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News:

1. Apologies for the long gap between the last Fixture Bulletin and now – not sure where the time goes!
2. I think we are there now with the SWOL 26/27 League events – thanks for everyone's help in finalising this
3. It has been great to have a full suite of SW Champs this year so big thank you to BOK for hosting the Middle Champs in May, WSX for hosting the Sprint Champs in June and in advance, DEVON for hosting the Long Champs in October. Any and all offers for 2027 would be gratefully received!
4. I would be grateful if clubs who have not hosted the SW CSC Qualifier recently could actively consider doing so in 2028
5. A polite reminder that I need any requests from clubs for National Events in 1H, 2028 prior to ESG meeting scheduled for Tuesday 13th October
6. Finally, a big thank you and well done to BOK for hosting an excellent British Sprint and British Sprint Relay Championships weekend in June

Rob Mills, SWOA Fixtures Secretary

July 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 2026: British Sprint Champs (BOK) & Caddihoe Weekend (DEVON)

UKOL events 2027: Southern Champs (QO) & tbc

Allocation of Regional Competitions:

Event	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Southern Champs	<i>South Central</i>	<i>South East</i>	SARUM 9 Mar	<i>South Central</i>	QO 11Apr	<i>South East SN</i>
Southern Night Champs	<i>South East</i>	<i>South Central</i>	<i>South East SO</i>	WSX 5 Dec	<i>South Central</i>	<i>South East</i>
SW long dist champs	Caddihoe Day 1	<i>No event</i>	BOK 1st June	DEVON 24 Oct		
SW middle dist champs	WSX 21 Oct	<i>No event</i>	Caddihoe Day 2	BOK 17 May		
SW sprint champs	BOK 26 Apr	BOK 8 June	WIM 8 June	WSX 21 June		
Caddihoe Chase	NGOC 30 Sept & 1 Oct	DEVON 21/22 Sept	DEVON 19/20 Oct	DEVON 24/25 Oct	DEVON 23/24 Oct	
CompassSport Cup qual	WSX 22 Jan	WIM 18 Feb	QO 23 Feb	WIM 22 Feb	WSX 7 Feb	
Yvette Baker qualifier	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	2026-2027 Season	
QO	11 Oct 26	Triscombe
WESSEX	4 Oct 26	Affpuddle
SARUM	8 Nov 26	Groveley
WIM	12 Dec 26	Godshill
DEVON	17 Jan 27	Haldon
BOK	24 Jan 27	Westonbirt
NGOC	22 Nov 26	Soudley
NWO	10 Jan 27	The Brails
KERNO	15 Nov 26	Hardhead

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Note (28)BOK,QO,SARUM means (28)BOK,(29)QO,(29)SARUM
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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						(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					(14)NGOC	BOK, 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					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)BOK
14					NGOC Urban	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	
12					NWO Urban	(11)BOK
19						
26						
Aug2				(2-7) Lakes 5 Days		
9						
16						(15)NGOC, WSX
23						(22)NGOC, (22)QO
30			SE	Urban MV		DEVON, (29)NGOC
Sep6						(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	(3)NGOC
11			EM	(10) British Schools Score Champs	SW League QO	(10)BOK
18	SE	CompassSport Cup Final MV			(17)NGOC, KERNO	NWO, (17Night)NWO
25			SW	(24)Caddihoe Day 1 DEVON	Caddihoe Day 2 DEVON	
Nov 1			SC	November Classic SOC		
8					SW League SARUM	(7)BOK
15			NW	British Schools Orienteering Champs	SW League KERNO	(14 Night)BOK, (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	(5)BOK
13					(12)SW League WIM	(12)BOK, KERNO
20						(19)NGOC
27						(26)WIM, DEVON

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Jan 3		SE Regional League DFOK		
10			SW League NWO	(9 Night)NGOC, (9 Night)WSX, (9)WSX
17		SE Regional League DFOK	SW League DEVON	(16)NGOC
24			SW League BOK	(23 Night)SARUM
31		SC Concorde Chase BKO		(30 Night)BOK
Feb 7		All Compass Sport Cup Heats		(6 Night)WSX
14	Wales (13) British Night Champs SBOC	Wales Welsh Champs SWOC	DEVON	(13 Night)NGOC, (13)BOK
21	Wales (20) British Night Champs SBOC	Wales, SE Welsh Champs SWOC, GO National	DEVON	(20)NWO, (20 Night)NGOC
28		SE MV National	QO	(27)NGOC
Mar 7		SE SO National		(6)BOK, NWO
14			DEVON, NGOC	(13)NWO, (13 Night)BOK
21		SC Chiltern Challenge, TVOC		(20)NGOC, KERNO
28	SE (26-29) JK Festival			
Apr 4			SARUM Saunter	(3)BOK, NWO
11		SW Southern Champs QO	(10) Taunton Urban QO	NWO
18	YH (17-18) British Long Distance & Relay Champs AIRE			
25		SE SLOW National	SARUM Urban	(24)BOK, KERNO
May 2	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	NWO Urban	
25				
Aug 1		Scot (1-6) Scottish 6 Days		
8				
15				
22				
29		SE MV Urban		
Sep 5		SE (4) City of London SLOW		
12		SE/YH (11) CHIG National, Peter Palmer Junior Team Relays		(11)BOK
19				
26				
Oct 3			(2-3)Purbeck Weekend WSX	
10		??? (9) British Schools Score Champs	SARUM SW League	(9)BOK
17	SC Compass Sport Cup Final, TVOC	SC Bicester Urban		
24		SW (23) Caddihoe Chase Day 1 DEVON	Caddihoe Chase Day 2 DEVON	
31				
Nov 7		SW/ SC (6)SARUM Urban, November Classic		
14				(13)BOK
21		??? British Schools Orienteering Champs		
28		SE SN Trophy	BOK	
Dec 5				
12				
19		SE (18 Night) Brighton		
26				WIM

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Jan 2						
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16						
23						
30						
Feb 6	EM	(05) British Night Champs LEI	EM	Midlands Champs, LEI		
13			All	Compass Sport Cup Heats		
20						
27						
Mar 5			Wales	Welsh Champs, EYRI		
12	WM	(11-12) British Long Distance & Relay Champs				
19			SW	SARUM Saunter		
26			SE	SAX National		QO
Apr 2	YH	(1-2) British Sprint and Sprint Relay Champs SYO				
9						
16		JK?				
23					SARUM Urban	
30						
May 7						
14	NW	(13) British Middle Champs	NW	Northern Champs		
21						
28						
Jun 4						
11						
18						
25				Harvester		
Jul 2				Yvette Baker Trophy Final		
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Aug 6						
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Sep 3						
10				Peter Palmer Junior Team Relay		
17						
24						
Oct 1						
8				(7) British Schools Score Champs		
15	EM	CSC Final, LEI			SARUM SW League	
22						
29						
Nov 5						
12						
19			SE	Southern Champs & SN Trophy, SN, British Schools Orienteering Champs		
26						
Dec 3						
10						
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