

## **SOUTH CENTRAL ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION FIXTURES SECRETARY REPORT - 2018**

During 2018, approximately 78 level A – D events (2017: 75) and 94 activities (2017: 79) were registered in the South Central region, attended by a total of at least 10,837 people (2017: 12,669), of whom 7,989 (2017: 9,748) were seniors and 2,848 (2017: 2,921) were juniors.

The figures relating to these events are shown in the table below (with 2017 data in brackets).

Whilst the total number of events has risen by more than 10%, participation appears to have fallen by some 15% compared with 2017. A higher number of activities was responsible for most of the change in event numbers. The change in participation was due primarily to fewer senior runs, with junior numbers remaining almost stable. Looking in detail, this was very largely due to a near halving of senior runs at TVOC events, after a rise of 1/3 last year. Most BAOC events are now excluded from the statistics due to these being insured elsewhere and participation data no longer being gathered by British Orienteering (previously, BAOC events would have included around 10,000 individual runs).

There were 40 events or activities with missing participation data (a 10% rise over last year which itself saw a rise of 50% over 2016). Whilst this number of events is large and growing, most are activities and so the missing participation is unlikely to make up for the decrease over last year.

Whilst preparing for the JK in 2019, no level A events were hosted in the region during 2018. However, four level B events were held, being the usual events by BKO, SOC and TVOC plus the British Universities Championships by OUOC.

The SCOA League had a programme of only five events in 2018. The 2017/2018 season included five events in 2017 and two events in 2018. All clubs held one or more series of small/introductory events or activities at various times during the year.

I have updated the graphs of the annual number of events in the region and participation to cover the period from 1996. Following a large increase in the number of small events in the first half of the 2010's, this now appears to be returning closer to the long term average. The gross participation chart appears worrying and, even stripping out the BAOC data, reveals a sharp downturn in 2018, at least for seniors.

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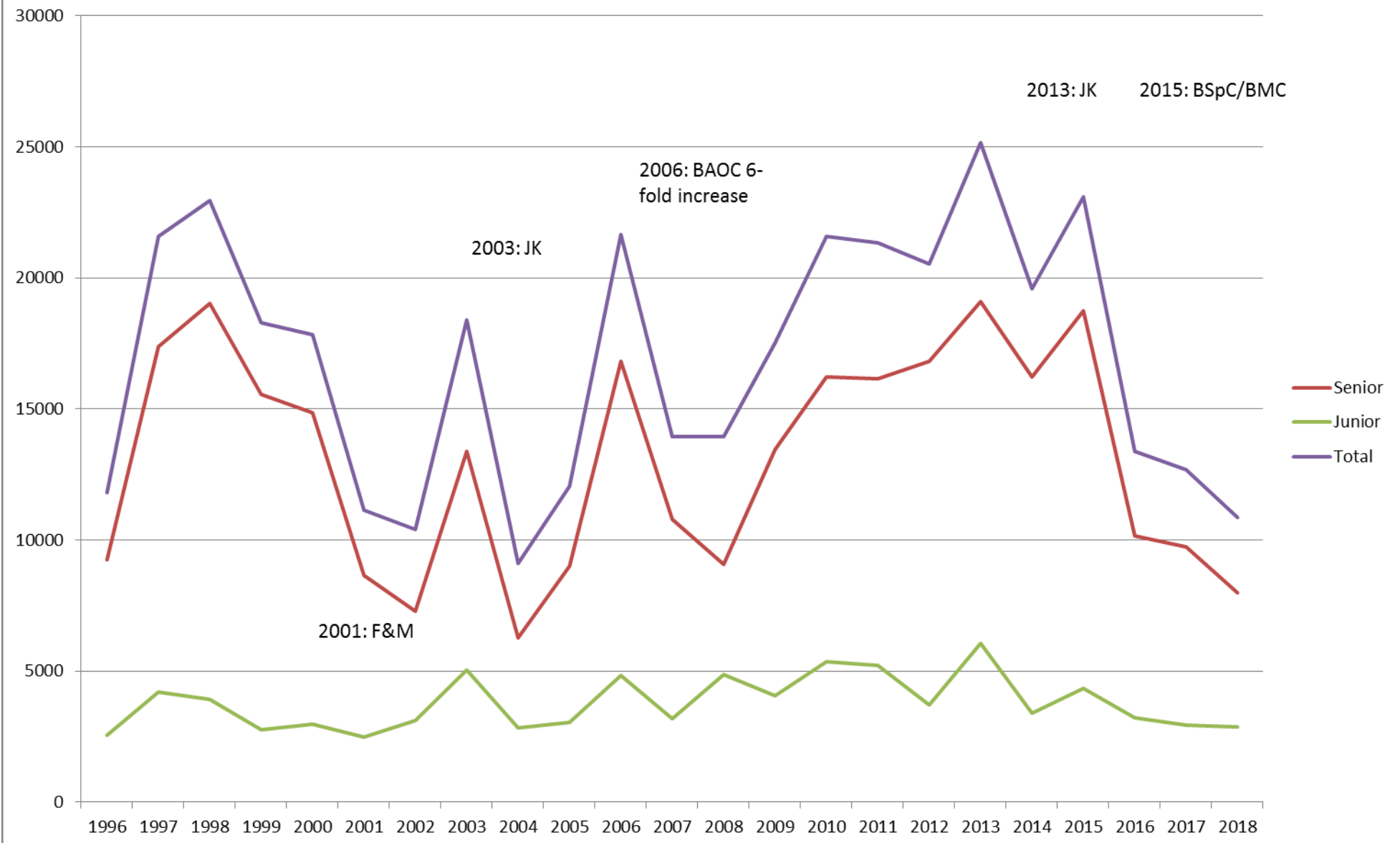
2018 SCOA data table

Club	A – C		D		Activities		Seniors		Juniors		Total	
BADO	1	(2)	2	(1)	2	(1)	215	(418)	9	(60)	224	(478)
BAOC	1	(0)	4	(2)	0	(0)	740	(302)	68	(14)	808	(316)
BKO	3	(4)	7	(6)	16	(11)	1,537	(1,743)	838	(551)	2,375	(2,294)
JOK	1	(0)	4	(0)	24	(21)	123	(0)	71	(0)	194	(0)
OUOC	2	(0)	0	(0)	0	(1)	174	(0)	54	(0)	228	(0)
RAFO	0	(0)	0	(0)	7	(1)	53	(4)	15	(14)	68	(18)
SARUM	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
SN	1	(0)	5	(5)	30	(32)	1,067	(966)	506	(556)	1,573	(1,522)
SOC	3	(5)	13	(11)	12	(7)	1,868	(2,196)	290	(399)	2,158	(2,595)
SOFA	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(3)	11	(29)	2	(6)	13	(35)
TVOC	3	(6)	23	(28)	2	(2)	2,054	(3,957)	904	(1,266)	2,958	(5,223)
WIGHT	0	(0)	5	(5)	0	(0)	147	(133)	91	(55)	238	(188)
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>(17)</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>(58)</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>(79)</b>	<b>7,989</b>	<b>(9,748)</b>	<b>2,848</b>	<b>(2,921)</b>	<b>10,837</b>	<b>(12,669)</b>

# Number of events registered in SCOA



# Participation at SCOA events



# Participation at SCOA events (excluding BAOC)

