

## SWOA Fixtures Bulletin - February 2025



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### News:

1. A warm welcome to Karen Baker who has now taken over as DEVON fixture secretary. 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:
  - **Southern Night Championship in 2025**, usually 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in December – thank you to DEVON and QO for the work they put in on this but in the event, SCOA (SO) have requested they host in 2025 with SWOA now hosting in 2026 and WSX looking to use Studland Dunes for the event
  - **Compass Sport Cup heat on 22nd Feb 2026** – given there were no other offers, WIM will look to host at Affpuddle near Dorchester
  - **Southern Champs 2027** – QO have kindly offered to host at Ramscombe on 24th January 2027
  - **British Middle Champs 2027** – no offers to-date on this - as a reminder, 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 above) to make a weekend but also there is some flexibility on time of year.
  - **Junior Competitions** – no offers to-date on this - 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** – no offers to-date on this - all offers welcome for 2027 onwards
3. Things I need you all to do prior to ESG Meeting on 11th March please
  - Consider whether you might be able to help with any of the outstanding requests above
  - Let me know if you have any events in second half of 2026 you wish to be Level B (National)
  - Give consideration to where SWOA can host JK in 2028 – all ideas appreciated!

Rob Mills, SWOA Fixtures Secretary

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## 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	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Southern Champs	Caddihoe Day 1	<i>South Central</i>	<i>South East</i>	SARUM 9 Mar	<i>South Central</i>	QO 24 Jan
Southern Night Champs	<i>South Central</i>	<i>South East</i>	<i>South Central</i>	<b>South East SO</b>	<b>WSX 5 Dec</b>	
SW long dist champs	Caddihoe Day 1	Caddihoe Day 1	<i>No event</i>	BOK 1st June		
SW middle dist champs	Caddihoe Day 2	WSX 21 Oct	<i>No event</i>	Caddihoe Day 2		
SW sprint champs	<i>No event</i>	BOK 26 Apr	BOK 8 June	WIM 8 June		
Caddihoe Chase	DEVON 17/18 Sept	NGOC 30 Sept & 1 Oct	DEVON 21/22 Sept	DEVON 19/20 Oct		
CompassSport Cup qual	QO 13 Feb	WSX 22 Jan	WIM 18 Feb	QO 23 Feb	<b>WIM 22 Feb</b>	
Yvette Baker qualifier	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	Fernworthy
WIM	2 Nov 25	Bovington
BOK	23 Nov 25	Crabtree Hill
NWO	18 Jan 26	West Woods, Marlborough
KERNO	11 Jan 26	???
NGOC	1 Feb 26	Highmeadow

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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 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	SW League DEVON	(4)BOK, (1)NGOC, (1)QO, NWO, KERNO,
9			SE	Regional League HH		
16	SE	(15) British Middle Champs MV (UKOL)	SW	SARUM Saunter and Southern Championships (UKOL)	(8) WIM Urban (UKOL)	(8Night)NGOC, (8)BOK
23			SE	Regional League SO (UKOL)		(15)NGOC, (15)QO, DEVON
30					QO Urban	(22)NWO
Apr 6			SC	Chiltern Challenge TVOC	KERNO	(5)BOK
13						(12)NWO Urban, NGOC, DEVON
20	YH	(18-21) JK Festival (UKOL)				
27					SARUM Urban	(26)WSX
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)	NWO Urban	(12)WSX
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		(13)NGOC, (13)WSX
21	NE	CompassSport Cup Final CLOK	SE	(20) City of London SLOW	DEVON	NWO
28					SW League QO	(27)NGOC
Oct 5					(4-5) Purbeck weekend WSX	(4)BOK
12			Wales SC	(11-12) Junior Home Intnl SWOC November Classic SOC (UKOL)	(11) Chichester Urban SO (UKOL)	(11)NGOC
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	NWO
16					SW League DEVON	(15)NGOC
23			SE	Regional League SAX	(22 Night) SO, Southern Nights,	

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

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