

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF 18 PLUS GROUPS

MIDLAND AREA

COMPETITION RULES AND INFORMATION 2000 / 2001

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The Midland Area (MA) competition year runs from 1st October to 30th September each year. For those trophies that require groups to submit entries, the relevant Area Committee Member must receive all entries by 14th October. Any entries received after this date will not be considered.

1. AREA EVENTS COMPETITION

Three types of event count towards this trophy:- Either those events organised by the Area (Darts, Bowling, Music Quiz etc.), those organised by groups to which all MA groups are invited (e.g. Solihull Rounders) or those events organised at a national level (e.g. National five-a-side football, Karting etc.). The number of events is not fixed so that old ones can be removed and new ones added.

The final positions in each event are noted and scores are awarded accordingly as follows:-

1st place	75 points
2nd place	50 points
3rd place	25 points
All other entries	10 points

If there is a tie for any of the places the points are shared (e.g. if two teams finish joint 2nd both receive 37.5 points). This is worked out as follows:- 2nd place (50 points) added to 3rd place (25 points) and then divided by 2.

In competitions where groups are permitted to enter more than one team, all teams may score points.

If a team is made up of more than one group the groups concerned will share (proportionally) the points achieved by that team.

The Area Competitions Officer, along with the organiser of each event, is responsible for keeping points scored in this section. The group with the highest number of points at the end of the year will win the trophy,

In the case of National competitions, it is the participating group's responsibility to ensure written proof of entry and position is obtained and received by the Midland Area Competitions Officer.

2. CHARITY COMPETITION

This competition is based on the most amount of money raised by the group for charity. All charity money raised is eligible, but only that supported by receipts or other evidence will be counted.

To enter, a group must submit an entry with all the necessary evidence to the AREA TREASURER. The total amount of money raised, will be divided by the groups average membership for the year using figures supplied by National. The winning group will be the one that raises the most amount of money per member.

3. RICHARD THOMAS MAGAZINE TROPHY

This competition is based on the following points.

- a) Accuracy of information
- b) Content: 18 Plus Material, Member participation and variety
- c) Layout: Presentation and balance of articles and artwork
- d) Frequency of publication: printed on a regular basis e.g. every 3 months (4 issues per year)

The magazine must consist of at least four printed A4 sides or equivalent and at least four issues per year must be printed and forwarded to the Area Chairman who is the judge. (Copies should also be sent to the Plus News Editor to enter the National Magazine Norbury Trophy).

4. FOOTSORE COMPETITION

This competition is designed to encourage groups to visit each other, thereby supporting one another.

Points are scored according to the number of members visiting, distance travelled and the current footsore rating.

To qualify for points, members of your group must:- Visit another group within your own Area, pay subs (if so required) and remain for the whole evening. A footsore form must be completed stating the names of all visiting members from your group (full or associate), the group visited, the activity staged and date. The form must be signed by a committee member of the host group.

The distance between groups is calculated on the direct distance between group venues in miles, divided by three and rounded up to the nearest whole number. (All distances are calculated using Auto-route 2000).

Each group is given a footsore rating based on their current strength, (reviewed periodically by the AEC) as follows.

- 1. A group with 30 or more members
- 2. A group with 20 to 29 members
- 3. A group with 10 to 19 Members
- 4. A group with 9 or fewer members
- 10. Applied to new groups less than six months old

The footsore rating used for calculating points scored is always that of the group visited.

A minimum of three members must visit to qualify for footsore points and there is no maximum limit.

Visits to groups in other Area's than Midland can score footsore points. Such visits are given a fixed distance factor of 4 points and a fixed rating of '1'.

Any member of a group, standing on the development committee of a development group may score points for their own group when attending the group being developed providing they are accompanied by at least two other members of their own group.

All footsore forms must be sent to the Area Competitions Officer as soon as possible to make compiling the results easier.

In addition to the standard points, groups can also score 50 points by hosting the event at the group they are visiting. The existing conditions will still apply, (only 50 points can be scored per visit. i.e. if two people run the event this does not qualify for 100 points).

5. THE TRAVELLERS IN TRANSIT TROPHY

This is the trophy awarded to the group which visits the most number of other different Midland Area groups. In the event of a tie the award will go to the group which has done more qualifying visits.

6. THE SCRAPBOOK TROPHY

This trophy is designed to encourage groups to maintain an up to date scrapbook which can be used as an ideal publicity medium for showing potential new members the wide range of activities undertaken by that particular 18 Plus group.

Each group may enter scrapbook's' containing events occurring in the competition year (1st October to 30th September). Marks will be awarded for:-

National Content - out of 20
Area content - out of 20
Group - out of 20
Newspaper / Magazine articles / press releases - out of 20
Overall presentation - out of 20
Total marks out of 100

The competition will be judged at the November conference by three Area Officials (A.E.C. members and or HLM's.)

7. PROGRAMME TROPHY

This competition is judged on the following points.-

- a) Content out of 20
 - b) Layout out of 20
 - c) Number of events actually held as advertised with success out of 20
 - d) Accuracy out of 20
 - e) Quality out of 20
- Total marks out of 100

All the above will be judged by the Area Chairman plus two other Area Officials with reference to the "National Perfect 18 Plus Programme Information Sheet". The programmes will have been received by the Area Administrator as part of the Efficiency trophy. However, a separate entry with supporting information must be sent to the appropriate Area Officer by 14th October as proof that events have taken place. The winner will be the programme with the highest marks.

8. EFFICIENCY TROPHY

This is to judge the efficiency with which a group is run. Points are awarded as follows:-

- a) 2 points for each Area Levy Payment received by the (Area Treasurer) by the 12th of each month
- b) 5 points for each set of committee details received by the (Area Administrator) by 5th June or 8th December as appropriate (1 set per term)
- c) 3 points for each delegate at an Area Conference (maximum of 2 delegates per group) (Admin.)
- d) 1 point for each Observer at an Area Conference (no limit) (Admin.)
- e) 3 points for each group representative at an Area Forum. (Admin.)
- f) 1 point for each Observer at an Area Forum. (Admin.)
- g) 5 points for each group representative at an Area Training day. (Admin.)

- h) 10 points for each group representative at a National Training occasion such as Kickstart, Art or the National Forum. (Admin.)
- i) 1 point for each programme month received by the Area Administrator before the period it covers commences (e.g. if a six month programme covering January to June is received by the Area Administrator in December the previous year, 6 points are scored). (Admin.)
- j) 5 points for each month covered by an acceptable Group Recruitment Plan received by the Area Chairman before the period it covers. (e.g. A Recruitment Plan received by the Area Chairman on 4th December 1999 covering the period January to December 2000 would be awarded 60 points). The Area Chairman has the responsibility for determining what is and is not an acceptable plan.
- k) 5 points for each notification of delegates received by the Area Administrator for the Area Conferences deadline.
- l) 5 points for each notification of receipt of Annual National Conference information returned to Headquarters by the deadline.

The relevant Area Officers (highlighted) are responsible for keeping scores on each part of this trophy and notifying them to the Area Competitions Officer who will co-ordinate and keep overall score. The group with the highest number of points at the end of the competition year wins the trophy.

9. DEVELOPMENT TROPHY

For new and redevelopment groups:-

50 points: for each entrant group member on the development committee of the new group.

25 points: for each entrant group member standing on the committee after the first committee elections.

1 point: for every entrant group member attending the new group except for development committee meetings (this info will be taken from footsore forms).

1 point: for every pound given in financial aid by the entrant group to the group undergoing development.

10 points for every new member gained by the development project. No points will be gained for existing members who transfer membership or for old members rejoining.

1 point for every entrant group member helping on any publicity day or stunt for the group undergoing development.

20 points: for any event put on by the entrant group for a group undergoing development except those staged by the development committee.

To enter, groups must supply full details of development work done by their members to the nominated Area Officer.

N.B. no member may score points for redeveloping their own group.

10. MEMBERSHIP INCREASE TROPHY

This trophy is awarded to the group that has been open for the full competition year and has increased its full membership by the most members in that year using figures supplied by National

11. AREA ENTERPRISE TROPHY

This is the competition to find the group which is active in all fields and is the model 18 Plus group. The winners can truly be said to be the Area's best group.

Competitions 1 to 9 listed above make up the categories for this trophy. As the various categories require different amounts of work to enter they are worth different amounts of points towards the trophy. They score as follows.

Section	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Other entries
Area Events	100	80	50	20	10
Charity	100	80	50	20	10
Footsore	100	80	50	20	10
Group Magazine	80	60	30	15	8
Scrapbook	60	40	20	10	6
Programme	80	60	30	15	8
Efficiency	80	60	30	15	8
Development	80	60	30	15	8
Membership increase	5 points per member increase over the year (No points are lost if the membership goes down).				

The winner of this trophy will be the group that scores the most points. The winning group shall have the opportunity to enter the National best group competition (Presidents Trophy)

12. MIDLAND AREA ROLE OF HONOUR

This is a very special award that can be presented at the Area Chairman's discretion to any individual member (full or associate) from within the Area who has performed duties above and beyond the call of duty. The 18 Plus equivalent of the Victoria Cross. You have to have virtually worked a miracle to get this award.