

WORLD MTB ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS AND JUNIOR WORLD MTB ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE YEAR 2018

Guidance notes for applicants

I. Introduction

The World MTB Orienteering Championships (WMTBOC) and the Junior World MTB Orienteering Championships (JWMTBOC) are organised every year. Applications shall be received no later than January 1st three years prior to the Championship year.

All IOF member federations are hereby invited to submit to the IOF an application to host the World MTB Orienteering Championships and the Junior World MTB Orienteering Championships in the year 2018. The application deadline is 1 January 2015.

II. Event programme and dates

The event programme for both WMTBOC and JWMTBOC consists of the following final events: Sprint, Middle distance, Long distance and Relay. There shall also be an opening ceremony, a closing ceremony and adequate model events. The organiser is expected to provide open international events for individuals not included in the national teams.

The event dates are proposed by the organiser and approved by the IOF Council. Dates for IOF events are decided according to the priority orders identified in the IOF policy on conflicting event dates document available on the IOF website. The following event will take precedence over WMTBOC and JWMTBOC 2018 when dates for season 2018 events are approved:

- World Orienteering Championships 2018 (Latvia)

III. General information on application criteria and procedure

All IOF member federations are invited to submit to the IOF an application to host the events in 2018. The application shall be submitted to the IOF Office by the national orienteering federation, not by the local organiser.

The envisaged schedule is as follows:

November 2014	Application forms are distributed to the national federations and published on the IOF homepage
1 January 2015	Deadline for applications
January 2015 →	Review of the applications, preliminary organiser's agreement to be signed
By October 2015	The IOF Council appoints the organiser and makes a decision on the preliminary event dates.

IV. Sanction fee to be paid for the organising rights

In accordance with the Competition Rules for IOF MTB Orienteering Events, the IOF Council has taken the decision to impose a levy on the events. This compulsory fee shall be paid to the IOF to obtain the organising rights for the events. The sanction fee applicable to the 2018 World MTB

Orienteering Championships is 10,000 EUR. The Sanction fee for the Junior World MTB Orienteering Championships 2018 is 1,000 EUR. Both fees include full sponsorship rights.

The IOF, the national federation and the local organiser shall strive to achieve as extensive TV and Internet coverage of the events as possible. The organiser may not enter into any TV or Internet agreement without prior consultation with, and approval of, the IOF.

V. European Youth MTB Orienteering Championships (EYMTBOC) 2018

As a courtesy to the orienteering federations in Europe (OFE), an option has been added in the WMTBOC and JWMTBOC 2018 application form to indicate interest to organise European Youth MTB Orienteering Championships in the same year. EYMTBOC is not an IOF sanctioned event and the organiser of the EYMTBOC 2018 will be appointed by the orienteering federations in Europe.

VI. Further information and advice

The IOF, through its MTB Orienteering Commission is prepared to offer guidance on all aspects of organising the championships. Questions related to the application procedure can be addressed to the IOF Office.

***Applications and the appropriate attachments shall reach the IOF Office
(riikka.tolkki@orienteering.org) by 1 January 2015.***