

Special Rules for the 2006 World Cup in Orienteering

The World Cup in 2006 will consist of three rounds:

- Round 1:** 7 – 13 May
Otepää, Estonia
- Round 2:** 29 July -5 August
Aarhus, Denmark: the finals of the World Championships, which will all count for World Cup points.
- Round 3:** 3 - 8 October
Clermont-Ferrand, France
The World Cup Finals

The full programme is:

Round 1 Estonia

<u>Competition no.</u>	<u>Type of competition</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	Sprint Distance	7 May qualification* and final
2	Middle Distance	8 May qualification*, 9 May final
3	Long Distance	11 May qualification*, 12 May final
4	Relay	13 May

Round 2 World Championships Denmark

<u>Competition no.</u>	<u>Type of Competition</u>	<u>Date</u>
5	Sprint Distance	1 August qualification* and final
6	Long Distance	30 July qualification*, 2 August final
7	Middle Distance	29 July qualification*, 4 August final
8	Relay	5 August

Round 3 World Cup Finals France

<u>Competition no.</u>	<u>Type of Competition</u>	<u>Date</u>
9	Middle Distance	2 October qualification*, 3 October final
10	Sprint Distance	4 October qualification* and final
11	Long Distance	5 October, World Cup Individual Final
12	Relay	7 October, World Cup Relay Final

* - qualification race - no World Cup points

In the **Individual World Cup**, seven competitions shall count for a competitor's total score. The scoring system is described in detail below.

In the **Relay World Cup**, all three relay competitions shall count for the total score. The scoring system is described in detail below.

The **Competition Rules for IOF Foot Orienteering Events** (as published on the IOF website www.orienteering.org on 1st January 2004) apply to all 2006 World Cup events, subject to the amendments listed at the end of these Special Rules.

World Cup Individual Final (competition no. 11)

There is no qualification race for this competition.

All runners who have gained World Cup points in any of the first eight individual competitions may take part in the World Cup Individual Final. Federations may enter competitors without World Cup

points in the Final, but in that case their total number of entered competitors in the class (including those with points and those without) must not exceed six.

The basis for the start list is the World Cup standings after competition 10 according to total scores calculated by taking the best score from competitions 9 and 10 plus the competitor's best 5 scores from competitions 9 or 10 (the one with the second-best score), 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7. The starting order shall be the reverse of the total score list for the competitors concerned. The competitor with the highest total score shall start last. Ties shall be decided by drawing lots.

Runners without World Cup points shall start before runners with points, and the starting order for them shall be drawn at random and without start groups.

If competitors from the same Federation get consecutive start times, the procedure of Competition Rule 12.9 shall be applied, but the two groups (with and without World Cup points) shall be treated as separate start groups and not mixed.

Scoring System for the Individual World Cup 2006

1. A competitor's total score is the sum of seven of the competitor's scores calculated by taking the score from the World Cup Individual Final (competition 11) plus the best score from competitions 9 and 10 plus the competitor's best 5 scores from competitions 9 or 10 (the one with the second-best score), 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7.
2. In all individual races the 40 best placed competitors in each class obtain points as follows: 50, 45, 41, 38, 36, 35, 34, . 3, 2, 1. There are no points awarded to runners in B-finals.
3. If two or more competitors share a place in a competition, they all receive the higher point score.
4. In the case of equal total scores for two or more competitors, the placing in the World Cup Individual Final (competition 11) is decisive.
5. The competitors with the highest total scores from the three competitions in the same format (sprint, middle distance, long distance) in the World Cup season will be named as **format winners** in the respective formats and will receive plaques at the final prize-giving ceremony.

Scoring System for the Relay World Cup 2006

1. A Federation's total score is the sum of its scores from all three relay competitions.
 2. In each competition, the best 15 teams in each class obtain points as follows: 20, 17, 15, 13, 11, 10, 9, . 3, 2, 1. For the allocation of points, only the better-placed team from each Federation is considered.
 3. If two or more teams share a place in a competition, they all receive the higher point score.
 4. In the case of equal total scores for two or more Federations, the placing in the World Cup Relay Final is decisive.
 5. A Federation's total score is independent of which runners make up its better placed (counting) team for each competition. At the prize-giving ceremony for the overall Relay World Cup, a Federation may be represented by all competitors having run in at least one of its counting teams in any of the three World Cup relay competitions.
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Rule amendments applying to World Cup 2006.

Replace rule 9.8 by

Names of the competitors and, if required, their starting group allocation shall reach the organiser no later than 12 noon on the day before an individual competition. Names of the competitors and their running order within a relay team shall reach the organiser no later than 15.00 hours on the day before a relay competition.

Names for a relay are now not required until 3 p.m.

Replace rule 12.7 by

In qualification race competitions, the start draw for the qualification races shall be made so that each of the following requirements is satisfied:

- as many competitors as there are parallel heats shall start at each start time, with the possible exception of the last start time
- as far as possible, the heats shall be equally strong
- competitors from the same Federation shall not start at consecutive times in the same heat
- the allocation of competitors to the different heats shall be drawn so that the competitors of a Federation are distributed as equally as is mathematically possible among the heats

The rule has been simplified

Replace rule 18.6 by

The dimensions of the control descriptions to be issued at the start shall be published at, or before, the team official's meeting.

The full list of descriptions should no longer be handed out before the team official's meeting. (Any unusual control descriptions should have been encountered in the model event).