



IOF Conflicting Dates Policy

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Introduction

This policy sets out priority order of IOF events and prohibited periods that shall be considered when planning and approving dates for IOF events. Where an organiser stages two events together, the event with higher rank shall determine the priority order against an event staged by another organiser.

The principles defined in this policy may be varied by Council in exceptional circumstances where those circumstances are seen to benefit the global development goals of the IOF.

With respect to foot orienteering, this policy should be read in conjunction with *Appendix 1: IOF Event Period Calendar for Foot Orienteering Events*.

Priority Order of IOF Events

1. The World Games Orienteering Event
2. World Championships (FootO)
3. World Cup (FootO)
4. World Championships (MTBO, SkiO, TrailO)
5. Junior World Championships
6. World Masters Championships
7. Regional Championships
8. World Cup (MTBO and SkiO)
9. World Ranking Events

Priority Order of IOF Disciplines

1. Foot Orienteering
2. Ski Orienteering
3. MTB Orienteering
4. Trail Orienteering

Priority Order Conflicting Event Dates – IOF World Championships

“Event Dates” is defined as the program from the opening to closing ceremonies of the world championship event.

1. World Orienteering Championships (foot) [WOC] shall not be organised during or less than 2 weeks before/after Olympic Games or The World Games, or during FIFA World Cup (except for its last week), IAAF World Championships, IAAF European Championships or UEFA European Championship (except for its last week). IOF will coordinate with CISM and FISU to avoid overlaps in the dates of WOC and the following CISM and FISU events: CISM World Summer Games, CISM World Military Orienteering Championships, FISU World University Orienteering Championships and CISM World Cadet Games.
2. World Ski Orienteering Championships [WSOC] shall not be organised during or less than 1 week before/after Winter Olympic Games, or during or less than 1 day before/after FIS Nordic World Ski Championships and or during or less than 4 days before/after FISU Winter

Universiade and FISU World Championships. IOF will coordinate with CISM to avoid overlaps in the dates of WSOC and CISM World Winter Games.

3. World MTB Orienteering Championships [WMTBOC] shall not be organised during Olympic Games or FIFA World Cup (except for its last week).
4. Junior World Championships (in any discipline) shall not be organised during Olympic Games or World Championships (foot).
5. The World Masters Orienteering Championships (foot) shall not be organised during or less than 2 days before/after major traditional multiday events (O-Ringen, Swiss O Week, Scottish 6-days).
6. World Championships in all disciplines shall not be organised during or less than 2 days before/after the corresponding event in another discipline. ¹
7. The period between World Championships and Junior World Championships in the same discipline shall be at least 2 days. ¹
8. The period between World Championships and World Masters Championships in the same discipline shall be at least 2 days.
9. The period between World Cup and Regional Championships in the same discipline shall be at least 4 days. ¹
10. The period between the World Masters Orienteering Championships (foot) [WMOC] and IWMGA World Masters Games and shall be at least 2 weeks. ¹

Prohibited Periods – World Championships

WOC	Olympic Games + 2 weeks before/after The World Games + 2 weeks before/after FIFA World Cup (except for its last week) IAAF World Championships IAAF European Championships UEFA European Championship (except for its last week)
WSOC:	Winter Olympic Games + 1 week before/after FIS Nordic World Ski Championships + 1 day before/after FISU Winter Universiade, FISU World Championships + 4 days before/after.
WMTBOC	Olympic Games WOC + 2 days before/after World Cup (foot) +1 day before/after
WTOC	Paralympic Games + 2 weeks before/after WMTBOC + 2 days before/after WOC + 2 days before/after

¹ Does not apply where the events are organised by the same organiser in the same place.

Prohibited Periods – Junior World Championships

JWOC:	Olympic Games
	WOC + 2 days before/after
	WMTBOC + 1 week before/after
JWSOC	Winter Olympic Games
	WSOC + 1 week before/after
JWMTBOC:	Olympic Games
	WOC + 1 week before/after
	JWOC + 2 days before/after

Prohibited Periods – World Masters Championships

WMOC	WOC + 2 days before/after
	Listed multiday events + 2 days before/after
	World Masters Games + 2 weeks before/after
WMSOC	WSOC + 2 days before/after
WMMTBOC	WMTBOC + 2 days before/after
	WMOC + 2 days before/after

Appendix 1: IOF Event Period Calendar for Foot Orienteering Events

Abbreviations: TdF = Tour de France; Intl = International; WCup = World Cup.

Month	Week	Global TV-events	IOF WOC/WCup/EOC Event periods	National Events of Intl interest	Other major Intl Events	National Events	
Apr	14						
Apr	15						
Apr	16						
Apr	17						
May	18			Tiomila			
May	19					National period	
May	20						
May	21						
May/June	22		Intl period 1 World Cup		CISM		
June	23						
June	24	FIFA/UEFA		Jukola			
June	25	FIFA/UEFA				National period	
June/July	26	FIFA/UEFA/TdF			JWOC WMOC		
July	27	FIFA/UEFA/TdF	Intl period 2 WOC	Other multiday			
July	28	TdF/World Games					
July	29	World Games					
July	30	Olympics/World Games	Intl period 3 World Cup	O-Ringen			
Aug	31	Olympics					
Aug	32	Olympics		Other multi- day	WUOC WMOC		
Aug	33	Olympics					
Aug	34		Intl period 4 World Cup/EOC				
Aug/Sept	35						
Sept	36					National period	
Sept	37						
Sept	38						
Sept	39						
Oct	40		Intl period 5 World Cup/EOC				
Oct	41						
Oct	42					National period	
Oct	43				CISM		