

Junior Affairs Officer – Annual Report 2024

Here's a rundown of last year's stuff, and current ongoing work:

Events

Last year, here's the various events we ran for the juniors – it's a big list!

- Sprint Training Days x 4 (organised by Eileen Young in Jan/Feb)
- Junior Time Trial (Phoenix Park, Feb 25th)
- Killarney Training Weekend (Mar 4th - 5th, organised by KerryO)
- More Sprint Training (19th March, organised by Eileen Young)
- JK Junior Squad Relay teams (10th April)
- EYOC (Bulgaria, 22nd – 26th June)
- JWOC (Romania, 2nd – 9th July)
- Silva O-Camp (Czech Republic, 23rd – 30th July)
- Tramore Training Weekend (22nd-24th July, organised by SEVO)
- JHI (NE England, Oct 7-8th)
- Hawkshead Weekend (England, Nov 25-26th)
- Fontainebleau Training Camp (Organised by Eoin Browne, Dec 13-17th)

All events went off with no issues, and positive feedback received from the juniors and their parents.

So far this year, we've had:

- Junior time trial (Phoenix Park)
- Several Training Days (hosted by SEVO and LVO)
- 9 x Junior Squad Relay teams at the JK
- Junior EYOC/JWOC Spring Training Camp in Pilsen, Czech Republic

Still to come:

- EYOC (Poland, June 21-24th)
- JWOC (Czech Republic, June 29th – July 7th)
- JHI (East Anglia, Oct)
- Hawkshead Weekend (England, Nov)

The juniors are all working very hard on their physical and technical skills – many of the squad are also members of athletics groups and/or IMRA. Huge thanks to all the parents and individuals who have helped out with training over the last year – its hugely important to the squad.

JK relay teams this year had some great runs – several of the teams just shy of podium positions. There were also some great individual performances during the weekend.

The recent training camp in Pilsen was very well received – we had a mix of potential EYOC and JWOC age juniors, running on the terrain that will be used for JWOC later this Summer.

Though not an official squad camp, Toni O'Donovan is spear-heading a group to the OO Cup in France this Summer, which will be attended by many of our juniors. She's also planning to put on some training events ahead of the main competition to help get everyone used to the terrain and mapping.

Finances

Budget for the year 2023 was good, a small overspend of €159.62 – details of all income/expenditure below:

Details	Date	Category	Income (€)	Expenditure (€)
March Training Weekend - Accomodation Deposit (Brendan O'Brien)	13/02/2023	Training		€ 150.00
Silva O-Camp - John Casey Flight Expenses	15/02/2023	Training		€ 398.00
March Training Weekend - Food	06/03/2023	Training		€ 273.66
March Training Weekend - Final Accomodation Invoice	06/03/2023	Training		€ 1,010.00
March Training Weekend - Eventbrite Fees	06/03/2023	Training		€ 151.80
March Training Weekend - Income from Juniors (less Eventbrite Fees)	06/03/2023	Training	€ 1,650.00	
March Training Weekend - Anastasia Payment	08/03/2023	Training	€ 50.00	
JK Relay Team Entries (Expensed by Dave Ma)	13/04/2023	JK		€ 358.20
IOC Fundraising (Table Quiz, Cake Sale, Raffle)	09/05/2023	Fundraising	€ 1,380.00	
CNOC Sponsorship of IOC Table Quiz Prizes	09/05/2023	Fundraising	€ 227.00	
Junior Table Quiz Prizes (Dave Masterson Expense)	15/06/2023	Misc		€ 227.00
JWOC Entry Fees	23/05/2023	JWOC		€ 1,130.00
EYOC Entries and Accomodation	23/05/2023	EYOC		€ 3,204.75
Silva O-Camp - Toni O'Donovan Flights	15/06/2023	Training		€ 311.39
JWOC Accomodation	15/06/2023	JWOC		€ 2,660.00
Silva O-Camp - Colleen Robinson Flights	15/06/2023	Training		€ 421.61
Silva O-Camp - Entries/Accomodation/Transfers	15/06/2023	Training		€ 7,010.00
Silva O-Camp - Alan O'Donnell Flights	15/06/2023	Training		€ 380.96
Aidan McCullough JWOC Flights	15/06/2023	JWOC		€ 315.65
Dave Masterson EYOC Flights	15/06/2023	EYOC		€ 1,031.44
JWOC Training Maps	26/06/2023	JWOC		€ 90.75
EYOC Training Maps	15/06/2023	EYOC		€ 166.00
IOC Mapping Expenses Donation - Neil Dobbs and Angus Tyrer	28/06/2023	Fundraising	€ 900.00	
JWOC Expenses - Aidan McCullough	13/07/2023	JWOC		€ 191.65
JEC - Entries and Accomodation	01/08/2023	JEC		€ 1,200.00
JEC - Extra Nights Accomodation (Training)	01/08/2023	JEC		€ 90.00
JEC Expenses - Aidan McCullough Flights	03/08/2023	JEC		€ 224.78
Silva O-Camp - Athlete Contributions (less EventBrite Fees)	01/08/2023	Training	€ 1,900.00	
Silva O-Camp - Eventbrite Fees	01/08/2023	Training		€ 156.37
JHI Entries and Accomodation	25/09/2023	JHI		€ 2,985.94
Dave Masterson Hawkshead Flights	17/11/2023	Training		€ 165.00
Andrew Cox Tramore Map Updates	11/08/2023	Training		€ 57.80
Hawkshead Payment to NIOA	26/11/2023	Training		€ 403.87
NIOA Athlete Contribution	08/12/2023	Fundraising	€ 350.00	
Junior Polo Shirts	15/12/2023	Gear		€ 378.00
Training Subsidy - Fontainebleau Camp Dec 2023	12/12/2023	Training		€ 532.00
Total			€ 6,457.00	€ 25,616.62
Net Cost to IOA			€ 19,159.62	
Available to Spend			-€ 159.62	

We expect similar figures in 2024 on an increased budget of €22,650 from OI funding – all income & outcome is currently on target. This years budget also has a reduced expected amount of income from fundraising (€2000, down from €3000 in previous years) – this will make fundraising a less onerous task on the Junior Officer.

Child Protection

All good, no issues - Eoin Brown filled the role of the Childrens Officer for the Junior Squad. Anne-Marie Masterson already fills the Dedicated Liaison Person Role. Both are newly recertified this year.

Squad Gear

We are in early discussion about new squad gear for 2025, as the current stock of Sign gear is almost exhausted. No decisions yet, but Eric will likely play a key role in managing this, as part of a larger "Orienteering Ireland" gear purchase. We have reached out to the junior and senior squad members for their thoughts on new gear going forward.