

EMOA Planners' and Controllers' Training Course

Hi, All.

As you will see in Newstrack we are putting on courses in the East Midlands for planners and controllers before the end of the year.

The **Planners' Course** is intended for anyone who wants to plan orienteering courses, at whatever level, or who wants to take a refresher course. It will be run by Mike Gardner and will involve some pre-reading and preparation, a three hour face-to-face session and an outdoor practical session.

The **Controllers' Course**, which I will be running, is for those who want to control orienteering events and have gained the necessary experience of planning and organising events. BOF Rules say that to become a Grade C Controller, who can control Level C/Regional Events, you must have:

- Organised a competition registered with British Orienteering within the previous 10 years.
- Planned a minimum of 3 events, with at least one at Level C, and at least one within the previous 5 years.
- Completed a British Orienteering Controller Grade C course.
- Been appointed to the Grade by their Constituent Association.
- Completed the Event Safety and Welfare Workshop.

Exceptionally, someone with appropriate experience can be appointed. The requirements to become a Grade B Controller can be found in the Event Officials Appendix of the BOF Rules.

Similarly, the courses will involve some pre-reading, a three hour face-to-face session and an outdoor practical session.

We are planning to offer a range of times so that people can choose those that best suit them. The Planners' face-to-face sessions will be either 1st or 10th November and the Controllers' sessions 8th or 17th November, all in the Pace Room, St Mary's Church, Holgate, Clifton, Nottingham NG11 8NH, from 7.00pm until about 10.00pm. The practical sessions will be at the DVO Hardwick Park event on 28th November and the NOC Walesby Forest event on 19th December, both from about 1.30pm for about an hour.

If you are interested in taking either course, please let me know by Friday 15th October, copying in Mike Gardner (mikegardvo@sky.com) for the Planners' Course.

All event officials must also complete the BOF Event Safety and Welfare Workshop, either online or, if there is enough interest, I can run one face-to-face.

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