

SWOA Fixtures Bulletin - January 2026



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News:

1. Apologies that the January fixture bulletin is only now appearing in late February!
2. The forthcoming Event Scheduling Group Meeting will take place on 10th March and will discuss and agree National events for 2H, 2027. Given this, if clubs have any nominations for National events in 2H, 2027, please could you let me know before 10th March
3. Due to permissions issues, QO is now looking to move the 2027 Southern Champs from 24th January to a new location on the weekend of 10/11th April with an Urban on the Saturday and the Southern Champs on the Sunday to make this a UKOL weekend. The new dates are still provisional with the old dates currently being held as a contingency. BOK's SW League event scheduled for 23rd January will no longer be held at Stockhill but may still utilise the 23/24th January weekend especially if Southern Champs moves to April
4. Given no other offers were received, the 2027 SW CSC Qualifier will be hosted by WSX at Agglestone on 7th February. I would be grateful if clubs who have not hosted the SW CSC Qualifier recently could actively consider doing so in 2028
5. The current most urgent requests from the Event Scheduling Group for clubs to look at are detailed below. Please let me know if you think you might be able to help.

YBT Final hosts for 2027

BSSC hosts for 2027

BSOC hosts for 2027

Rob Mills, SWOA Fixtures Secretary

January 2026

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 tbc
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	DEVON 24 Oct	
SW middle dist champs	Caddihoe Day 2	WSX 21 Oct	<i>No event</i>	Caddihoe Day 2	BOK 17 May	
SW sprint champs	<i>No event</i>	BOK 26 Apr	BOK 8 June	WIM 8 June	WSX 21 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	WSX 7 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		2026-2027 Season	
QO	28 Sept 25	Ramscombe & Great Wood	11 Oct 26	Triscombe
WESSEX	5 Oct 25	Durlston	4 Oct 26	Affpuddle
SARUM	26 Oct 25	Cannimore	8 Nov 26	Foxbury (tbc)
WIM	2 Nov 25	Bere Wood	13 Dec 26	Godshill
DEVON	7 Dec 25	Braunton Burrows South	17 Jan 27	Fernworthy
BOK	23 Nov 25	Crabtree Hill	23 Jan 27?	Stockhill
NGOC	14 Dec 25	Highmeadow	22 Nov 26	Symonds Yat
NWO	11 Jan 26	West Woods, Marlborough	10 Jan 27	TBC
KERNO	18 Jan 26	Hardhead Downs & Carburrow Tor	15 Nov 26	Cookworthy

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PLANNER SHEET SWOA

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

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Jan 3						
10					SW League NWO	(9 Night)NGOC, (9)WSX
17			SE	Regional League DFOK	SW League DEVON	(16)NGOC
24			SW	Southern Champs QO (reserve date)	(23) SW League BOK?	
31			SC	Concorde Chase BKO		
Feb 7			All	Compass Sport Cup Heats		
14			SE	LOK National	DEVON	(13 Night) NGOC, (13)BOK
21	Wales	(20) British Night Champs SBOC	Wales, SE	Welsh Champs SWOC, GO National		(20)NWO
28			SE	MV National	QO	(27)NGOC
Mar7			SE	SO National		(6)BOK
14					DEVON, NGOC	(13)NWO
21			SC	Chiltern Challenge, TVOC		(20)NGOC
28	SE	(26-29) JK Festival				
Apr 4						(3)BOK
11			SW	(10-11) Southern Champs Weekend QO		NWO
18	YH	(17-18) British Long Distance & Relay Champs AIRE				
25			SE	SLOW National		(24)BOK
May2	YH	(1) British Middle Champs SYO				
9			SE	SO National		
16					BOK	
23						
30			WM	(29-31) Springtime in Shropshire, tbc		
Jun 6						(4-6) BOK – Euro City Races?
13						(12)BOK
20						
27	SE	(26-27) British Sprint and Sprint Relay Champs SO				
Jul 4			SW	Harvester?		
11			tbc	Yvette Baker Trophy Final		(10)BOK
18			YH	Leeds Euro City Race AIRE, tbc		
25						
Aug1			Scot	(1-6) Scottish 6 Days		
8						
15						
22						
29			SE	MV Urban		
Sep5			SE	(4) City of London SWOW		
12			SE/YH	(11) CHIG National, Peter Palmer Junior Team Relays		
19						
26						
Oct 3					(2-3)Purbeck Weekend WSX	
10			???	(9) British Schools Score Champs		
17		Compass Sport Cup Final				
24					(23-24) Caddihoe Chase DEVON	
31						
Nov7						
14						
21			???	British Schools Orienteering Champs		
28			SE	SN Trophy		
Dec 5						
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