

## **WORLD TRAIL ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE YEARS 2017 AND 2018**

### **Guidance Notes for Applicants**

#### **I. Introduction**

The World Trail Orienteering Championships (WTOC) is organised every year, ideally as part of the World Orienteering Championships (WOC) programme.

All IOF member federations are hereby invited to submit to the IOF an application to host the World Trail Orienteering Championships in the years 2017 and 2018. The applications shall reach the IOF Office by 15 March 2014.

#### **II. General information**

The **programme** shall include a two-day PreO World Championship Open class competition for individuals of any physical ability, with one course on each day. The programme shall also include, at the same time, a two-day PreO World Championship Paralympic class competition for competitors with certification of Paralympic eligibility, with one course on each day.

The second day of both competitions is also the PreO World Team Championship competition in which each federation will have a team of three competitors with at least one competitor from the Paralympic class. *NB! The IOF Trail Orienteering Commission is investigating the possibility to replace the current PreO Team Competition with a PreO Relay. Draft rules for PreO Relay are available on the IOF website at <http://orienteering.org/trail-orienteering/rules/>.*

The programme shall further include a TempO World Championships event.

Where the World Trail Orienteering Championships are intended to be held as part of the World Orienteering Championships, it is recommendable that areas already selected for the orienteering events are considered for the trail orienteering competitions, too.

For information on the principles for course planning for Trail Orienteering, please consult Appendix 1 in the Competition Rules for IOF Trail Orienteering Events.

#### **III. Sanction fee**

The IOF Council has taken the decision to impose a levy on the World Trail Orienteering Championships. This compulsory sanction fee shall be paid to the IOF to obtain the organising rights for the event. The fee applicable in the years 2017 and 2018 is 1,000 EUR. The fee includes limited rights to sell advertisement space to local sponsors.

The IOF retains the right to contract with a main sponsor. This includes the right to major exposure of the sponsor on the number bibs, start and finish gates, along the start and the finish chute and on the results board and the rostrum. In certain circumstances the IOF may offer to the organiser the option of acquiring the full sponsorship rights pertaining to the event, in which case timely notice will be given.

#### **IV. How to apply**

The pre-printed application form shall be completed and submitted to the IOF Office by the National Orienteering Federation, not by the local organiser.

The filled-in application form including all required appendices shall be sent so as to reach the IOF Office by 15 March 2014.

The appointment process is as follows:

15 March 2014	Deadline for applications
15 March 2014 →	Review of the applications, preliminary organiser's agreement to be signed
July 2014	The IOF Council appoints WTOC 2017 organiser and confirms preliminary event dates. The IOF General Assembly appoints WTOC 2018 organiser after which the IOF Council confirms preliminary event dates.

In preparing the application, the organiser shall consider the IOF policy on conflicting event dates (document available on the IOF website). According to this policy, the following periods are prohibited for WTOC if not organised together with WOC:

##### WTOC 2017

- World Orienteering Championships 2017 (Estonia), 1-7 July + 2 days before/after
- World MTB Orienteering Championships 2017 + 2 days before/after

##### WTOC 2018

- World Orienteering Championships 2018 + 2 days before/after
- World MTB Orienteering Championships 2018 + 2 days before/after

#### **V. Further information and advice**

The IOF Trail Orienteering Commission (TOC) is prepared to offer guidance on all aspects of organising the World Trail Orienteering Championships.

***The application and the appropriate attachments must reach the IOF Office (riikka.tolkki@orienteering.org) by 15 March 2014.***