



IOF Events

Agenda

- Event definition
- Type of IOF events
 - WMTBOC, WG, WCup, JWMTBOC, WMMTBOC, WRE
- Application formalities

Goal of the session: to know the IOF events

Definition of “Event”

- The term **event** embraces all aspects of an orienteering meeting including organisational matters such as start draws, team officials’ meetings and ceremonies
- A **competition** may include one or more races but has one final set of results
- A **race** involves runners completing an orienteering course
- An **event** may include
 - More than one competition
 - More than one format
 - Qualification races and finals
 - Different classes

IOF Events – Overview

- World Championships (WMTBOC), World Cup (Wcup)
 - There is one class for women and one for men
 - Open to everybody, there are no age restrictions
 - Competitors represent federations
- Junior World Championships (JWMTBOC)
 - There is one class for women and one for men
 - Only competitors who are entitled to compete in the classes W20 or M20 may participate
 - Competitors represent federations

IOF Events – Overview (cont'd)

- World Masters Orienteering Championships (WMMTBOC)
 - Open to everybody, but there are age restrictions (age classes)
 - Competitors are not representing a federation
- World Ranking Events (WRE)
 - Series of events that are spread all over the world
 - Serve as calculation base for the IOF world ranking list
 - Competitors are not representing a federation; **but** it is important to know which Federation they belong to!

World Games (WG) – FootO only

- Governed by IWGA, The International World Games Association
- A multi-sports event
- WG has to be staged in existing venues or in facilities, which have already been planned and will be finalised, by the start of the games.
- WG extends over ten days
- 36 sports are on the programme
- Orienteering Programme: Sprint, Middle distance and Mixed relay

World Championships (WMTBOC)

- The official event to award the titles of World Champions in MTBO
- Organised under the authority of the IOF and the appointed federation
 - Application lead time 4 years
 - Selection alternating between General Assembly and IOF Council
 - NEW: Council only selects
- WMTBOC is an annual event
- 5 days – from 2020 (but also 2017, 2019 – maybe 2018)
- Sprint, Middle, Mass Start, Long, Relay

Junior World Championships (JWMTBOC)

- The official event to award the titles of Junior World Champion in orienteering
- Organised under the authority of the IOF and the appointed Federation – always with WMTBOC, if possible
 - Application lead time 4 years
 - Selection by the IOF council
- JWMTBOC is an annual event
- 5 days – same as WMTBOC
- Sprint, Middle, Mass Start, Long, Relay

World Cup (WCup)

- The World Cup is the official series of events to find the best MTBO rider over a season
- Since 2010 an annual event
- Typical program: 3 rounds
 - EMTBOC
 - WMTBOC
 - Final
- The different events are organised under the authority of the IOF and the federations of the organisers
 - IOF Council determines schedule and Special Rules

World Masters Orienteering Championships (WMMTBOC)

- The official event to find the world's best veteran orienteers
- Organised under the authority of the IOF and the federation of the organiser
 - Application lead time 3 years
 - Selection by the IOF council
- An annual event
 - Programme
 - 4 days – from 2019 (but already 2018)
 - Sprint, Middle, Mass Start, Long
 - Classes: from M/W40 to M/W75
 - 5 year age groups, but combined if less than 10 entrants

Regional Championships

The IOF is encouraging Regional development

Regional Championships are organised every second year
(formerly under the authority of the relevant regional group)

- EMTBOC – European Championships
 - 3 days every year from 2018
 - short (S or M), long (MS or L), mixed relay
- EJMTBOC and EYMTBOC – Junior and Youth
 - 4 days every year
 - Sprint, Middle, Long, Relay
 - Together with Masters, if possible

World Ranking Events

- The WREs is a series of events to establish a world-wide ranking list, that comprises all elite runners ▶ not only national team members
- The individual events are organised under the authority of the federations of the organisers
 - Submission of nationally defined WRE to IOF by the end of September the year before
 - IOF advisors appointed by the federations of the organisers
- There is one class for women and one for men

Application Formalities

- Lead-times for IOF event applications
 - 4 years: WMTBOC, JWMTBOC
 - 3 years: All other
 - 1 year: WRE
- Application forms are circulated by IOF Office to the member federations
- Application is assessed and evaluated
- Proposal to Council for final approval