

SOC MEETING

MEETING SUMMARY
8.7.2013

TIME Monday 8.7.2013
PLACE Vuokatti, Finland

PRESENT Antti Myllärinen
Roland Hellberg
Nicolo Corradini
Juraj Nemec
Eivind Tonna (through phone)
Alexander Bliznevskiy (through phone)

ABSENT Valentin Garkov
Thierry Jeanneret

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

Antti Myllärinen opened the meeting at 9.00 and declared it legal and able to make decisions concerning SOC. Meeting chose Antti Myllärinen as chairperson of the meeting and Roland Hellberg as secretary of the meeting.

2. WSOC: FREQUENCY AND FORMAT

- It was decided that World Ski Orienteering Championships (WSOC) should remain a biennial event in medium term. In the future it's possible to consider an annual WSOC.
- WSOC disciplines should also in the future be individual sprint, mixed sprint relay, middle, long and relay of 3 skiers per team
- WSOC should be outside Europe every 3rd time

3. SKI-O TOUR

SOC should support local organizers of SOT so that the event would be annual in 2-3 years' time. This will support the regional development of ski orienteering.

4. EVENT QUALITY

To increase quality in races we need a specialized SWAT team to take care of arena production.

5. WCUP: FORMAT AND POINT CALCULATION

It was decided that WCup should be organized (if possible) together with other IOF events (JWSOC, WMSOC etc.) to ensure the attractiveness of events for local organizers. WCup should consist of 3 rounds, max 6-7 days per round.

It was decided that in Nations' WCup will be introduced to WCup and only one trophy will be handed out after each season (for individual winners and for the best nation). All other decisions concerning point calculation and other issues are specified in Ski Orienteering World Cup 2013-2014 Special Rules.

6. WMSOC

It was decided that SOC will introduce special rules for WMSOC competitions and test these rules in 2014 Estonia. Possible updates for rules will be considered in summer 2014.

The decisions for WMSOC are compiled to special rules for world masters ski orienteering championships 2014 and thus not repeated here.

7. U23 CATEGORY

Juraj organizes a questionnaire during the autumn where he asks from nations whether they are ready to send additional athletes if we would have U23 category. After that SOC proposes the decision to the Council if needed.

8. OTHER ISSUES

Other issues were not discussed.

9. CLOSURE

Antti Myllärinen closed the meeting at 13.30.