

Summary of Foot Orienteering Commission (FOC) Minutes

Västerås, Sweden, 17-18 September 2004

1. Junior World Orienteering Championships

Programme: the addition of the Sprint discipline to JWOC has made the programme quite full and, after discussions with team leaders, it is proposed that the competition time be extended by one day. A suggested programme will be put to team leaders in Switzerland next year.

Guidelines: draft Guidelines have now been prepared and will be refined by the Commission in time for the next meeting.

2. World Masters Orienteering Championships

Rules and Guidelines: organisers will in future have the choice of whether to stage one or two heats when the number in a class is between 20 and 80.

Qualification to A finals where there are fewer than 160 in the class will in future be based on the number of *starters* in the heats rather than on those who successfully complete two heats.

Where competitors need visas to attend a WMOC, the organisers will in future be encouraged to establish relationships with the relevant embassies and also to ask Federations to vouch that applicants are *bona fide*.

2005: requests for changes to the normal map scales and for two separate Finishes were both rejected. In the former case, it was considered that the map detail did not warrant a 1:7500 scale whilst alternative Finish arrangements meant that all competitors could now be accommodated in a single Finish.

2009: the World Masters Games have been awarded to Sydney in 2009. Thus, subject to Council approval and Australian Federation agreement, the WMOC in 2009 will take place in the Sydney area, provisionally in mid October.

3. World Ranking Events

A league table of Federations, ranked separately by men and women, and based on the total points scored by the best 20 runners in each sex, will be published.

4. Event Advising

The Senior Event Advisors' clinic at Västerås was most successful with 60 delegates from 22 countries attending. A similar clinic is planned for May 2005 to be run in conjunction with the British World Cup round.

There will also be a Development clinic planned to be integrated into the Japanese World Championships in 2005.

5. O-Ringen Academy

A joint meeting with current O-Ringen organisers established that the existing clinics run by each year's O-Ringen organisers are now to be known as O-Ringen Academies and will be run jointly with the IOF.

The 2005 programme will concentrate on youth orienteering, organising and planning and progress will be followed up with a second, more advanced programme in 2006. Some of the delegates will have their costs either paid entirely and some will be partly subsidised in order to encourage participation from the less developed Federations.

6. Next Meeting

15 - 16 January at Helsinki, conjunction with IOF Council and other IOF Commissions.