

Competition Rule L: Yvette Baker Trophy

These Rules must be read in conjunction with the British Orienteering Rules of Orienteering and Appendices, Where these Rules vary or supplement British Orienteering Rules of Orienteering, then these Competition Rules will take precedence.

1. General information

1.1.1 The Yvette Baker Trophy is the premier Junior Inter-Club competition for English and Welsh clubs. It is named after Britain's first World Orienteering Champion, who won Gold in the Short Distance event in Scotland in 1999.

1.2 Format

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

1.3 Administration

1.3.1 The Yvette Baker Trophy 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 rounds are to be held at either level C or level B events

1.3.4 The Yvette Baker Trophy 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.

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.

2.1.2 All competitors must be Juniors in age classes M/W18 or under.

2.1.3 Competitors must be either members 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 this competition provided that this is the only "Open" club that they compete for in any competition during the year.

2.2 Course eligibility

2.2.1 Eligibility for each course is defined as follows:

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| Course | Permitted runners |
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| Green | Any Junior M/W18 or under |
| Light Green | <p>Any Junior M/W14 or under</p> <p>Any M/W16 who has not ever gained a Gold badge time in M/W14 age class (or higher) in the competitions listed below.</p> <p>Any M/W18 who has not ever gained a Gold badge time in M/W14 age class (or higher) in the competitions listed below.</p> <p>Any M/W 16 or 18 who has not finished within 125% of the winner of the respective M or W class on the Light Green or Green course at any previous Yvette Baker Trophy Final.</p> |
| Orange | <p>Any Junior M/W12 or under</p> <p>Any M/W14 who has not ever gained a Gold badge time in M/W12 age class (or higher) in the competitions listed below.</p> <p>Any M/W16 who has not ever gained a Gold badge time in M/W12 age class (or higher) in the competitions listed below.</p> <p>Any M/W18 who has not ever gained a Gold badge time in M/W12 age class (or higher) in the competitions listed below.</p> <p>Any M/W 14, 16 or 18 who has not finished within 125% of the winner of the respective M or W class on the Orange, Light Green or Green course at any previous Yvette Baker Trophy Final.</p> |
| Yellow | <p>Any Junior M/W10 or under</p> <p>Any M/W12 who has not gained a Gold badge time in the M/W10 age class (or higher) in the competitions listed below.</p> |

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| | <p>Any M/W14 who has not gained a Gold badge time in the M/W10 age class (or higher) in the competitions listed below.</p> <p>Any M/W 12 or 14 who has not finished within 125% of the winner of the respective M or W class on the Yellow, Orange, Light Green or Green course at any previous Yvette Baker Trophy Final</p> |
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2.2.2 The listed Competitions (for 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.

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| <p>a) <i>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.</i></p> <p>b) <i>Competitors should be able to run on a course appropriate to their ability rather than just their age.</i></p> |
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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 winner in each class scores 100 points; second place 99; third place 98; then 97, 96, etc. down to 0. (Subsequent positions also score 0).

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- 2.3.4 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).
- 2.3.5 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.

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 of these sixteen and add them together.*
 - *This gives the team score.*

- 2.3.6 Clubs finishing on equal points in a Round will tie for that position, with the extra club(s) qualifying if appropriate.
- 2.3.7 Where clubs finish on equal points in the 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.

2.4 Qualifying for the Final

- 2.4.1 For the purposes of this rule a 'complete team' is a participating club which has started (even if not finished) at least 9 eligible runners. Whilst a club with an incomplete team could qualify for the Final, they do not count for 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 complete 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 Each team qualifying for the final which finished in the top 5 in the Final in the previous year provides an extra qualifying place for the next highest placed team in that round. No extra qualifying place will be provided if the 'top 5' team does not automatically qualify by virtue of its finishing position in the round.
- 2.4.4 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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- 2.4.5 For any round, if a club who 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.

2.5 Second and subsequent teams

- 2.5.1 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.

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 The officials must meet the requirements set out for a level C or level B event (as appropriate) in the British Orienteering Rules of Orienteering, Appendix C: Event officials.

- a) *Each Club should appoint a team manager for their Yvette Baker Team.*
- b) *Each Yvette Baker Trophy Round should have a co-ordinator appointed by the Organising club.*
- c) *The Yvette Baker Trophy Final should have a Planner who is experienced at planning Junior courses.*

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 A club is permitted to compete in only one Round.
- 5.1.4 Clubs must inform the Round co-ordinator of their intention to participate, and the name of the team manager is, at least two weeks before the Competition.

- a) *Entry to a particular Round does not need to be limited to clubs in that Association.*
- b) *Subject to the agreement of Events and Competitions Committee, additional Rounds may be held as long as all the rounds in an Association have at least three clubs entering complete teams.*
- c) *The Round co-ordinator should circulate a list of clubs competing in the round to all team managers prior to the Competition.*
- d) *Team managers are be responsible for ensuring scores on the day are as accurate as possible, and for liaising with the round co-ordinator.*
- e) *Queries or disputes specific to the competition that cannot be resolved by team*

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managers should be referred to Events and Competitions Committee.

5.2 Scheduling of the Final

5.2.1 The scheduling of the Final must be according to the guidance set out by Events and Competitions Committee.

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

a) However the event should also provide some courses suitable for those not taking part, eg. parents, young children.

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.*

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.*

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6. Map and terrain

6.1 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).

6.2 Map, scale and printing

6.2.1 The map, scale and printing must comply with all the relevant requirements in the British Orienteering Rules of Orienteering and Appendix D: Mapping.

7. Course planning

7.1 Courses

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

a) See Appendix B: Course planning for full details.