

## **EVENT FEES 2020**

Fees for our regular League etc events were last raised in January 2014. We are facing increased costs, both for access (especially from private or commercial landowners) and for hire costs when we use a school or other venue for parking and assembly. Forestry Commission charges have remained unchanged since the last national agreement on fees with British Orienteering in 2013 so may well increase as the FC looks to generate more income from its forests.

BOF event levies were left unchanged at the BOF AGM (£1.50 for seniors, with 3 juniors equating one senior), but there will probably be a change to those for SWOA (currently 60p for seniors, also with 3 juniors equating one senior): raising the levy was discussed at the August committee meeting and a proposal was to be made to the AGM on 26 September. The minutes of the AGM haven't yet been published on the SWOA website but the budget was to be discussed at the October committee meeting.

We do have healthy cash reserves, but need a cushion in case a large event is cancelled at a late stage, and we can expect a number of equipment costs over the next few years: many of our Sport Ident boxes are over 10 years old and starting to become unreliable; we have invested in 10 contactless SIAC dibbers for hire but as these become more generally used we will want to purchase more; and the laser printers we use for mapping are also several years old. Professional revisions or maps of new areas are expensive, and event map costs have also increased as we now need more A3 or two sided maps for urban or longer forest events. So from January 2020 some event fees will rise as follows:

League: Senior £7 (discounted to £6 for pre-entry when available), juniors still £2. The NYD and Chairmans Challenge events will be charged at the same rate, as there are usually extra costs for small prizes or other extras.

Training events unchanged at £5 senior, £2 junior.

Western Night League unchanged at £5 senior, £2 junior, unless other participating clubs raise their fees (currently vary from £5 to £7 for seniors).

Maprun events: £5 Senior, £1 Junior

Evening SI events unchanged at £5 Senior, £2 Junior.

£1 surcharge as now for League and Western Night League for non-BOF seniors.

SI hire remains at £1 (£2 for SIAC) for seniors, free for Juniors.

There will be no additional charge for parking, as any such charges will be paid from the overall event income.

As noted in the main report, fees for major events are based on the specific event budget, covering access and all other facilities. We look at comparable events elsewhere but try to keep costs, and fees, as low as we can.

Carol Stewart, October 2019