

JK2019 update for SCOA 6/12/2018

Entry Fees

Entries opened on 27 November. Entry fees were agreed at the November meeting, based on the budget. These are a little higher than previous years and bring the colour coded fees more in line with championship fees and event costs. Junior fees are approximately half that of seniors. The DIO land access fees do not differentiate ages so juniors also cost the event £5.50 per day. These are still good value considering all the facilities that an event this size needs and we hope that entries will at least match those of 2017. There are additional classes in TrailO events with a fee structure to encourage non-elites. Fees change on 14 Jan, 25 Feb and close on 24 March. We may take additional entries after this date but they will be very limited: there is too much to do and deadlines for start time allocation and bib printing! There are two merchandise items: an O top and event clips that take the place of safety pins.

Status

Days 1 and 2 are listed on the IOF site as World Ranking Events, although we have had nothing formally notifying us. Fees for this have changed and are now based partly on numbers entering the Elite classes, so up from £660 to £880. Days 1, 2 and 3 are UK Elite and UKOL events and the two TrailO events are included in the European Trail O Cup – a first for the UK.

Publicity

The JK2019 website is up and populated with lots of useful information. Many thanks to the JK team and JROS for providing the necessary information in good time. Fliers have been distributed far and wide over the past few months – many thanks to all those who took bundles with them to British and faraway places. Mike Shires is continuing to manage the Facebook. BO have just sent out a news bulletin including a notice that JK entries are open. SCOA clubs might like to consider adding the text “JK entries are open” at the foot of splits print outs at their events in the next two months. The event is now listed on World of O with a link to the JK2019 website. We are considering some publicity via CompassSport magazine as I write.

Maps

Maps will be updated early in 2019 and Hawley is being mapped as a back-up area for Middle or Relay events. Charles BG is mapping both areas for TrailO: Day 1 TempO will be on part of Aldershot garrison, the PreO venue on day 2 is confirmed as Frith.

Punching system

We have decided that EMIT touch free will be used for all 4 days. No ‘mixed punching’. EMIT have a stock of controls and emitags here and additional controls and emitags are being sourced from Norway.

Officials , Volunteers and Training

We have back-ups for almost all officials now. See Roles Overview sheet. However, we still need to identify **team leaders** in time for them to attend the meeting on 12 January to ensure an understanding of the whole weekend and consistent approach throughout. Grazeley Village Hall has been booked. This is about 2 miles south of the M4/A33 junction so is reasonably central for most. Team leaders will be issued with a JK jacket which is wind and shower proof. Orders will be taken at the January meeting. **ACTION ALL CLUBS**. We want to identify team leaders for on-the-day roles as soon as possible.

Mary Nixon has agreed to be the main volunteer coordinator and will be the point contact for anyone entering the JK who wishes to help. **SCOA Club volunteer reps should continue to recruit club members and feed their lists to Mary.** mary.david.nixon@gmail.com

SN practised a JK Start process and prize giving at the Southern Champs. BKO and TVC have agreed to use EMIT touch free system for their Concorde Chase and Chiltern Challenge events. Both will give volunteers from all SCOA clubs opportunities to practise procedures to be used for the JK, including hanging the controls, running starts and using timing systems while competitors can practise using the emitags.

Di Smith, JK2019 coordinator