



INTERNATIONAL ORIENTEERING FEDERATION
MTBO COMMISSION

**Qualification procedure for allocating start slots
for World MTB Orienteering Championships (WMTBOC)
Long distance competition, valid for 2019**

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The qualification system for the WMTBOC Long distance competition is based on individual qualification and offers six qualification paths for the A-Final. For the WMTBOC 2019 in Denmark the system will be applied as follows:

The six qualification paths:

- Pre-event qualification
 - Long results of WMTBOC 2018 (top 30 placed riders)
 - World Ranking (top 30 ranked riders)
- On-event qualification
 - Sprint results of WMTBOC 2019 (1/3 of the remaining open places, rounded down)
 - Middle results of WMTBOC 2019 (2/3 of the remaining open places, rounded up)
- Additional start places
 - Home nation is given a minimum of 3 start slots, if fewer than 3 riders qualify
 - All nations with no qualified riders are given one start slot

The objective is to allocate approximately 60 starting slots for the nations in each gender class. However, for the sake of simplicity, if there are no more than 66 named entries for the Long distance, all riders will have a start.

If feasible from the organisational point of view and if the organiser is willing, all named entries for the Long distance will have a start in the A-Final.

The qualification procedure

Steps of the qualification process for the A-Final are as follows:

Entries

- 1) All nations can enter up to 6 riders (+ the reigning World Champion) for the WMTBOC Long distance competition.
- 2) Upon arrival teams are required to submit name entries of the athletes for the Long distance competition by noon the day before the first competition day of the World Championships.
- 3) If no more than 66 riders are entered in the Long distance competition for a gender class, all riders get a start slot in the A-Final.
If more than 66 riders are entered in the Long distance competition for a gender class, the start slots for the A-Final are determined using the following steps.

Pre-event qualification

- 4) All entered athletes who finished in places 1-30 in the previous Long distance World Championships and the winner of the B-Final get a place in the A-Final.
- 5) All entered athletes who stand in places 1-30 in the World Ranking 1 month before the day of the Long Final also get a place in the A-Final.

On-event qualification

- 6) The number of remaining A-Final slots is calculated as 60 minus the number of places allocated in steps 4 and 5.
- 7) 1/3 of the remaining A-Final start slots (rounded down if odd number of places remain) are allocated based on the results of the Sprint competition to top placed athletes who entered the Long distance competition and have yet to receive a start slot.
- 8) 2/3 of the remaining A-Final start slots are allocated based on the results of the Middle distance competition to top placed athletes who entered the Long distance competition and have yet to receive a start slot.

Additional start places

- 9) If the home nation entered at least 3 riders, but qualified less than 3 riders via steps 4)-8), extra start slots are given to allow 3 home riders in the A-Final.
- 10) Every nation that entered a rider for the Long distance competition, but does not have any start slots via steps 4)-8) (either through failure to qualify or withdrawal) gets a start slot in the A-Final.

General rules

- Start slots allocated to riders via steps 4)-8) cannot be changed or reallocated.
- Start slots allocated to nations via steps 9)-10) are given to riders named by the team official of that nation. The name of these riders must be submitted by noon the day before the Long distance Final along with the start group preferences for those riders who qualified via steps 4)-8) and are not in the orange or red start groups.
- All riders who entered the Long distance competition but did not get a start slot in the A-Final may participate in the B-Final.
- The A-Final is drawn in 6 start groups (in start order: first, early, middle, late, orange, red), while the B-Final is drawn in 3 start groups (early, middle, late).
- All riders who receive start slots in the A-Final via step 10) get a place in the first start group. All other riders are drawn according to the MTBO Competition Rules 12.
- The process of qualification and allocation is administered by the organisers with the help of the IOF MTBO Commission, and approved by the Senior Event Adviser.

