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Berks, Bucks & Oxon Cross Country Association Proposal A

It has been brought to the attention of the Association by at least two clubs that there would be interest amongst their clubs for the inclusion of Under 11 category races in the BBO XC Championships.

On that basis, following discussions among the Committee members over the past couple of months, the Committee would like to get feedback from all clubs on the following draft proposal:

U11 Category Races Inclusion Proposal

The inclusion of an Under 11 category in the BBO XC Championships would provide an opportunity for younger athletes to get early wider experience in competing at a higher level. The proposal is also to include team competitions that should also help to encourage more aspiring young athletes.

The draft proposal is therefore as follows:

- a) The races for the Under 11 category will be over a distance of up to a maximum of 2,000m (*ideally, not less than 1,500m*).
- b) In the absence of a club vest, an official club T-shirt may be worn.
- c) The start-time of the first race will be brought forward to accommodate the races.
- d) The proposal is that first race on the schedule will now start at 11:00am.
- e) The Under 11 races will follow the senior men's race.
- f) Individual and team medals are to be awarded in line with the Under 13 category. However, as the Under 11 age category is not currently recognised for competition by UK Athletics or England Athletics full BBO Championship medals will not be awarded.

The BBO Committee would welcome your club's thoughts on this draft proposal. The intention is that the proposal will be reviewed and amended as necessary prior to its presentation at the 2024 AGM.

Kind Regards

Dene Stringfellow
Chairperson