

# Junior Competitions Group Report to Event Operations Committee

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## Minutes of the Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Held at Carrs Centre Birmingham.

### **Event Operations is asked to note:**

11.08 Changes to Rules for 2 competitions, PPJR, JIRC's.

Chair

11/01	Attendance
	Susan Marsden

Susan Marsden	Chair	SIVI
Peter Christopher	BSOA rep	PC
Pauline Olivant	RDO & EM rep	PO
Carol Edwards	SC rep	CE
Sarah Watkins	NW rep	SW
Ruth Lockley	WM rep	RL
Angela Darley	SE rep	ΑD
Sarah Hague	National Talent manager Junior selector's rep	SH
Mike Cope	Fixtures group	MC
Pauline Olivant	Sec	PO

### **Apologies**

Ed Nicholas Development manager

Maureen Brown SOA rep Jeff Butt SW rep

Richard Baker Junior selectors
Dave Peel Event manager
Helen Errington Event manager

Linda Thornton NE rep

#### 11/02 Declaration of Interest

PO, SM, SW declared involvement with regional squads. PC declared membership of Safe guarding group.

### 11/03 Minutes of meeting held on 23rd January 2010

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

### **11/04 Matters arising** (if not elsewhere on the agenda)

10/06. The request for the addition of a Junior squad representative on JCG was rejected at present, as British Orienteering are in the middle of a Governance review.

10/07. Comments received from members of JCG were forwarded to the Competition Review. It was noted that the "Competition Review - Challenges and Recommendations" document is in circulation and could also be seen in Focus.

10/11. Rules were sent and approved.

#### 11/05 Minute e-mail discussions since last meeting

It was noted that these were all in Chairman's report, Appendix A.

### 11/06 Chairman's Report including item from Events Committee.

See attached report Appendix A.

### 11/07 Report from JCG secretary

Seeding lists, In consultation with selectors and the international team, seeding lists for juniors from 14-20 have been produced have already been sent to autumn selection races in 2010 and will be circulated to all major event organisers in 2011.

**Action PO** 

Suggested that a note re junior seedings could also be added to work packs for major events being produced by event managers.

**Action PO** 

#### 11/08 Review of Junior Events

### a Junior Inter Regional Champs

Changes to Rules were agreed and will be sent to Rules Group to take to Events Committee.

**Action SM** 

### b Peter Palmer Relays.

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**Action SM** 

#### c Junior Home International

A report received for 2010 event from the organiser (Scotland) and was circulated prior to the meeting. Junior team managers are in process of re writing the rules under the same template as used at other junior competitions. It was recognised that this event is not the responsibility of British Orienteering but that some consistency in the rules would be advisable.

A request had been received from Junior Home International team managers to drop the word 'Ward' from the title of the event. Following a discussion JCG felt this should still be retained. It was noted that other competitions had a personal reference in the title even though the competition was not sponsored by them. PO will notify the team managers.

**Action PO** 

### d Yvette Baker Trophy

M/A10/11 Fixtures Group had been unable to agree a common date but more national and local publicity/identification of heats had been done. It was agreed that dates for 2011 heats will be made available for publication as soon as possible. The Group was concerned where the competition fitted within the Competition review. This is to be raised with Dave Peel.

**Action SM** 

A question was raised whether any comments had been made regarding the exclusion of M/W20 from the competition. The only comment received had been in the region raising the question.

**e Jamie Stevenson Trophy**. A report was received from the SOA representative and was circulated prior to the meeting.

### f British School Score Champs.

A suggestion, from North West that the times for the score event should be changed to 30 and 45 mins resp was received. It was agreed that this should be referred to BSOA for discussion. It was also agreed that the appropriate planning was the paramount importance at this event.

**Action PC** 

### g British School Orienteering Champs.

SW has received a request that all year 12 &13 should be included in the Tertiary competition not just the 6<sup>th</sup> form colleges. It was agreed this should be referred BSOA for discussion.

**Action PC** 

#### h Level A Junior events.

It was noted that no changes had been made to the course lengths for M/W16 for 2011 even though the course lengths for veterans had been increased. The winning time for M/W 16 therefore remains the same as previous years.

#### i FCC

It was noted that ECG has agreed the series season will be extended for 2011 and the final will be on the same weekend as the UK CC final. There will only be a long race in 2011 at the final.

### 11/09 Programming of Junior Events

It was noted that the autumn season is now very crowded with competitions. After discussion it was suggested that from 2013 the Yvette Baker final be moved into July and JIRC's to be in Sept, 2 weeks after PPJTR.

**Action MC** 

### 11/10 No other business received.

### 11/11 Timing of next meeting agreed Jan 2012.

### **Summary of Actions**

11/07	PO to circulate seeding list and ask event managers to include in major	٢
	events packs.	

11/08 a,b SM to forward rules changes, JIRC and PPTR, to Rules Group.

11/08 c PO to inform JHI team managers of discussion on the inclusion of 'Ward' in event title.

11/08 d SM to check with Dave Peel where the YBT fits into the competition review.

11/08 f,g PC to ask BSOA to look at suggested amendments to BSSC and BSOC rules.

11/09 MC to look into moving YBT final into July from 2013 and JIRC's to second week after PPTR.

### Appendix A

Chairman's Report including e mail discussions and events committee report.

Event Committee Minutes of Mar 2010, June 2010 and meetings are available on the BOF website. (Nov 2010 not yet available) There have been no comments made on the minutes by members of this committee during the year.

The levy system for 2011 was approved at the British Orienteering AGM. As there will be no exemption for Junior only events, this committee is no longer involved.

A lot of discussion at Events Committee was around the 4 tier system and the training of event Officials. The 4 tier system is now running and the training of Officials ongoing. The Safety Module, for officials, has been piloted and officials at Junior Events should take advantage of this training.

### **Ranking of Juniors:**

The recommendation from JCG was that juniors M/W16 and above should be ranked. The Board decided that only top year M/W 16 should be ranked as at the beginning of the year some of the younger year would only be 14 and this was considered to be inappropriate.

### **Competition Review:**

Following last year's meeting a paper was submitted from JCG on the Competition Review. The congestion of events in the autumn was highlighted as well as the need for competitions for all ages and development. The second Report is now available and I have asked for more clarification with regards to Junior Events and how they fit in to the broader picture. I am waiting for a reply.

### Addition of Junior Squad Coordinator to JCG:

The request to Event Committee (March 2010) was rejected as British Orienteering are in the middle of a Governance Review and the views of JCG will be sort for the review.