

Summary from the Minutes

**FootO Commission 1-12, Helsinki
Friday 20 January to Sunday 22 January**

WOC 2011 FRA:

The experience with Sprint qualification prompted some remarks. In the future, more time should be foreseen between qualification and final. Jury management was also discussed. The process is time-consuming since first the organiser has to make a decision before the jury can act.

WOC 2012 SUI, status report:

SEA David Rosen visited Switzerland in September, saw most of the proposed control sites, and made remarks to maps and courses. Next visit is planned in April or May. The organiser indicated that a contract with Swiss TV has been signed, and Sprint and Relay will be televised live.

WOC 2013 FIN, status report:

Preparations are going according to plans. Some modifications have been done with respect to terrain usage for Middle and Relay. IOF Council decided to allow the requested Rules deviation for WOC 2013 concerning start intervals. The intervals will be 1.5 minutes for Middle Final and 2 minutes for Long Final.

WOC 2014 ITA, status report:

The date has been changed to 5-13 July. Map making is ongoing.

WOC 2015 GBR, status report:

The organiser has strong support from Event Scotland. An SEA team visit is planned for May, in order to evaluate the terrain alternatives and finalise details of embargoes. The date of WOC will be first or second week of August.

WOC 2016 application

The application from SWE substantially corresponds to the application for 2015. The application indicates two alternative dates, either early July or late August. At the forthcoming evaluation visit, these options will be discussed further and prioritised.

WOC Guidelines

FOC reviewed the process for updating the WOC guidelines, which seemed to be quite efficient in the past. The next update may contain a chapter on risk assessment. It was further noted that in chapter 17 (team officials' meetings), the "control descriptions ... shall be distributed" should be deleted.

IOF Project WOC in the future (WIF)

Council decided to withdraw its proposal. The decision is published on the website together with the 19 responses from federations with feedback to the project.

FOC decided to stick to the planned test of a Middle prologue and chase start final at the World Cup in NZL in January 2013. The proposal was modified, and a simplified procedure with bonus seconds 120-60-30 for places 1-2-3 in the prologue was accepted. All runners completing the prologue should be in the chase start in the World Cup NZL.

World Cup 2012

Council accepted the Special Rules 2012 in November (an e-mail decision), and they were published on the IOF website on 15 December.

The program is as follows:

1) Thu 17 May	Middle Distance	EOC	Sweden
2) Fri 18 May	Long Distance	EOC	Sweden
3) Sat 19 May	Sprint	EOC	Sweden
4) Sat 23 June	Middle Distance	PostFinance	Switzerland
5) Sun 24 June	Sprint	PostFinance	Switzerland
6) Sat 14 July	Sprint	WOC	Switzerland
7) Tue 17 July	Middle Distance	WOC	Switzerland
8) Thu 19 July	Long Distance	WOC	Switzerland
9) Sat 1 Sept	Sprint	NORT	Norway
10) Sun 2 Sept	Middle Distance	NORT	Norway
11) Tue 4 Sept	Knock-out Sprint	NORT	Sweden
12) Fri 7 Sept	Sprint	NORT	Finland
13) Sat 8 Sept	Prolonged Middle Distance chasing start	NORT	Finland

World Cup 2013:

The following program has been approved by Council:

Round 1: 6-13 January

- Oceania Orienteering Championships, New Zealand (Sprint, Middle and Middle with prologue/chase start)

Round 2: 1-8 June

- Nordic Orienteering Tour, Norway/Sweden/Finland:
 - NORT 1 & 2: Norway 1-2 June
 - NORT 3 & (4): Sweden 4 June. Knock-out Sprint (a possible second competition on 5 June will be confirmed later)
 - NORT 4 & 5 (or 5 & 6): Finland, Fri 7 June Sprint, Sat 8 June Middle (NORT Final)

Round 3: 6-14 July

- World Orienteering Championships, Finland (Sprint, Long and Middle)

Round 4: 5-6 October

- PostFinance, Switzerland (Middle and Sprint)

World Cup 2014:

The following program for 2014 is preliminary:

Round 1: 22 February

- Turkey (Middle), in conjunction with Antalya 4 days

Round 2: 5-6 April & 9-16 April:

- Spain (Long and Middle), near Murcia
- EOC, Portugal (Sprint, Middle and Long)

Round 3: Early May

- Nordic Orienteering Tour, Norway/Sweden/Finland:

- NORT 1 & 2: Norway
- NORT 3 & (4): Sweden
- NORT 4 & 5 (or 5 & 6): Finland

Round 3: 5-13 July

- World Orienteering Championships, Italy (Sprint, Long and Middle)

Round 4: 4-5 October

- PostFinance, Switzerland (Middle and Sprint), near Zurich

World Cup 2015

Bids have been received from Australia (3-11 January, Oceania Orienteering Championship: Sprint, Middle, Chase Middle Distance, in Tasmania) and Switzerland (29/30 August in Arosa, or 3/4 October in another place). FOC prefers the October date for the Final in Switzerland, since 29/30 August is too close to WOC in GBR (first or second week of August)

NORT has asked for more time (until 29 February) to submit the bid.

JWOC 2012 SVK, status report

Preparations are on track. The organiser designated 2 national controllers, who will join the EA clinic in Graz in March. The responsibilities of these controllers will have to be clearly defined. Map problems (too many details) for the Middle Final should be resolved soon with the help of the Map Commission.

JWOC 2013 CZE, status report

Preparations are on track. A request from the organiser for a change of sequence of the events (due to a holiday for the Sprint and TV requirements) was discussed. FOC would have preferred the rest day on Wednesday (or even on Tuesday). The following programme is provisionally accepted:

Mon 1/7 Long, Tue 2/7 Middle Qual., Wed 3/7 Middle Final, Thu 4/7 Rest day, Fri 5/7 Sprint, Sat 6/7 Relay. Middle Final and Relay will be televised live.

JWOC 2014

No news

JWOC 2015

Bids have been received from Norway and Romania.

FOC analysed the bids and decided to propose to invite both candidates for a presentation at one of the FOC meetings during WOC. (In the mean time Council has confirmed that both NOR and ROU will have a chance to present their bids)

JWOC guidelines

The first draft is based on the WMOC and WOC guidelines and was written by Ronan and Julie Cleary. The draft was discussed and further modified. It will be circulated to a number of Junior team coaches and past SEAs for JWOC for comments. The feedback will then be used to prepare a further draft at our meeting 2-12 in April to be tested in JWOC 2012.

FOC thanks Ronan and Julie Cleary for their excellent work.

WMOC 2012 GER, status report

Ales Hajna (CZE) of the Map Commission visited the sites in early November. The mappers have now re-drawn the maps in the problem areas.

At present there are 3300 entries. We can expect more than 4000 entries in the end.

WMOC/WMG 2013 ITA:

FOC continues to closely follow the development.

WMOC 2014, BRA, status report

No news.

WMOC 2015

Bids have been received from the Czech Republic, Latvia and Sweden.

FOC analysed the bids with respect to terrain for Long, terrain for Sprint, accommodation, tourism, accessibility and organisation. Based on this analysis, FOC proposes to Council (and Council confirmed) to shortlist LAT and SWE. David May will make the on-site analysis of the short-listed candidates and report at the FOC meeting 3-12 in July.

WMOC guidelines

The update for the WMOC guidelines was discussed and agreed. It is important that the Sprint distances are correctly measured, i.e. not by taking the direct line between control sites, but by accounting for non-crossable features. The updated guidelines are published on the website.

Regional Championships

It is noted that the Oceania championship 2015 organisers in Tasmania (AUS) apply for World Cup status.

The World Games 2013

The work ongoing at this stage is mainly related to mapping. There are construction activities in the Sprint area. The cooperation with the Cali organisers is very good.

WREs

The update for the WRE guidelines was discussed and agreed. The updated guidelines are published on the website.

In 2012 there will be a total of 104 WRE events (including WCup and WOC), which is a substantial increase over 2010 (87) and 2011 (84). There are 6 WREs in North America and 7 in Australasia.

FOC accepted the request for a mass start (Middle distance championship ITA 2012).

EA Clinics

HLES 4/5 February 2012, Venice (ITA)

EA clinic 2-4 March 2012, Graz (AUT)

EA clinic in POR in May 2012

EA clinic in NZL in January 2013, in conjunction with World Cup

Guidelines course setting

Göran Andersson gave comments on the second draft of the course planning document. A further draft will be prepared for our meeting 2-12 in April.

AOB

In conjunction with the Sprint map seminar of the Map Commission to be held on Mon 16 July during WOC in Lausanne, FOC should offer a seminar on Sprint course planning for course setters and event advisers, probably a day later. Details have to be worked out in our meeting 2-12 in April.

Next meetings

FOC 2-12 meeting Saturday 14 April 2012, Royal Holloway College (near Heathrow).
FOC 3-12 during WOC in Lausanne, 15, 16 and 20 July 2012.