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Welcome to the second Club Newsletter. 'Improving the flow of information to clubs.' If you have any feedback after reading it please let the National Office know. the British Orienteering National Office to clubs.

2010 'Increasing Club Talent Squads' project

It is pleasing to report that the five clubs who were recently accepted to join British Orienteering 2010 'Increasing Club Talent Squads' project have all now met with the National Talent Manager, Sarah Hague, who is offering her support to establish effective 'Talent Squads' within the clubs. The clubs all recognise the multidimensional and dynamic nature of sporting talent, and as a result are getting to grips with the idea that they need to promote the range of factors that enable athletes to develop into successful mature performers.

With the limited resources available to help develop effective 'Talent Squads' within each of the clubs, the Club Committees know that the development processes are of paramount importance to minimise costly mistakes through dropout or failure to achieve. Therefore each of the clubs are carrying out a member survey that includes questions that address how often the members would like to meet, as well as gaining an understanding as to what skills members would like to improve such as their technical ability, physical ability, tactical ability or their ability to plan their own training. This information will then be used by the Committees to plan their Club Talent Squads programme ready for implementation in September.

Should your club be interested in developing their own Club Talent Squad in 2011 please contact [Sarah Hague](#) for further information.

2011 Participation Project

Are you still looking to start up a weekly 'Club Night' and want support? Richard Barrett and Steve Vernon will be looking to select the 2011 Participation Clubs before the autumn and would like to hear from any interested clubs. Clubs selected to be a Participation Club in the past have received both financial and direct support from the Participation Managers Steve (North) and Richard (South) to set up a weekly 'club night'. The support includes advice on venue selection, marketing, coaching and club night activities for a variety of ages and abilities.

A formal application process will commence at the end of July for interested clubs but please contact [Richard](#) and [Steve](#) with any questions.

Coaching Courses

British Orienteering is keen to develop coaches to help support club activities and training sessions. Coaching is a great way to learn more about the sport and also to support new and existing people in the sport. If your

Coaching Course are being planned for 2011

club is interested in organising a course please contact your Regional Development Officer. The 2011 programme is looking to be established in the autumn.

Club Coaching Representatives

The database of coaching qualifications and the License to Coach data is now within the British Orienteering website and can be accessed by members.

Please let your members know that they can check their own qualifications and license. They need to sign in to the British Orienteering website, on the homepage, using their person login details. Once logged in, on the left hand menu, most members (those members with qualifications registered) will see 'My qualifications' and clicking on the tab will display a list of their qualifications/license. Currently the system contains coaching awards, first aid certification, CRB or equivalent disclosures. Other awards, certificates and licenses will be added in the future e.g. for Controllers.

Association Coaching Representatives and Regional Development Officers can now view the coaching licensing and qualification data for all people within their region. The association reps and RDOs are currently trialling the system and have been asked to feedback any issues or comments.

We are hoping to bring club coaching representatives online in the coming months. This will give those appointed access to club coaching data. These members will also see a menu item 'Qualifications' and selecting it will display a list of club members with their relevant qualifications.

With this in mind, if your club has a coaching representative please can the club Secretary or Chair email details to info@britishorienteering.org.uk. This will enable us to give the coaching representative authority to access the data, in the same way as detailed above, when the system is made available.

More details will be available to club coaching representatives in the near future.

Permanent Orienteering Courses on website

The [Permanent Orienteering Course page](#) on the British Orienteering website offers a definitive list of courses available for all to access and experience orienteering. Please check the listed courses for your club and send any corrections/amendments to [Nicole McKenna](#)

If your club maintains courses which are not yet listed on the website, please download the [POC Registration Form](#) (access the form through the British Orienteering website Downloads/Event Related Forms and Documents). Please email completed forms to [Celia Watkinson](#).

Rules, Appendices, Guidelines and Competition rules – a short update

In mid July, following Board approval, the updates to some of these documents will be put onto the website.

The Rules 2010 – for all participants & event officials alike to read, were updated at the start of 2010 to reflect the 3 tier event level.

*Club Newsletter editors:
please note, members can
now check their qualification
and licenses on line*

*Please let the National
Office know who in your club
looks after coaches*

*Can clubs please check their
POCs on the web site?*

*Updated versions of the
Competition Rules,
Appendices and Guidelines
to be available mid July*

The Appendices, vary from being mandatory extras to the rules, good practices and information. These apply mainly to club and event officials but are available for all on the website.

The Event Guidelines in their current format are a relatively recent addition and will be added to. They give advice to event officials and are specific to each event discipline.

Competition Rules are specific to the major, named competitions e.g. Area Champs, JK, Peter Palmer. They contain both the rules of the competition and guidance on how to deliver to the rules. They are now nearly all in the same standard format with a version numbering system added. Updates to these rules will be sent direct to event officials as appropriate.

For all the above documents there will be a summary containing the section number that has changed and in some instances the actual wording change. This will also be sent direct to Grade 1 controllers and will be available for download from the website.

4 Tier event structure

As soon as there is news about the 4 Tier Events Structure clubs will be notified.

Junior Competitions

Peter Palmer

The British Army Orienteering Club have kindly agreed to organise the Peter Palmer Relays. They will be taking place on 4/5th Sept at Yardley Chase in Northamptonshire. More details will be available shortly on the [BAOC website](#). In the meantime if you require any more information please contact [Allan Farrington](#).

Yvette Baker

The following regional heats have been confirmed for the 2010 Yvette Baker heats, please encourage your juniors to take part.

Region	Date	Host club	Venue
NW	10/10/2010	SELOC	Tockholes
NE	24/10/2010	CLOK	Boltby Forest
YH	07/11/2010	HALO	Primrose Warren
WM	24/10/2010	WCH	Shoal Hill
EM	19/09/2010	DVO	Carsington
EA	03/10/2010	SUFFOC	Haughley Park
SW	24/10/2010	WIM	Washer's Pit
SC	10/10/2010	To be confirmed	
SE	09/10/2010	SN	TBC

Final 2010

WM	05/12/2010	HOC	Bewdley
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Please note this year that M/W20's are not included in the scoring.

*Is your club interesting in
hosting a major event?*

Clubs hosting major events

There is a planner for staging some of the big events in the orienteering calendar in the years ahead. As new Chairman of the Fixtures Group, Mike Cope would like to know if any clubs are interested in staging any of these events in future years. The events concerned are the British Middle and British Sprint Championships, British Night Championships, CompassSport Cup Final, Harvester, Peter Palmer Junior Team Relays, British Schools Orienteering Championships, British Schools Score Championships, and Yvette Baker Trophy Final. Clubs responding would not be making any commitment and there is no need to specify a year at this stage – just an opportunity to make us aware that you might be interested at some point in the future. Most opportunities will be after 2012 but there are a few earlier spaces yet to be filled. Please let Mike know via your Association Fixtures Secretary which event(s) you might be willing and able to stage, and if possible, some indication of which year(s). Area Championships have not been included in the above list as these are usually sorted out between the appropriate three Association Fixtures Secretaries but you could let them know of any interest in these if they are not already aware.

There are also opportunities to host both UK Cup races and FCC races in 2012 between March 1st and October 31st. In particular a host (or hosts) is needed for the UK Cup and UK Relay League Finals combined on the same weekend in October. Again, please let Mike know through your Association Fixtures Secretary.

New style risk assessment form

There is a new style risk assessment form available for use by event officials. Please can clubs pass on details of the new form to those volunteers organising events on their behalf. The form replaces the old style risk assessment and prompts more detailed thought about ways to mitigate potential risks. The form is available via the British Orienteering website/Downloads/Event Information.

*New style Risk Assessment
Form now available*

Urban Orienteering and risk (including arrangements for under 16s)

The National Office has recently received several enquiries regarding urban orienteering, risk management and U16s completing on urban courses.

It is not appropriate for under 16s to be competing on courses that tempt them (or require) them to run across road(s) that contain traffic; roads with traffic management that included low speeds (15mph as on many campus) are acceptable but public roads are not. 16 year olds are considered to be adults in this context and they can then accept responsibility for the crossing of such road – under 16 cannot. This does cause the problem for the M/W16 age class in that they can be split across this legal 16 years of age boundary. Managed crossings of roads can be used to overcome this problem and I can confirm that there is no issue with parks and campus that contain no roads bearing significant traffic.

There are no such issues with 16 and older competitors although once again the risk assessment and management around the crossing or temptation to cross roads that are busy whilst racing are to be taken seriously and must be mitigated as much as possible. Where roads are busy we would expect

*Under 16s taking part in
urban orienteering –
important information*

courses to be planned to avoid the crossing of the busy roads unless via a controlled/managed crossing.

All competitors should be made aware of the risks and their responsibility in protecting themselves and the safety of others. For instance a person running around a 'blind' street corner is responsible for not colliding with another pedestrian and a person running across a road in such a way as to cause a road user to swerve and injury someone else (the driver or another pedestrian) is likely to be held responsible in that their actions caused the incident.