

Event Guideline O: Yvette Baker Trophy

1. General Information

1.1 Nature of event

1.1.1 The Yvette Baker Trophy is the premier Junior Inter-Club competition for English and Welsh clubs. It is named after Britain's first World Orienteering Champion, who won Gold in the Short Distance event in Scotland in 1999.

1.1.2 The Yvette Baker Trophy is held annually in the Autumn and is aimed at club teams comprised of Junior orienteers of all standards.

1.2 Eligibility

1.2.1 Any English or Welsh club registered with British Orienteering may enter a team in the Yvette Baker Trophy. (A separate competition exists for Scottish clubs).

1.2.2 All competitors must be Juniors in age classes M/W20 or under.

1.2.3 Competitors must be either members of British Orienteering (individual or family membership) or attend a school, college or university which has a formal association with the local club.

1.2.4 For Juniors who are members of British Orienteering, eligibility to represent a club in this competition is governed by Rule 3.2, except that competitors who change clubs in accordance with Rule 3.2.2, and have already competed for one club in the competition, may not then compete for the second club during the same year.

1.2.5 Juniors who are not members of British Orienteering may compete in this competition provided that this is the only "Open" club that they compete for in any competition during the year.

2. Organisational Requirements

2.1 Dates of Fixtures

2.1.1 The Yvette Baker Trophy Preliminary Round matches take place during September, October and early November.

2.1.2 The Yvette Baker Trophy Final is normally held in early December.

2.2 Organisation of Preliminary Round matches

2.2.1 Preliminary Round matches will normally be organised in each Regional Association at a designated District Event. However it is possible to use a Regional Event with ability based Junior classes.

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- 2.2.2 Entry to a particular event will not be limited to clubs in that Association.
- 2.2.3 Subject to the agreement of the Yvette Baker Trophy co-ordinator, additional matches may be held as long as all matches in an Association have at least three clubs entering complete teams.
- 2.2.4 A club may compete in only one Preliminary Round match.
- 2.2.5 Each Yvette Baker Trophy match should have a co-ordinator appointed by the Organising club.
- 2.2.6 Clubs will be required to inform the match co-ordinator of their intention to participate, and who their team manager is, at least two weeks before the event (i.e. by the Sunday night a fortnight before the event).
- 2.2.7 The match co-ordinator will circulate a list of clubs competing in the match to all team managers prior to the event.
- 2.2.8 Team managers will be responsible for ensuring scores on the day are as accurate as possible, and for liaising with the match co-ordinator.
- 2.2.9 The match co-ordinator will send results to the Yvette Baker Trophy co-ordinator as soon as possible after the match.
- 2.2.10 Queries or disputes specific to the competition that cannot be resolved by team managers should be referred to the Yvette Baker Trophy co-ordinator.

2.3 Organisation of the Final

- 2.3.1 The date and location of the Final is determined by Fixtures Group after consultation with the Junior Competitions Group. Individual clubs may offer to host the Final through their Association representative on Fixtures Group.
- 2.3.2 The Final should focus on the Junior teams competing for the Trophy. However the event should also provide some courses suitable for those not taking part, eg. parents, young children.
- 2.3.3 The Yvette Baker Trophy Final is a Level 3 event.

3. Planning Requirements

3.1 Terrain

- 3.1.1 Any area suitable for a District Event with courses from Yellow up to Green standard can be used for an Yvette Baker Trophy match.

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3.2 Course details

- 3.2.1 Courses used in each match are Yellow, Orange, Light Green, and Green. These should be planned according to Guideline A: District Events.
- 3.2.2 If a Regional Event is used then the courses used are JM/W2 = Yellow, JM/W3 = Orange, JM/W4 = Light Green, and JM/W5S = Green. These should be planned according to Guideline B: Regional Events.

4. Competition rules

4.1 Course eligibility

- 4.1.1 The objective is that competitors are able to run on a course appropriate to their ability rather than just their age. Eligibility for each course is defined as follows:
- Green:
 - any junior (i.e. M/W20 or under)
 - Light Green:
 - any M/W14-
 - any M/W16+ who has not at any time achieved three gold times on M/W16 age class or any JM/W5 courses, and has not finished in a top ten position in their M/W Light Green class at any previous Yvette Baker Trophy Final
 - Orange:
 - any M/W12-
 - any M/W14+ who has not at any time achieved three gold times on M/W14 age class or JM/W4 or higher courses, and has not finished in a top ten position in their M/W Orange class at any previous Yvette Baker Trophy Final
 - Yellow:
 - any M/W10
 - any M/W12 or M/W14 who has not at any time achieved three gold times on M/W12 age class or JM/W3 or higher courses, and has not finished in a top ten position in their M/W Yellow class at any previous Yvette Baker Trophy Final
- 4.1.2 Pairs may compete on the Yellow course. As a minimum requirement, neither member of the pair may have achieved a gold standard in any badge class in the current calendar year, or a colour standard at the colour they are competing on or a higher colour. However, it is expected that clubs will only want to run pairs to enable novices to participate, and that clubs will observe the spirit of this rule.
- 4.1.3 Shadowing of competitors is not allowed.
- 4.1.4 No runner may run competitively more than once per match.

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4.1.5 Any club running a competitor on a course for which they are not eligible will be disqualified. i.e. the whole team, not just the competitor concerned.

4.2 Scoring

4.2.1 Men and women are scored separately on each of the 4 courses, giving 8 classes in total.

4.2.2 All eligible juniors (as defined in sections 1.2 and 4.1) from participating clubs score points based on their finishing position in their class.

4.2.3 The winner in each class scores 100 points; second place 99; third place 98; then 97, 96, etc. down to 0. (Subsequent positions also score 0).

4.2.4 If two runners tie for a place, both runners will score the points appropriate for that place. The next runner scores 2 points less (e.g. if two runners tie for third place each score 98 points, the next runner scores 96 points).

4.2.5 Each club counts its 9 highest scores from across all 8 classes to produce its total points, subject to :

- a maximum of 3 counters in any one class, e.g. Yellow Men, Orange Women.
- a maximum of 4 counters on any one course, i.e. Yellow, Orange, Light Green, Green.

4.2.6 Scoring Example:

- List your three highest scores from each of the Yellow Men's and Yellow Women's classes.
- Select the four highest scores from these six.
- Repeat the above for the Orange, Light Green and Green courses.
- You will now have sixteen scores (or fewer if you weren't able to run enough competitors in any of the classes.)
- Finally, select the highest nine scores of these sixteen and add them together. This gives you the team score.

4.2.7 Clubs finishing on equal points in a Preliminary Round match will tie for that position, with the extra club(s) qualifying if appropriate.

4.2.8 Where clubs finish on equal points in the Final, positions will be determined by looking at the 10th best score for each team from within the maximum number of counters per course and class as defined in section 4.2.5. Then, if needed, the 11th best, 12th best, and so on.

4.3 Qualifying for the Final

4.3.1 For the purposes of this rule a 'complete team' is a participating club which has started (even if not finished) at least 9 eligible runners as defined in sections 1.2. and 4.1. Whilst a club with an incomplete team could qualify for the Final,

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they do not count for deciding how many clubs qualify from that match.

4.3.2 From each Preliminary Round match:

- The first placed club will qualify if there are 4 or fewer complete teams.
- First and second placed clubs will qualify if there are 5, 6 or 7 complete teams.
- First, second and third placed clubs will qualify if there are 8 or more complete teams.

4.3.3 In matches with 3 or more complete teams, for each qualifying team which finished in the top 5 in the Final in the previous year an extra qualifying place will be provided. No extra qualifying place will be provided if the 'top 5' team does not automatically qualify by virtue of its finishing position in the match.

4.3.4 If any association is not represented in the Final after 4.3.2 and 4.3.3, then the highest scoring club from that Association from any Preliminary Round match will qualify, as long as they fielded a complete team.

4.4 Second and subsequent teams

4.4.1 Second, third and subsequent teams from each club will also be scored for interest, but club positions will be decided on the first team scores only.

5. Other Information

5.1 Officials

5.1.1 The officials for the event shall meet the requirements set out for a Level 4 or Level 3 Event (as appropriate) in the British Orienteering Rules, Appendix C: Event Officials. Note that the Final is classified as a Level 4 event.

5.1.2 The Yvette Baker Trophy requires a Planner who is experienced at planning good Junior courses.

5.2 Start times

5.2.1 At Preliminary Round matches, competitors from the same club on the same course must start at least 4 minutes apart.

5.2.2 At the Final, competing clubs should initially be pre-allocated an equal number of start times, in rotation, throughout the start period. There should be no specific allowance for clubs travelling longer distances.

5.2.3 Where it is necessary to allocate additional start times to a club these can be taken from vacant start slots not required by other clubs. Runners from the same club should be separated as far as practical and not start on adjacent start times.

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- 5.2.4 A club will only be allocated additional start times if they have nominated runners to all of their original allocation of start times. The event organiser will allocate spare slots equitably across all the clubs that request them by the closing date for entries. Any club requesting extra start slots after the closing date will only be allocated those still remaining.
- 5.2.5 The event Organiser may extend the start period at their discretion.

5.3 Prizegiving

- 5.3.1 Juniors like a good presentation ceremony.
- 5.3.2 There are three permanent trophies for the clubs finishing in the top three positions.
- 5.3.3 Certificates are awarded to all competitors and are provided by British Orienteering.
- 5.3.4 As this is a team competition with more competitors in some teams than others it is not appropriate to award medals or prizes to just the nine counters in a team. Medals are also generally unsuitable as the number of members of the winning team is unknown and can vary considerably from year to year. Hence prizes such as tins or boxes of chocolates for each of the top three teams to share between all their members make excellent prizes.

5.4 Finance

- 5.4.1 The Event Organisers for the Preliminary Rounds and the Final may be able to obtain support for the event from British Orienteering as there is a fund available which is used to help to provide enhancements for junior events. Full details can be found on the British Orienteering web site, or contact the National Office for further information.