

## Events & Competitions Committee

The statement below was initiated at the first E&CC meeting under my chairmanship at the end of November. The Board has since enhanced and reviewed it to produce an overall guide for keeping all members informed. The committee now invites any member to voice ideas, concerns or issues with the committee. Please address these to me in the first instance:

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Chris James – Chair of Events & Competitions Committee

### Overall Strategy

The aim of the Events & Competitions Committee is to develop orienteering events and competitions in the UK in order to realise the British Orienteering Vision of More People, More Places, More Podiums.

To achieve these operations, we need to:

1. Engage with the British Orienteering membership. As a committee we must always be prepared to accept, consider and acknowledge ideas and concerns, making it clear that, with our Groups, we are there to solve problems and initiate solutions.
2. Communicate clearly, swiftly and appropriately, bearing in mind the diverse needs of the membership, participants, volunteers, clubs, staff and other stakeholders. Ensure that we continue to keep them informed of current progress and future plans.
3. Operate objectively, making decisions based on solid evidence and on consultation which truly reflects the breadth and diversity of the participation base.

We will need to:

4. Audit the current event structure to ensure that it meets the needs of both current and potential participants and supports the More People, More Places, More Podiums Vision.
5. Establish baselines for event and competition quality and competitor satisfaction against which progress can be measured.
6. Guide the development and promotion of an events and competitions programme which is fit for purpose and which delivers appropriate quality at each level.
7. Develop a Quality Assurance structure that promotes high standards, supported by guidance and training that enables officials, clubs and volunteers to stage quality events and competitions.
8. Use the opportunities provided by the World Orienteering Championships 2015 to build a legacy that supports the More People, More Places, More Podiums Vision.
9. Learn from:
  - the organisational achievements of the 2012 Olympics
  - the success of other countries in developing orienteering
  - the success of other sports in expanding within the UK
  - British Orienteering's own experience following WOC 1976 and 1999

The key is to get weaving and strike whilst the iron is hot!