

## Appendix J : The Badge Scheme

### 1. Introduction

1.1 The British Orienteering Badge Scheme is an incentive scheme which aims to recognise individual performances across the full range of disciplines at the highest level of domestic competition. As well as the traditional Long races, results achieved at Sprint and Middle races are included as these are formats at which GBR orienteers have excelled internationally and hence performances at these events receive equal domestic recognition.

### 2. The Championship Badge

2.1 This is awarded each calendar year to Elite, Long or A course competitors who have achieved the Championship Badge qualifying time at any three of the following Level A events:

- 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 (treated as two separate races)
  - 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.

2.2 The badge is awarded for all British Orienteering age classes. However, a qualifying time in one age class may not count towards a badge in another age class.

2.3 The qualifying time is calculated as follows:

a) If there is an Elite class:

Elite Class: Winner's time  $\times$  1.25

Long Class: 
$$\frac{\text{Elite Winner's Time} \times \text{Length of Long Course} \times 1.225}{\text{Length of Elite Course}}$$

Short Class: No Award

b) If there is no Elite class:

Long Class: Winner's time  $\times$  1.25

Short Class: No Award

c) If there is no Elite class and competitors have been seeded out of the Long Course 1 onto the Long Course 2:

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$$\text{Long Class 2: } \frac{\text{Long Class 1 Winner's Time} \times \text{Length of Long Course 2}}{\text{Length of Long Course 1}}$$

2.4 In all cases only the results of those entering the competition as British Orienteering members will be used for badge calculations.

### 3. Senior (M/W21 and older) Gold, Silver and Bronze Badges

3.1 Badges are awarded on performances at the Level A events listed in 2.1 above.

3.2 The scheme is open to competitors who compete on their own and reach the required standard in three events in the same class within two years. Badges are awarded to all British Orienteering senior age classes.

3.3 The qualifying times are calculated as follows:

(1) Compute the Base time

- (a) over 20 starters – average of the first three results
- (b) 11 to 20 starters – average of first two results
- (c) 10 or fewer starters – winner's time.

*If there is an Elite Class, base time on the Long Class will be:*

$$\frac{\text{Elite Class Base Time} \times \text{Length of Long Course}}{\text{Length of Elite Course}}$$

*For Short Classes (or L2 classes where competitors have been seeded down from L1 – read "Short" as L2 in this case), the base time will be calculated as follows:*

$$\frac{\text{Long Class Base Time} \times \text{Length of Short Course}}{\text{Length of Long Course}}$$

(2) Compute Badge times.

Gold	Base time x 1.25
Silver	Base time x 1.5
Bronze	Base time x 2.0

3.4 Only the results of those entering the competition as British Orienteering members shall be counted.

3.5 Competitors are advised to obtain a Gold standard in their own age class before considering competing on a longer course.

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3.6 A Badge standard remains current for two calendar years including the year in which it was achieved.

### 4. Junior (M/W 20 and younger) Gold, Silver and Bronze Badges

4.1 Badges are awarded on performances at the Level A events listed in 2.1 above.

4.2 The scheme is open to competitors who compete on their own and reach the required standard in three events in the same class within two years. Badges are awarded to all British Orienteering junior age classes.

4.3 For L, S and A classes the calculation of Badge times follows the same rules as seniors as shown in 3.3, with A classes treated in the same way as L classes.

4.4 For B Classes

Silver	Base Time x 1.25
Bronze	Base Time x 1.5

4.5 Only the results of those entering the competition as British Orienteering members shall be counted.

4.6 Competitors are advised to obtain a Gold standard in their own age class before considering competing on a longer course.

4.7 A Badge standard remains current for two calendar years including the year in which it was achieved.

### 5. Administration

5.1 Applications should be made to the British Orienteering Badge Scheme Secretary. (See the British Orienteering website or the British Orienteering Focus magazine for latest details)

5.2 The following information should be supplied:

- (a) Your full name and the class for which you are claiming an award.
- (b) Your British Orienteering number
- (c) Your British Orienteering club
- (d) The date, name and venue of the events for which the claim is being made
- (e) The standard of Badge – Championship, Gold, Silver or Bronze
- (f) Type of Award (See Focus for latest prices)
  - Cloth Badge with Age Flash
  - Certificate
- (g) A crossed postal order or cheque payable to British Orienteering plus a stamped addressed envelope 9" x 6".