

## Summary from the Minutes

### FootO Commission 2-12, Heathrow Saturday 14 April 2012

#### **WOC 2012 SUI, status report:**

Preparations are going according to plans. Bulletin 3 is being scrutinized by SEA David Rosen currently, and will be published in time. David is making his next visit on 29 April to 2 May.

#### **WOC 2013 FIN, status report:**

Preparations are going according to plans. Bulletin 2 is being worked on. SEA Henning Spjelkavik is visiting the areas during the World Cup Final in September (same Organising Committee as for WOC).

#### **WOC 2014 ITA, status report:**

Preparations have been altered to incorporate the "old" WOC model, meaning some new areas will be taken into account, and one new arena. Next SEA visit is most likely in late June or early July. Main subjects are follow-up of mapping (started last year) and evaluation and approval of the proposed new areas/arenas. Bulletin 1 will be released in time of WOC 2012.

#### **WOC 2015 GBR, status report:**

Preparations have started, the Organising Committee is being manned. A Bulletin 0 is planned for release during WOC 2012. The first SEA visit takes place 11 to 15 June, with the intention to evaluate additional terrains and arenas to accommodate the "old" WOC model.

#### **WOC 2016 application**

A shorter form of evaluation visit will be made on 30-31 May. Additional terrains in relation to last year's application will be evaluated, and dates for the event discussed and prioritized. A report will be produced for further processing in IOF and at the General Assembly.

#### **World Cup 2012**

The program is as follows (no change):

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

FOC discussed the deviation request from the Special Rules for the start list for the PostFinance Sprint (event No. 5). FOC supports the request. The sequence of the runners will be 40-20-39-19-38-18- ... -25-5-24-4-23-3-22-2-21-1 (the number is the sequence of World Cup ranking after event No. 4, see Special Rules), 1 minute interval. This gives the TV commentators more time to focus on the top runners. *(After the meeting: Council accepted the rule deviation request)*

A revised Special Rule will be published.

### **World Cup 2013:**

The programme is as follows (only change: deletion of the optional second competition in Sweden):

#### 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: Sweden 4 June. Knock-out Sprint
  - NORT 4 & 5: 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)

The Special Rules for World Cup 2013 must be ready by July 2012. It is confirmed that in Round 1 "Middle with prologue and chase start" will be tested, since this format may show up in future proposals for WOC. The Special Rules should also include a test for touch-free punching at the Knock-out Sprint in NORT, see below under AOB.

### **World Cup 2014:**

The following programme for 2014 is presented to Council for decision:

#### Round 1: 1-2 March

- Turkey (Middle and Sprint), 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: 4-11 June

- Nordic Orienteering Tour, Norway/Sweden/Finland:
  - NORT 1 & 2: Sweden (4-5 June)
  - NORT 3 & 4: Norway (7-8 June)
  - NORT 5 & 6: Finland (10-11 June)

#### Round 4: 5-13 July

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

#### Round 5: 4-5 October

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

*(After the meeting: Council did not accept the proposed programme. A revised programme with only one race in Turkey will have to be proposed)*

## **World Cup 2015**

A bid was received from NORT. Dates in early June are proposed.

FOC's decision to have the Final at its traditional date (early October) has been communicated to Swiss Orienteering Federation.

Oceania OC organiser is considering what the best programme for their races is (definitely Sprint and Middle). A Long distance event would be desirable, but would mean long travel distances. Depending on the outcome of the General Assembly and the test of a Middle with prologue and chase start in NZL in January 2013, this event format may also be considered for 2015 in Australia.

The provisional overall programme is as follows:

### Round 1: 3-11 January

- Oceania Orienteering Championships, Australia (Sprint, Middle, Chase Middle Distance). Very professional application with Tasmanian Government supporting it.

### Round 2: early June

- Nordic Orienteering Tour, Norway/Sweden/Finland:  
NORT 1 & 2: Norway  
NORT 3 & (4): Sweden  
NORT 4 & 5 (or 5 & 6): Finland

### Round 3: First part of August

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

### Round 4: 3-4 October

- PostFinance, Switzerland (Middle and Sprint)

## **JWOC 2012 SVK, status report**

Preparations are on track. 18 countries used the possibility of a training camp.

The responsibility of the 2 national controllers is now clearly defined. Map problems (too many details) for the Middle Final seem to be resolved. Due to heavy snow, Sprint maps are delayed.

## **JWOC 2013 CZE, status report**

Preparations are on track.

## **JWOC 2014**

The contacts between SEA David Aleš and the organiser are now established. The date of JWOC has been fixed to 21-27 July 2014. First SEA visit is planned in July 2012.

## **JWOC 2015**

Norway and Romania are invited to present their bids on Sunday, 15 July at the FOC meeting.

## **JWOC guidelines**

FOC discussed the feedback of Junior team coaches and past SEAs for JWOC. Some minor additions and clarifications will be made. The document should be published in May. It should also be a "living" document adapted each year.

### **WMOC 2012 GER, status report**

The organisers have agreed to print the maps using a Czech offset litho printer. Course planning is on schedule and draft maps are complete.

At present there are 3800 entries from 42 countries. We can expect more than 4000 entries in the end.

### **WMOC/WMG 2013 ITA, status report:**

Bulletin 1/2 must be ready end of June 2012 in time for distribution to the participants of WMOC 2012 in Germany.

### **WMOC 2014, BRA, status report**

There is an issue about dates as the Canadians wish to hold the North American Championships during the same week (11-18 October). The SEA has asked the Brazilians if it is possible to move WMOC one week later.

### **WMOC 2015**

David May will make the on-site analysis of the short-listed candidates SWE and LAT in May, and report at the FOC meeting 3-12 in July.

### **WMG/WMOC 2017:**

IMGA recently announced that Auckland had beaten 16 other cities to be awarded the WMG in 2017. NZL has announced its willingness to stage the WMOC in conjunction with the WMG. FOC suggests that NZL will have to send in a document similar to a regular application so that IOF can better monitor the preparations and approve the major aspects of the bid.

### **Regional Championships**

FOC had supported a rule deviation request from AOC 2012 China (e-mail decision). The organisers want to use the Learnjoy system in place of an accredited punching system. FOC was promised to get a demonstration of the Learnjoy system during WOC 2012 in Switzerland.

Dates of Regional Championships in 2012:

ASOC 14-19 October

NAOC 19-21 October

SAOC 14-18 November.

The SEAs did not report any serious problems nor concerns so far.

### **The World Games 2013**

Planned visit in April has been postponed due to some changes in Cali OC which has delayed some processes. Erik Nielsen and Kell Sönnichsen are making a belated visit in June (technical matters), the SEA Christine Brown and the mapper Paul Paque and course planner Mike Dowling are going there early September together with Erik. Björn Persson is joining in Cali after the World Cup final in September to meet with TV-production people.

It is noted that, subject to acceptance, Wroclaw (Poland) is the site of The World Games 2017.

### **WREs**

FOC discussed at length potential sanctions for the Spanish WRE event having used a map with 1:7'500 scale, of low quality, and without having sent a rule deviation request at any time.

FOC concluded that retroactive annulment of the WRE status is a sanction which punishes the competitors more than the organisers.

## **SEA Clinics**

HLES 4-5 February 2012 in Venice (ITA) was a success, with 37 participants from 13 countries. The main topic was sharing experience from past high-level IOF events, and securing transfer of knowledge.

The EA clinic 2-4 March 2012 in Graz (AUT) only had five participants (plus a few MBTO event advisers). A requirement for a successful clinic is the full support of the Federation of the country where the clinic takes place.

FOC urges the Sports Director and IOF secretariat to publish the date for the HLES 2013 as soon as possible. A suitable venue may be found later.

## **Guidelines course setting**

Göran Andersson intends to add further maps and comments from the EOC 2012 in Sweden.

The document should be presented for the first time at the seminar on Sprint course setting during WOC 2012 in Switzerland.

The seminar will be held on Tuesday, 17 July 2012, 19-22 h, at the IOF hotel if possible.

## **AOB**

The letter from Lars Lindstrøm (DEN) was discussed. FOC is of the clear opinion that setting up rules about the time between pre-start and start is not appropriate. The composition and timing of the programme (WOC, Regional Championship, World Cup) will never suit all wishes. FOC is also bound by the applications made by the national Federations, but tries to coordinate as much as possible.

FOC further discussed touch-free punching in FootO.

FOC confirms that it sees no reason to use touch-free punching except in very special cases such as Knock-Out Sprint and Sprint Relay, when many runners try to punch at the same time, and tenths of a second may decide the outcome of the race. A test of touch-free punching should be made at the Knock-Out Sprint 2013 during NORT.

FOC is interested to follow the development of touch-free punching (because the development takes place whether FOC supports it or not). However, the present accredited systems requiring a direct contact is more apt for checking whether a competitor was at a control than systems that allow passing without direct contact. A lot of uncertainties (and possibilities for complaints) would be introduced, if e.g. different electronic cards required different minimum distances (or different maximum passing speed) for correct registration at the control.

The difference in convenience for participants is much less in FootO than in SkiO or MTBO, where competitors are following a ski track or a path. Touch-free punching is not a substantial improvement over direct punching in FootO.

## **Next meetings**

### FOC 3-12

Sunday 15 July, 19-22 h, Monday 16 July, 19-22 h, Friday 20 July following the General Assembly, Lausanne (SUI).

### FOC 4-12

Sunday 23 September 2012, Premier Inn, Heathrow (GBR). Our members in Japan and Australia should be connected by gotomeeting.