

This document defines the guidelines and scoring for the following NEOA competitions:

- **North East Championships**
- **North East Score Championships**
- **North East Night Championships**

Timing

The events are held annually, and staging them rotates around CLOK, NATO and NN.

- The NE Champs are held on the second day of the October Odyssey.
- The NE Score Champs are held in autumn (September – December).
- The NE Night Champs are held in late winter (February – March).

Eligibility

The championships are contested by British Orienteering members meeting at least one of the following criteria:

- The club that the competitor has entered the competition under is registered with British Orienteering as their 'membership club' and is geographically based in NEOA (i.e. CLOK, NATO, NN, DUOC or UNOC)
- If a competitor's British Orienteering 'membership club' is a closed club outside the region, and they are also a member of and enter the competition under an open club in the region (CLOK, NATO, or NN)
- If a competitor's British Orienteering 'membership club' is an open club outside the region, and they are also a member of and enter the competition under a closed club in the region (DUOC or UNOC).

Eligibility cannot be based on a club that has nationwide presence e.g. RAFO, BAOC etc. (although such people may also be members of a club geographically based in NEOA, through which they can be eligible). Those entering under NEOA clubs but who are not BOF members are not eligible. Competitors whose British Orienteering 'membership club' is an open club outside the region, and who are also a member of and enter under an open club in the region, are not eligible. Organisers can determine BOF membership by asking for BOF numbers, or obtain from SI database.

Classes

NE Champs – contested on all the regular age classes (10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75...), separately for men and women.

NE Score Champs and **NE Night Champs** – contested in the following classes, separately for men and women:

- Young Juniors (12-)
- Juniors (16-)
- Open
- Veteran (40+)
- Super Veteran (55+)
- Ultra Veteran (65+)

Course assignments

Event organisers are responsible for assigning courses to classes, and advertising that assignment in advance as the one that will be used to determine the NE champs results.

NE Champs – typically use as standard course assignment as per the BOF rules (see Appendix B: Course Planning at <http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/page/rules>).

NE Night Champs – the following combinations are suggested, which keeps the number courses to be provided to a minimum.

Course	M classes	W classes
A	Open Vet (40+)	
B	Super Vet (55+)	Open Vet (40+)
C	Ultra Vet (65+)	Super Vet (55+)
D		Ultra Vet (65+)
E	Junior (16-) Young Junior (12-)	Junior (16-) Young Junior (12-)

Notwithstanding the suggestion above, it is up to the event organiser each year to do an appropriate risk assessment and determine the minimum age of entrants (or unaccompanied entrants), which may preclude offering a Young Junior (12-) or even a Junior (16-) class.

NE Score Champs – the following combinations are suggested. Note that although some of the older veterans would typically have a short distance cross-country orienteering course, they are quite happy being out for 60 minutes in a score event, and have the opportunity to go a more reasonable distance than they would in just 45 minutes.

Course	M classes	W classes
60 minute score	Open Vet (40+) Super Vet (55+) Ultra Vet (65+)	Open Vet (40+) Super Vet (55+) Ultra Vet (65+)
45 minute score	Junior (16-) Young Junior (12-)	Junior (16-) Young Junior (12-)

To add to the atmosphere and keep event organisation simple, it is suggested that the NE Score Champs be run as a mass start event, the following mass starts at 5 minute intervals:

- 60 minute score women
- 60 minute score men
- 45 minute score

Running up

NE Champs – runners declare a specific class when entering (typically pre-entering for OO) and that is what they are [only] counted in for NE Champs purposes (assuming it is on the correct designated course).

NE Score Champs and **NE Night Champs** – runners may count in all the classes for which they are age-eligible on the course that they run. Examples:

- An M40 running the 'A' course at the NE Night Champs is eligible for both the Open and Vets classes, and could conceivably win or place in both.
- A W55 running the '60 minute score' course at the NE Score Champs is eligible for both the Open and Vets classes, but is not eligible for any Super Vet class.

Results

Event organisers should declare the NE champions alongside the results on their website.

Event organisers are encouraged to give a prize, memento or certificate to NE champions.