

**Event Scheduling Group Meeting Minutes**  
**3 pm to 5:45 pm online meeting**  
**Saturday 16 October 2021**



1. Chairman's opening comments.

Welcome to Wilbert Hollinger as the new representative for Northern Ireland, Stu Levene standing in for PAG, and Ian Gamlen standing in for WMOA. Thanks to Allan Williams who has been the WMOA representative for many years.

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  
Richard Sharp (RES) – SCOA  
Ian Gamlen (IG) - stand in for WMOA  
Chris Phillips (CP) – Chair of Events and Competitions Committee  
Ursula Williamson (UW) - EMOA  
Paul Caban (PC) – SOA  
Wilbert Hollinger (WH) – NIOA  
Allie Wilson Craw (AWC) – NEOA  
Stu Levine (SL) – stand in for Philip for SEOA

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Philip Gristwood (PAG) – SEOA

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 13 March 2021.

a. Accuracy. Just one date change.

b. Actions from meeting.

8b MC & AWC to consult on joint YHOA/NEOA JK 2025. **Still not done.**

8c MC will chase up BOC/BRC 2022 date and inform all including clubs affected. **Done.**

8d Date for 2024 AIRE British Middles needed for next meeting – MC. **Date fixed.**

8e Host needed for British Sprint Relays in 2023 – All. **Nothing yet.**

8g JP to check if WCOC are interested in BNC 2024. **Done.**

10c SM finding a date for the Midlands Champs 2023. **Now moved to 2024 for EAOA.**

11b MC to contact UKOL coordinator about a possible late-starting league for 2021. **Done – up and running.**

12 MC to try and find out about Elite Leagues and selection plans. **Little 2022 planning done yet but contact made.**

13 Decisions needed about 2022 CSC heats from POTOC and BKO – place and date - RES and AW. **WM heat hanged to HOC, BKO details in.**

15c All England/Wales AFS asked to pass on to clubs the intention to run the YBT competition and to assist SM in trying to find rearranged heats. **Done.**

15i PC to check with EUOC about hosting BUCS in 2023. **EUOC expecting to host in 2024.**

5. Events list and scheduling to be done.

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Events list not yet updated. Eventually using the background colouring, we should have completed blue for 2025, green for 2024, yellow for 2023 and red for 2022.

Club level B events for the first half of 2023 to be agreed and finalised.

6. Reports from other meetings.
  - a. There was a meeting in the summer about possible changes to the organisation of the JK. Nothing further known so ESG carries on as normal for now.
7. Reports from associations.
  - a. SWOA written report. Getting permissions from Forestry England is the greatest concern for SWOA. New rules which it is assumed are to be rolled out throughout England are seriously affecting orienteering events. The application process is centralised and has much tougher administrative requirements. Lack of access to local FE officials is not possible which means that it is not possible to find out about happenings which would affect orienteering. For one club, only 2 out of 4 intended Autumn events this year will take place, and BNC 2023 with WIM is at risk. Some other regions are having problems with FE, mostly to a lesser extent, but EMOA is badly affected. MC will contact BO's new access officer on behalf of ESG, but it was stressed that she needs to be in touch with local orienteers who seek permissions for the detail of the issues.
  - b. EAOA written report. Events are slowly returning to some normality though with pre-entry and no EOD. EAOA is having difficulty with land permissions and parking. The hope to host Midlands Champs in 2023 has now been postponed to 2024.
  - c. WOA. JK 2022 is progressing. Worries that ERYRI may fold as there are so few members to put on any orienteering events. Good areas available though and DEE does help. MWOC also has low membership, but is managing. Orienteering clubs in South Wales doing much better.
  - d. NEOA. Hoping to put on 2 extra events with the Northern Champs and for Northern Champs + 1 to be used as selection events. A weekend of Sprint and Urban events is planned for the Jubilee weekend 2022.
  - e. SCOA. Unhappy about the cancellation of the VHI and the new arrangements with SEOA. MC will let Barry Elkington know.
  - f. NWOA. More should be known about the Lakes 5 Day after a meeting in a couple of weeks.
8. JK, British Long/Middle/Sprint/Relays/Mixed Sprint Relays/Night Champs.
  - a. Confirmation, identification of dates and areas, responsibilities as appropriate 2021 to 2024.
  - b. JKs. 2022 and 2023 OK – should be more progress with 2023 after Lakes 5 is in hand. Joint WM/EM for 2024 seems OK, but there is some concern within WMOA about the areas to be used. It is assumed that Andy Yeates will have things in hand. Rota beyond 2024 – no obvious problems. SWOA are still willing to step in if there is a problem with the rota in a future year.
  - c. BOC/BRC 2021. Original 2020 BOC/BRC confirmed for 26/27 March 2022. BOC/BRC 2023 OK and date fixed. 2024 NE provisional date now in planners and BO database. Rota beyond 2024 – no obvious problems. Dates are needed for 2025 - RJS.
  - d. British Middles. 2022, 2023 to 2024 should be OK and dates are finalised. There is no 2025 host – may be possible with Northern Champs as happened this year - JP. KL will ask in case it could go with Welsh Champs.
  - e. British Sprint and Sprint Relays with dates up to 2025 except for BSRC 2023. SE or NW may be able to host BSRC 2023 on an urban/sprint weekend – JP and SL to check.
  - f. Plans to hold British Middles and British Sprints with NIOA in 2023 are OK. The dates will coincide with the Irish Champs to be run on the previous weekend, so this weekend should be kept free of big events in the rest of the UK. Hopefully there will be a programme of events in

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Northern Ireland during the intervening week to attract visitors. Tio Mila still looks like it is on 20/21 May so hopefully no clash.

- g. BNC. 2021 has been moved to 27 Nov. 2022 and 2024 OK. 2023 is at risk because of FE permissions.

9. International Events.

These have now been updated in the database using information from from IOF Eventor and the Swedish Base programme.

10. Area Championships

- a. Looks like 2021 Area Champs were/will be managed even if on a smaller scale.
- b. Northern and Midlands Champs in place with dates for 2022. Southern will be with Caddihoe in September.
- c. 2023 dates settled for North and South. Could Midlands be with SINS – 28 May, but it may be the turn of another WM club – IG to check.
- d. 2024. Northern Champs date and club fixed. EAOA for Midlands? SEOA for Southern? SM and SL to seek clubs and dates.
- e. Scottish Champs. Possibility that Scottish Champs 2022 may move to Jubilee weekend, but this will just be a swop with a SOL.
- f. Welsh Champs. OK.
- g. Irish Champs. OK.

11. UKOL and Year Outline Plans.

- a. Year Outline plans have been updated as far as possible.
- b. 2021 UKOL is running.
- c. 2022 UKOL possibilities are shown on the Year Outline Plan. One issue is whether to include Concorde Chase plus a UKUL on same date as Midlands Champs weekend. EMOA is not happy with this idea. MC to ask MW for thoughts. At the end of the year, the Southern Nights and a SEL in late November might be an alternative to the usual November Classic.
- d. Year Outline Plans exist for 2023 and 2024 and the known basics are in.

12. UK Elite Orienteering League and Junior Elite League. World Ranking Events. Plans not fully made for 2022 but MC will add details to Year Planners when known.

13. Compass Sport Cup and Trophy.

- a. 2021 final for 2020 finalists taken on by SYO.
- b. It has been agreed with the CSC group and FVO that the 2022 final hosted by FVO will stay as planned. 2023 can stay with BOK as planned – later than usual. There is a possible future offer from WCOC, but nothing confirmed yet. SYO future offer too but maybe 2021 will count for this.
- c. 2022 heats. All sorted out hopefully. There is a problem with the YHOA venue which is hopefully being sorted out.
- d. 2023 heats to be discussed and associations need to have some idea where they will be held. Current plans in the north are for an NWOA heat in Feb near Runcorn and a NATO event near Newcastle in March. WMOA and EMOA ought to consider these locations when planning their events. SO likely to be doing SEOA heat. AFS concerned need to decide on clubs and dates so that any problems can be identified.

14. Home Internationals.

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- a. The new plan through to 2035 is now built into ESG's BO planner. No obvious problems were identified in the next few years except for some concern over SHI 2022. RES will check if OK and if date should move to coincide with Nov Classic.
  - b. Provisional dates are set for HIs in 2023 and 2024. Host clubs need identifying.
15. JIRCs, YBT, PPJTR, BSOC, BSSC, BUCS.
- a. JIRCs dates and likely host clubs in to 2023. 2024 club for SWOA?
  - b. YBT final – hosts and dates OK up to 2023.
  - c. YBT heats needed for 2022. There are only 3 in the database. Others are needed urgently.
  - d. PPJTR. Likely to be OK for 2022 and 2023, but no hosts beyond that.
  - e. BSSC. DVO and LEI for 2022 and 2023.
  - f. BSOC. Hosts rearranged as on planner.
  - g. BUCS. SHUOC should be OK to host in 2022 alongside SYO's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. EUOC are expecting to host in 2024. SM to check with CUOC about hosting in 2023.
16. Harvester. FVO hosting now deferred to 2022. BAOC will host in CLOK country in 2023. SYO have shown interest in hosting the Harvester.
17. Other National events requested by clubs/associations.
- a. All National events for 2022 were fixed at the last meeting. Probably time for the flexibility to end and events should be requested on time.
  - b. First half of 2023 checked and no problems identified. Extras mentioned at the meeting have been added to the BO database.
  - c. Any requests for National events further ahead can be made known and added to the database, but they will not be confirmed until later meetings.
18. Any BO fixtures database issues.
- a. Issue with postcodes/grid references identified by Tony. There is a problem but no obvious solution to the checking needed. MC will follow up with Tony to see if anything can be done.
  - b. JP suggested that the land ownership question needed another category as so many entries ended up as 'Other'. Many events were on local authority land and this could be another category. It was pointed out that this question was only to check the extent of use where BO was trying to negotiate access agreements for Forestry, National Trust, MOD and that it does not serve any other purpose. MC will follow up to check.
19. Any other business.
- a. 2022 late Spring Bank Holiday change to Thurs/Fri 2/3 June. All should be aware.
  - b. There is still some confusion about registering such as MapRun events. MC will look up most recent advice and check that it is still valid.
20. Dates of next meetings –12 March 2022 already agreed – online at 2pm. Possibly online 15 October 2022, but it was pointed out that this may not be a good date online if many participants were on their way to Scotland for the CSC final. Decision to be reviewed at next meeting.

**ACTIONS**

- 7a MC to contact BO Access Officer.
- 7e MC to contact BE about 2021 VHI changes.

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- 8c RJS – 2025 date for BOC/BRC needed.
  - 8d JP and KL to check about British Middles with Northern or Welsh Champs.
  - 8e BSRC 2023 host – JP and SL to check possibilities.
  - 10c Midlands Champs 2023 – IG to check on club and date and whether with SINS.
  - 10d 2024 Midlands Champs and 2024 Southern Champs dates and clubs needed – SM and SL.
  - 11c MC to contact MW about UKOL 2022 and specifically Concorde Chase request.
  - 13d EMOA, WMOA, SWOA, SCOA, SEOA, SOA dates and clubs needed for 2023 CSC heats.
  - 14a RES to check if SHI 2022 is OK and to check date.
  - 14a PC – club needed to host JHI.
  - 14b HI host clubs needed for 2023 and 2024. WMOA, WOA, SWOA, EAOA, SOA, NIOA.
  - 15a RJS – host club needed for JIRCs 2024.
  - 15c SCOA, WMOA, EAOA, NWOA, NEOA, SEOA YBT heats needed urgently.
  - 15g SM to check with CUOC about BUCS 2023.
  - 18 MC to follow up database queries.
  - 19 MC to check on registration of virtual events.
- 14/15/8 MC may need to advertise for clubs to fill future slots for several events.