

Rules Group Meeting

6th July 2023

Apologies:

Alan Leakey, Graham Nilsen

Attendees:

Freya Askham, Charles Daniel, Barry Elkington, Terry Smith, Graham Louth, David May & Sarah Mansel

Actions from previous minutes

- *ACTION: Ask Peter Hart to set up a Rules Group email address which is sent to FA and copied to CD.*

An email address (rules@britishorienteering.org.uk) has been set up for us and forwards to FA & CD. An area of the BOF sharepoint has been made available but only FA & CD currently have access.

ACTION: FA to follow up with PH to allow access to sharepoint area for all Rules Group members.

- *ACTION: CD to split the main rules into 4 sections and suggest pairings to look at these sections offline. (Strand 1 maintenance – see above)*

CD has allocated sections of the rules and communicated via spreadsheet.

- *ACTION: TS to send spreadsheet of current change requests and waiver forms to FA & CD as a first step towards putting on a shared server.*

TS has send the spreadsheet to FA and there have been no further waivers or change requests received in the interim.

- *ACTION: CD & TS to reply to Tony Thornley to say Rules Group support the Map Advisory Group decision*

A reply was sent to Tony Thornley.

- *ACTION: GL to contact Alan Rosen to discuss options for out of region controller for British Nights*

GL did contact Alan Rosen but will not be volunteering to be controller.

Action regarding Winning times will be covered in later agenda item.

Equalisation of Men's and Women's Winning Times

The questionnaire has now been set up in BOF format but there have been several changes including questions regarding equal distances. However, internationally equal distances are no longer being

considered so should not be raised as an option. Access to the draft questionnaire needs to be set up for the group.

ACTION: TS to work on access to the draft questionnaire with PH

Junior seeding & junior issues

Sue Marsden is no longer going to be producing seeding lists for juniors at major events. Seeding has been based on previous year's JK & BOC.

It was agreed by the group that the process to generate a lists of junior and elite seeds is not a rules group issue and it was suggested that the process should instead be documented in a working practice document outside the rules or managed by another group. It was suggested that the E&CC should be asked to look at this issue.

ACTION: TS to communicate Rules Group opinion on seeding lists to E&CC

It was suggested that the Chair of JROS would be a good contact for the group to liaise with on junior issues.

ACTION: CD to make contact with JROS to discuss liaising with Rules Group

IOF Control Description Change

The group has been asked to advise PH on how to provide feedback to the IOF. TS has asked for opinions from Map Advisory Group as well and they have been asked to reply by Sunday.

It was agreed that the group would liaise with David Rosen on IOF issues.

ACTION: TS to collate responses from Rules Group and Map Advisory Group and to feedback to PH.

2023 Rules Review – process & progress

DM showed the group the initial edits he has made to one area of the rules.

It was agreed that the group are looking for quick wins e.g., inconsistencies and errors at this stage of the process since the new draft of rules is due on 1st October. Focus should be on items which will have an impact on competitors and event officials and on areas which can be removed if considered guidance rather than rules. The review aims to move the rules towards a more condensed version which is easier to read.

In addition to this review, many ideas have already been generated by the group for the second strand of work in terms of the group's policy on the future of the rules.

Feedback from Alan Rosen regarding recent major events has been sought but may affect the competition rules more than the main body of rules which are currently under review by the group.

AOB

1. There is now a searchable list of all BOF registered controllers available on BOF sharepoint currently accessible by Association Officials.

Date of next meeting: It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on the SMOC Zoom account. The date will be decided following a WhatsApp poll of possible dates.