

To IOF Member Federations

Proposed procedure for allocating start slots for WMTBOC Long Distance competitions

At the request of the MTBO Commission the IOF Council has decided to remove the qualification event from the WMTBOC programme and to replace it by an allocation of start slots to Federations.

The proposed allocation system is based on previous World Championship results and on the World Ranking. A mix of these two rankings is chosen so as to minimise the disadvantages inherent in each and also to promote the World Ranking. Particular conditions are granted to Federations outside Europe (*point 4 below*) in consideration of the fact that they may not be able to attend WMTBOC every year and that they have more difficulty in obtaining high World Ranking places. The system will be applied beginning from the 2013 WMTBOC in Estonia.

The objective is to allocate no more than 60 starting slots for the nations in each gender class (not counting slots for the reigning World Champions). However, for the sake of simplicity, if there are no more than 66 pre-entries for Long Distance, all pre-entered riders will have a start slot within the limit of a maximum of 6 slots per nation.

If the number of pre-entries for Long Distance in a gender class exceeds 66 (within the limit of 6 per nation), the maximum number of start slots that a nation can have is first reduced to 5 and then to 4. If the number of pre-entries then still exceeds 60 the allocation procedure below will be used.

The proposed allocation principles

Number of nation slots:

- Every participating Federation automatically has 1 start slot for the gender class for which it has entered competitors.
- The organising Federation automatically has the maximum of 4 start slots per gender class.
- The maximum number of start slots for any one Federation is 4 per gender class.

Personal slots:

- The reigning Long Distance World Champion*
- The reigning Long distance Junior World Champion*

*If they are members of their Federation's senior team.

The proposed allocation procedure

- 1) Each participating federation is allocated one automatic start slot.
- 2) The organising Federation automatically has the maximum of 4 start slots per gender class.
- 3) Start slots are added for each European Federation on the basis of the first 15 finishers in the long distance event at the previous WMTBOC (in year N-1) within the limit of the maximum of 4 start slots.
- 4) Start slots are added for each Federation outside Europe on the basis of the first 30 finishers in the long distance event at the WMTBOC in the year N-1 or N-2, whichever of these two gives the higher number, within the limit of the maximum of 4 start slots.
- 5) Following the allocation of start slots in steps 1-4 above, a maximum of 60 start slots is made up from the World Ranking list as it stands three months prior to the championships. The riders who have gained start slots for their Federation on the basis of previous WMTBOCs will not be considered when allocating start slots based on the World Ranking.
- 6) In addition to the allocated start slots, the reigning Long distance World Champions and the reigning Long distance Junior World Champions may be entered by their Federations provided they are members of their Federation's senior team.
- 7) No further allocation of start slots is made if a Federation does not take up its start slots or if the figure of 60 (plus 2 champions) is not reached. An exception to this can be made by the organiser only in case of a late pre-entry; the Federation concerned would then be allocated one start slot.

Procedure for informing the pre-entered Federations:

The start slots are allocated to all pre-entered Federations 2 months prior to the beginning of the WMTBOC in year N and are published at the same time as Bulletin n°3.

Simulation

The procedure is shown in detail below in simulating start slots for the Men's class of WMTBOC 2013. It is assumed that the same 25 Federations will take part with a "Men's" team as in 2012 and that the number of pre-entered men is in excess of 60. The World Ranking of 31 October 2012 is used. The differences between this simulation and the definite allocations for WMTBOC 2013 will depend on the number of actually entered Federations and on the World Ranking as it stands three months prior to the championships.

The data used for this simulation can be found attached (Appendix 1).

ALLOCATION OF AUTOMATIC START SLOTS

STEP 1

Each of the Federations has one automatic start slot.

STEP 2

Estonia, as the organiser, has 4 automatic start slots.

The 28 allocated start slots are shown in the table.

	Automatic	From previous WMTBOC	From World Ranking
AUS	1		
AUT	1		
BRA	1		
BUL	1		
CRO	1		
CZE	1		
DEN	1		
ESP	1		
EST	4		
FIN	1		
FRA	1		
GBR	1		
GER	1		
HUN	1		
ITA	1		
JPN	1		
LTU	1		
NOR	1		
POL	1		
POR	1		
ROU	1		
RUS	1		
SUI	1		
SVK	1		
SWE	1		
TOTAL	28		

ALLOCATION OF START SLOTS BASED ON PREVIOUS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

STEP 3

Allocation of start slots to European Federations according to the results of the previous WMTBOC, up to a maximum total of 4 slots per federation.

The first 15 ranked riders in the WMTBOC 2012 gives the following results per Federation:

CZE	2
DEN	1
EST	2
FIN	4
FRA	1
ITA	1
POR	1
RUS	2
SUI	1

These figures become start slots for the Federations except for FIN who cannot gain more than 3 slots (in addition to the automatic slot) to have the maximum of 4 and EST which has automatically the 4 organiser's slots.

STEP 4

Allocation of start slots to Federations outside Europe according to the results of the two previous WMTBOCs, up to a maximum total of 4 slots per federation.

The first 30 ranked riders gives the following results per Federation:

- At WMTBOC 2012:

AUS	1
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- At WMTBOC 2011:

AUS	1
JPN	1

AUS and JPN each gain 1 start slot.

The 14 allocated start slots are shown in the table.

	Automatic	From previous WMTBOCs	From World Ranking
AUS	1	1	
AUT	1		
BRA	1		
BUL	1		
CRO	1		
CZE	1	2	
DEN	1	1	
ESP	1		
EST	4		
FIN	1	3	
FRA	1	1	
GBR	1		
GER	1		
HUN	1		
ITA	1	1	
JPN	1	1	
LTU	1		
NOR	1		
POL	1		
POR	1	1	
ROU	1		
RUS	1	2	
SUI	1	1	
SVK	1		
SWE	1		
TOTAL	28	14	

ALLOCATION OF START SLOTS BASED ON WORLD RANKING

STEP 5

The remaining start slots are allocated on the basis of the World Ranking list to make up a total of 60 slots (up to a maximum total of 4 slots per federation). Runners that have already gained start slots for their Federation through their WMTBOC results will not be considered in step 5.

After allocating 42 start slots in the previous steps 18 slots remain to be allocated from the following list:

3. Jussi Laurila	FIN	*
7. Tõnis Erm	EST	*
9. Pekka Niemi	FIN	*
10. Luca Dallavalle	ITA	3 rd slot (start slot 43)
12. František Bogar	CZE	4 th slot (start slot 44)
12. Lauri Malsroos	EST	*
15. Yoann Garde	FRA	3 rd slot (start slot 45)
16. Beat Oklé	SUI	3 rd slot (start slot 46)
18. Jan Svoboda	CZE	*
19. Kevin Haselsberger	AUT	2 nd slot (start slot 47)
20. Regimantas Kavaliauskas	LTU	2 nd slot (start slot 48)
21. Martin Ševčík	CZE	*
22. Tobias Breitschädel	AUT	3 rd slot (start slot 49)
23. Juuso Jutila	FIN	*
24. Radek Laciga	CZE	*
25. Hans Jørgen Kvåle	NOR	2 nd slot (start slot 50)
26. Benjamin Midena	FRA	4 th slot (start slot 51)
27. Maciej Gromadka	POL	2 nd slot (start slot 52)
28. Margus Hallik	EST	*
29. Victor Korchagin	RUS	4 th slot (start slot 53)
30. Benjamin Michael	GER	2 nd slot (start slot 54)
34. Christian Wüthrich	SUI	4 th slot (start slot 55)
35. Michael Sommer	DEN	3 rd slot (start slot 56)
36. Rasmus Soegaard	DEN	4 th slot (start slot 57)
37. Baptiste Fuchs	FRA	*
38. Sebastian Wojtynek	POL	3 rd slot (start slot 58)
39. Andreas Rief	AUT	4 th slot (start slot 59)
40. Loïc Lonchamp	FRA	*
41. Oskar Lund	SWE	2 nd slot (start slot 60)
42. Stéfane Toussaint	FRA	
43. Bernhard Schachinger	AUT	
44. Mood Linus Karisson	SWE	
45. Maxim Zhurkin	RUS	
46. Jonas Wicky	SUI	
47. Martin Moser	AUT	
48. Andreas Bergmann	DEN	
49. Vojtech Stránský	CZE	
50. László Rózsa	HUN	

* This Federation already has the maximum 4 start slots

The 18 allocated start slots are shown in the table.

	Automatic	From previous WMTBOCs	From World Ranking
AUS	1	1	
AUT	1		3
BRA	1		
BUL	1		
CRO	1		
CZE	1	2	1
DEN	1	1	2
ESP	1		
EST	4		
FIN	1	3	
FRA	1	1	2
GBR	1		
GER	1		1
HUN	1		
ITA	1	1	1
JPN	1		
LTU	1		1
NOR	1		1
POL	1		2
POR	1	1	
ROU	1		
RUS	1	2	1
SUI	1	1	2
SVK	1		
SWE	1	1	
TOTAL	28	14	18

The table below summarises the simulation for 2013 and also shows the start slots gained through the qualification races at WMTBOC 2012.

	Automatic start slots	Start slots from previous WMTBOC results	Additional start slots from the WR in Oct 2012	Total start slots simulated for WMTBOC 2013	<i>Actual start slots in finals of WMTBOC 2012*</i>
AUS	1	1		2	<i>1</i>
AUT	1		3	4	<i>3</i>
BRA	1			1	<i>0</i>
BUL	1			1	<i>1</i>
CRO	1			1	<i>0</i>
CZE	1	2	1	4	<i>6</i>
DEN	1	1	2	4	<i>3</i>
ESP	1			1	<i>1</i>
EST	4			4	<i>3</i>
FIN	1	3		4	<i>6</i>
FRA	1	1	2	4	<i>5</i>
GBR	1			1	<i>2</i>
GER	1		1	2	<i>3</i>
HUN	1			1	<i>1</i>
ITA	1	1	1	3	<i>4</i>
JPN	1	1		2	<i>1</i>
LTU	1		1	2	<i>2</i>
NOR	1		1	2	<i>1</i>
POL	1		2	3	<i>1</i>
POR	1	1		2	<i>2</i>
ROU	1			1	<i>0</i>
RUS	1	2	1	4	<i>6</i>
SUI	1	1	2	4	<i>4</i>
SVK	1			1	<i>1</i>
SWE	1		1	2	<i>2</i>
TOTAL	28	14	18	60	<i>60</i>

* In WMTBOC 2012 there were a maximum of 6 starters per Federation

ALLOCATION OF PERSONAL START SLOTS

STEP 6

In addition to the start slots earned by the Federations, Ruslan Gritsan (RUS) has a personal start slot reserved for the reigning World Champion and Krystof Bogar (CZE), the reigning Junior World Champion, will have a personal start slot if he is a member of the senior CZE team.

APPENDIX 1: Data for the simulation

Results of Men's Long Distance Finals

WMTBOC 2012

1.	Ruslan Gritsan	RUS
2.	Juho Saarinen	FIN
3.	Samuel Pökälä	FIN
4.	Samuli Saarela	FIN
5.	Davide Machado	POR
6.	Tõnis Erm	EST
7.	Beat Schaffner	SUI
8.	Jussi Laurila	FIN
9.	Jiří Hradil	CZE
10.	Lauri Malsroos	EST
11.	Clément Souvray	FRA
12.	Bjarke Refslund	DEN
13.	Giaime Origgi	ITA
14.	Marek Pospíšek	CZE
15.	Anton Foliforov	RUS
16.	Maciej Gromadka	POL
17.	Baptiste Fuchs	FRA
18.	Mikchail Utkin	RUS
19.	Kevin Haselsberger	AUT
20.	Martin Ševčík	CZE
21.	Yoann Garde	FRA
22.	Pekka Niemi	FIN
23.	Benjamin Midena	FRA
24.	František Bogar	CZE
25.	Beat Oklé	SUI
26.	Michael Sommer	DEN
27.	Steven Cusworth	AUS
28.	Benjamin Michael	GER
29.	Regimantas Kavaliauskas	LTU
30.	Luca Dallavalle	ITA

WMTBOC 2011

1.	Samuli Saarela	FIN
2.	Erik Skovgaard Knudsen	DEN
3.	Ruslan Gritsan	RUS
4.	Beat Oklé	SUI
5.	Davide Machado	POR
6.	Giaime Origgi	ITA
7.	Beat Schaffner	SUI
8.	Jiří Hradil	CZE
9.	Valeriy Gluhov	RUS
10.	Christian Hohl	SUI
11.	Pekka Niemi	FIN
12.	Jussi Laurila	FIN
13.	Simon Seger	SUI
14.	Tobias Breitschädel	AUT
15.	Clément Souvray	FRA
16.	Samuel Pökälä	FIN
17.	Jonas Wicky	SUI
18.	Martin Moser	AUT
19.	Jan Svoboda	CZE
20.	Alex Randall	AUS
21.	Maxim Zhurkin	RUS
22.	Munehiro Tada	JPN
23.	Marek Pospíšek	CZE
24.	Mario Ruggiero	ITA
25.	Michael Sommer	DEN
26.	Bernhard Schachinger	AUT
27.	Juuso Jutila	FIN
28.	Mateusz Niedbała	POL
29.	Andreas Rief	AUT
30.	Philippe Cahuzac	FRA

Men's World Ranking, 31 October 2012

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2.	Samuli Saarela	FIN
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36.	Rasmus Soegaard	DEN
37.	Baptiste Fuchs	FRA
38.	Sebastian Wojtynek	POL
39.	Andreas Rief	AUT
40.	Loïc Lonchamp	FRA
41.	Oskar Lund	SWE
42.	Stéfane Toussaint	FRA
43.	Bernhard Schachinger	AUT
44.	Mood Linus Karisson	SWE
45.	Maxim Zhurkin	RUS
46.	Jonas Wicky	SUI
47.	Martin Moser	AUT
48.	Andreas Bergmann	DEN
49.	Vojtech Stránský	CZE
50.	László Rózsa	HUN