) Springtime in Shropshire & Midlands Champs WRE | | |
| Jun 4 | | | | |
| 11 | | | | (10)BOK Adams Avery Relay, NWO Urban |
| 18 | | | | NGOC |
| 25 | | | | |
| Jul 2 | | | | NWO Relay |
| 9 | | | | (8)NGOC Relay, SARUM Moonraker Relay |
| 16 | | | | |
| 23 | | | | (22)NGOC |
| 30 | | Scot (30-5) Scottish 6 Days | | |
| Aug 6 | | | | |
| 13 | | | | |
| 20 | | | | NGOC |
| 27 | | SE MV Urban | | |
| Sep 3 | | | | |
| 10 | | Wales (9-10) Senior Home Internationals SWOC | | |
| 17 | SE British Sprint Relay Champs (LOK) | SE (16) London City (UKOL) | | (16)BOK |
| 24 | | Wales (23-24) Junior Inter Regnls SBOC | | |
| Oct 1 | | SW (30-1) Caddihoe & Veteran Home Internationals NGOC | | |
| 8 | | WM (7-8) Junior Home Internationals | | |
| 15 | | | SW League SARUM | (14)NGOC |
| 22 | | | | |
| 29 | | | | (28Night)BOK |
| Nov 5 | | SC November Classic (UKOL) SOC | | (4Night)NGOC |
| 12 | SW CompassSport Cup Final BOK | | | |
| 19 | | SE Regional League SAX | | (18)NGOC |
| 26 | | SE Regional League SN | | (25)BOK |
| Dec 3 | | SE Regional League CHIG | | |
| 10 | | | | BOK |
| 17 | | | | (16)NGOC |
| 24 | | | | |
| 31 | | | | |

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|-------|--|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Jan 7 | | | | |
| 14 | | | | (13)NGOC |
| 21 | | SW SARUM Saunter? | SW League BOK? | |
| 28 | | SC Concorde Chase BKO | | (27Night)NGOC |
| Feb 4 | | SE Southern Champs GO | | |
| 11 | NW British Night Champs WCOG | SE Regional League MV | SW League NGOC? | |
| 18 | | All CompassSport Cup heats | | |
| 25 | | SE Regional League HH | | |
| Mar 3 | | Wales Welsh Champs SWOC | | (2Night)NGOC |
| 10 | | | | |
| 17 | | All CompassSport Cup heats | | |
| 24 | | SW SARUM Saunter? | | |
| 31 | EM/WM (29-1) JK Festival (UKOL) | | | |
| Apr 7 | | | | |
| 14 | NE (13-14) British Long and Relay Champs (UKOL) | | | |
| 21 | | | | |
| 28 | YH (27) British Middle Champs (UKOL) AIRE | YH Northern Champs (UKOL) AIRE | | |
| May 5 | | | | |
| 12 | | SE Sunny Sussex SO | | |
| 19 | | | | (18-19)BOK Blast? |
| 26 | | | | |
| Jun 2 | | | | |
| 9 | | | | (8-9)BOK Blast? |
| 16 | | | | |
| 23 | WM (22-23) British Sprint Relay and Sprint Champs HOC/OD | | | |
| 30 | | | | |
| Jul 7 | | | | |
| 14 | | | | |
| 21 | | Wales (21-27) Croeso 6 Days | | |
| 28 | | | | |
| Aug 4 | | | | |
| 11 | | | | |
| 18 | | | | |
| 25 | | SE Dorking Urban MV | | |
| Sep 1 | | | | |
| 8 | | | | |
| 15 | | | | |
| 22 | | | | |
| 29 | | SW (28-29) Junior Inter Regional Champs NGOC/BOK | | |
| Oct 6 | | | | |
| 13 | | | | |
| 20 | CompassSport Cup Final | | | |
| 27 | | | | |
| Nov 3 | | | | |
| 10 | | | | |
| 17 | | | | |
| 24 | | | | |
| Dec 1 | | | | |
| 8 | | | | |
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