

SOUTH CENTRAL ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION JUNIOR SQUAD

REPORT TO SCOA COMMITTEE MEETING DEC 2025

HIGHLIGHTS

- Jake and Duncan were selected for the GB Talent South Squad 25/26.
- The squad attended the Junior Inter Regional Champs held in the Lakes.
- SCJS is now on Instagram! 700 views in the past month (50% non-followers)

ACTIVITIES SEP – DEC 25

Date	Location	Coach/Comments
6 Sep	Dibden, New Forest	7 juniors attended the SOC event and then took part in exercises to prepare for the JIRCs.
27-28 Sep	Lake District	JIRCs. 6 Juniors attended (one did not travel due to illness).
2 Nov	Nettlebed	2 juniors joined Talent South training.
8 Nov	Horsell Common	Training linked to SN event
28-30 Nov	Hawkshead	Annual MW16 JROS Camp in the Lake District. One junior attended and two coaches supported the 100 juniors training on Haverthwaite, Tarn Hows and Great Tower Woods.

LOOKING FORWARD

- We will be looking at holding some more online sessions to build up interest and to encourage new juniors to join the training sessions.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Date	Location	Coach/Comments
6 Dec	Bradenham, High Wycombe	Planned but cancelled due to lack of attendees and permissions Focus on contours and ground features
10-11 Jan	Swanage	Invited to SWJOS training weekend. Focus on attack points
14 Feb	Star Posts, Bracknell	TBD on permissions and date. Focus on fine navigation
Mar	TBD	Focus on rough and fine navigation

JROS ANNUAL MEETING

- 2025 JROS Camps were discussed and selection criteria for 2026 reviewed. The new GB Elite Lakes weekend in March will not be used for JROS Camps. Hawkshead 26 may need a new venue due to changing insurance requirements for the use of the kitchen at the YHA.
- Long session on safeguarding with Jeanette Downing, BO Safeguarding lead. There was some confusion over who required what level of training and DBS checks, particularly about occasional volunteers such as parents attending on an irregular basis. There was also some lack of knowledge from coaches with historical qualifications over the refresher requirements. Implications for SCOA: Managing records, costs for courses and DBS, and maintain support from occasional volunteers. Scenarios to be sent to BO for discussion.

DIBDEN



JIRCS





NETTLEBED



HAWKSHEAD

