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News:

1. Firstly, a big thank you to Richard for doing the SWOA Fixture Secretary role so well for so long! Richard has been very generous with his time & patience in doing a comprehensive handover but all errors, omissions etc going forward are very much my doing so please feel free to point these out and I will endeavour to rectify them asap. Also, a big thank you to Phil Beale, DEVON and Bruno Smith, WSX for their time, effort and help as club fixture secretaries and a warm welcome to Steven Hayter, DEVON and Jolyon Medlock, WSX who have recently taken over these roles. I have attached an updated contact list for everyone's use and information
2. An update some of the requests made in the last bulletin:
 - **SW Championships in 2025** – thanks to BOK, DEVON & WIM we now have a full set for 2025 using Wavering Down on 1st June (Long), Caddihoe Day 2 on 19th October (Middle) and Tidworth on 8th June (Sprint)
 - **Yvette Baker heat in 2025** – thanks to BOK for agreeing to host this at Wavering Down
 - **Southern Night Championship in 2025**, usually 1st Saturday in December – DEVON and QO are actively working this at the moment but any other offers still welcome
 - **Compass Sport Cup heat on 22nd Feb 2026** – WIM is looking to see whether it can host at Affpuddle near Dorchester but any other offers still welcome
3. Several high profile opportunities! Please could I have any offers for the following:
 - **British Middle Champs 2027** – East Anglia has had to withdraw so we have been asked whether we can step in – as a starting point, we need to identify a location, host(s) and a date. This could be paired up with the Southern Champs (see below) to make a weekend with some flexibility on time of year
 - **Southern Champs & Southern Night Champs 2027** – see above, WSX is potentially looking at using Studland Dunes for the Southern Night Champs
 - **Junior Competitions** – at this time there is no host for PPJTR in 2025 and all offers welcome for 2026 onwards for BSOC, BSSC and YBT Final as well as PPJTR
 - **CSC Final** – all offers welcome for 2027 onwards
4. Things I need you all to do by 31st December please
 - Any offers or ideas for British Middle Champs in 2027
 - Please double-check your SWOL 25/26 dates below and flag any issues. If they are OK then, if you have not done so already, please register with BOF and I will then upgrade them to Level C Regional events

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 |
|---|--------------|------|-----------------------|
| British Sprint and British Sprint Relay Championships | 27-28 Jun 26 | SWOA | Bath University + UWE |
| JK | 14-17 Apr 28 | SWOA | tbc |

UKOL events 2025: Southern Championships weekend (WIM/SARUM), Caddihoe weekend (DEVON).

Allocation of Regional Competitions:

| Event | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Southern Champs | <i>South East</i> | Caddihoe Day 1 | <i>South Central</i> | <i>South East</i> | SARUM 9 Mar | <i>South Central</i> |
| Southern Night Champs | <i>South East</i> | <i>South Central</i> | <i>South East</i> | <i>South Central</i> | tbc | <i>South Central</i> |
| SW long dist champs | Caddihoe Day 2 | Caddihoe Day 1 | Caddihoe Day 1 | <i>No event</i> | BOK 1st June | |
| SW middle dist champs | Caddihoe Day 1 | Caddihoe Day 2 | WSX 21 Oct | <i>No event</i> | Caddihoe Day 2 | |
| SW sprint champs | <i>NGOC cancelled</i> | <i>No event</i> | BOK 26 Apr | BOK 8 June | WIM 8 June | |
| Caddihoe Chase | WIM 18/19 Sept | DEVON 17/18 Sept | NGOC 30 Sept & 1 Oct | DEVON 21/22 Sept | DEVON 19/20 Oct | |
| CompassSport Cup qual | <i>All heats cancelled</i> | QO 13 Feb | WSX 22 Jan | WIM 18 Feb | QO 23 Feb | |
| Yvette Baker qualifier | BOK 16 May | BOK 8 May | NGOC 30 Apr | BOK 9 June | BOK 1st June | |

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 | 2025-2026 season | |
|--------|------------------|--|
| SARUM | 26 Oct 25 | |
| WESSEX | 15 Feb 26 | |
| QO | 28 Sept 25 | |
| DEVON | 16 Nov 25 | |
| WIM | 2 Nov 25 | |
| BOK | 23 Nov 25 | |
| NWO | 18 Jan 26 | |
| KERNO | 11 Jan 26 | |
| NGOC | 1 Feb 26 | |

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, WSX Dorset Delight | (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 (UKOL) | KERNO | (3)NWO |
| 11 | NW | (10Night) British Night Champs WCOC (UKOL) | SE | Regional League MV (UKOL) | SW League NGOC | |
| 18 | | | All SW | CompassSport Cup heats CompassSport Cup heat WIM | | (17)BOK |
| 25 | | | SE | Regional League HH | DEVON | (24Night+25)NWO |
| Mar 3 | | | Wales SE | Welsh Champs SWOC National SAX | | (2Night)NGOC |
| 10 | | | | | | (9)NGOC |
| 17 | | | | | KERNO | (16)NWO, BOK |
| 24 | | | SC | Chiltern Challenge TVOC | DEVON | |
| 31 | EM/WM | (29-1) JK Festival (UKOL) | | | | |
| Apr 7 | | | | | | (6)NGOC |
| 14 | NE | (13-14) British Long and Relay Champs (UKOL) | | | | |
| 21 | | | | | | (20)BOK, KERNO Urban |
| 28 | YH | (27) British Middle Champs (UKOL) AIRE | YH | Northern Champs (UKOL) AIRE | | |
| May 5 | | | | | SARUM Saunter | |
| 12 | | | SE | Sunny Sussex SO | (11)NGOC | DEVON |
| 19 | | | | | SW League KERNO | BOK |
| 26 | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | SE | Yvette Baker Final HH | NWO Urban | |
| 14 | | | | | | (13)NGOC, DEVON |
| 21 | | | Wales | (21-27) Croeso 6 Days (UKOL) | | |
| 28 | | | | | | |
| Aug 4 | | | | | | (3)NGOC Relay |
| 11 | | | | | | |
| 18 | | | | | | KERNO |
| 25 | | | SE | Dorking Urban MV | | (24)DEVON, KERNO |
| Sep 1 | | | | | (31)NGOC Urban | (31)DEVON |
| 8 | | | | | KERNO | (7)QO |
| 15 | | | SE | (14) City of London SLOW | | (14)BOK |
| 22 | | | SW | (21) DEVON Caddihoe Day 1 (UKOL) | DEVON Caddihoe Day 2 (UKOL) | |
| 29 | | | SW | (28-29) Junior Inter Regional Champs NGOC/BOK | KERNO | (28)NGOC |
| Oct 6 | | | | | (5)QO | (5)QO, BOK |
| 13 | | | SW | (12) British Schools Score Champs (WIM) | SW League SARUM | (12)NGOC, BOK |
| 20 | NW | CompassSport Cup Final PFO | | | | (19)QO, NWO |
| 27 | | | | | DEVON | |
| Nov 3 | | | SW SC | (2) Salisbury City SARUM (UKOL) November Classic SOC (UKOL) | | (2Night)NGOC, (2)QO |
| 10 | | | SE | Regional League SLOW | SW League WSX | (9)BOK, (9)QO, NWO |
| 17 | | | SE | British Schools Champs DFOK | DEVON | (16)WSX, (16)QO, (16Night)BOK, NGOC |
| 24 | | | SE | Regional League SAX | SW League QO | |
| Dec 1 | | | SE | Regional League SN | KERNO | (30)BOK, (30Night)NGOC, NWO |
| 8 | | | SE | Regional League CHIG | SW League DEVON | (7)BOK |
| 15 | | | | | (14)WSX Urban, SW League | (14)NGOC |

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| | | | | | WIM, QO | |
| 22 | | | | | | (21)SARUM, (21Night)BOK |
| 29 | | | | | | DEVON |

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|-------|--|---|--|---|
| Jan 5 | | | KERNO | |
| 12 | | | SW League BOK | (11+11Night)WSX |
| 19 | | SE Regional League DFOK | SW League NWO | (18)NGOC |
| 26 | | SC Concorde Chase BKO | DEVON | (25)WSX, (25Night)BOK |
| Feb 2 | | SE Regional League GO | WSX Dorset Delight | (1)BOK, (1Night)SARUM, (1Night)KERNO |
| 9 | Scot (8Night) British Night Champs FVO (UKOL) | SE Regional League MV | Plean FVO (UKOL) (8)QO, SW League KERNO | |
| 16 | | | DEVON, WSX Dorset Delight | (15Night+16)NWO, (15)NGOC, (15) WIM & WSX |
| 23 | | All SW CompassSport Cup Heats CompassSport Cup Heat QO | | (22Night)BOK |
| Mar 2 | | Wales Welsh Championships ERYRI SE Regional League HH | | (1)BOK, (1)NGOC, NWO |
| 9 | | SW SARUM Saunter and Southern Championships (UKOL) | (8) WIM Urban (UKOL) | (8Night)NGOC |
| 16 | SE (15) British Middle Champs MV (UKOL) | SE Regional League SO (UKOL) | | (15)NGOC, DEVON |
| 23 | | | QO Urban | NWO |
| 30 | | | | |
| Apr 6 | | SC Chiltern Challenge TVOC | KERNO | (5)BOK |
| 13 | | | | (12)NWO Urban, (12)NGOC, DEVON |
| 20 | YH (18-21) JK Festival (UKOL) | | | |
| 27 | | | SARUM Urban | |
| May 4 | | North Ireland (2-5) Irish Champs NWOC (UKOL) | SW League NGOC | (3)BOK, (3)WIM, DEVON |
| 11 | NW (10-11) British Long Dist & Relay Champs LOC (UKOL) | | SW League NGOC | |
| 18 | | NW Northern Champs MDOC (UKOL) | (17) BL Middle Event (UKOL) KERNO | |
| 25 | | WM (24-26) Springtime in Shropshire | | |
| Jun 1 | | | BOK | |
| 8 | | | (7-8) WSX/WIM Urban weekend | DEVON |
| 15 | | NE Newcastle/Gateshead Urban NATO (UKOL) | (14) NN South Durham Sprints (UKOL) | (14)WIM, (14)NGOC |
| 22 | | | | |
| 29 | | SC Harvester JOK | | (28)BOK |
| Jul 6 | | SE Yvette Baker Final SO | | DEVON |
| 13 | | EM (12-13) EuroCity weekend Nottingham/Lincoln) NOC/LOG (UKOL) | (13)NWO Urban | |
| 20 | | | | (19)NGOC |
| 27 | | Scot (27-1) S6D – 29 & 31 (ULOL) | | |
| Aug 3 | | | | |
| 10 | | | | |
| 17 | | | | |
| 24 | | SE Regional League MV | | |
| 31 | EA (30-31) British Sprint Relay and Sprint Champs (UKOL) | | | (30)NGOC |
| Sep 7 | | EM Midland Champs DVO (UKOL) | | (6)BOK |
| 14 | NE CompassSport Cup Final CLOK | SE (13) City of London SLOW | | |
| 21 | NE CompassSport Cup Final CLOK | SE (20) City of London SLOW | DEVON | |
| 28 | | | SW League QO | (27)NGOC |
| Oct 5 | | | (4-5) Purbeck weekend WSX | (4)BOK |
| 12 | | Wales SC (11-12) Junior Home Intl SWOC November Classic SOC (UKOL) | (11) Chichester Urban SO (UKOL) | |
| 19 | | SW (18) Caddihoe Day 1 DEVON (UKOL) | Caddihoe Day 2 DEVON (UKOL) | |
| 26 | | | SW League SARUM | (25)NGOC |
| Nov 2 | | | SW League WIM | (1)BOK, (1Night)NGOC |
| 9 | | | Welsh League | |
| 16 | | | SW League DEVON | (15)NGOC |

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|-------|--|----|-----------------------|---|-----------------|
| 23 | | SE | Regional League SAX | SW League BOK | |
| 30 | | SE | Regional League SN | | (29)NGOC |
| Dec 7 | | SE | Regional League CHIG | DEVON, (6 Night) Southern Nights tbc | (6)BOK, (6) WSX |
| 14 | | | | | (13)NGOC, BOK |
| 21 | | SE | Brighton City Race SO | | |
| 28 | | | | | |

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| 11 | | | | | SW League KERNO? | (10)NGOC |
| 18 | | | | | SW League NWO | |
| 25 | | | SC | Concorde Chase & Southern Champs BKO | | |
| Feb 1 | | | | | SW League NGOC | (31)WSX |
| 8 | SE | (7) British Night Champs HH | SE | Ace of Herts HH | | |
| 15 | | | SE | Regional League MV | SW League WSX | (14Night)NGOC |
| 22 | | | All | CompassSport Cup Heats | | |
| Mar 1 | Wales | (28-1) British Long Distance & Relay Champs (tbc) SWOC | | | | |
| 8 | | | SW | SARUM Saunter? | | (7)NGOC |
| 15 | | | | | | |
| 22 | | | SC | Chiltern Challenge TVOC? | | |
| 29 | | | | | | |
| Apr 5 | Scot | (3-6) JK Festival | | | | |
| 12 | | | | | | |
| 19 | WM | (18)British Middle Champs HOC | WM | Midlands Champs HOC | | |
| 26 | | | | | | |
| May 3 | | | SE | Regional League, SLOW | | |
| 10 | | | SE | Regional League, SO? | | |
| 17 | | | | | | |
| 24 | | | | | | |
| 31 | | | | | | |
| Jun 7 | | | | | | |
| 14 | | | | | | |
| 21 | | | tbc | Harvester(?) | | |
| 28 | SW | British Sprint and Sprint Relay Champs BOK | | | | |
| Jul 5 | | | tbc | Yvette Baker Trophy Final | | |
| 12 | | | | | | |
| 19 | | | | | | |
| 26 | | | | | | |
| Aug 2 | | | | | | |
| 9 | | | | | | |
| 16 | | | | | | |
| 23 | | | | | | |
| 30 | | | SE | Urban, MV | | |
| Sep 6 | | | | | | |
| 13 | | | | | | |
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| Oct 4 | | | | | | |
| 11 | | | | | | |
| 18 | SE | CompassSport Cup Final MV | | | | |
| 25 | | | | | | |
| Nov 1 | | | SC | November Classic SOC | | |
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| 15 | | | | | | |
| 22 | | | | | | |
| 29 | | | | | | |
| Dec 6 | | | | | | |
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