

Technical Officer's report to SCOA, March 2023

Rule changes 1 Jan 2023

I know that I have told the committee about the proposed Rule changes, these were implemented on 1 January 2023 without any alterations.

Events

Thanks to the committee for approving the officials for the Concorde Chase 2023 outside the meeting and apologies again for missing that they had not already been approved.

SOC have identified a controller for the November Classic 2023, Chris Huthwaite, SARUM, Level B. With the change in BOF Rules, 1 Jan 2023, there is no issue with another SCOA controller for a Level B event and I recommend his approval.

Approval Required

As far as I am aware there are no other approvals outstanding for this year.

Controllers

I have contacted all SCOA controllers. I normally do this in any case every couple of years but in this case it was as a follow-up to feedback from BOF following their email sent the week before Christmas. BOF listed replies from 15 SCOA members, one of who was not even a controller (but had completed the training course).

I have contacted the rest, of those two had replied to BOF but their information had not been recorded and one said he had not been contacted at all.

I am still waiting for a reply from one (Dave Rollins) who I am fairly sure is no longer active as a controller.

To summarise:

At the current time SCOA have 2 Grade A, 12 Grade B and 8 Grade C active controllers.

One Grade A controller is only available for TrailO and 1 has downgraded to Level B and only available for urban races.

Two Grade B controllers have resigned and one has requested to move to Grade C and only act in an armchair capacity.

Two Grade C controllers have resigned, one is only willing to act in an armchair capacity and one appears to be inactive.

I intend to contact BOF with the following information.

Retiring as controllers:

Peter Riches, TVOC, Dave Rogers, BKO, Andy Macgregor, BADO, Paul Wallace-Stock, SN.

Regrading from Level B to C, Eric Harper, BKO.

Approval Required

Until I can get a response from Dave Rollins of SN I will take no action regarding his position.

SCOA is very short of controllers, of the active ones three Grade B controllers have said they may be interested in moving up to Grade A and four Grade C to move to B, but none are ready to do so immediately. Most have other time constraints or lack of experience and / or looking to when they retire from current commitments. I would strongly recommend that clubs actively recruit controllers from other clubs within SCOA rather than looking to SEOA or SWOA wherever possible.

On the positive side, the member who wasn't a licensed controller is happy to be appointed as one and I ask that SCOA approve his appointment as a Grade C controller. James Cunnane, TVOC.

I attach his application form. He is endorsed by his club (TVOC and by a Grade A controller that he worked with as a planner.

Approval Required

I believe that BOF intends to make information on current controllers available, not sure in what format or to whom. I intend to update them when I get the last reply.

South Central Orienteering Association

Application for Approval as a Grade C Controller

Requirements: BOF Appendix C- Event Officials

<http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/documents/events>

1. Organize a competition registered with British Orienteering within the previous 10 years.
2. Plan at least three events, with at least one at level C, and at least one within the previous 5 years.
3. Attend a British Orienteering Controller Grade C course.
4. Attend a recognised Safety Workshop
5. Be appointed by their Association.

Please complete and return to your Regional Technical Officer (or other relevant official)

Name James Cunnane Association SCOA.....
Club TVOC BOF No 402202
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Postcode HP13 5JL Tel No Withheld.....
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I should like to be considered as a Grade C Controller of the British Orienteering Federation.

Signed James Cunnane (via email)..... Date 27 January 2023.....

The Executive Committee of Thames Valley Orienteering Club consider the above member to be suitably qualified to act as a Grade C Controller on behalf of the British Orienteering Federation.

Signed Chris Poole (via email) Club TVOC.....

Date 30 January 2023.....

The Club is asked to nominate a Qualified Controller to act as a Referee as to the competence of the applicant.

Referee Alan Rosen..... Club HH

Date: 3 February 2023 (via email)

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Date Received 4 Feb 2023..... Date Approved

Information checked 4 Feb 2023 Date Member informed

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EXPERIENCE

Please list all relevant experience of Planning and Organising. Please give dates, venues and status of events.

PLANNING

Plan at least three events, with at least one at level C, and at least one within the previous 5 years

Date	Event	Level
1 April 2017	Sat series, Christmas Common	D
10 May 2015	British Middle Championships	A
5 Nov 2022	Senior Home Internationals Relays	B

ORGANISING

Organise a competition registered with British Orienteering within the previous 10 years.

Date	Event	Level
1 April 2017	Sat series, Christmas Common	D

GRADE C CONTROLLER COURSE ATTENDED:

Date 26 Nov 2017 **Venue** Winnersh.....**Tutor** Katy Stubbs

EVENT SAFETY WORKSHOP ATTENDED:

Date 12 May 2012 **Venue** Wheatley.....**Tutor** Jon Wheatcroft

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: e.g. Planning and Organising courses attended, Mapping experience.

Date	Event	Status
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