



Scottish Orienteering Community Pull Together to Host a Hugely Successful JK

Massive congratulations to the Scottish orienteering community for coming together to host a hugely successful JK over the Easter weekend. We had to deal with all the complications of a closed road event in Perth city centre on a bank holiday, followed by the stunning but challenging locations of Rannoch Forest and Tullochroisk on successive days. The many months of preparation by our Planners, Controllers and Organisers were put to the test in the most demanding of circumstances as Storm Dave blew in bringing rain, hail and snow. With over 500 volunteer roles to fill over the four days of competition, we really needed all our Scottish clubs to rise to the occasion, and you responded magnificently. We were also very grateful for some willing volunteers from English clubs to fill our rosters. I hope that you made some new friends from other clubs, whilst you were all playing your part in creating a memorable event for our visitors from home and abroad.

Fortunately, there was some fine weather and sunshine too, and the snow on the mountains made for a stunning backdrop for our event. There were many medal-winning performances from Scottish orienteers to celebrate. There can't be many sports where the perfect preparation for winning your class is a three-hour car parking shift! We have received many complimentary messages from grateful visitors, and we hope this will inspire them to return for the next instalment of the Scottish 6 Days in the summer of 2027.

The SOA appointed Jon Cross as our JK Co-ordinator and I would like to thank him on your behalf for his fine leadership and tireless optimism that we could make the event happen, despite everything that was thrown at us. We were also very grateful for the expertise and equipment of our Event Services company, the aptly named Hardcore Events, led by Grev Humphrey and Aaron Cannon. Working together with us all, Jon, Grev and Aaron ensured that everyone got to the event each day, had a great experience, and then got out at the end! For some of our Scottish orienteers, this might have been your first taste of such a major event. I hope you enjoyed JK2026 and that it will inspire you to run for your club at more events in the future.

Let me finish with a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of the over 500 volunteers who made the JK happen. Without you all and your amazing efforts the JK would not have been the success it was.

Jonathan Molloy
Chair of SOA