

FIXTURES SECRETARY & ACCESS REPORT 2019/20

Obviously, this hasn't been a great year from a fixtures perspective. 5 months orienteering were lost as a result of the national response to Coronavirus including most of the summer series and 2 galoppens. Some of us managed the withdrawal symptoms with map runs and various forms of "online orienteering" but these are clearly no substitute for real events.

Despite this the glass is still quite full. In the year to 10 September the club still put on 33 events. These attracted 2,279 competitors. Here is a breakdown by type of event.

	Thursday evening				Galoppen	Other	Total
	Winter	Spring	Summer	Autumn			
Number of events	16	2	4	6	2	3	33
Number of participants	776	94	303	377	410	319	2279
Average participation	49	47	76	63	205	106	69

Many clubs would be happy with this number of events in a normal year.

Once the British Orienteering Federation gave the go ahead to recommence orienteering from 1 August we have put on a mini summer series of 4 events and are in the middle of a 4 autumn, urban events. Its pleasing to see that participation is, if anything, slightly up on the equivalent events in 2019, allaying any fears that some members may have lost enthusiasm since sport stopped in March.

Once again, thanks to those who have contributed to making it happen, particularly organisers, planners, controllers and access officers. As I've said before, and will again, our ability to continue to provide regular orienteering depends entirely on members willing to do these jobs.

Looking ahead we have planned a full winter series. We are also aiming for 5 Galoppens next year including a repeat of the successful 2017 2 day spring event in Eskdale.

Enjoy your orienteering in 2020/21.

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