

Saxons Development Report 2021

Online Entry System

- As we emerge from COVID restrictions, it was decided to continue to use racesignup for all future SAXON events and to continue with 'in advance' entries only given the advantages delivered. Some changes implemented to mitigate any perceived downsides
 - Online in advance entry delivers increased and higher impact contact with newcomers, (pre and post event email, links provided to newcomer YouTube videos, newcomers activity asked if help needed before an event, addition to database to keep newcomers up to date with future events and club activities etc)
 - Reduced volunteer commitments on the day, with very late entry still possible for entrants, (at least up to midnight on day before event)
 - Decision to provide an automatic credit note to any pre-event withdrawals
 - Some amendments completed to make the signup process more accessible for newcomers including removal of jargon

Refresh of KOL course line up for 2021/2022 season

- Confirmation that longest course should always be Blue versus Short Blue
- Adoption of Green course to better serve Saxon membership demographic
- Addition of Score course to the KOL line up replacing Light Green and forming transitional course for improving juniors, adult beginners, as well as suiting family and adult groups
 - Standard 60 minute score with 21 control any order format, 7 easy, 7 medium and 7 hard. 5 points penalty for every minute or part minute late

Objectives for 2022 KOL and Summer Series. Agreed in principle with Saxons committee, to be further discussed with DFOK.

- Extend Summer Series starting earlier in June, and extending later into September
 - Combined Summer Series with DFOK, each club to offer 4 events if possible with a consistent format agreed
 - Long Score 90's and 100's with or without a changeover control
 - Short Score as for KOL's
- KOL season to start in October versus September with season to finish May. The same 10 events to be scheduled over shorter window.

Coaching

- Plan to add coaching training sessions in the afternoon of Saxon KOL's utilising the existing controls in the terrain, and taking advantage of planning, and organisation already completed for the KOL event, (eg parking, permissions etc)
 - To be opened initially to Saxon members only on a first come first served basis, and then open participation more broadly to DFOK and potentially non members
 - Plan to add an orienteering academy to a summer series event aimed at beginners

Junior Development

- Integrate junior development into overall development plan working with Sam, (Junior Development Officer)
- Continue development with Yalding Scout group which have completed a training night, and have also attended Trosley KNC event
 - Seek to expand across further Scout Groups
- Bring together the various threads of schools development
 - DFOK have mapped a number of schools in the Darent Valley as part of a landscape partnership scheme. Some schools fall in Saxons areas who have reached out to discuss coaching and training options
 - Saxons have historically mapped a number of primary and some secondary schools within Kent
 - BOF have a Teaching Orienteering Part 1 Qualification designed to be taken by Sports teaching staff at Primary Schools and a Part 2 Qualification designed for Secondary School Sports teaching staff. DFOK have organised such coaching courses in the past run by Josh Jenner pooling sports staff from several schools in the Dartford area. Aim to develop a similar school clusters within Kent