

## British Orienteering Federation – Junior Competitions Group

### Minutes of meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2005

#### Present:

Susan Marsden	Chairman	Barry Elkington	Rules Group
Peter Christopher	BSOA	Hilary Palmer	Coaching Committee & Junior Selector
Peter Guillaume	Fixtures Group	Helen Winskill	Start Prog. Manager
Pauline Olivant	RDO & EMOA rep.	Blanka Sengerova	EAOA rep.

Secretary: Hilary Palmer, Development Manager

**Apologies:** Correspondent reps for YHOA, SEOA, SCOA, SWOA, WMOA

**05/1. Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2004 were accepted as a true record.

**04/2. Matters arising:** There were no matters arising which were not covered elsewhere in the agenda

**05/3. Reports from Event Operations Committee:** SM reported on 2 meetings of Event Operations Committee with items relevant to JCG:

a) Event Ops (May 2005) approved changes to relays as follows:

**At the JK Relays courses for juniors:**

Intermediate Men (M48-)	Technical difficulty	Green, Orange, Green
	Target times for M16	25, 15, 25 mins.
Intermediate Women (W48-)	Technical difficulty	Green, Orange, Green
	Target times for W16	25, 15, 25 mins.
Junior Relay M/W40)	Technical difficulty	Orange, Yellow, Orange
	Target times for M12	20, 12, 20 mins
Mini Relay (M/W12 and under)	Technical difficulty	Yellow
	Target times	12 mins.

**At the British Relays courses for juniors:**

M18	TD 5	winning time 25 mins.
W18	TD 5	winning time 25 mins.
M14	TD 3	winning time 20 mins.
W14	TD3	winning time 20 mins.
M/W12 (mini relay)	TD2	winning time 12 mins
Junior Ad Hoc	TD 4/3/2	

b) Event Ops (Sept 2005) is to be more proactive in monitoring timescales re major events in order to try to ensure that standards do not slip. Disquiet was expressed over lengths and planning standards at some major events.

#### **05/4. Junior Course lengths & planning at District & Regional events**

BE led a discussion about the tidying up of course lengths so that they are aligned across District, Regional and National events. It was agreed that the suggested lengths should say 'Max and min lengths' so as to dissuade planners from making courses longer. It was agreed that the note about length including an allowance for climb should be more prominent.

**Action: BE to finalise tables for approval by Rules group and to publicise via the web site, BRITISH ORIENTEERING Focus, a Controllers Newsletter and a circulation to clubs**

There was a discussion as to the best way to disseminate good practice when planning courses at differing TD. It was agreed that examples on the website of good (and poor) courses may help to educate planners. It was agreed that clubs should be asked to be responsible by asking them to distribute up to date guidance to planners.

**Action: BE to produce simple guidance notes and examples for the web site and for distribution to clubs**

**Clubs to be supplied with and asked to distribute simple TD and course length guidelines to all event planners and controllers**

## **05/5. School Competition Managers**

HP reported that a pilot in 20 School Sports Partnership areas would lead to an increase in inter-school competitions in a number of sports. Orienteering will be included from summer 2006 and simple competition guidelines would be written so that teachers could organise orienteering competitions on their school sites and in local small parks. HP has written an article for Focus and RC5.

## **05/6. Review of Junior Events and their rules and guidelines**

**a) Future Champions Cup:** Dates and races agreed for 2006. Possible dates for the FCC Final in 2007 and 2008 (when the BOC will take place on the early May BH weekend) were discussed so as to avoid exams.

A note about the number of qualifying races to be scored if an event is cancelled / voided should be added to the FCC notes. For qualification 3 from 7 if 1 of the 8 events is 'lost' and 3 from 6 if 2 events are 'lost'.

**Action HP, PG**

**b) Junior Inter Regional Championships:** It was agreed that the rules should be changed to include:

**there shall be no non competitive guest runs allowed on either day.**

**Action: BE**

2006 24 & 25 June SCOA to organise. 2007 YHOA to organise.

2008 onwards – check rotation.

**Action: HP**

**c) Peter Palmer Relay:** The title was agreed. Dates & venues for the future were agreed: 2006 WM 10 September, 2007 volunteer organiser needed 9 September, 2008 AIRE 14 September. After much discussion about rules and eligibility the following were agreed:

- **The Compass Sport Cup definition of large and small clubs would be used**
- **The standard BRITISH ORIENTEERING rule 3.2 about club eligibility would be added**
- **BRITISH ORIENTEERING members may only run for their BRITISH ORIENTEERING registered club**
- **Runners who are not BRITISH ORIENTEERING members may represent the club of which they are a local member**
- **Pupils of BSOA member schools may run for the club with which their school is associated**
- **M and W10s are not allowed to compete (it is suggested that this should be added to the entry form/details)**

**Action: BE**

**d) Junior Home Internationals:** The draw was made at the JIRC but apparently had not been sent to the organising club. In future the draw should be done at JIRC and passed on and put on the HI section of the BRITISH ORIENTEERING web site.

**Action:**

**JHI draw organiser (SM)**

**e) Yvette Baker Trophy:** A rule change which was agreed in a discussion by email about colour course eligibility was ratified:

**Green: any junior**

**Light Green: any M/W14-, plus any M/W16+ who has not achieved 3 gold times on their age class courses or on any JM/W5 courses**

**Orange: any M/W12-, plus any M/W14+ who has not achieved 3 gold times on their age class courses or on JM/W4+ courses**

**Yellow: any M/W10, plus any M/W12-14 who has not achieved 3 gold times on their age class courses or on JM/W3+ courses**

It was agreed that the rules about club eligibility should be added:

- ***The standard BRITISH ORIENTEERING rule 3.2 about club eligibility would be added***
- ***BRITISH ORIENTEERING members may only run for their BRITISH ORIENTEERING registered club***
- ***Runners who are not BRITISH ORIENTEERING members may represent the club of which they are a local member***
- ***Pupils of BSOA member schools may run for the club with which their school is associated***

**Action: BE**

Offers have been received to stage the YBT Final as follows: 2006 BKO, 2007 HALO.

**f) British Schools Score Championships:** 2005 event went well. A properly formatted guideline is needed for this event. BKO to stage event in 2006.

**g) British Schools Orienteering Championships:** It was agreed that any 'special needs' requests which needed adjudicating would be agreed by an email discussion as had happened this term. 2006 venue: WMOA.

**h) British Junior Championships:** To be held with senior age classes in 2006

**i) Student Championships:** in 2006 these will be held in Edinburgh on 11/12 March.

#### **05/5. Young Orienteers Festival at British Sprint Championships:**

HP reported that she had been to a meeting at which arrangements to hold a YOF between the 2 races of the British Sprint Championships at Milton Keynes on 20 May 2006 were discussed. EAOA committee is keen on this and WAOC had agreed to take on the responsibility for organizing the YOF and for liaising with the Sprint Champs organiser and planner from SMOC. This will be for town or district teams to enter.

It is possible that future British Sprint Championships events may be interested in including a similar development initiative.

**Action: HP to support WAOC**

**05/6. BBC Junior Sports Personality:** HP reported that any nominations for this must be submitted by 31/10/05. HW agreed to look at possible names.

**Action: HW**

**05/7. Next meeting:** September or October 2006