



Membership Report 2026

We were deeply saddened by the loss of Isla Mathieson and Stephen Powell this year. Both contributed greatly to the spirit of the club, and their presence will be missed by all who knew them.

Membership Overview

The club's total membership for 2026 stands at 129, a decrease from 137 in 2025. Although non-renewals were slightly lower this year (20 compared with 25 last year), the overall drop reflects a significant reduction in new members: seven joined in 2026, compared with 17 in 2025.

All 20 non-renewing members were contacted for feedback. Two have stepped back from active orienteering and moved to social membership. One retired from the sport due to injury, and one cited time pressures. The remaining members chose not to provide feedback. Of the non-renewals, six had only joined in 2025 (one of whom has rejoined as a BO-only member this year), and a further five had originally joined through C2G in 2024.

Active Membership

The club's active (BO) membership now stands at 116, with the remaining members made up of Life and Social categories. Social membership has grown steadily—from just one member in 2018 to 13 this year—and is likely to continue increasing. For future reporting, it may be more meaningful to use BO membership as the headline figure.

Participation Indicators

As of the date of this report, 74 members appear on the BO rankings table, having gained points in the last 12 months. It is only a guide, but it highlights how many members are competing consistently.

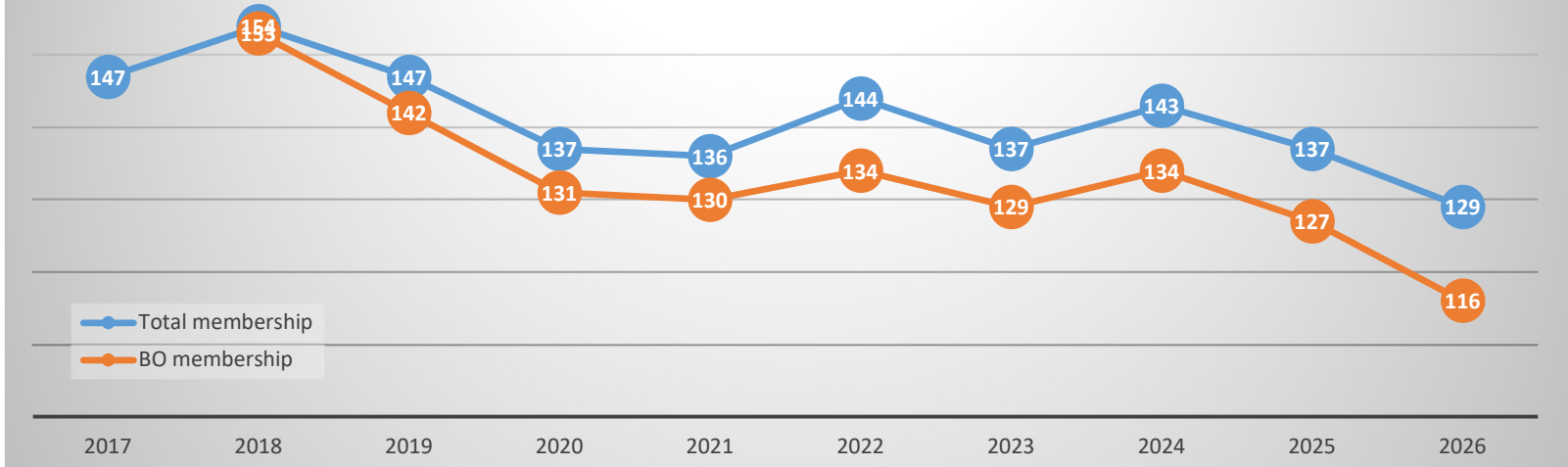
Demographics

Running membership comprises:

- 43 females including 31 senior / 12 juniors (down from 52 last year)
- 73 males including 66 senior / 7 juniors (unchanged from last year)

Does this suggest we are losing female members? Yes, but we have not replaced the lost members this year – I would suggest the C2G attracted a good female attendance. Of the 12 females who did not renew this year, 10 had been C2G over the previous few years. The 7 new members this year showed a 5/2 split M/F. 1 female was a transfer in from elsewhere and the second did the C2G lite this year. For completeness, of the 5 new male members, I know 3 had previously orienteered elsewhere and one is a junior joining with a parent.

Membership 10 yr period



	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Total membership	147	154	147	137	136	144	137	143	137	129
Club only Senior - Social	3	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	5	8
Life	1	1	5	5	5	8	6	6	5	5
BO membership		153	142	131	130	134	129	134	127	116
Family members who are Seniors	65	65	49	45	43	44	39	35	39	44
Family members who are Juniors	25	28	23	20	18	17	18	18	18	15
Total Senior membership	119	120	118	113	116	123	116	121	108	100
Incls Young Adult								7	4	6
Total Junior membership	28	34	29	24	20	21	21	22	19	17
Junior members eligible to vote							4	5	5	2
Active on BO rankings (m/w16+)									84	74
Retention rate - all	88	86	84	83	87	90	78	79	82	85
Retention rate - 16-40yo	83	50	88	81	67	84	70	74	75	88