

## NEOA Fixtures Secretary's Report

October 1st 2019 to October 2020

The "highlight" of the year was the cancellation of events due to the pandemic and the resumption of events under the new rules. From the start of the period we had 63 events registered, 40 of them local, 16 regional, 3 national and 4 major (the JK). Of these 28 have been cancelled, 15 were local, 7 regional and 4 major with one national level event (OO day1) also cancelled and one downrated to local (OO day2).

Underlying this was a lot of work behind the scenes both at National level and within clubs trying to adapt.

Over the 12 months we had 945 people participating, the senior/junior split being 759 to 186. This doesn't count the many people participating through maprun and other virtual O opportunities and using POCs. What is interesting is a fairly clear increase in attendance at those events held since the easing, particularly CLOK events with regional events attracting around 120 compared to around 90-100 pre-lockdown.

Looking forward, the region has 30 events registered so far going ahead including 6 national, 10 regional and 15 local. Beyond that the region will be hosting the Northern Champs in April 2022, Yvette Baker Trophy final and the NE Score Champs. And further ahead still our region is due to host the British Championships in 2024 so time to think about possible venues and who does what.

Looking forward to better things next year.

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