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## News:

1. In case you missed it, I'd like to draw your attention to the latest guidance on registration of events and activities, particularly for virtual orienteering such as MapRun. This came in a message from Peter Hart in his CEO July newsletter which actually came out on 11th August. I must admit I didn't pick up on this at the time, so to help you a copy of that guidance accompanies this bulletin. This guidance has now disappeared from the website, but I think that is an administrative error not a deliberate withdrawal. To summarise I believe the latest advice can be summarised as follows:
  - If a virtual course is available for over 6 months then register it as a permanent course,
  - Otherwise a MapRun or anything else can only be registered as an activity if you have found some way to prevent the publication of results, and it does not resemble a course.

So in the future most virtual orienteering and MapRuns are going to be events. We had different arrangements during lockdown, but these temporary arrangements clearly do not apply anymore! My suggestion is we apply this guidance to future events but do not attempt to backdate it. If you have any questions please let me know.
2. Thanks to those who gave comments on the requirements for National (i.e. level B) events. I have passed all comments on. It was interesting to note a consensus that embargo rules seem outdated.
3. Thanks for responses to my calls for various offers, here are the outcomes:
  - SW League 2024-25. Thanks to all of you for responding, we now have a series lined up even earlier than usual. That's much appreciated as it allows us to sort out club level and other events.
  - SW Championships in 2024. A couple of responses already, but I'm now extending the deadline until 3rd December. Please let me know of any further interest.
  - Yvette Baker heat in 2024. This will be the BOK event at Hanham on 9th June.
  - Compass Sport Cup heat on 16th Feb 2025. QO have offered to take this on.
4. A renewed call for interest in an event on 8th March 2025 to make up a weekend with the Sarum Saunter which is also to be Southern Championships. This is highly likely to be incorporated into the UK Orienteering League (UKOL) and hence we'd want something at least Regional status, not too far away from the Saunter.
5. Would you be able to host the British Schools Score Championship? This competition is looking for hosts for 2024 onwards. The date is fixed as 2nd Saturday in October. I acknowledge there is little direct benefit for the hosting club but it is a relatively simple 1-day event and any offers would be much appreciated.

Richard Sansbury, SWOA Fixtures Secretary

November 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
Junior Inter Regional Championships	28-29 Sep 24	NGOC/BOK	tbc
British Sprint and British Sprint Relay Championships	27-28 Jun 26, or 5-6 Sept 26	SWOA	tbc
JK	14-17 Apr 28	tbc	tbc

UKOL events 2024: Salisbury Urban, Caddihoe weekend.

## Allocation of Regional Competitions:

Event	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Southern Champs	South Ctrl Cancelled	South East	Caddihoe Day 1	South Central	South East	SARUM 9 Mar
Southern Night Champs	South Ctrl Cancelled	South East	South Central	South East	South Central	tbc
SW long dist champs	Caddihoe cancelled	Caddihoe Day 2	Caddihoe Day 1	Caddihoe Day 1	tbc	tbc
SW middle dist champs	Caddihoe cancelled	Caddihoe Day 1	Caddihoe Day 2	WSX 21 Oct	tbc	tbc
SW sprint champs	NGOC cancelled	NGOC cancelled	No event	BOK 26 Apr	tbc	tbc
Caddihoe Chase	WIM cancelled	WIM 18/19 Sept	DEVON 17/18 Sept	NGOC 30 Sept & 1 Oct	DEVON 21/22 Sept	DEVON 19/20 Oct
CompassSport Cup qual	NGOC 15 Mar	All heats cancelled	QO 13 Feb	WSX 22 Jan	WIM 18 Feb	QO 23 Feb
Yvette Baker qualifier	QO cancelled	BOK 16 May	BOK 8 May	NGOC 30 Apr	BOK 9 June	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 Woods, Wilton	13 Oct 24	
WESSEX	22 Oct 23	Agglestone, Purbeck	6 Oct 24	
QO	29 Oct 23	Ramscombe, Quantock Hills	24 Nov 24	
DEVON	19 Nov 23	Braunton Burrows, North Devon	8 Dec 24	Harcombe
WIM	3 Dec 23	Gore Heath, Wareham	17 Nov 24	Godshill, New Forests
NWO	14 Jan 24	West Woods, Marlborough	19 Jan 25	
BOK	21 Jan 24	Stockhill, Mendips	12 Jan 25	Sandford, Mendip
NGOC	11 Feb 24	Symonds Yat, Forest of Dean	11 May 25	Newent
KERNO	21 Apr 24	Leskernick, Bodmin Moor	9/16 Feb 25	

2024

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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 7			QO, <b>WSX Dorset Delight</b>	(6Night)BOK
14		SE Regional League DFOK	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	<b>WSX Dorset Delight</b> , DEVON	(24Night+25)NWO
Mar 3		Wales Welsh Champs SWOC <b>SE National SAX</b>	KERNO	(2Night)NGOC
10		SW SARUM Saunter		(9)NGOC
17		All <del>CompassSport Cup heats</del>	KERNO	(16)NWO, BOK
24		SC Chiltern Challenge TVOC	DEVON	
31	EW/WM (29-1) JK Festival (UKOL)			
Apr 7			<b>WSX Dorset Delight</b>	(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			<b>DEVON</b>	
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		<b>SE Yvette Baker Final HH</b>	NWO Urban	
14				(13)NGOC, <b>DEVON</b>
21		Wales (21-27) Croeso 6 Days		
28				
Aug 4				(3)NGOC Relay
11				
18				
25		SE Dorking Urban MV		
Sep 1			<b>(31)NGOC Urban</b>	
8				
15		SE (14) City of London SLOW		
22		SW (21) DEVON Caddihoe Day 1	DEVON Caddihoe Day 2	
29		SW (28-29) Junior Inter Regional Champs NGOC/BOK		<b>(28)NGOC</b>
Oct 6			<b>SW League WSX</b>	
13			SW League SARUM	<b>(12)NGOC, BOK</b>
20	NW CompassSport Cup Final PFO			<b>DEVON</b>
27				
Nov 3		SW (2) Salisbury City SARUM SC November Classic SOC		<b>(2Night)NGOC</b>
10		SE Regional League SLOW		<b>(9)BOK</b>
17		SE British Schools Champs DFOK	<b>SW League WIM</b>	<b>DEVON, NGOC</b>
24		SE Regional League SAX	<b>SW League QO</b>	
Dec 1		SE Regional League SN		<b>(30Night)NGOC</b>
8		SE Regional League CHIG	SW League DEVON	<b>(7)BOK</b>
15				<b>(14)NGOC</b>
22				
29				

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19		SE Regional League DFOK	SW League NWO	(18)NGOC
26		SC Concorde Chase BKO		
Feb 2		SE Regional League GO		
9	Scot (8Night) British Night Champs	SE Regional League MV	SW League KERNO(?)	
16		All CompassSport Cup Heats	SW League KERNO(?)	
23		All SW CompassSport Cup Heats CompassSport Cup Heat QO		(22)NGOC
Mar 2		Wales Welsh Championships ERYRI (UKOL?)		(1Night)NGOC
9		SE Regional League HH		
16	SE British Middle Champs MV (UKOL)	SW SARUM Saunter and Southern Championships		
23				
30	tbc (29-30) British Long Dist & Relay Champs (?)			
Apr 6		SC Chiltern Challenge TVOC(?)		
13				
20	YH (18-21) JK Festival (UKOL)			
27				
May 4		Northn Ireland (2-5) Irish Champs NWOC (UKOL?)		
11		SE Regional League SO	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		SE Yvette Baker Final SO		
13		EM (12-13) EuroCity weekend (tbc) NOC/LOG		
20				
27				
Aug 3				
10				
17				
24		SE Regional League MV		
31	EA (30-31) British Sprint Relay and Sprint Champs (UKOL)			
Sep 7		EM Midlands Champs DVO (UKOL?)		
14		SE (13) City of London SLOW		
21	NE CompassSport Cup Final CLOK			
28				
Oct 5			(4-5) Purbeck weekend WSX (tbc)	
12		Wales (11-12) Junior Home Intrnl SWOC		
19		SW (18) Caddihoe Day 1 DEVON	DEVON Caddihoe Day 2	
26				
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