

SCOA JUNIOR SQUAD ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26

SQUAD

The squad currently has 8 female and 12 male athletes. This includes athletes from M/W12 to M/W20. It is managed by two Level 2 coaches with additional support provided by club coaches, parents and active orienteers. We are waiting to see how Safeguarding changes will affect the way we support training in the future.

The numbers of juniors joining the squad is improving. Clubs are encouraged to coach and develop M/W12s and M/W14s to progress to Orange standard so that the squad can continue to pull through keen juniors.

The squad, thanks to Ellie Kippin, now has an active Instagram account: @scjs.orienteering

TRAINING

The squad has organised 7 forest training sessions across the SCOA region and a Zoom training sessions. Numbers of attendees has been low, but sessions have continued. We have also made our training sessions available to SEJS and SWJOS. We are tagging training onto club Saturday events to enable those not able to travel to have some development opportunities.

There have been numerous opportunities for two older squad members to take part in additional physical, technical and lifestyle sessions through GB Talent Squad South.

Four athletes were able to take part in JROS Camps this year, plus one attending the MW16 Hawkshead camp in November (we joined SEJS to share coaching and peer learning).

ACHIEVEMENTS

A very small team (6 athletes) travelled to The Lakes to take part in the annual Junior Inter Regional Champs (JIRC). SCOA came 11th overall, with several running in Lakeland terrain for the first time.

All athletes have been committed and are achieving their own specific goals. Notable selections and achievements in 2025/26 include:

- GB Talent Squad South 2025-26: Jake Hilton, Duncan Currie
- GB Squad Junior World Orienteering Champs (JWOC): Tommy Rollins
- GB Squad European Youth Orienteering Champs (EYOC): Tommy Rollins
- GB Squad Junior European Cup (JEC): Tommy Rollins
- Junior Home Internationals 2025:
 - England: Tommy Rollins
- England Team for Interland 2026: Jake Hilton and Duncan Currie
- JROS Lagganlia: Matvei Dnestrovskii
- JROS Deeside: Jake Hilton
- JROS Czech: Duncan Currie
- JROS Gothenburg: Tommy Rollins

Selections for 2026 camps and competitions:

- GB Squad EYOC: Jake Hilton
- GB Squad JWOC: Tommy Rollins (former member)
- JROS Deeside: Matvei Dnestrovskii
- JROS Czechia: Jake Hilton
- JROS Gothenburg: Duncan Currie

JIRCS



Hawkshead

