

**Event Scheduling Group Meeting
7:00 pm – online meeting - Zoom
Tuesday 5 March 2024
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1. Chairman's opening comments.

All welcomed to the meeting. Thanks to Ursula for making the Zoom arrangements.

2. Record of persons present, and apologies.

Mike Cope (MC) – Chairman of the Event Scheduling Group (ESG) and YHOA

Kerina Lake (KL) - WOA

Richard Sansbury (RJS) – SWOA

Jean Payne (JP) – NWOA

Sarah Mansel (SM) – EAOA

Steve Scott (SS) – SOA

Wilbert Hollinger (WH) – NIOA

Philip Gristwood (PAG) – SEOA

Richard Sharp (RES) – SCOA

Ursula Williamson (UW) - EMOA

Rick Roberts (RR) - WMOA

Allie Wilson Craw (AWC) – NEOA

3. Declaration of interests and any other business.

MC as YHOA representative and chair of ESG.

4. Minutes of Event Scheduling Group meeting held on 16 October 2023 and actions from the meeting.

a) The minutes were agreed as correct.

b) Actions from meeting.

8b MC to contact E&CC, BO, MasterPlan Adventure and CompassSport magazine about BOC/BRC 2025. **Possibly some progress – see item 8b.**

8c SM and JP to investigate hosting British Middles in 2027 and 2028. **Under item 8c.**

8d British Sprint and Sprint Relays. RJS date for 2026. MC and SS to confirm YHOA and SOA hosting or SO alternative for 2027 and 2028. **2026 date? Under item 8d.**

8e British Nights. PAG to check club and date for 2026. KL, RR and UW to confirm hosting years. **Under item 8e.**

10a 2026 dates for Northern and Southern Champs – MC and RES. **MC checking – 28 Feb most likely, but now clashing problems. RES checking.**

11a JP, SM, SS, KL, RES, RJS – confirmation of participation, venue or event type is needed for UKOL list. **All done.**

13a All to ask about possible CSC final hosts for 2026 onwards. **No progress**

13d RES and RJS to enquire about SW/SE CSC heat in 2025. **QO – any other?**

14b SHI 2025 to go later in the year. JP checking. **Maybe sorted out with next 15a below.**

15a JIRCs 2025 linked to above. JP checking. **Maybe sorted out with next 15b above.**

15c Hosts are needed for YBT heats 2024. NE, WM – AWC, RR. **All sorted out.**

15d Ask for PPJTR 2024 onwards hosts. All. **Under item 15c.**

5. Events list and scheduling to be done.

Club level B events for the second half of 2025 to be agreed and finalised.

6. Reports from other meetings etc.

a. Rule changes. A mention that there were a number of rule changes as from 1 Jan with the new Rules Group keeping busy and doing a lot of tidying up.

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- b. Major events webinars. These turned out to be very useful and recordings should be available for anyone who wants them.

7. Reports from associations.

- a. There was a written report from EAOA and comments from several others. Several associations are very busy getting ready to put on Major Events. Helpers are needed for Croeso 2024. Permissions are still causing problems for many.

8. JK, British Long/Middle/Sprint/Relays/Mixed Sprint Relays/Night Champs.

- a. JK rota. OK as far as is known to 2031. There was a suggestion long ago that NIOA may like to take a turn in 2032. WH to find out so that rota can be adjusted if necessary.
- b. BOC/BRC rota. The 2025 problem may get resolved as it is possible that LOC will host on 10/11 May. This pushes the problem back to 2027 as NWOA will not be hosting again after only 2 years. YH and WM may be prepared to move forward a year so that the problem gets pushed back to 2029. SOA cannot move from 2030 – an even year to avoid the Scottish 6 days. PAG to consider whether SEOA could move forward 2 years from 2031 to 2029. BOC/BRC 2026 date should be 28Feb/1 Mar combined with Welsh Champs, but problem clash with planned date for Northern Champs.
- c. British Middles. 2027 EA and 2028 NW should be OK with Area Champs. NE could be interested in 2029 and WOA in 2030. Also SOA would like to host the Middles sometime in an even year.
- d. British Sprint and Sprint Relays. 2026 date still cannot be fixed – RJS to choose asap. Post meeting an offer came from SN for the British Sprints in 2027. PAG and SN to check for a club to host the Sprint Relays. Further post meeting thoughts are then SOA in 2028 and YHOA/EBOR in 2029. MC/SS to check further. NEOA might be interested in hosting sometime in the future.
- e. BNC. PAG to confirm club for 2026. WOA will do 2027 with earlier Welsh Champs. 2028 and 2029 provisionally changed round for WM and EM because of BOC/BRC change. UW to check.

9. International Events.

The database has been updated using information from IOF Eventor, but always take care with the information given as dates do change.

10. Area and Association Championships

- a. Northern, Midlands, Southern. A date is needed for the Southern Champs 2026 – RES. MC to sort out problem with Northern Champs date – wanted as 28 Feb which clashes with the date WOA wants for BOC/BRC and Welsh Champs. Clubs and dates for 2027 will be needed at the next meeting if possible. SE and SW agreed to swap dates in 2027 and 2028 because of other commitments.
- b. Scottish Champs. All OK.
- c. Welsh Champs. All OK. Noted that the date in 2027 will be earlier to accommodate BNC the night before.
- d. Irish Champs. All OK.

11. UKOL and Year Outline Plans.

- a. 2025 UKOL to be looked at. A number of corrections have been made and possible events identified on the year planner. Those with a yellow background are for consideration. Probably more variety needed late in year. Maybe too many urbans?
- b. Outline plans for 2026. Not done

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12. UK Elite Orienteering League and Junior Elite League.

13. Compass Sport Cup and Trophy.

a. PFO for 2024 final on 20 Oct and CLOK for 2025 final on 21 Sept. It is concerning that hosts are not coming forward for the final. It does seem to make plenty of money for some clubs, but possibly others are put off because it is a Major Event. Post meeting a firm offer was received from MV for 2026.

b. Heats for 23 Feb 2025. Venues are in the database for YH (AIRE Middleton Park), SE (CHIG Wormley Woods), EM (NOC Clumber Park), SW (QO Croydon Hill). Venues are needed asap for SOA, WM (WRE), NW (SELOC) – SS, RR, JP. The requirement to cater for 300 entrants and adequate car parking is stressed.

There was some discussion about CSC rules and particularly the split between large and small clubs. This does need some adjustment to balance numbers out or some alternative. Large clubs getting through as the only one.

c. Future dates for heats are 22 Feb 2026 and 28 Feb 2027.

14. Internationals in the UK and Home Internationals.

a. 2025 and 2026 HI host clubs and date check. All OK.

b. 2025 Interland will be in the Netherlands on 2 March.

c. 2026 Interland probably 7/8 or 14/15 March. England to next stage Interland in 2028.

d. Junior European Cup 3-5 October 2025.

e. WOC 2024 in Scotland – 12-16 July.

15. JIRCs, YBT, PPJTR, BSOC, BSSC, BUCS.

a. No responses to my plea to clubs except for the possible LOC offer for BOC/BRC 2025. It is a concern about many of the junior events.

b. JIRCs. 2025 problem may be solved by NWOA. All seems OK beyond 2025.

c. YBT final. 2024 and 2025 OK. No offers for later dates.

d. PPJTR. WCOG may host in 2024. Nothing beyond that.

e. BSSC. 2024 and 2025 are OK. Nothing beyond that.

f. BSOC. 2024 and 2025 may be OK. Nothing beyond that.

g. BUCS. 2025 was to be hosted by AUOC on 22/23 March, but post meeting hosting is likely to be by SHUOC. SOA were to be helping AUOC to host the event. SYO may be too busy with the JK to help SHUOC. 2026 will be decided at the end of this year.

16. Harvester.

a. Nothing known. No response to the CompassSport plea known.

17. Other National events requested by clubs/associations.

a. 2024 OK.

b. First half of 2025 OK.

c. The only concern raised for the second half of 2025 was that with the November Classic moving temporarily to October and with its Chichester urban on the Saturday, there is now a clash with the MDOC urban weekend. Most thought the events were far enough away to cause no serious concern, but JP was going to consider further and any other possibilities.

d. Please add future events where possible so that plans can be seen.

18. Any BO fixtures database issues.

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It seems that marking an event as closed means that the ranking points tick gets removed. Just a warning to take care if an event is marked as closed.

One strange deletion was noticed. It might have happened with other events as another was found to be missing after the meeting. Take care.

19. Any other business.

A plea from KL for people to go to events in Wales. A very disappointing turnout at a recent good event – weather might have played a part.

20. Dates of next meetings. Tuesday 15 October 2024 and Tuesday 11 March 2025 agreed.

ACTIONS

8a WH to ask if NIOA want to be in the JK rota for 2032.

8b MC/RR to confirm that YH/WM are OK moving forward a year in the BOC/BRC rota. PAG to ask whether SE can move to 2029. Date needed for BOC/BRC 2026 – KL.

8d Date needs choosing for Sprint weekend – RJS. PAG/MC/SS to check future years for Sprint weekend.

8e PAG to confirm BNC club for 2026. UW to check whether EM can move to 2027 BNC.

10a RES and MC need to fix dates for 2026 Area Champs.

11a All to consider if there are suitable events to add to UKOL.

13b Venues needed asap for CSC heats – RR, SS, JP.

15 All to see if anything can be done about the lack of hosts for junior events – YBT final, BSSC, BSOC.

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Event	S6 L5 W6	JK	BOC BRC	British Sprints	British Middle	Brit Sprint Relay Champs	BNC	CSCF	Northern Champs	Midland Champs
Level		Maj	Maj	Maj	Maj	Nat	Maj	Maj	Nat	Nat
2020	Welsh 6 25-31 July	NE 10-13 Apr NE	SE 6/7-Mar SEOA	NW 21-Jun	NW 09-May LOC	NW 20-Jun	SC 22-Feb TVOC	WM 18-Oct OD	NW 10-May MDOC	EM 09-Feb DVO
2021	Scottish 6 1-7 Aug	SW 2-5 Apr Cornwall	SWOA 2 Oct (no BRC) DEVON/BOK	NW 22-Aug	NW 05-Jun LOC	NW 21-Aug	SW 27-Nov NGOC	YH 17-Oct SYO	NW 06-Jun MDOC	WM 30-May WRE
2022	Lakes 5 7-12 Aug	WOA 15-18 Apr with help	SE 26/27 Mar SEOA	YH 12-Jun AIRE	EAOA 06-Mar EAOA	YH 11-Jun YH	YH 19-Feb AIRE	SOA 16-Oct FVO	NE 03-Apr NATO	EM 30-Jan NOC
2023	Scottish 6 30Jul-4Aug Euromeet 13- 15Oct	NW 7-10 Apr	SC 25/26 Mar SC	NIOA 06-May	NIOA 07-May	SE 17-Sep LOK	SW 18-Feb WIM	SW 12-Nov BOK	YH 26-Feb SYO	WM 28-May HOC(with SINS)
2024	Welsh 6 21-27 Jul	EM/WM 29/3-1/4	NE 13/14 Apr	WM 23-Jun OD	YH 27-Apr AIRE	WM 22-Jun HOC	NW 10-Feb WCOC	NW 20-Oct PFO	YH 28-Apr CLARO	EAOA 09-Mar- 24 NOR
2025	Scottish 6 27 Jul-1 Aug	YH 18- 21/04	NW 10/11 May LOC	EA 31-Aug	SE 16-Mar MV	EA 30-Aug	SOA 08-Feb-25 FVO	NE 21-Sep- 25 CLOK	NW 18-May MDOC	EM 07-Sep- 25 DVO
2026	Lakes 5	SOA 3-6 Apr	WOA 28Feb/1Mar SBOC/SWOC	SW 28-Jun- 26 6/9 reserve	WM 18-Apr-26 HOC	SW 27-Jun- 26 5/9 reserve	SE 07-Feb-26 HH/DFOK?	SE 18-Oct- 26 MV	YH 28/02/2024?? EPOC	WM 19-Apr- 26 WM club?
2027	Scottish 6	SE 28-Mar	YH	SE SN	EA? with Mid Ch?	SE? SO?	WOA 20-Feb-27 SBOC	17-Oct- 27	NE	EA
2028	Welsh 6	SW 16-Apr	WM	SOA?	NW May??	SOA?	EM? LEI?		NW May??	EM
2029	Scottish 6	SC 01-Apr		YH? EBOR?		YH? EBOR+?	WM HOC		YH	WM
2030	Lakes 5	NE 21-Apr	SOA		WOA?				NE	EA
2031		WM 13-Apr	SE						NW	

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Event	Southern Champs	Scottish Champs	Welsh Champs	Irish Champs	JHI	SHI	VHI	Harv
Level	Nat	Nat	Nat		Nat	Nat	Nat	Nat
2020	SC 29-Nov BKO	SOA 22-23-Aug INT/ESOC	WOA 20-Sep SWOC	Munster - South	SEOA 10-11 Oct SLOW	(SOA) 21-22-Nov MA	NIOA 3-4 Oct FERMO	SOA 28-Jun FVO
2021	SE 12-Dec MV/SAX	SOA 13-Jun ESOC	WOA 12-Sep SWOC	Munster 30/4 to 3/5 South	SEOA 9-10 Oct SLOW	SOA 4-5 Sept MAROC/GRAMP	E- SE(wasSC) 4-5 Dec SLOW	x x x
2022	SW 17-Sep DEVON	SOA 28-29 May GRAMP/MAROC	WOA 01-Oct MWOC	Munster 29/4 to 2/5 South	SOA 8/9 Oct BASOC+INT	E-SC 5/6 Nov SOC+?	WOA 1/2 Oct? MWOC?	SOA 13-Aug FVO
2023	SC 05-Nov SOC	SOA 27-28 May West Scotland	WOA 11-Mar SBOC	Leinster 28/4 to 1/5 East	E-WM 7/8 Oct OD/COBOC	WOA 9/10 Sept SWOC	E-SW 30 Sep/1 Oct NGOC	?? 25-Jun ??
2024 WOC 12- 16/7	SE 04-Feb- 24 GO	SOA 25/26 May North	WOA 03-Mar SWOC	Connaught 3-6 May West	E-EA 12/13 Oct N Norfolk?	SOA 7/8 Sept FVO	NIOA 5/6 Oct FERMO	30-Jun
2025	SW 09-Mar- 25 SARUM	SOA 24/25 May East	WOA 02-Mar- 25 ERYRI	NIOA 2-5 May North	WOA 11/12 Oct SWOC	E-NW 27/28 Sept? NW	SOA 4/5 Oct	29-Jun- 25
2026	SC 25-Jan- 26 BKO	SOA 23/24 May West	WOA 28-Feb- 26 SBOC	1-4 May	SOA 10/11 Oct	NIOA 12/13 Sept	E-YH 3/4 Oct	21-Jun- 26
2027	SW	29/30 May	WOA 21-Feb- 27 SWOC	30/4 - 3/5	E-NE 9/10 Oct	E-SE 11/12 Sept	WOA 2/3 Oct SBOC	20-Jun- 27
2028	SE SN				NIOA	SOA	E-EM	
2029	SC				E-SW	WOA	SOA	
2030	SE				SOA	E-WM	NIOA	
2031					WOA	E-NW	E-SC	

