**OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018 IS OPEN**

**Sign up at any time from 1 November 2017 and enjoy membership to the end of 2018.  That means up to 14 months of membership for the price of 12 months for new members.  There are lots of benefits to being a member, the most obvious one is that it's cheaper to take part in events, as well as getting discounts at a number of relevant retailers!**

**You’ll find a link to go through the joining process half way down this page, but please read these important explanatory notes first.**

**Existing members will receive an automatic renewal notice from British Orienteering in mid-November.**

Two types of membership are available for 2018:

1. Membership through British Orienteering (which includes membership of British Orienteering, Scottish Orienteering and Maroc)
2. Membership through Scottish Orienteering (which includes membership of only Scottish Orienteering and Maroc).

**We encourage you to select the British Orienteering option** because it means you can play a full and active part in continuing to grow our thriving club.

We have a full calendar of competitive events and training sessions throughout the year. Each of these events and sessions is covered by British Orienteering insurance and planned, organised, controlled and coached by club members who are also covered by British Orienteering insurance because they are British Orienteering members. Scottish Orienteering does not hold insurance to cover these key volunteer roles.

In the last 12 months, the club has held 31 events and over 40 training sessions (from primary schools to whole club training sessions). Each of these events and training sessions relies on around 3 different club members to hold British Orienteering membership. Multiply that up, and we need every club member of 16 years and older to hold British Orienteering membership, and therefore share the volunteer workload by taking on a key role at one of these events or sessions across the year.

**If everyone in the club decided to join Scottish Orienteering, the club could not hold any events or training sessions because there would be no insurance to cover the volunteers who hold the key roles at these events and training sessions.**

As importantly, your membership of British Orienteering contributes to supporting the governing body of our sport and orienteering across the whole of the UK.

The SOA describe the various differences and benefits in this link.  <https://www.scottish-orienteering.org/soa/page/new-membership-option-for-2018>. Please also look at the further links in that article.

Members joining through British Orienteering will benefit from automatic membership of Scottish Orienteering and a host of additional benefits, including:

• Participation in the Incentive Scheme (a reward scheme as you progress through the various technical difficulty levels from Beginner through Intermediate to Advanced).  This is an excellent way to gauge how you are improving and enabling the club to celebrate success for members.

• Inclusion in Orienteering British rankings (16 years+), with details published on the British Orienteering Federation (BOF) website.

• Eligibility for age-group competitions and prizes at British Championship events – **This is particularly relevant for 2018, when the British Long and Relay Championships are taking place on Deeside**

• Significant discounts from many very relevant retailers

[BOF Discounts](https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/discounts)

• As well as the discounts available through Scottish Orienteering

[SOA Discounts](http://www.scottish-orienteering.org/soa/membership) - Scroll down for discounts

• Your membership will also give you your own unique "BOF Number" which is your passport to cheaper entry to any event in the UK.

If you have any questions about joining or renewing, please chat with the Membership Secretary, Denise Wright or any of the club committee as we have spent a considerable amount of time debating the new membership options and we do believe that renewing and/or joining as a British Orienteering member is in the best interests of the Sport we all so enjoy.

If you have already taken up the Scottish Orienteering option, just contact British Orienteering to upgrade your memberhip.

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| **Membership Comparison List** | |  |  |
| **Subject/Item** | **BOF membership** | **SOA membership** | **Comment** |
| **Cost** | **Adults £27; Children £6.30**  **(includes SOA and Maroc membership)** | **Adults £17; Children £3.30 (includes Maroc membership)** | **No Maroc only membership option** |
| **Entry fees** |  |  |  |
| **Discounted entry fee for Scottish events (excluding British events e.g. JK and British Champs, even if held in Scotland)** | **** | **** | **SOA members could only run colour coded courses at 2018 British Champs and relays on Deeside.** |
| **Discounted entry fee to all UK events (including British events e.g. JK and British Champs, even if held in Scotland)** | **** | **** |  |
| **Enter age group classes and compete for prizes** |  |  |  |
| **Scottish events (excluding British events e.g. JK and British Champs, even if held in Scotland)** | **** | **** |  |
| **BOF events (including British events e.g. JK and British Champs, even if held in Scotland** | **** | **** |  |
| **Incentive schemes** |  |  |  |
| **SOA incentive schemes** | **** | **** |  |
| **BOF incentive schemes** | **** | **** | **Ranking for over 16’s, skills and navigation awards for all** |
| **Volunteer roles** |  |  |  |
| **Coach** | **** | **** |  |
| **Planner** | **** | **** |  |
| **Organiser** | **** | **** |  |
| **Controller** | **** | **** |  |
| **Club committee** | **** | **** |  |
| **Car parking** | **** | **** |  |
| **Entries** | **** | **** |  |
| **Download** | **** | **** |  |
| **Starts** | **** | **** |  |
| **Finish** | **** | **** |  |
| **Assisting first timers** | **** | **** |  |
| **Mentored coach (foundation level)** | **** | **** |  |
| **Mentored planner** | **** | **** |  |
| **Mentored organiser** | **** | **** |  |
| **Mentored controller** | **** | **** |  |