

# SOA JUNIOR INCENTIVE SCHEME



## Purpose

While the existing SOA and British Orienteering badge schemes (colour-coded and age group respectively) mark a child's achievement of particular milestones in their orienteering career, this scheme encourages consolidation (essential to ensure full mastery of techniques), and rewards continued participation at any level.

Although the scheme is aimed at juniors, there is no specific age limit, and we believe that some of the downloadable documents might be of interest to adult beginners.

It is hoped that all clubs in Scotland will choose to operate the scheme, to achieve consistency and equal rewards to all orienteering children.

## Outline

A binder containing lively, attractive printed material will be given by clubs to all children when they join. Binders will be supplied free of charge by National O Centre, and clubs are encouraged to produce additional club-specific information to add to that supplied.

Badges will be available, to be awarded as children add to their tally of courses completed. Clubs obtain badges from National O Centre free of charge. Badges are available for 5, 10, 25, 50 and 100 courses. Clubs are encouraged to give certificates at these stages as well.

Progress towards, and awarding of, these badges and certificates will be recorded on record cards.

## Materials

- **Supplied by SOA (via National O Centre)**
  - blue 2-ring A4 binders containing:
    - welcome letter
    - SOA information leaflet
    - National O Centre information leaflet
    - useful web addresses
    - what is orienteering? (simple summary document)
    - what to do at an event (club produce tailored version)
    - summary of awards available
    - note about control descriptions
    - sample map
    - map legend
    - jargon buster
    - recent edition of Score
    - optional IOF pictorial control description sheets and card (use when appropriate)
  - Clubs are encouraged to add their own items to the folder, such as:
    - club information leaflet and/or short introduction to the club (with photos)
    - contact details for secretary, junior coach etc..

- club website details
- recent newsletter
- list of upcoming events and regular club sessions
- sample maps of local areas
  
- Word templates will be available to clubs including:
  - certificates
  - record cards
  - personal target plans (suggest agree with coach)
  - race analysis sheets
  - O career milestone chart
  
- badges for completing 5, 10, 25, 50 and 100 courses

## **Operation**

Club official gives binder (containing record card) to each new junior member (or likely member), talks them through the contents, encourages them to attend next event or training session.

Club coaches or officials sign record card to confirm child's participation at each event or coaching session. Child keeps their own card

Clubs should hold only small stocks of files and badges; larger stocks will be held at National O Centre. Clubs to request items from time to time, giving adequate notice to avoid expense on postage whenever possible.

## **Costs**

Cost of initial purchase of binders, stationery and badges has been covered by SOA development funding; it is hoped that the scheme can be continued through support from advertising by suppliers of equipment & publications. If necessary, clubs will be asked to contribute to the cost of materials for the scheme.