



## IOF Events



## Overview

- Event definition
- Type of IOF events
  - WOC, WG, WCup, JWOC, WMOC, WRE
- Application formalities

**Goal of the session:** to get to know the IOF events

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## 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
- An event may include
  - More than one competition
  - More than one discipline
  - Qualification races and finals
  - Different classes

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## IOF Events – Overview (1/2)

- The tasks of the IOF shall be
  - To commission and supervise World Championships in recognised disciplines of orienteering
  - To commission and supervise other IOF international competitions
- World Championships (WOC), World Cup (WCup), World Games (WG)
  - There is one class for women and one for men
  - Open to everybody, there are no age restrictions
  - Competitors who are representing a Federation shall have full passport-holding citizenship of the country of that Federation
- Junior World Championships (JWOC)
  - 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 who are representing a Federation shall have full passport-holding citizenship of the country of that Federation

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## IOF Events – Overview (2/2)

- World Masters Orienteering Championships (WMOC)
  - 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

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## World Championships (WOC)

- WOC is the official event to award the titles of world champions in orienteering
- It is organised under the authority of the IOF and the appointed federation
  - Application lead time 4 years
  - Selection alternating between the IOF General Assembly, i.e. the member federations, and IOF Council
- Event dates and programme are proposed by the organiser and approved by IOF
- In the past WOC was organised in odd years
- From 2004 on yearly WOC
  - 2007 UKR, 2008 CZE, 2009 HUN, 2010 NOR, 2011 France
  - 2012 to be decided at IOF General Assembly in July 2008



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## World Games (1/2)

- The International World Games Association (IWGA) stages the World Games, a multi-sports event, for the sports of the IWGA member federations.
- WG is the major vehicle to create and to increase exposure for the participating sports
- WG has to be staged in existing venues or in facilities, that have already been planned and will be finalised, by the start of the games.
- WG conducted over ten days
  - One part for medal competitions and another for demonstration sports
  - Air sport parachuting, dance sport, gymnastics trampoline, power lifting, archery field, fin swimming, gymnastics tumbling, roller sports, billiards, fistball, ju jitsu, rugby, bodybuilding, flying disc, karate, tug of war, boules sport, gymnastics acrobatic, korfbal, waterski, bowling ten pin, gymnastics aerobics, lifesaving, casting, gymnastics rhythmic, orienteering

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## World Games (2/2)

- WG are organised under the authority of the IWGA, the member federations and the hosting federation
- Application and selection process outside of IOF
- Organised in the year after the Olympic Games
- 2001 Akita (JPN), 2005 Duisburg (GER)
- 2009 Kaohsiung, Taiwan, are the 8<sup>th</sup> WG
- Planned programme: middle distance, sprint and mixed relay



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## World Cup



- The WCup is the official series of events to find the best orienteers over a season
- In existence since 1986, from 2004 a yearly WCup, with new set-up from 2007 (GA decision 2004)
- The different events are organised under the authority of the IOF and the federations of the organisers
  - IOF Council determines schedule and – if necessary – special rules
- WCup events should be organised in conjunction with existing, high quality event

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## WCup Schedule 2007



Event	Date	Type	Venue
1	14 Jun	Sprint Distance	Lapua, Jukola (FIN)
2	22 Jun	Middle Distance	Kristiansand, O-Festivalen (NOR)
3	23 Jul	Long Distance	Östergötland, O-Ringen (SWE)
4	24 Jul	Middle Distance	O-Ringen
5	25 Jul	Sprint Distance	O-Ringen
6	22 Aug	Middle Distance	Kiev, WOC (UKR)
7	23 Aug	Long Distance	WOC
8	26 Aug	Sprint Distance	WOC
9	6 Oct	Middle Distance	Stein am Rhein, SwissCup (SUI)
10	7 Oct	Sprint Distance	Stein am Rhein, PostFinance Sprint

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## WCup Schedule 2008

- 1 26 May Sprint Distance **Ventspils, Latvia**
- 2 20 Jun Middle Distance **Siggerud, Norway**
- 3 21 Jun Long Distance
- 4 13 Jul Sprint Distance **Olomouc, Czech Republic**
- 5 17 Jul Middle Distance
- 6 19 Jul Long Distance
- 7 22 Jul Sprint Distance **Dalarna, Sweden**
- 8 23 Jul Middle Distance
- 9 24 Jul Long Distance
- 10 4 Oct Middle Distance **SwissCup**
- 11 5 Oct Sprint Distance **PostFinance Sprint**

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## Junior World Championships

- JWOC is the official event to award the titles of junior world champions in orienteering
- It is organised under the authority of the IOF and the appointed Federation
  - Application lead time 3 years
  - Selection by the IOF council
- JWOC is an annual event
  - 2004 POL, 2005 SUI, 2006 LIT, 2007 AUS
- JWOC shall be organised in accordance with the following principles
  - The best junior orienteers of each Federation shall be offered competitions of high technical quality
  - The event shall have a social, rather than a competitive atmosphere, accentuating exchange of experience.
  - The costs of participating shall be kept low
- JWOC can be organised separately or in conjunction with another event

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## World Masters Orienteering Championships

- WMOC is the official event to find the world's best veteran orienteers
- It is organised under the authority of the IOF and the federation of the organiser
  - Application lead time 3 years
  - Selection by the IOF council
- World Masters Orienteering Championships (WMOC)
  - WMOC is an annual event
    - 2004 ITA, 2006 AUT, 2007 FIN, 2008 POR
    - 2005 and 2009 integrated in World Master Games 2005 in Alberta (CAN) and 2009 in Sydney (AUS)
  - Programme: 2 qualification races and a final race, plus sprint qualification and final
  - Classes: from W35, M35 to W85, M85
  - Classes for older orienteers may be offered by the organiser

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## 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 advisers appointed by the federations of the organisers
- There is one class for women and one for men
- Restricted to competitors classified as elite competitors
- In 2007 over 100 WRE scheduled in 33 countries

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## Application Formalities

- Lead-times for all IOF event applications is 3 years (except WRE 1 year and WOC 4 years), deadline always January 31
- Application forms and information about IOF sanction fees are circulated by IOF Secretariat to the member federations
- Application is assessed and evaluated by FOC
  - Information from application form
  - "IOF history"
  - On-site visit
  - Applicant's presentation
- FOC makes a proposal to Council for final approval

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## Type Of Races And Their Criteria



## Overview

- Type of races
  - Long, middle, sprint, relay
  - Usage in IOF events
- Formal criteria

**Goal of the session:** to get to know the specifics of each discipline

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## General

- The standard of the courses shall be worthy of an international orienteering event
- The navigational skill, concentration and running ability of the competitors shall be tested
- All courses shall call upon a range of different orienteering techniques

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## Long Distance

- "Classic" distance
- Duration 60 - 100 minutes
- Emphasis on
  - Route choice
  - Endurance
  - Varying terrain
  - Varying speed
  - Various orienteering techniques
- Possibilities
  - Individual start
  - Mass start
  - One-man-relay
- Rule of thumb: every 4-5 minutes a control point

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## Middle Distance

- Formerly short distance
- Duration 30-35 minutes
- Emphasis on
  - Map reading at constant high concentration
  - Higher speed
  - Complex terrain
  - Even small errors can't be repaired
- Formats of the discipline
  - Individual start
- Rule of thumb: every 2 minutes a control point

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## Sprint

- Emphasis on
  - Map reading at maximum speed
  - Many decisions
  - Complex terrain (urban, combination forest)
  - Even small errors can't be repaired
- Duration 12 - 15 minutes
- Formats of the discipline
  - Individual start
- Special mapping rules ▶ ISSOM 2007

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## Relay

- Traditional discipline
  - Since 2003 WOC with 3 legs
- Emphasis on
  - Route choice
  - Varying terrain
  - Various orienteering techniques
  - Attractiveness for spectators
- The controls shall be combined differently for the teams, but all teams shall run the same overall course
  - If the terrain and the concept of the courses permit it, the lengths of the legs may be significantly different
  - The sum of the winning times of the legs shall be kept as prescribed
- All teams must run the different length legs in the same sequence

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## Which Disciplines Appear Where?

	Long distance	Middle distance	Sprint	Relay
WOC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
WG	No	Yes	(Yes)	Yes
WCup	(Yes)	Yes	Yes	No
JWOC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
WMOG	Yes	No	Yes	No
WRE	Yes	Yes	(Yes)	No

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## Formal Criteria

	Winning time finals <sup>1)</sup>	Winning time qualification <sup>1)</sup>	Map scale
Long	women 60-70 men 75-100	women 45-50 men 50-60	1:15,000
Middle	women 25 men 25	women 25 men 25	1:15,000 or 1:10,000
Sprint	women 12-15 men 12-15	women 12-15 men 12-15	1:4,000 or 1:5,000
Relay <sup>2)</sup>	women 120 men 120	n. a.	1:15,000 or 1:10,000

<sup>1)</sup> senior elite @ WRE      <sup>2)</sup> 3 legs @ senior WOC

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## Course Definitions

- Rules set by the organising federation to protect the environment and any related instructions from the organiser shall be strictly observed by all persons connected with the event
- The course lengths shall be given as the length of the straight line from the start via the controls to the finish **deviating for**, and only for, **physically impassable obstructions** (high fences, lakes, impassable cliffs etc.), **prohibited areas** and **marked routes**
- The total climb shall be given as the climb in metres along the shortest sensible route
  - The **total climb** of a course should normally **not exceed 4%** of the length of the shortest sensible route.
- In most cases, separate controls shall be used for the women's and the men's courses in finals