

SWOA Fixtures Bulletin - July 2025



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News:

1. Apologies for the delay in getting this bulletin out – I was aiming for end of May but we suddenly seem to be at the end of July – where does the time go!?
2. Many thanks to KERNO for offering to host the 2026 SWOA Yvette Baker qualifier at Mount Edgcumbe on Sunday 26 April 2026 which has been gratefully accepted!
3. We are just about there with SW League for 25/26 season but I would really appreciate if we can get everything finalised ideally within the next few weeks
4. For 2026, I am looking for offers to host SW Champs for Long, Middle & Sprint distances although we do have the option to use the British Sprint Champs hosted by BOK as the SW Sprint Champs
5. Things I need you all to do prior to ESG Meeting on 14th October please
 - Let me know if you have any events in first half of 2027 you wish to be Level B (National)

Rob Mills, SWOA Fixtures Secretary

July 2025

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>	<i>South East</i> SO	WSX 5 Dec	
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	DEVON 24/25 Oct	
CompassSport Cup qual	QO 13 Feb	WSX 22 Jan	WIM 18 Feb	QO 23 Feb	WIM 22 Feb	
Yvette Baker qualifier	BOK 8 May	NGOC 30 Apr	BOK 9 June	BOK 1st June	KERNO 26 April	

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	
QO	28 Sept 25	Ramscombe & Great Wood
SARUM	26 Oct 25	Cannimore (tbc)
WIM	2 Nov 25	Bere Wood (tbc)
DEVON	16 Nov 25	Fernworthy
BOK	23 Nov 25	Crabtree Hill
NGOC	14 Dec 25	Highmeadow
NWO	11 Jan 26	West Woods, Marlborough
KERNO	18 Jan 26	Hardhead Downs & Carburrow Tor
WESSEX	15 Feb 26	tbc

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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,	(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	SW League DEVON	(1)NGOC, (1)QO, NWO, KERNO,
9		SW SARUM Saunter and Southern Championships (UKOL)	(8) WIM Urban (UKOL)	(8Night)NGOC, (8)BOK
16	SE (15) British Middle Champs MV (UKOL)	SE Regional League SO (UKOL)		(15)QO
23			QO Urban	(22)NWO
30				
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		Northn 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)			
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				NGOC
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, (6)NGOC
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 Intl 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			(25)QO, SW League SARUM	(25)NGOC
Nov 2			SW League WIM	(1)BOK, (1Night)NGOC
9			Welsh League, KERNO	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	QO	(29Night)NGOC, NWO
Dec 7			SE	Regional League CHIG	DEVON	(6)BOK, (6) WSX, NGOC
14					SW League NGOC, KERNO	(13Night)BOK
21			SE	Brighton City Race SO		
28						DEVON

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Jan 4						(3Night)BOK
11					SW League KERNQ? NWO	(10)NGOC
18			SE	Regional League DFOK	SW League NWO KERNQ	(17)BOK, (17)SARUM
25			SC	Concorde Chase & Southern Champs BKO	DEVON	
Feb 1					SW League NGOC	(31)WSX, (31Night)BOK, NGOC
8	SE	(7) British Night Champs HH	SE	Ace of Herts HH	QO	(7)NWO
15			SE	Regional League MV	SW League WSX	(14Night)NGOC, (14)BOK, DEVON, (14) WIM/WSX
22			All	CompassSport Cup Heats		
Mar 1	Wales	(28-1) British Long Distance & Relay Champs SBOC/SWOC				(28)NWO
8			SW	SARUM Saunter		(7)NGOC, (7Night) BOK
15					DEVON	(14)BOK
22			SC	Chiltern Challenge TVOC	KERNQ	
29						NWO
Apr 5	Scot	(3-6) JK Festival				
12					DEVON	(11)BOK, NWO
19	WM	(18)British Middle Champs HOC	WM	Midlands Champs OD		
26					KERNQ	
May 3			SE	Regional League, SLOW		
10			SE	Regional League, SO	BOK, DEVON	
17						
24						
31						
Jun 7						
14						(13)BOK, DEVON
21			tbc	Harvester(?)		
28	SW	(27-28) British Sprint and Sprint Relay Champs BOK				
Jul 5			tbc	Yvette Baker Trophy Final		
12					NWO Urban	(11)BOK
19						
26						
Aug 2						
9						
16						
23						
30			SE	Urban, MV		
Sep 6						
13						(12)BOK
20			SE	(19) City of London SLOW	DEVON	
27						
Oct 4						
11						(10)BOK
18	SE	CompassSport Cup Final MV				
25			SW	(24) Caddihoe Day 1 DEVON	Caddihoe Day 2 DEVON	
Nov 1			SC	November Classic SOC		
8						(7)BOK
15					DEVON	
22						
29						(28)BOK
Dec 6					(5 Night) WSX, Southern Nights, DEVON	
13						(12)BOK
20						
27						DEVON

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17				DEVON
24		SW Southern Champs QO	(23) BOK	
31				
Feb 7				
14				DEVON
21	Wales (20) British Night Champs SBOC			
28				
Mar 7				
14				DEVON
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