



SOA Newsletter no.2 for 2016 – February

Courses etc. – bookings now open for:

- 13 February – Coaching Foundation course, Kinnoull Hill near Perth
- 2 April – Coaching Foundation course, Kinnoull Hill near Perth
- 16 April – Grade C Controllers' course, near Aviemore
- 23 April – Coach CPD – Psychology, Kincaig near Aviemore
- 25 June – Coach CPD – Coaching the Whole Athlete – Kinnoull Hill near Perth
- 17-18 September – UKCC L1 course*, Glenmore Lodge
- 8-9 & 29 October – UKCC L2 course (provisional)

All dates are in the complete course schedule: <http://www.scottish-orienteering.org/course-schedule>, including several dates for Teaching Orienteering courses – please make your schools contacts aware of the information at www.scottish-orienteering.org/teaching

UKCC Level 1 courses marked with * are the two-day versions which require you to attend the Coaching Foundation course first.

The **Coaching Foundation** course gives experienced orienteers the skills and tools to coach beginners and returners of any age. As well as being a useful standalone course, it can be a step towards the 2-day version of the UKCC L1 course, and in some cases can be used as a step towards direct access to UKCC L2.

Bookings are now closed for the UKCC L1 and L2 courses in March.

SOA Volunteers' Weekend, 13-15 May

Bookings are now open for this; details, booking form and timetable (now on version 2) are at <http://www.scottish-orienteering.org/soa/page/volunteers-weekend-13-15-may>

Coach CPD

One-day sessions are planned for 23 April, 25 June, 3 September and 24 September. These are open to all qualified coaches.

See <http://www.scottish-orienteering.org/natcen/page/national-centre-course-schedule>

SOA Development Fund – Applications must be made during February, for consideration at the next Board meeting.

See <http://www.scottish-orienteering.org/soa/page/soa-club-development-fund>

Equality Standard

The SOA achieved the Foundation Level of the Equality Standard in March 2013. As part of our commitment to the Equality Standard we are resubmitting at Foundation Level, and are currently going through an audit process with completion planned for the end of March 2016.

A commitment to deliver against an equality policy is one of the principles of good governance for SGBs in Scotland set-out by **sportscotland**. Please read the Equality and Diversity Policy on the SOA website <http://www.scottish-orienteering.org/soa/category/equality-standard>.

SOL certificates for 2015

Certificates for top placings in each age class are on their way to club secretaries.

SOL dates for 2016

Dates and venues for this year's series are at <http://www.scottish-orienteering.org/sol/compass-point-scottish-o-league-2016> and we are grateful to CompassPoint for their continued sponsorship of the series.