

Technical Officer report to SCOA 3rd March 2016

1 I have received two applications for appointment as a Grade C controller from Peter Stewart of SOC and Alan Kersley of BADO. Both meet the criteria and I recommend appointment of them.

Decision required

2 I have circulated two sets of lists to clubs regarding officials. One workbook contains all the officials recorded by British Orienteering as having controlled, organised or planned at SCOA events since 2008. The second list contains those SCOA members who have been licenced as an Organiser at Level A, B, C or D by BOF. As far as I know this data is also taken from event information.

3 A 2016 edition of the Rules of Orienteering has been issued. The main changes are to Appendix C, Event Officials. These include a requirement for all officials at all levels of events to have attended an Event Safety and Welfare workshop. Subsequent information from BOF in Mike's ENews February 2016 modifies this slightly for 2016 as follows:

“During 2016 all events must have the safety and risk management checked and signed off by a person who has attended an Event Safety Workshop.

Clubs should continue to provide workshops for event officials and potential volunteers as a matter of urgency.

By 1 Jan 2017 people organising, planning and controlling all events must have attended an Event Safety Workshop.

From 1 Jan 2017 insurance cover will be at risk if event officials have not attended a Workshop.”

So there are interim requirements for 2016 however it is in all club's interests to train as many members in Event Safety and Welfare this year.

The other most significant changes are to what is now “Experience **required**” for Planners as opposed to “Experience **advised**”. This specifies that for a Level A event the Planner must have successfully planned or controlled a minimum of 3 events at Level B or above within the last 10 years (one within the last 4years). So this experience is no longer advisory and I believe also increases the number of Level B events from 2 to 3 (not certain about that as I don't have a hard copy of the 2015 version of Appendix C but it was definitely 2 events at Level B in the 2014 Rules).

Finally there is another change in the wording of who appoints officials to an event. In the 2014 Rules Clubs appointed officials to Level B events. This has now changed to the Regional Association with some odd differences between the wording for Planners as opposed to Organisers and Controllers. The Regional Committee need to agree how they want this to be handled.

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