

Know your sport: National Incentive Schemes

Is your performance at events improving?. One way to monitor this is to look at your ranking points which are available on the British Orienteering website. However, in addition, there are two national schemes which provide additional incentives. Read on for more details.

The 'Badge Scheme' is for those who attend some of the major events each year. The 'Challenges' use results from a much larger range of events and enables newer members to assess their progress.

National Badge Scheme

The British Orienteering National Badge Scheme awards badges on the basis of performance over a series of events. Badges are graded Championship, Gold, Silver and Bronze. The scheme is open to British Orienteering members only.

Championship Badges

Championship Badges are awarded each calendar year to Elite, Long or A course competitors who have achieved the Championship Badge qualifying times at three of the events listed below (all of which must be registered at level A).

- The British Long Distance Orienteering Championships
- The British Middle Distance Orienteering Championships
- The British Sprint Distance Orienteering Championships (A Finals only)
- The British Night Championships
- The Jan Kjellström Sprint
- The Jan Kjellström Individual Events (combined result of Day 2 and 3)
- The Northern, Midland and Southern Area Championships
- The Scottish and Welsh Championships (if they are registered as Level A events)
- Or at any British Orienteering Championship if staged separately (i.e. if for instance there are separate Elite Championships)

A qualifying time in one age class may not count towards a Championship Badge in another class. In all cases, only the results of those entering the competition as British Orienteering members will be counted in determining the qualifying time.

Gold, Silver and Bronze Badges

These badges are also awarded on performances in the events listed above. Competitors must compete, on their own, and reach the required standard in three events in the same class within two years.

See the box on the right for a summary of the method used to determine the qualifying times.



Calculating qualifying times

Championship Badge

- a) If there is an Elite class:
- Elite Class: Winner's time * 1.25
 - Long Class: (Elite Winner's Time x Length of Long Course x 1.225) / Length of Elite Course
 - Short Class: No Award
- b) If there is no Elite class:
- Long Class: Winner's time * 1.25
 - Short Class: No Award

Gold, Silver and Bronze Badges

- (1) Compute the Base time
- over 20 starters – average of the first three results
 - 11 to 20 starters – average of first two results
 - 10 or fewer starters – winner's time.
- (2) Compute Badge times.
- Gold Base time x 1.25
 - Silver Base time x 1.5
 - Bronze Base time x 2.0

Note that there are slightly different rules for Seniors and Juniors since Juniors tend to have 'A' and 'B' classes rather than 'L' and 'S'.

Navigation and Racing Challenges

The British Orienteering Navigation and Racing challenges are incentive schemes that enable you to track your progress through the colour-coded courses and their corresponding technical difficulty (TD).

The Navigation Challenge

Members are eligible for a Navigation Challenge certificate after successfully completing 3 colour coded courses at the same Technical Difficulty (TD) standard. The certificates are 'star' based e.g. 1 star for TD 1 up to 5 Star for TD 5.

Technical Difficulty (TD)	Colour Coded Courses
1	White
2	Yellow
3	Orange, Long Orange
4	Light Green
5	Very Short Green, Short Green, Green, Short Blue, Blue, Short Brown, Brown, Black

The Racing Challenge

Members are eligible for a Racing Challenge certificate after successfully completing 3 colour coded courses (of the same TD) within the following times:

- Gold Award. Participants time < Course Length (KM) x 12.5mins. [i.e. average speed faster than 12.5 mins/km]
- Silver Award. Participants time < Course Length (KM) x 15mins [i.e. average speed faster than 15 mins/km]
- Bronze Award. Participants time < Course Length (KM) x 20mins [i.e. average speed faster than 20 mins/km]

These certificates are also 'star' based e.g. 1 star for TD 1 up to 5 Star for TD 5 as above.

Receiving Your Certificate

The certificates are automatically generated via the results that clubs upload to the website. Results uploaded from the 1st January 2012 have counted towards the incentive schemes. Certificates are available for individuals to download via the member's area of the British Orienteering website. You will receive an email informing you of your success if British Orienteering hold an email address for you in their database. Our Club Secretary is also notified of your achievement.

The information provided here is based on the information on the British Orienteering website at:

- <https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/incentives>

For full details of the official Badge Scheme rules, see:

- <https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/document/0f4c7cfec13c204d5dbaec1820874ee0/Competition%20Rule%20N%202014badgescheme.pdf>

