

Development Officer – report to SCOA Committee – 21st September 2017

There have been two main developments from all of the discussions of the Junior Development Group over the past year :

1. A version of the Yvette Baker Trophy for Clubs with a small numbers of Juniors, has been trialled this year as the Yvette Baker Shield, at the Yvette Baker Trophy Final. Only one small team (CLOK) took part this time as the venue was rather far away in Northumberland. It is hoped that the venue for the Final will be more central next year as it is planned to be in the West Midlands in a HOC area which would help encourage Clubs to attend for both the Trophy & the Shield. A link to the event report is here: https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/index.php?pg=news_archive&item=3810

2. The group were eager to try to encourage Juniors who were not in the Squads but had reached at least Orange standard, by providing them with some activities where they could meet other Juniors (such as they do within the Squads), with the aim of creating the social environment that appeals to young people. Four Youth Away Days have been organised in October to pilot this. A Flyer is attached.

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