

Federation – Junior Competitions Group

Minutes of meeting held on 30th September 2004

Present:

Peter Guillaume	Fixtures Group	Barry Elkington	Rules Group
Peter Christopher	BSOA	Hilary Palmer	Coaching Committee
Susan Marsden	Junior Selector	Helen Winskill	Start Prog. Manager
Pauline Olivant	RDO		

Secretary: Hilary Palmer, Development Manager

Apologies:

Becky Carlyle	YHOA	Blanka Sengerova	EAOA
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04/1. Election of Chairman: Susan Marsden was elected Chairman

04/2. Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2003 were accepted as a true record.

04/3. Matters arising: 03/10 Re: separate Colour Coded Standards for M and W – Rules Group is not keen on extra complications. EMOA is already giving separate standards in results using software supplied by Michael Napier.

Other matters arising were considered under the relevant agenda item.

04/4. Terms of reference of JCG: These were changed slightly (attached). These will be sent to AR for approval by Event Operations Committee. A Vice Chairman was not appointed. It was agreed that this position would be appointed if needed at a future JCG meeting due to the absence of the Chairman.

04/5. Junior Course lengths table: This was circulated before the meeting and has been approved by Event Operations Committee.

04/6. Junior Badge Scheme: The following decisions were made:

- a) *Gold, Silver and Bronze awards should be available for all the ageless classes at regional events (including all the JM/W5 classes as separate awards)*
- b) *Championship, Gold, Silver and Bronze awards should be available (as a separate scheme from the ageless awards above) for all the junior age classes at the JK, British Championships and National Events.*
- c) *It was felt that multi day events should have award schemes which were not included in the JK/BOC/ National Event badge scheme. An award scheme with instant recognition, such as that used at the Scottish Six Days, would be commended for other holiday multi day events which use junior age classes. This is because holiday multi day courses are not usually planned to National Event guidelines.*
- d) *It is important that the Gold, Silver and Bronze times should be published when event results are put on the internet (just as they would be in printed results). This should be recommended to clubs.*
- e) *The possibility of automatic calculation of Gold times via the same system as that for calculating Ranking Points for seniors would be explored.*

04/7. Junior Relay Competitions at the JK and British Relay Championships: It was reported that an article would shortly appear in Focus on the subject of relay classes so that increased participation and head to head racing and a decrease in the planners' workload was encouraged. It was agreed that:

- a) *there are too many classes at the British Relays (for all ages)*
- b) *JCG has a preference for the mixed age classes (48- etc) as used at the JK to be used at the British Relays but that such classes be named 'Junior Men's Relay' etc with the mix of ages eg 48 – being in the rule for the class rather than the class title.*
- c) *Shorter winning times are recommended. There have been examples of over planning for relays which discourages participation*
- d) *Mixed club teams should not be allowed for juniors (this discourages development and can lead to someone from a neighbouring club being preferred in a team over a less experienced athlete who would be picked for a 1 club team)*
- e) *Non competitive combined entries could still be allowed where a club cannot form a team*

04/8. Review of Junior Events and their Rules & Guidelines

1. **Future Champions Cup:** Completed successfully in 2004. Races for 2005 published. There was discussion on difficulties re fixtures congestion in spring. It was noted that juniors do not need to go to all races. Agreed that:
 - a. *Separate FCC Final is preferred 2006 onwards as it could not be combined with the British Championships (a late April or early May weekend date would be preferred).*
2. **Junior Inter Regional Championships:** Event ran well in 2003 & 04 and rules circulated. 2005 EM. Possible offers for 2006 SC and 2007 YH – these need to be followed up. **Action: HP**
3. **Peter Palmer Junior Team Relay:** Cancelled in 2003, held successfully at Sutton Park (COBOC) 12/9/2004 under new rules with 6 runners per team (at least 2 girls and 2 boys) and the possibility of lap 5 with up to 3 runners starting when lap 4 runner finishes. 31 teams took part. Feedback was received from the organisers and from some participants. Agreed that:
 - a. *Start time needs care so that Lap 2 is a dawn lap (too early in 2004)*
 - b. *3 runners on the Yellow lap was well received but if this lap is a female counter all runners must be girls*
 - c. *If the first finisher on the Yellow lap was subsequently disqualified, the next finisher would count and the extra time should be added to the team's total*
 - d. *Lap order should be: Lap 1 Red, Lap 2 Red (these gaffled), Lap 3 Light Green with first 3km gaffled with lap 6 + 1km TD4, Lap 4 Orange, Lap 5 Yellow (up to 3 runners allowed, see b and c above), Lap 6 of 6km with first 3km TD4 gaffled with lap 3 and last 3km TD5 common to all lap 6 courses.*
 - e. *The Norwich Trophy for small clubs is to be defined as for small clubs as in the Compass Sport Cup rules and that 2 small adjacent clubs may combine to form a competitive team if neither can field a team alone.*
 - f. *Barry Elkington will rewrite the rules to include the above* **Action: BE**
4. **Junior Home Internationals:** Maureen Brown (Scotland) is redrafting the JHI Rules and will circulate these when completed for comment and agreement between the Home Countries Managers. In response to many email comments received for the JCG meeting it was agreed that:
 - a. *There should be no advance disclosure of course maps to any age class runners*
 - b. *A random draw for each class start order should be made in advance at JIRC*

- c. *The rules could state that it is preferred that the JHI is a stand alone event but that this could not be compulsory. If public races were to take place they should be after the JHI*
- d. *It is not possible to recommend a date for each year's JHI, although it should not clash with the Peter Palmer Relay or the Junior European Cup*

- 5. **Yvette Baker and Jamie Stevenson Trophy Competitions:** Both these are proceeding. There is an issue re the availability of information on juniors with Gold Standard awards. See 04/6 (e) above **Action: HP, AR**
- 6. **British Schools Score Champs:** 2004 OD, 2005 DVO. No problems re rules
- 7. **British Schools Orienteering Championships:** 2004 EA, 2005 Airienteers. Rules OK
- 8. **British Junior Championships:** It has been agreed by BOF Council that these should be together with other classes unless the proposed date is unsuitable for juniors
- 9. **Student events:** The rules for the BUSA event are on the BUSA website. Inter – University leagues seem to have discontinued.

04/9. Email 'meetings' of JCG: It is recommended that if email discussions are needed between meetings of JCG members should 'reply to all' in their comments.

04/10. Date of next meeting: September 2005, preferably before the Event Operations September meeting. **Action: HP, AR**