

Minutes of E&CC meeting 8th April 2024

Held via Teams

Present:

Terry Smith, Nev Myers, Mike Cope, Charles Daniels, Barry Elkington

Apologies

None

Observer

Peter Hart, Alan Rosen,

Agenda

1. Appeal from JK24 for M21E
2. Event Feedback

1. Introduction

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

He acknowledged that the meeting convened at short notice, but paperwork had been previously circulated regarding the two agenda points.

2. JK Appeal

The Appeal will be based on the current Rules and the JK was a level A Event.

Charles Daniels took the meeting through the process undertaken at the JK.

The rules of the event were those of British Orienteering Competition Rules and JK Rules as published in January 2024.

The discussion revolved around three rules:

Rule 7.9.3

The primary purpose of an orienteering race is to determine the best orienteers on the day [lengthy explanation] the Organiser might feel that it would be best not to void the race or adjust the results.

Rule 7.9.5

If a problem is found to have affected the outcome of a race according to the above criterion, then the recommended solution is to void the course. Splits removal must not be considered as an option.

Rule 28.3

At level A events the results must be based on competitors' times for the whole course, no changes are permitted to these times on the basis of split times.

The discussions revolved around

- If the organisers and Jury were correct in interpreting the above rules and allowing a truncated result to stand or
- If the Organisers/Jury should resolve that the published course and number of controls should remain and therefore splits were used to determine the final result.

Following a vote, the competition result as determined by the Jury was upheld.

A full summary of the Appeal proceeding is in [Appendix A](#).

It was agreed that Peter Hart would write up the notes and that these will be circulated and approved as soon as possible rather than the result being announced with the summary of the findings published later.

The communication of the Appeal with findings would be sent to the person making the appeal, JK organiser, Controller, Jury with a request that it is published on the JK results page.

The Group emphasised that there was no criticism of the process or decision made by the event officials and that the rule 7.9.3 conflicts with the other rules.

There was a discussion regarding the need to understand (not blame) how the mistakes occurred and if required to issue further guidance to Organisers and Controllers.

There was also further agreement that the Rules would need a further review to try and resolve conflicting rules.

3. Major Event Feedback

The Chair handed the floor to Alan Rosen.

Alan took the group through a presentation regarding improvement of obtaining feedback from Major Events.

Alan was unsure what events/disciplines feedback were received from.

It was agreed that there was a requirement to improve event delivery, and this is one way of improving the feedback loop.

There were a number of options discussed including the potential of piloting a feedback loop from competitors at this year's Sprint Event and also obtaining feedback on the wider event experience.

Alan was prepared to develop a feedback form for Organisers, Planners and Controllers at all Major Events excluding the Compass Sport Cup with the results held centrally.

Alan suggested that he would like to send out a Newsletter to Controllers, Peter Hart agreed that this could be done for all grades but also suggested that a more live discussion forum could be achieved via a WhatsApp group .

The Chair thanked Alan and this meeting did suggest that there is room for learning and improvement of our Major Events.

4. Next Meeting.

It was agreed that a doodle poll would be sent around regarding the date and time for the next meeting.

Meeting concluded @ 15.30

Appendix A