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News:

1. Thanks for giving dates for the South West league 2023-24. Hopefully the dates are all settled now, just waiting a date from KERNO.
2. No club has yet expressed an interest in holding the Caddihoe in 2024, so unfortunately as it stands there will be no Caddihoe weekend next year. Devon will pick it up again in 2025.
3. There are a number of junior events for which offers are urgently needed from someone in the UK. It's not our turn so there is no obligation on us, but it would be great if any South West club could help out. Further details can be provided if you are interested:
 - British Schools Champs 2023 & 2024. The dates are set as 19th Nov 2023, 17th Nov 2024 plus there are Sprint Champs on 12th Oct 2024. BOK & WIM have hosted recently in 2017/18 respectively.
 - Yvette Baker Final 2024. BOK hosted in 2021. The date is 7th July - we appreciate that's a difficult date for permissions but its fixed to school terms. BOK hosted in 2021.
 - Peter Palmer Relays 2024. The date is 8th Sept. This is an unusual night relay which has not been to our region before.
4. We have not been able to find an area to hold the British Long Distance and Relay Championships in 2025. It has been decided to move this to North or Mid-Wales which has a surplus of high quality well-mapped areas but very few active orienteers. They will need a lot of help, so please could you ask around in your clubs for anyone interested in taking a key role in a major event in such an area.
5. Further to the above item, here is an unusual suggestion for you. As permissions have become difficult in our region how about an "away fixture" and hold an event in North or Mid-Wales? As well as a fun weekend away this would really encourage the small band of local orienteers.
6. Having dropped the British Long & Relays I have volunteered our region instead for the British Sprints and Sprint Relays in 2026. We held an excellent British Sprint Championships at Bath in 2018, and we have several other great Sprint venues. Now the Sprints are coupled with Sprint Relays rather than the Middles this will be a much easier weekend to arrange. Although it's 3 years away, fairly soon we need to identify a location and a date. I will be contacting clubs soon to identify candidate sites. This could be organised by a club or by SWOA - either is possible.
7. Also on the horizon, we are due to host the JK in 2028.

Richard Sansbury, SWOA Fixtures Secretary

February 2023

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 Sprint and British Sprint Relay Championships	Year 2026, date tbc	tbc	tbc

UKOL events 2023: British Nights, Caddihoe weekend.

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	South East
SW long dist champs	Caddihoe Day 1	Caddihoe Day 1	Caddihoe cancelled	Caddihoe Day 2	Caddihoe Day 1	Caddihoe Day 1
SW middle dist champs	Tamar Day 3	DEVON 19 May	Caddihoe cancelled	Caddihoe Day 1	Caddihoe Day 2	WSX 21 Oct
SW sprint champs	QO 19 Aug	DEVON 2 June	NGOC cancelled	NGOC cancelled	No event	BOK 26 Apr
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	NGOC 30 Apr

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	2022-2023 season		2023-2024 season	
QO	25 Sep 22	Triscombe, Quantock Hills	29 Oct 23	Ramscombe, Quantock Hills
DEVON	20 Nov 22	Five Tors, Dartmoor	19 Nov 23	Braunton Burrows, North Devon
SARUM	27 Nov 22	Everleigh, Vale of Pewsey	15 Oct 23	tbc
BOK	4 Dec 22	Cannop Ponds & Churchill Inclosure, Forest of Dean	21 Jan 24	Stockhill, Mendips (tbc)
NWO	8 Jan 23	Westonbirt, Tetbury	14 Jan 24	tbc
WIM	15 Jan 23	Bere Wood, Bere Regis	3 Dec 23	tbc
WESSEX	19 Feb 23	Wilverley, Christchurch (hosted by SOC)	22 Oct 23	Purbeck
KERNO	23 Apr 23	Polly Joke, Newquay	tbc	tbc
NGOC	30 Apr 23	Newent Woods East, Gloucestershire	11 Feb 24	Symonds Yat, Forest of Dean

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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 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, KERNO	(28Night)NGOC, QO
Feb 5		SE Regional League GO		(4Night)BOK, NWO
12		All CompassSport Cup heats	KERNO	(11)NGOC, BOK
19	SW (18Night) British Night Champs WIM (UKOL)	SE Regional League LOK	SW League WSX (hosted SOC) (UKOL)	
26		SC, SE Chiltern Challenge, Regional LOK EM/YH (25-26) Northern Champs (UKOL)		(25Night)NGOC, (25Night)KERNO, DEVON
Mar 5		SE Regional League HH		
12		Wales (11) Welsh Champs SBOC(UKOL) All CompassSport Cup heats		
19		SE Regional League MV SW Sarum Saunter		(18)BOK, NGOC, DEVON
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 SEQA Middle Dist Champs MV	SW League KERNO SARUM Urban	(22)BOK
30			SW League NGOC	(29)BOK
May 7	North Ireland (6-7) British Sprint and Middle Champs (UKOL)			
14		SE Sunny Sussex SO		(13)NGOC, DEVON
21		EA (20-21) Suffolk Urban (UKOL)	BOK	
28		WM (27-29) Springtime in Shropshire & Midlands Champs WRE (UKOL)		
Jun 4				
11		Scot Race the Abbeys RR (UKOL)	NWO Urban	(10)BOK Adams Avery Relay, DEVON
18			(18)NGOC	
25				
Jul 2				
9			DEVON Urban	NWO Relay (8)NGOC Relay, SARUM Moonraker Relay
16				
23			(22)NGOC	
30		Scot (30-5) Scottish 6 Days (UKOL)		(26)NGOC
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	DEVON	
Oct 1		SW (30-1) Caddihoe & Veteran Home Internationals NGOC (UKOL)		
8		WM (7-8) Junior Home Internationals		NWO
15			SW League SARUM	(14)NGOC, BOK
22			(21-22) WSX Purbeck weekend	DEVON
29			SW League QO	(28Night)BOK, NWO
Nov 5		SC (4-5) Urban & November Classic & Southern Champs (UKOL) SOC		(4Night)NGOC
12	SW CompassSport Cup Final BOK			
19		SE Regional League SAX	SW League DEVON	(18)NGOC
26		SE Regional League SN		(25)BOK
Dec 3		SE Regional League CHIG	SW League WIM	(2Night+3)NWO
10		SC Chiltern Challenge TVOC	DEVON	(9)BOK
17				(16)NGOC, (16)SARUM
24				
31				

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21			SW League BOK	
28		SC Concorde Chase BKO		(27Night)NGOC
Feb 4		SE Southern Champs GO		(3)NWO
11	NW (10Night) British Night Champs WCOG	SE Regional League MV	SW League NGOC	
18		All CompassSport Cup heats		(17)BOK
25		SE Regional League HH		NWO
Mar 3		Wales Welsh Champs SWOC		(2Night)NGOC
10		SW SARUM Saunter		
17		All CompassSport Cup heats		(16)NWO, BOK
24		SC Chiltern Challenge TVOC		
31	EM/WM (29-1) JK Festival (UKOL)			
Apr 7			WSX Dorset Delight	
14	NE (13-14) British Long and Relay Champs (UKOL)			
21				(20)BOK
28	YH (27) British Middle Champs (UKOL) AIRE	YH Northern Champs (UKOL) AIRE		
May 5				
12		SE Sunny Sussex SO		
19				BOK
26			(25-27) Tamar Triple DEVON/KERNO	
Jun 2				
9			(8-9)BOK Urban	
16				BOK
23	WM (22-23) British Sprint Relay and Sprint Champs HOC/OD(UKOL)			
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		SE (14) City of London SLOW		
22				
29		SW (28-29) Junior Inter Regional Champs NGOC/BOK		
Oct 6				
13			SW League SARUM	
20	CompassSport Cup Final			
27				
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