

WORLD TRAIL ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

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 year 2019. Applications for WTOC 2019 shall reach the IOF Office by 1 January 2015.

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 to the World Trail Orienteering Championships 2019 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 1 January 2015.

The appointment process is as follows:

November 2014	Application forms are distributed to the national orienteering federations and published on the IOF homepage
1 January 2015	Deadline for applications
February 2015 →	Review of the applications, preliminary organiser's agreement to be signed.

The IOF Council appoints the organiser by 31 October 2015. A decision regarding the preliminary event dates will be taken in conjunction with the appointment.

V. Event dates

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). Where WTOC 2019 is not organised together with WOC, the following events will take precedence over WTOC when dates for season 2019 events are approved:

- World Orienteering Championships 2019
- World MTB Orienteering Championships 2019

VI. Further information and advice

The IOF Trail Orienteering Commission (TOC) and the IOF Office are 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 1 January 2015.