

ROC 2013 Schedule Survey Results

A couple of months ago, a group assigned to develop the schedule for 2013 initiated a survey of ROC members and non-members to solicit input on various topics that can impact the 2013 meet schedule.

A total of 67 people responded, which we were very pleased with. A very large majority feels that we have either the right number of meets (76%), or not enough meets (16%). From this we conclude that we should put a high priority on keeping the number of meets we have, rather than reducing the number. Obviously, meets don't happen without a lot of volunteers, and ROC members have been very good at answering the call for help at meets; but even more willing volunteers will make maintaining our current schedule level easier.

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The schedule for 2013 is still being developed, but the sub-committee working on the schedule is paying close attention to the responses from the survey. For example:

1. We plan to maintain the same number of events we had in 2012.
2. We will maintain the number of regular events that we had in 2012, and significantly reduce the number of Score-O and Sprint events.
3. We plan on keeping approximately the same number of ski-O's and Trail Challenges that we had in 2012. Although a small percentage of the people responding to the survey (15%) said they liked Trail Challenges, the primary purpose of the Trail Challenge format is to introduce orienteering to people who like to run on trails but don't currently orienteer. And in 2012, the average participation in the three Trail Challenges was 36, which is more than the average participation in Sprints, Score-O's, or Ski-O's; we're pleased with the turnout for this format in 2012 and expect participation to continue to grow.
4. We plan on continuing to have a balance between Saturday and Sunday meets.
5. We plan on offering a Canoe-O, which wasn't on the 2012 schedule, and also to again offer the Rochester Map Adventure.
6. We will avoid, as much as possible, scheduling meets on the same weekend that CNYO or BFLO have annual events (such as the Daddy-O, the Turkey-O, and the Ellicottville Mini-Rogaine), as well as avoid scheduling meets on the same weekend as popular out-of-town events that many of our members attend. Keep in mind that it will almost certainly not be possible to avoid every conflict, however.
7. The Club Series and Sprint Series will be combined into a single series, comprising the (approximate) 6 regular meets and two Sprints. Significant modifications are being discussed that may make it possible, for example, for someone to participate in the series competition while running a different course than his or her "normal" course; for example, someone who theoretically should be running Green could run Brown or run Red and still compete. Also, we will definitely make it an "opt in" so anyone who prefers not to participate won't see his or her results listed in the standings.

A draft of the 2013 Schedule will be available at the Scrooge-O Dec 1.