



# **IOF Competition Rules Overview**

# Agenda

- General
- Special rules and deviations
- IOF Competition Rules - content
- Types of rules
- Overview of the technical part
- IOF special rules
- IOF guidelines

**Goal of the session:** to know the concepts of the IOF rules

# General (1/2)

- Competition Rules for IOF MTBO orienteering events
  - Rules for the World Orienteering Championships
  - Rules for the World Cup in Orienteering
  - Rules for the Junior World Orienteering Championships
  - Rules for the World Masters Orienteering Championships
  - Rules for IOF World Ranking Events
- The current version of the competition rules is valid from 1 January 2017
  - Subsequent amendments will be published on the official IOF web site at [www.orienteering.org](http://www.orienteering.org)

## General (2/2)

- The IOF Competition Rules, together with the appendices, are binding at WMTBOC, WCup, JWTBOC, WMMTBOC and for W21 and M21 **elite classes at IOF World Ranking Events**
- Every rules point with no event abbreviation before its number is valid for all these events
- A rules point valid only for one or more of these events is marked with the specific abbreviation(s) in the margin beside the rules point number
  - Such specific rules take precedence over any general rules with which they eventually conflict

# Special Rules and Deviations

- IOF Council may decide special rules or norms which shall be followed
  - IOF WCup Special Rules, IOF Anti-Doping Rules, International Specification for Orienteering Maps, Principles for Course Planning, IOF Control Descriptions, IOF Protocol Guide
  - In practise Council delegates special rules to commissions
- The IOF Council may allow deviations from rules and norms
  - Requests for permission to deviate from them shall be sent to the IOF Office at least **6 months prior to the event**
  - In practise Council delegates task to commission
- The IOF Guidelines for MTBO events shall be followed
  - Significant deviations require the consent of the EA

# Content Overview

- Definitions**
1. Definitions
  2. General provisions
  3. Event programme
  4. Event applications
  5. Classes
  6. Participation
  7. Costs
  8. Information about the event
  9. Entries
  10. Travel and transport
  11. Training and model event
  12. Starting order and heat allocation
  13. Team officials' meeting
  14. Terrain
- Before event**

- During event**
15. Maps
  16. Courses
  17. Restricted areas and routes
  18. Control descriptions
  19. Control set-up and equipment
  20. Punching systems
  21. Equipment
  22. Start
  23. Finish and time-keeping
  24. Results
  25. Prizes
  26. Fair play
  27. Complaints

28. Protests
  29. Jury
  30. Appeals
  31. Event control
  32. Event reports
  33. Advertising and sponsorship
  34. Media service
- Appendix 1: General competition classes
- Appendix 2: Principles for course planning
- Appendix 3: IOF resolution on good environmental practice
- Appendix 4: Approved punching systems
- Appendix 5: Leibnitz Convention
- Appendix 6: Competition Formats
- Jury system**
- Advisor system**
- Various items**

# Types of Rules (1/2)

- Definitions
  - 1.1 Orienteering is a sport in which the competitors navigate independently through the terrain. Competitors must visit a number of control points marked on the ground in the shortest possible time aided only by map and compass. The course, defined by the location of the controls, is not revealed to competitors until they start.
- Recommendations
  - 2.3 These rules are recommended as a basis for national rules.
- Absolute requirements
  - 8.3 Bulletin 1 (preliminary information) **shall** include the following information:
    - organiser and the names of the event director and controller(s)
    - address and telephone number

## Types of Rules (2/2)

- Guidelines how to do things
  - 4.6 Applications shall be received no later than January 1st three years prior to the event year. The provisional appointment of organisers or organising Federations is made by the IOF Council by October 31st the same year. Each appointment must be confirmed by the signing, within 6 months, of a contract to organise the event, else Council may make an alternative appointment.
- Responsibility assignments
  - 11.4 If deemed necessary by the IOF Event Adviser, further model events shall be organised



# World Cup Special Rules

- The IOF Council determines the number and types of World Cup events and any necessary special rules
- Definition of the World Cup events
  - Schedule
  - Formats
  - Qualification methods
  - Winning times
- Definition of the scoring system
- Published in IOF homepage, distributed to IOF member federations

# IOF Guidelines

- The guidelines will help organisers to achieve the aims of the events
- No formal rules, but rather proposals, suggestions and possible solutions
- Not a complete set of instructions
  - Cover only most important special features of the events
  - They do not replace the guidance of the EA
  - Have to be combined with the IOF Competition Rules
- Will be revised regularly, input from practice (through EA!!) is appreciated