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News:

1. If you've not already heard we have some changes to our major regional competitions:-

Tamar Triple: This 3-day event has taken place every other year since 1994, aiming to provide high quality orienteering over the Spring bank holiday weekend. However as many of you will be aware it is becoming much harder to get access permissions for suitable areas at that time of year. As a result Devon & Kernow have decided they are unable to continue, so unfortunately the Tamar Triple is discontinued, and the 2024 event is cancelled.

Caddihoe: This originated in Devon and has been hosted by Devon on alternate years with the other years being offered to other clubs. However with the end of the Tamar Triple and because no club came forward to take on the Caddihoe in 2024, Devon have decided to concentrate club efforts on the Caddihoe and will host it every year from 2024 onwards. So if your club wants to hold a major autumn race weekend, you will have to create your own fixture!
2. It is our turn to hold the Southern Championships in 2025. Ideally I would have put this out to offers across the region, but I'm afraid I left it a bit late to launch an open bidding process. With limited choice of registered National status events I have asked if the Sarum Saunter on 9th March could also act as Southern Champs and Sarum have kindly agreed. I hope that is ok with everyone.

However we would like to have a second event on 8th March 2025 to make an attractive weekend. This could be part of the UK Orienteering League (UKOL) and hence we'd want something at least Regional status, not too far away from the Saunter. Any offers welcome.
3. I'm also looking for offers for following events, any offers by 14th October please:
 - SW Championships in 2024. In 2023 we had the full set: Long, Middle and Sprint distances. It would be great to have all three next year as well.
 - Yvette Baker heat in 2024. This should be a Regional 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.
 - Compass Sport Cup heat 2025. The set date is 16th Feb 2025. After allowing various dates in recent years the competition organisers are now aiming for a single date nationwide.
4. It is now time to start collecting dates for next year's 2024-25 League. Please could you let me have your preferred dates if you have not already done so, ideally by end of October.
5. Finally, I have been asked to collect comments on the requirements for National (i.e. level B) events. Is the embargo requirement sensible? With pre-entry common at all levels are National events indistinguishable from Regionals? If you have any opinions please let me know by end September.

Richard Sansbury, SWOA Fixtures Secretary

September 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-February	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
Veteran Home Internationals	30 Sept & 1 Oct 23	NGOC	Mallards Pike, Forest of Dean
Compass Sport Cup Final	12 Nov 23	BOK	New Beechenhurst, Forest of Dean (tbc)
Junior Inter Regional Championships	28-29 Sep 24	NGOC/BOK	tbc
British Sprint and British Sprint Relay Championships	Year 2026, date tbc	tbc	tbc
JK	14-17 Apr 2028	tbc	tbc

UKOL events 2023: British Nights, Caddihoe weekend.

Allocation of Regional Competitions:

Event	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Southern Champs	BOK 1 Dec	<i>South Ctrl Cancelled</i>	<i>South East</i>	Caddihoe Day 1	<i>South Central</i>	South East
Southern Night Champs	BAOC 30 Nov	<i>South Ctrl Cancelled</i>	<i>South East</i>	<i>South Central</i>	<i>South East</i>	South Central
SW long dist champs	Caddihoe Day 1	<i>Caddihoe cancelled</i>	Caddihoe Day 2	Caddihoe Day 1	Caddihoe Day 1	tbc
SW middle dist champs	DEVON 19 May	<i>Caddihoe cancelled</i>	Caddihoe Day 1	Caddihoe Day 2	WSX 21 Oct	tbc
SW sprint champs	DEVON 2 June	<i>NGOC cancelled</i>	<i>NGOC cancelled</i>	<i>No event</i>	BOK 26 Apr	tbc
Caddihoe Chase	DEVON 28/29 Sept	<i>WIM cancelled</i>	WIM 18/19 Sept	DEVON 17/18 Sept	NGOC 30 Sept & 1 Oct	DEVON 21/22 Sept
CompassSport Cup qual	QO 17 Mar	NGOC 15 Mar	<i>All heats cancelled</i>	QO 13 Feb	WSX 22 Jan	WIM 18 Feb
Yvette Baker qualifier	NWO 7 Apr	<i>QO cancelled</i>	BOK 16 May	BOK 8 May	NGOC 30 Apr	tbc

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	2023-2024 season		2024-2025 season	
SARUM	15 Oct 23	Groveley Wood, Wilton		
WESSEX	22 Oct 23	Agglestone, Purbeck		
QO	29 Oct 23	Ramscombe, Quantock Hills		
DEVON	19 Nov 23	Braunton Burrows, North Devon	8 Dec 24	Harcombe
WIM	3 Dec 23	tbc		
NWO	14 Jan 24	West Woods, Marlborough		
BOK	21 Jan 24	Stockhill, Mendips		
NGOC	11 Feb 24	Symonds Yat, Forest of Dean	11 May 25	Newent
KERNO	21 Apr 24	Leskernick, Bodmin Moor		

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Note (28)BOK, QO, SARUM means (28)BOK, (29)QO, (29)SARUM
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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, KERNO	
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			NGOC Urban	
25			NGOC Urban	
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				NGOC
20				
27		SE MV Urban		KERNO
Sep 3				(2)KERNO, (2)NGOC, (2)QO
10		Wales (9-10) Senior Home Internationals SWOC		
17	SE British Sprint Relay Champs (LOK)	SE (16) London City (UKOL)		(16)BOK, WSX
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	QO	NWO
15			(14)NGOC, SW League SARUM	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		KERNO	(11)NGOC
19		SE Regional League SAX	SW League DEVON	(18)NGOC
26		SE Regional League SN	QO, KERNO	(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, SARUM
24				
31				(30)DEVON

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Jan 7			QO, WSX Dorset Delight?	(6Night)BOK
14		SE Regional League DFOC	SW League NWO	(13)NGOC
21			SW League BOK	
28		SC Concorde Chase BKO	DEVON	(27Night)NGOC
Feb 4		SE Southern Champs GO	QO, KERNO	(3)NWO
11	NW (10Night) British Night Champs WCOG	SE Regional League MV	SW League NGOC	
18		All SW CompassSport Cup heats CompassSport Cup heat WIM		(17)BOK
25		SE Regional League HH	WSX Dorset Delight?, DEVON	(24Night+25)NWO
Mar 3		Wales Welsh Champs SWOC	KERNO	(2Night)NGOC
10		SW SARUM Saunter		(9)NGOC
17		All CompassSport Cup heats	KERNO	(16)NWO, BOK
24		SC Chiltern Challenge TVOC	DEVON	
31	EM/WM (29-1) JK Festival (UKOL)			
Apr 7			WSX Dorset Delight	(6)NGOC
14	NE (13-14) British Long and Relay Champs (UKOL)			
21			SW League KERNO	(20)BOK
28	YH (27) British Middle Champs (UKOL) AIRE	YH Northern Champs (UKOL) AIRE		
May 5				
12		SE Sunny Sussex SO		(11)NGOC, DEVON
19				BOK
26			(25-27) Tamar Triple DEVON/KERNO	
Jun 2				DEVON
9			(8-9)BOK Urban?	
16				(15)NGOC, BOK
23	WM (22-23) British Sprint Relay and Sprint Champs HOC/OD(UKOL)			
30				DEVON, BOK Adams Avery Relay
Jul 7			NWO Urban	
14				(13)NGOC
21		Wales (21-27) Croeso 6 Days		
28				
Aug 4				(3)NGOC Relay
11				
18				
25		SE Dorking Urban MV		
Sep 1				(31)NGOC Urban
8				
15		SE (14) City of London SLOW		
22		SW (21-22) DEVON Caddihoe Chase		
29		SW (28-29) Junior Inter Regional Champs NGOC/BOK		
Oct 6			WSX Dorset Delight	
13			SW League SARUM?	
20	NW CompassSport Cup Final PFO			
27				
Nov 3		SW (2) Salisbury City SARUM (?) SC November Classic SOC		
10		SE Regional League SLOW		
17		SE British Schools Champs DFOK		
24		SE Regional League SAX		
Dec 1		SE Regional League SN		
8		SE Regional League CHIG	DEVON SW League	
15				
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Jan 5					
12					
19					
26		SC	Concorde Chase BKO		
Feb 2					
9	tbc (8Night) British Night Champs	SE	Regional League MV		
16		All	CompassSport Cup Heats		
23					
Mar 2		Wales	Welsh Championships ERYRI (UKOL?)		
9		SW	SARUM Saunter		
16	SE British Middle Champs MV (UKOL)				
23					
30	tbc (29-30) British Long Dist & Relay Champs (?)				
Apr 6					
13					
20	YH (18-21) JK Festival (UKOL)				
27					
May 4		Northn Ireland	(2-5) Irish Champs NWOC (UKOL?)		
11				SW League NGOC	
18		NW	Northern Champs MDOC (UKOL?)		
25		WM	(24-26) Springtime in Shropshire		
Jun 1					
8					
15					
22					
29		tbc	Harvester(?)		
Jul 6		tbc	Yvette Baker Final(?)		
13		EM	(12-13) EuroCity weekend (tbc) NOC/LOG		
20					
27					
Aug 3					
10					
17					
24					
31	EA (30-31) British Sprint Relay and Sprint Champs (UKOL)				
Sep 7		EM	Midlands Champs DVO (UKOL?)		
14					
21		NE	CompassSport Cup Final CLOK		
28					
Oct 5					
12		Wales	(11-12) Junior Home Intnl SWOC		
19					
26					
Nov 2		SC	November Classic SOC		
9					
16					
23					
30					
Dec 7					
14					
21		SC	Regional TVOC		
28					