

**Orienteering Australia's endorsement and submission processes for WREs:**

States notify and/or are asked by OA Director, Technical which races they intend to hold as WREs in the following year, out of those which have already been identified as Group A events (Australian 3-Days, Australian Championships, Oceania Championships, other NOL races).

This is done in consultation with the High Performance Management Group, usually at the same time as the NOL schedule for the following year is being finalised. The average number of WREs held by OA within a calendar year is 6 but may vary from 4 to 8. There is no requirement to specifically align Australian WREs with the alternate WOC disciplines, since the ranking window is 2 years.

Some guidance from the HPMG as to the likely ratio of sprint/middle/long World Ranking Events:

- Approximately equal numbers of sprint and middle/long are usually preferred.
- Australian Championship events in Sprint, Middle, Long shall be WREs.
- Oceania Championship events in Sprint, Middle and Long shall be WREs.
- At least 1 day of the Australian 3-Days should be a WRE.
- Further days of Easter and individual NOL events may be WREs.

Organising states/individuals take responsibility for identifying an IOF Event Adviser (who can also be the Level 3 Controller) to oversee the M/W21E courses, and notifying the EA's name to the OA Director, Technical, who will approve the EA. This IOF EA may also choose to oversee the M/W20E courses although these are not part of the WRE unless the junior and senior elite classes are running the same course, e.g. in the Australian Sprint Championships.

OA Director, Technical sends the Word Document WRE application proforma (2015 version available from IOF website) to each of the WRE organisers in July/August of the preceding year and requests that all the relevant information be documented on this form and returned to OA by mid-September. Validity of the information on these forms is checked when they are received and any discrepancies queried.

OA Director, Technical, takes responsibility for uploading all the information from each of the WRE application forms into IOF Eventor by the end of September of the preceding year. Once the application has been approved by IOF, the WRE will become visible in the IOF Eventor calendar and can be seen by anyone; login not required.

IOF Event Adviser, once approved, takes responsibility for ensuring that the WRE guidelines are followed; these can be found at: <https://orienteering.sport/orienteering/internal/event-organising/organising-wre/>

## **Current IOF WRE process 2020:**

Can be found at: <https://orienteering.sport/orienteering/internal/event-organising/apply-for-an-event/#WRE>

- Events taking place 1 January to 31 March should be applied for 6 months prior to event date.
- Events taking place 1 April to December 31 should be applied for 1 June to 30 September (the year before the competition).
- No cap on number of WREs of sprint/middle/long which can be held by any federation
- Separate IOF ranking lists now maintained for sprint and for middle/long
- Tiered levy: for Federations in Group 3 minimum WRE payment is 120€, then it's 3€ per competitor up to a maximum of 600€
- Applications are submitted through the Federations by entering data directly into IOF Eventor
- A WRE responsible person from the Federation should log in to IOF Eventor as a Federation administrator and fill out an electronic form for each WRE.
- Once approved by IOF, the WRE is shown in the IOF Eventor calendar and a notification sent to the Federation

## **February 2020**