EAST ANGLIAN URBAN LEAGUE

The urban league (EAUL) was trialled in 2019 when there happened to be 6 urban events on the EA calendar (one for each club in the region).   The league was resumed after a break due to the Covid19 pandemic and the intention is to run this league annually, alongside but distinct from the pre-existing East Anglian League (EAL) which is intended primarily for forest events. The league operates over a calendar year (1st January – 31st December).

There is no obligation for clubs to host urban events for the purposes of the league.

EAUL events may be level C (regional) or Level B (national) or possibly Level A (major).

There is no minimum number of courses for an EAUL event. The organiser and planner allocate each urban league class to a course for the purpose of scoring. It is possible for more than one urban league class to be allocated to a course.

Scoring

Runner's age class determines their urban league class. The categories are Men's and Women's:

• Young Juniors (12-)

• Junior (16-)

• Senior

• Vet (40+)

• Supervet (55+)

• Ultravet (65+)

• Hypervet (75+)

Some races may not be able to provide the YJ category due to terrain suitability and BOF guidelines. If this occurs, then a smaller number of scores will count for the total for competitors in YJ classes only.

Points will be awarded for each urban league class as follows: 100, 96, 93, 91, 90, 89, … . People tying will share the points for the relevant places, e.g. a tie for first and second gives 98 points and a tie for second, third and fourth gives 93.33 each.

At any given race, a competitor may score in only one category. Unless specified otherwise beforehand, he (or she) will score in the lowest category for which he is eligible; for example, if W Vet and W Supervet share a course, a W55 would score only as a W Supervet. A competitor who runs a course above that designated for his category will score in the lowest category for which he is eligible, e.g. an M55 running up on a course designated for M Open, W Open and M Veteran would score only as M Veteran. A competitor who runs a course below that designated for his/her age class will not score and his/her position will be ignored in the calculation of other eligible competitors' scores.

In a competition with parallel heats and a set of graded finals, points will be awarded from the top of the A final downwards. Anybody not finishing both races will score zero.

The planner, controller and non-competing organiser of each event will receive a score equal to their highest score achieved at any other EAUL events in that calendar year.

Overall scores for the year are determined by adding up the highest N scores for each competitor, where N is 4 if there are 6 or more EAUL events in the year and N is 3 if there are 4 or 5 EAUL events.

In order for a competitor to win their age class, they must have attended a minimum of 3 EAUL events over the year (as for the EAL, this minimum may be reviewed if there are fewer than 5 EAUL events in the year concerned).

Mementos are usually awarded to the winners in each urban league class.

Eligibility

The following defines which runs are eligible to count in the East Anglian League/ East Anglian Urban League:

- Any member of SOS, SUFFOC, NOR, SMOC, or WAOC who enters the league event as a club member.

- Any member of CUOC or DRONGO who enters the league event as a club member.

- Any member of HAVOC who enters as a club member, irrespective of their individual regional affiliation.

- Any member of RAFO, RNOC, or BAOC who enters the league event as a RAFO, RNOC or BAOC member, whose individual regional affiliation is EAOA.

Event organisers and League administrators are not responsible for establishing eligibility.

EAOA reserve the right to amend the scoring system, with the aim of promoting competition or improving fairness in unforeseen circumstances.

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