

## Badges etc.

Summary of key points of various badges and award schemes as at 29/11/12 (admittedly slightly subjective in places!)

AWARD NAME	How awarded	How achieved	Availability	Comments
<b>“Courses completed” badges</b>	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
<b>Star Awards</b>	4 levels, based on skills (links with Step System)	Coach confirms skills are to specified standard.	Useful coaching tool; available only through coaches. Currently SOA only. Incentive that depends on skills improvement, not results	Pilot successful, scheme now gaining popularity; low cost. PDFs & notes from National Centre.
<b>Colour coded badges</b>	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 SOA  popular  clubs pay £1.50 per badge through National Centre	useful incentive for improvers of all ages  great for handing out publicly
<b>BOF National Badge Scheme</b>	based on competition results at selected Level A events	based on performance over a series of events	BOF members only	individual can buy certificate; see BOF website
<b>BOF Ranking lists</b>	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
<b>BSOA Explorer Challenge</b>	beginners’ participation	awards for number of controls visited – 10, 25, 50, 75, 100	through BSOA affiliated clubs or schools	entry-level awards

<b>BOF Challenge awards</b>				
<b>Navigation Challenge</b>	based only on the technical difficulty of the course: completion of 3 courses at a specified difficulty makes you eligible for an award.			OK as very private achievement, but limited opportunity for public celebration of achievement
<b>Racing Challenge</b>	Three target speeds (in mins/km) to achieve for gold (12.5), silver (15) and bronze (20) awards.	automatically calculated based on results input into the British Orienteering Results page; certificates are downloadable from website	standards within reach of most people – perhaps too easy?	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](http://www.nnas.org.uk)

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