

FACTSHEET



What is a National Event?

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Introduction

This factsheet gives brief information about the two types of SSAGO National Events, the SSAGO Rally and the SSAGO Ball.

What is a National Event?

A National event is an event held around the UK and hosted by different SSAGO clubs or groups of individual SSAGO members. There are four SSAGO national events each year.

What are the different National Events?

There are two types of national events that happen each year within SSAGO these are Rallies and Balls. Rallies take place every term and normally take place in the months of November, February and July at different campsites around the country. The SSAGO Ball normally takes place between the months of March and April at different towns and cities around the country.

What is a SSAGO Rally?

SSAGO rallies are National SSAGO camps. They gather together different SSAGO groups and individuals from all around the country. It is normal for them to run from Friday night to Sunday afternoon.

The cost for the weekend is normally around £25 which includes camp fees, food and most activities. Rallies have a theme with some activities based on

this. It is usual that there will be a campfire on both nights and a barn dance on the Saturday night. A fancy dress competition based on the rally theme usually occurs on the Saturday night at the barn dance, rally participants should come prepared to join in with this.

To book onto a rally or for information about the weekend please visit the SSAGO rally website www.ssagorally.org.uk.

What is a SSAGO Ball?

A SSAGO Ball is a gathering of SSAGO groups and individual SSAGO members from around the country. The SSAGO Ball is an annual, formal event that usually takes place on a Saturday night in the spring. The evening includes a three course meal at a hotel, followed by a disco plus the option of a night in the hotel (a popular choice with most members attending). Non-SSAGO partners are usually allowed to attend this SSAGO event. The SSAGO ball has a formal dress code.

How to host a National Event

Every year at the AGM clubs or groups of SSAGO members 'bid' to organise and host the National Events. For more information about this please see the 'Bidding for a National Event' factsheet. Due to the nature of staffing these events it is advised that small clubs wishing to host a National Event bid for the SSAGO ball unless they have a stack of volunteers to help organise and staff a rally.