

# 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



# IOF Events

- World Championships (WOC), World Cup (WCup), World Games (WG)
- Junior World Championships (JWOC)
- World Masters Orienteering Championships (WMOC)
- 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



# 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



# IOF World Ranking Scheme

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# Purpose of IOF Ranking Scheme

- The world of sport expects it!
- To provide a valid way of comparing runners from very different federations on a common scale
- To aid seeding and selections at international events
  - Elite qualification at WRE, i.e. M21E or M21A
  - Eliminates any bias in national ranking vs. international guest
- Motivation for runners, also those outside of national teams
- Incentive for federations to put on high quality elite events



# History

- Council asked FOC to start the WR scheme early in 1997
- N3Sport appointed in Autumn 1997 as host of WR list
  - – Calculations, publication on Internet
- 1998 was an experimental year
- 1999 the first official list appeared in January
- 2000 used in WC qualification and start list composition
- 2001 Ray Barnes (GBR) took over hosting of WR list
- 2001 World Games JPN used WR to determine how many runners per federation can participate
- 2002 used in WC qualification and start list composition
- 2003 used for WOC start list composition in sprint
- 2007 used for WCup start place allocation to nations
- 2009 used for start draw allocation WG (TPE)



# Allocation of World Ranking Events

Since 2002, all nations can put up to 3 WRE per year

- In the past there was a system based on nations' strength
- New allocation allows better world wide spread of ranked runners

Regional Championships which rotate on an annual basis between two or more federations (e.g. Nordic Championships) can be WREs

- Not affecting a federation's 3 ordinary WREs

World Cup and WOC

- All WCup A/B finals, sprint, middle and long distance count for ranking
- All WOC qualification races and finals, sprint, middle and long distance count for ranking
- Not affecting a federation's 3 ordinary WREs





# Criteria of World Ranking Events

- Must be open events
  - Problems: national championships with limited participation rights
- Preferably long distance and middle events, sprint is accepted as well
- No mass start events, no chasing start (except WOC)
- Multi-day events: one or more dedicated day(s)
- Should be events which competitors are known to be taking seriously, i.e. not just for training purposes
- The federation of the organiser appoints a licensed IOF event adviser for
- W21E/M21E
  - May be the same person as the overall event controller or may be entirely separate person
  - May be a member of the same federation as that hosting the WRE but should not come from the same club that is organising the WRE



# Australia's WRE

- Day 2 Australian 3 Days
- Australian Sprint Distance Championships
- Australian Long Distance Championships



# World Wide

- 2009 92 WREs including Australia's 3
- Plus WREs for MTBO and Ski O



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