

Badges etc.

Summary of key points of various badges and award schemes as at 26/11/10 – current, recent and in the pipeline.

AWARD NAME	How awarded	How achieved	Availability	Comments
“Courses completed” badges	count how many courses you complete	simple completion of courses at any standard; badges for 5, 10, 25, 50, 100	only in Scotland. run at club level; participants might have own record cards. National Centre funds it.	useful for maintaining enthusiasm for participation regardless of result or standard
Star Awards	4 levels, based on skills (links with Step System)	Coach confirms skills are to specified standard.	Useful coaching tool; available only through coaches. BOF considering rollout. Incentive that depends on skills improvement, not results	Pilot successful, scheme now gaining popularity; low cost. PDFs & notes from National Centre.
Colour coded badges	based on competition results SOA will continue for major colours that link with Step System	half of participants or within 150% of winner’s time (except white)	run by associations popular clubs pay £1 - £1.25 per badge through National Centre	useful incentive for improvers of all ages great for handing out publicly
Age class Gold, Silver etc..	claim based on competition results	calculated from winner’s time on long or A courses	national; future unknown. BOF members only	still on BOF website
Championship badge	based on competition results	awarded to those within 125% of winner’s time on long courses at major events	national; calculated and publicised. BOF members only.	individual can buy certificate; see BOF website
BSOA Explorer Challenge	beginners’ participation	awards for number of controls visited – 10, 25, 50, 75, 100	through BSOA affiliated clubs or schools	entry-level awards
Ranking lists	based on competition	points automatically calculated from results at certain events	single list compares all competitors; no specific awards; BOF members only	impersonal, remote but all-inclusive & allows comparison within club

BOF Challenge awards (in the pipeline)				
Navigation Challenge	based only on the technical difficulty of the course: completion of 3 courses at a specified difficulty makes you eligible for an award.		expected 2011 overlap with colour coded awards?	OK as very private achievement, but limited opportunity for public celebration of achievement
Racing Challenge	Three target speeds (in mins/km) to achieve for gold (12.5), silver (15) and bronze (20) awards.	to be automatically calculated based on results input into the British Orienteering Results page; certificates to be downloadable from website	expected 2011 standards within reach of most people – perhaps too easy? might replace age class badges?	Independent of the competition on the course. Unsure on exact details i.e. whether by colour course or TD, and on terminology to be used for the awards. As for Nav Chall., it's a very private achievement

The Young Navigator Star Award scheme, run by National Navigation Award Scheme, offers an alternative, introductory scheme. See www.nnas.org.uk

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