## SWOA Fixtures Bulletin - October 2026

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### News:

1. Unfortunately, there are quite a number of requests coming down the line at the moment, including from the recent Event Scheduling Group meeting so I would be really grateful if you could give them all your due consideration within your clubs and let me know if you think you might be able to help

2. 2027 Requests: we are still looking for someone to host the **SW Yvette Baker qualifier** which needs to take place between the middle of March and early June. At National level, we are currently looking for someone to host the **Yvette Baker final, British Schools Orienteering Champs and British Schools Score Champs**

3. 2028 – as you are hopefully already aware, SWOA had to decline hosting the JK but the good news is that WMOA has agreed to step in. SWOA is now looking to potentially host JK in 2032 with a SWOA working group going to look at the feasibility of doing this over the next year. Given WMOA were supposed to host British Long & Relay Champs in 2028, they asked someone else to take this over and BOK has agreed in principle to do this, with a view of hosting in the Forest of Dean with the events provisionally scheduled for late October

4. 2029 – unfortunately QO has had to step back from hosting **CSC Final** due FE restrictions. Given this, any offers would be gratefully received. We have also been asked by SCOA to take their place in hosting the **Southern Champs** as they will be fully engaged with hosting JK that year. In addition, SWOA is down to host the **Junior Home Internationals**. Please note that although they are in 2029, there is an urgent need to identify host clubs, areas and, in the case of Southern Champs, dates for these events. Nationally, we are also currently looking for someone to host the **British Sprint & Sprint Relay Champs**.

5. Finally, a big thank you for all your continued time & effort and for the various offers I have gratefully received since the last bulletin – it is very much appreciated, especially as the challenges & constraints around fixtures and permissions just seem to keep growing both within the Region and nationally.

Rob Mills, SWOA Fixtures Secretary

October 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 Long & Relay Champs 2028 | 21-22 Oct 2028 | SWOA (BOK) | |
| Junior Home Internationals | 6-7 October 2029 | SWOA | |
| Southern Champs | 2029 | SWOA | |
| JK (tbc) | 2032 | SWOA | |

UKOL events 2027: Southern Champs weekend (QO), Bristol Euro City Race weekend (BOK) & Caddihoe Chase weekend (DEVON)

### Allocation of Regional Competitions:

| Event | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Southern Champs | *South East* | SARUM 9 Mar | *South Central* | QO 11Apr | *South East SN* | *South West* |
| Southern Night Champs | *South Central* | *South East SO* | WSX 5 Dec | *South Central* | *South East* | |
| SW long dist champs | *No event* | BOK 1st June | *Event cancelled* | DEVON? | | |
| SW middle dist champs | *No event* | Caddihoe Day 2 | BOK 17 May | BOK 24 Jan | | |
| SW sprint champs | BOK 8 June | WIM 8 June | WSX 21 June | WIM 13 Jun | | |
| Caddihoe Chase | DEVON 21/22 Sept | DEVON 19/20 Oct | DEVON 24/25 Oct | DEVON 23/24 Oct | DEVON 23/24 Sept | |
| CompassSport Cup qual | WIM 18 Feb | QO 23 Feb | WIM 22 Feb | WSX 7 Feb | DEVON 13 Feb | |
| Yvette Baker qualifier | 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 | | 2027-2028 Season | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QO | 11 Oct 26 | Triscombe | 26 Sept 27 | |
| WESSEX | 4 Oct 26 | Affpuddle | | |
| SARUM | 8 Nov 26 | Bulford Ridge | 10 Oct 27 | Shearwater? |
| WIM | 12 Dec 26 | Godshill | | |
| DEVON | 17 Jan 27 | Haldon | | |
| BOK | 24 Jan 27 | Westonbirt | 28 Nov 27 | Forest of Dean tbc |
| NGOC | 22 Nov 26 | Soudley | 20 Nov 27 | Bixslade |
| NWO | 10 Jan 27 | The Brails | 9 Jan 27 | |
| 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 |
| 29 | | | | | NGOC | (28)NWO, (28)QO |
| Apr 5 | Scot | (3-6)JK Festival | | | | |
| 12 | | | | | | (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 | | | | | | 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 |
| 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, (7)QO |
| 15 | | | NW | British Schools Orienteering Champs | SW League KERNO | (14Night)BOK, |
| 22 | | | SE | SN Trophy SN | SW League NGOC | (21Night)NGOC, (21)NWO |
| 29 | | | SE | SEOA Long Champs SAX | QO | (28)BOK |
| Dec 6 | | | SE | Epping NW CHIG | (5Night) WSX, Southern Nights, DEVON | (5)BOK, (5)QO |
| 13 | | | | | (12)SW League WIM | KERNO |
| 20 | | | | | | (19)NGOC, (19)QO |
| 27 | | | | | | (26)WIM, DEVON |

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

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26 | | | | | | WIM |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan 2 | | | | | | (01)NGOC |
| 9 | | | | | NWO SW League | |
| 16 | | | | | DEVON | (15)NGOC |
| 23 | | | | | QO | (22)BOK |
| 30 | | | SC | Concorde Chase, BKO | | (29Night)NGOC |
| Feb 6 | EM | (05)British Night Champs LEI | EM | Midlands Champs, LEI | | NWO |
| 13 | | | All | Compass Sport Cup Heats | | |
| 20 | | | SE | MV National | | (19)BOK |
| 27 | | | SE | Ace of Herts, HH | | (26)NGOC, NWO |
| Mar5 | | | Wales | Welsh Champs, EYRI | DEVON | |
| 12 | | | SC | Chiltern Challenge, TVOC | | (11)BOK |
| 19 | | | SW | SARUM Saunter | | |
| 26 | | | SE | SAX National | (25)BOK, QO Urban | ~~QO~~ |
| Apr 2 | YH | (1-2)British Sprint and Sprint Relay Champs SYO | | | | |
| 9 | | | | | | NWO Urban |
| 16 | WM | (14-17)JK Festival | | | | |
| 23 | | | | | SARUM Urban | (22)BOK |
| 30 | | | | | | |
| May7 | | | | | | |
| 14 | NW | (13)British Middle Champs | NW | Northern Champs | | |
| 21 | | | | | | (20)BOK |
| 28 | | | | | | |
| Jun 4 | | | | | | |
| 11 | | | | | | |
| 18 | | | | | | (17)BOK |
| 25 | | | | Harvester | | |
| Jul 2 | | | | Yvette Baker Trophy Final | | |
| 09 | | | | | | (08)BOK |
| 16 | | | | | | |
| 23 | | | | | | |
| 30 | | | | | | |
| Aug6 | | | | | | |
| 13 | | | | | | |
| 20 | | | | | | |
| 27 | | | | | | |
| Sep3 | | | | | | |
| 10 | | | | Peter Palmer Junior Team Relay | | |
| 17 | | | SE | (16)City of London, SWOW | | |
| 24 | | | SW | (23)Caddihoe Chase Day 1 DEVON | Caddihoe Chase Day 2 DEVON | |
| Oct 1 | | | | | | |
| 8 | | | | (7) British Schools Score Champs | | |
| 15 | EM | CSC Final, LEI | | | | |
| 22 | SW | (21-22)British Long & Relay Champs, BOK | | | ~~SARUM SW League~~ | |
| 29 | | | | | SARUM SW League | |
| Nov5 | | | | | | |
| 12 | | | | | | |
| 19 | | | SE | Southern Champs & SN Trophy, SN, British Schools Orienteering Champs | | |
| 26 | | | | | | |
| Dec 3 | | | | | | |
| 10 | | | | | | |
| 17 | | | | | | |
| 24 | | | | | | |
| 31 | | | | | | |