

Competition Rule L: Yvette Baker Trophy and Shield

CHANGE SHEET			
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DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE			
ISSUE	DATE	SECTION	DESCRIPTION
2.8	01/01/2019	Entire Document	Rule modified to incorporate an Yvette Baker Shield competition for smaller clubs.
2.9	01/01/2024	Introduction	Contact details for questions added, plus some clarification of text in paragraphs 2.4.1, 2.4.2 & 5.1.3.
2.10	01/01/2025		No changes.
2.11	01/01/2026	2.2.1 2.4.3, 2.4.4 Added 2.5.2	Clarification of Course eligibility criteria. Qualifying for the final in the event of a tied place. Process to be followed when 2.5.1 doesn't break the tie.

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These Rules must be read in conjunction with the British Orienteering Rules of Orienteering. Where these Rules vary or supplement British Orienteering Rules of Orienteering, then these Competition Rules will take precedence. Any questions regarding these Rules should be emailed to: rules@britishorienteering.org.uk

1. General information

- 1.1.1 The Yvette Baker Trophy and Shield are the premier Junior Inter-Club competition for English and Welsh clubs. They are named after Britain's first World Orienteering Champion, who won Gold in the Short Distance event in Scotland in 1999.
- 1.1.2 The Shield competition for small clubs should follow the arrangements for the Yvette Baker Trophy except for a small number of variations laid out in these rules.
- 1.1.3 The Trophy and Shield competitions are to be treated as entirely separate competitions taking place at the same event.

1.2 Format

- 1.2.1 The Yvette Baker Trophy and Shield are held annually and are for club teams comprised of junior orienteers of all standards.

1.3 Administration

- 1.3.1 The Yvette Baker Trophy and Shield rounds and final are organised by constituent Associations or by clubs (known as The Organising Body) on behalf of British Orienteering.
- 1.3.2 The Organising body must take financial responsibility unless prior agreement has been reached with British Orienteering.
- 1.3.3 The Yvette Baker Trophy and Shield rounds are to be held at either level C or level B events
- 1.3.4 The Yvette Baker Trophy and Shield Final must be registered as a level B event.
- 1.3.5 Applications to request variation to the Competition Rules must be made to Events and Competitions Committee.
- 1.3.6 A YBT Co-ordinator shall be appointed by E&CC. The role advises and supports all Organisers to deliver successful competitions, publishes the qualifying teams after Qualifying Rounds and encourages attendance at the Final. The Co-ordinator consults with E&CC to make decisions on circumstances not covered by the rules.

- a) *The Co-ordinator/Organiser may be asked to make regular reports on the progress of the Final to their Association and to Events and Competitions Committee.*

2. Eligibility

- 2.1.1 Any English or Welsh club registered with British Orienteering is permitted to enter a team in the Yvette Baker Trophy and Shield.
- 2.1.2 All competitors must be Juniors in age classes M/W18 or under.

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- 2.1.3 For the Shield competition, competitors must be members of British Orienteering. For the Trophy, competitors must either be a member of British Orienteering or attend a school, college or university which has a formal association with a club.
- 2.1.4 Juniors who are members of British Orienteering, must meet the club representation eligibility requirements in the British Orienteering Rules of Orienteering.
- 2.1.5 Juniors who are not members of British Orienteering are permitted to compete in the Trophy competition provided that this is the only “Open” club that they compete for in any competition during the year.
- 2.1.6 The YBT Co-ordinator will decide the maximum number of juniors at the census date for teams to be eligible for the Shield Competition to provide a reasonable balance between the teams in the Trophy and Shield competitions. The qualifying number will not be less than 25 juniors.
- 2.1.7 Membership shall be measured as at 1st October in the year prior to the competition.

2.2 Course eligibility

- 2.2.1 Eligibility for each course is defined as follows:

Course	Permitted runners
Green	Any Junior M/W18 or under

Light Green	Any Junior M/W14 or under
	Any M/W16 or M/W18 provided that they have never gained a Gold badge time in the M/W14 age class (or higher) in the competitions listed below, or ever finished within the winner's time * 1.25 of the respective M or W class on the Light Green or Green course at any previous Yvette Baker Trophy or Shield Final.

Orange	Any Junior M/W12 or under
	Any M/W16 or M/W18 provided that they have never gained a Gold badge time in the M/W12 age class (or higher) in the competitions listed below, or ever finished within the winner's time * 1.25 of the respective M or W class on the Orange, Light Green or Green course at any previous Yvette Baker Trophy or Shield Final.

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Yellow	Any Junior M/W10 or under
	Any M/W12 or M/W14 provided that they have never gained a Gold badge time in the M/W10 age class (or higher) in the competitions listed below, or ever finished within the winner's time * 1.25 of the respective M or W class on the Yellow, Orange, Light Green or Green course at any previous Yvette Baker Trophy or Shield Final.

2.2.2 The listed Competitions (for the previous year) are:

- British Long distance Championships
- JK Day 2
- JK Day 3
- Northern Championships
- Midland Championships
- Southern Championships.

2.2.3 Pairs are permitted to compete on the Yellow course, subject to the following:

- They must stay together and cross the finishing line together.
- If a pair contains two different ages categories they are treated as though they are in the older age category.
- If a pair contains a boy and a girl they are treated as though they are in the boy's category in the age class of the older of the pair.
- Neither member of the pair is to have achieved a Gold standard at any of the competitions listed in the section above.

a) *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.*

b) *Competitors should be able to run on a course appropriate to their ability rather than just their age.*

2.2.4 The shadowing of any competitor is not permitted.

2.2.5 Only one competitive run per person, per Round, is permitted.

2.2.6 Any runner competing on a course for which they are not eligible will be disqualified.

2.3 Scoring

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

2.3.2 All eligible juniors from participating clubs score points based on their finishing position in their class.

2.3.3 The Yvette Baker Trophy and Yvette Baker Shield are to be treated as two entirely separate competitions taking place at the same event. In each competition, the winner in each class scores 100 points; second place 99; third place 98; then 97, 96, etc. down to 0. (Subsequent

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positions also score 0). 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).

2.3.4 For the Trophy Competition, 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.

2.3.5 For the Shield Competition, each club counts its 5 highest scorers from across all eight classes to produce its total points, subject to the limits in 2.3.4 above.

a) *Scoring Example:*

- *List the 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.*
 - *There are now sixteen scores (or fewer if there were not enough competitors in any of the classes.)*
 - *Finally, select the highest nine scores for the Trophy Competition or the highest five scores for the Shield competition of these sixteen and add them together.*
 - *This gives the team score.*

2.3.6 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.

2.4 Qualifying for the Final

2.4.1 For the purposes of this rule, a “complete team” for the Trophy Competition is a participating club which has started (even if not finished) at least 9 eligible runners. For the Shield competition, a “complete team” consists of 5 eligible runners. Whilst a club with an incomplete team can qualify for the Final they are not counted when deciding how many clubs qualify from that round.

2.4.2 From each Round:

- The first placed club will qualify if there are 4 or fewer teams.
- The 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.

2.4.3 Clubs finishing on equal points in a Round will tie for that position, and if applicable will all qualify for the Final.

2.4.4 Each team qualifying for the Final, either individually or as a tied place, and which finished in the top five in the Final in the previous year provides an extra qualifying place for the next highest placed team in that round.

2.4.5 If any association is not represented in the Final then the highest scoring club from that Association from any Round will qualify, as long as they fielded a complete team.

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- 2.4.6 For any round, if a club that competes and qualifies for a place in the Final subsequently declares they will not be attending the Final, the next placed complete team will be permitted to attend the Final in the withdrawing club's place. The withdrawing club should inform the next placed club and advise the YBT Co-ordinator.
- 2.4.7 Each Qualifying Round Organiser shall notify the YBT Co-ordinator of the teams qualifying from their Round and the contact details of their Team Managers.
- 2.4.8 The YBT Co-ordinator will encourage qualifying clubs (or their replacements) to notify their attendance to the Organiser of the Final. Clubs are expected to enter their team(s) four weeks before the date of the Final

2.5 The Final

- 2.5.1 Where clubs finish on equal points in the Trophy 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. Then, if needed, the 11th best, 12th best, and so on. For the Shield Final, where clubs finish on equal points, team positions will be determined in the same way as the Trophy but starting by looking at the 6th best score.
- 2.5.2 Where two or more clubs tie for positions that cannot be separated after application of 2.5.1 the team positions will be determined by comparing the number of team scores of 100, and if those are also tied, comparing the number of team scores of 99, etc. until the teams are separated.

3. Safety

- 3.1.1 Event Officials must refer to British Orienteering Rules of Orienteering and Appendix E: Event safety for detailed information on the required and recommended safety and risk management procedures.

4. Officials

- 4.1.1 Each Club will appoint a Team Manager for their Yvette Baker Team.

5. Organisation

5.1 Scheduling of Rounds

- 5.1.1 The scheduling of the dates for the Rounds must be according to the guidance set out by Events and Competitions Committee.
- 5.1.2 The Rounds are to be organised in each Association at a designated level B or C event offering colour coded courses.
- 5.1.3 Entry to a particular Round is not limited to clubs in that Association, however a club is only permitted to compete in one Round.
- 5.1.4 Clubs must inform the Round Organiser of their intention to participate, and the name of the team manager, at least two weeks before the Competition.

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- a) *Additional Rounds may be held as long as all the rounds in an Association have at least three clubs entering complete teams.*
- b) *The Round Organiser should circulate a list of clubs competing in the round to all team managers prior to the Competition.*
- c) *Team managers are responsible for ensuring scores on the day are accurate and for liaising with the Round Organiser.*
- d) *Queries or disputes specific to the competition that cannot be resolved by team managers should be referred to Rules Group using the email address given at the start of these Rules.*

5.2 Scheduling of the Final

5.2.1 The Final will be scheduled by Event Scheduling Group within E&CC

5.2.2 The Final is primarily for the Junior teams competing for the Trophy and Shield.

- a) *However, the event should also provide some courses suitable for those not taking part, e.g. parents and young children. Competitors on these courses should start no later than 30 minutes before the first starter in the Final.*

5.3 Start times

5.3.1 For the Rounds, competitors from the same club on the same course must start at least 4 minutes apart.

5.3.2 At the Final, competing clubs should initially be pre-allocated an equal number of start times, in rotation, throughout the start period. A different order of rotation must be used on each course. There should be no specific allowance for clubs travelling longer distances.

- a) *A club's start times are then sent to the club so that they can allocate runners to the start times allocated to them.*
- b) *Where it is necessary to allocate additional start times to a club these should 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.*
- c) *A club should only be allocated additional start times if they have nominated runners to all of their original allocation of start times. The Organiser should 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 is to be allocated those still remaining.*
- d) *The Organiser may extend the start period at their discretion.*

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5.4 Prize-giving at the Final

5.4.1 The Organiser must stage a prize giving at the end of the Yvette Baker Final. This is to be as soon as possible after the final results are confirmed.

- a) *There are permanent trophies for the clubs finishing in the top three positions.*
- b) *Certificates may be awarded to all competitors.*
- c) *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 better prizes.*

6. Terrain

6.1.1 The area must be suitable for a level C or B event with courses from Yellow to Green. (TD 2 – 5).

7. Courses

7.1.1 The courses to be used are Yellow, Orange, Light Green and Green.

8. Event Location

8.1.1 Clubs intending to host the Final should be aware that withdrawals from the Final increase rapidly once clubs need to travel more than three hours to the event. This can be partially mitigated by holding a further Open competition on the same weekend Saturday afternoon on the same or adjacent area. Clubs should select a location to maximise attendance.