

Event Entry Fees and Membership Fees

Section 3 of the club constitution requires that "Membership Fees shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting". As the majority of the club's income comes from event entry fees, rather than club membership fees, both topics are discussed below. **The Treasurer has presented a statement of accounts which shows that currently the club has reserves of over £18,000 compared to some £16,000 last year.** The committee considers these reserves are adequate both for day-to-day replacements of equipment (e.g. SI hardware, tents, signage) and also to cover the costs associated with a lost event (e.g. last-minute cancellation of a major event after significant unrecoverable expenditure had been made). **The focus will be on setting entry fees for future events so that, after deduction of both direct event costs and routine club expenditure, they either break even, or make a small profit.**

Agenda Item 5 - Changes to Event Entry Fees

ISSUES AFFECTING SETTING OF EVENT ENTRY FEES	
<p>Land access fees are increasing significantly. There have already been increases in the Forestry England fees. Because of new environmental restrictions on the use of FE land (e.g. longer periods when no access is available because of nesting birds) the club has had to make more use of privately-owned land, which generally has higher access charges. There have been mapping costs for these new private areas. The outlook is that landowners who have received large payments from commercial running events with high entry fees will expect similar payments from orienteers!</p> <p>It is proposed that the nominal entry fee of £7 for League events should remain the same, however in real terms there will be a moderate increase, as the recently-applied discount of £1 for on-line pre-entry will no longer be offered.</p> <p>To offset the increase we will offer reductions for family groups.</p> <p>It is proposed that Entry-on-the-day will again be offered in 2022, but a higher entry fee will be charged to try to keep this to a minimum, as EOD requires increased volunteer resources on the day, both taking entries and inputting them to the SI system. Online entries for Saturday League events will normally be kept open until the preceding Wednesday evening and for Mapruns until the evening before the event, at the standard rate.</p> <p>The charge made by the club for hiring an SI Active Card (dibber) is currently £2, and for a standard dibber is £1. At present both types are free for juniors. We have only a limited stock of SIAC dibbers since the cost to the club of buying dibbers is currently £63.86, and battery replacement costing £15 is required periodically. It is proposed to make a charge for SIAC card hire for juniors, with standard SI card hire remaining free.</p>	
Proposed League Event Fees	
Senior, Online Pre-entry (Member)	£7
Senior, Entry on the day (Member) Cash only	£10
Senior non-member supplement	£2
Junior, Online Pre-entry (Member)	£3
Junior, Entry on the day (Member) Cash only	£4
Junior non-member supplement	£1
Family (2 adults + their children) Online pre-entry, (Members	£16
Family (2 adults + their children) Entry on the day (Members) cash only	£20
Family non-member supplement	£4
Dibber Hire, Senior	SIAC £2, standard £1
Dibber Hire, Junior	SIAC £1, standard Free
Proposed Maprun Fees	
Senior, Online Pre-entry	£5
Senior, Entry on the day, Cash only	£7
Junior, Online Pre-entry	£2
Junior, Entry on the day, Cash only	£3
Other Event Fees (Major Events, Parking)	
<p>As at present, the entry fees for major and other one-off events will be determined based on a budget calculation made by the appointed Organiser and agreed by the committee.</p> <p>Where possible the entry fees quoted above will include parking but if restrictions are made by the landowner (e.g. use of official Forestry England Parking areas or parking on private land) additional charges may be applicable.</p>	