



## Special Rules for the 2012 World Cup in Orienteering

The World Cup in 2012 will consist of 13 competitions. The programme includes the European Orienteering Championships (EOC), two competitions in Switzerland, the World Orienteering Championships (WOC), and finishes with the Nordic Orienteering Tour (NORT).

The full programme is:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type of competition</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Country</u>
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 September	Sprint	NORT	Norway
10) Sun 2 September	Middle Distance	NORT	Norway
11) Tue 4 September	Knock-out Sprint	NORT	Sweden
12) Fri 7 September	Sprint	NORT	Finland
13) Sat 8 September	Prolonged Middle Distance chasing start	NORT	Finland

The **Competition Rules for IOF Foot Orienteering Events** (as published on the IOF website [www.orienteering.org](http://www.orienteering.org) on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011) apply to all 2012 World Cup events.

In World Cup competitions 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, competition rule 9.10 does not apply; replacement of runners will not be possible after 12 noon on the day before the competition.

In case of a tie for the final qualification place in any of the competitions, all tied runners qualify, thus increasing the number of competitors in the relevant final, semi-final or quarter final. Where necessary, lots are drawn to resolve ties for the purpose of deciding heat allocation in competition 11.

### ***Competitions 1, 2 & 3 European Orienteering Championships, Sweden***

European Championship Rules apply (see IOF Competition Rules Appendix 7). Participation is open to all IOF members. In each of the individual events a Federation may enter a maximum of 6 men and 6 women. The current European Champion shall be given a wild card for that distance in addition to the ordinary entries from his/her Federation, provided he/she is selected by his/her Federation.

### ***Competitions 4 & 5 Post Finance, Switzerland***

**4) Day one:** Middle distance, individual interval start. There is no prior qualification. The start order is determined by the reverse standing of the official World Rankings as published on 31st May\* (leader starts last). The start interval is 2 minutes.

**5) Day two:** Sprint, individual interval start. Only competitors with at least one World Cup point, or who finished competition 4 are potentially eligible. The competition consists of one Final only, with 40 competitors. These are the 40 highest placed competitors in the World Cup Standings after 4 competitions. If there are less than 40 competitors entered for competition 5 with one or more World Cup point, the remaining places will be allocated to



competitors in the order of their ranking in competition 4 (position 41 and higher). The start order is the reverse World Cup Standings (leader starts last). For the remaining competitors the start order is determined by the reverse placing in competition 4. The start interval is 1 minute.

***Competitions 6, 7 & 8 World Orienteering Championships, Switzerland***

WOC rules apply.

***Competitions 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 Nordic Orienteering Tour, Norway, Sweden, Finland***

Only entry for the whole tour is possible.

**1) NORT day one:** This consists of a Sprint qualification race in the morning, followed by a Sprint final in the afternoon. Both races have an individual interval start with a 1 minute start interval. The start order for the qualification race is determined by the reverse standing of the official World Rankings as published on 27<sup>th</sup> August\*. The final is for the top 30 athletes from the qualification race. The start order is the reverse order of the qualification race results (winner starts last).

**2) NORT day two:** Shortened Middle Distance with a winning time of 30 minutes and an individual interval start with a 90 second start interval. The starting list is the NORT day one results in reverse order (winner starts last); for the remaining competitors, who start before the top 30 athletes from the NORT day one final, the start order is determined by the reverse standing of the NORT day one qualification race. Runners who were not placed in the day one qualification race start first in random order. Only runners who started on day one may start on day two.

**3) NORT day three:** Sprint, knock-out style. The qualification race in the morning for all runners will be a prolonged Sprint (15-18 minute winning time) with a 1 minute start interval. The starting list is the NORT day one qualification race results (before any bonus times are deducted) in reverse order (winner starts last). Runners who were not placed in the day one qualification race start first in random order. Only runners who started on both day one and day two may start on day three. The semi-finals are for the top 24 athletes from the qualification race. There are 3 consecutive mass-start semi-finals each running the same course with a 6-8 minute winning time. Semi-final A: 1st, 6th, 7th, 12th, 13th, 18th, 19th and 24th of the qualification; semi-final B: 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 23; semifinal C: 3, 4, 9, 10, 15, 16, 21, 24.

The final is for 8 athletes. The two fastest runners from each semi-final and the two runners with the next best times qualify for the final. The final will be a mass-start Sprint with a 6-8 minute winning time

The results of NORT day three do not count as World Ranking Events.

Rule Deviations approved by IOF Council:

For the qualification:

- 27.3 Any complaint shall be made to the organiser as soon as possible. A complaint is adjudicated by the organiser. The complainant shall be informed about the decision immediately.
- 28.3. Any protest shall be made in writing to a member of the jury no later than 15 minutes after the organiser has announced the decision about the complaint.

For the semi-finals and finals:

- 27.3 Any complaint shall be made to the organiser as soon as possible. A complaint is adjudicated by the organiser. The complainant shall be informed about the decision immediately.



28.3. Any protest shall be made to a member of the jury no later than 2 minutes after the organiser has announced the decision about the complaint.

**4) NORT day four:** This consists of a Sprint qualification race in the morning, followed by a Sprint final in the evening. Both races have an individual interval start with a 1 minute start interval. The start order for the qualification race is determined by the reverse standing of the World Cup points after competition 11. Runners with no World Cup points start first in random order. Only runners who started on all of days one, two and three may start on day four. The final is for the top 30 athletes from the qualification race. The start order is the reverse order of the qualification race results (winner starts last).

**5) NORT day five:** Prolonged Middle Distance chasing start (women 40 minutes, men 45 minutes) with the start times based on the NORT overall time standings after four days. The NORT overall time standings after four days are calculated as the time for the qualification race on day one **plus** the time for the race on day two **plus** the time for the qualification race on day three **plus** the time for the qualification race on day four **less** the following bonus seconds:

- NORT day one: the 30 runners in the final will get bonus seconds 120-90-70-60-55-50-40-38-36-34-32-30-18-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 according to their placing in the final.
- NORT day three: The 8 runners in the final will get bonus seconds 120-90-70-60-55-50-40-38 according to their placing in the final. The other 16 runners in the semi-finals will get bonus seconds 36-34-32-30-18-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7 according to their running times in the semi-finals.
- NORT day four: the 30 runners in the final will get bonus seconds 120-90-70-60-55-50-40-38-36-34-32-30-18-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 according to their placing in the final.
- If one or more runners are not placed in the semi-finals or finals, they will be regarded as being placed at the end of that group and are awarded bonus seconds as if they were in the lowest position of that group.
- In the case of a tie for bonus seconds, the tied runners who are placed each receive the same as if they had all been placed in the highest of the tied positions.

Only runners, who started in the qualification races of NORT days one, three and four, and on NORT day two, may start on day five. The first runner to the finish is the NORT winner. The results of NORT day five do not count as a World Ranking Event.

Runners who started but were not placed in one or more of the qualification races of NORT days one, three and four or in the race of day two may take part in a separate interval start competition on the same course with the first runner starting 10 minutes after the last chasing start runner has departed, but will neither be placed in the NORT overall ranking nor will get World Cup points for day five. There will be a 1 minute start interval and individual start times are drawn at random.

***World Cup standings are defined as***

After 1 to 5 competitions	the sum of all scores
After 6 to 8 competitions	the sum of the best 5 scores
After 9 to 13 competitions	the sum of the best 5 scores out of the first 8 competitions plus the scores from competitions 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13

***National runners' quota for competitions 4 to 5 and 9 to 13***



There will be a maximum number of runners allowed for each Federation in each competition. The national quotas will be based on the total points of the leading 10 athletes from each Federation in the IOF World Rankings list as published at the beginning of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012. Separate quotas will apply for men and women.

The allocations will be:

- The top 6 nations get 8 places. The list of the top 6 nations (separately for men and women) will be published on the IOF website by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2012.
- All other nations get 6 places

A Federation may enter any runner irrespective of his/her position in the IOF World Rankings list.

All 2011 individual World Champions, provided they are selected by their Federation, shall be offered a wild card place in competition 4 (and may participate in competition 5, if they qualify based on the World Cup standing after 4 races). All 2012 individual World Champions, provided they are selected by their Federation, shall be offered a wild card place in competitions 9 to 13. These wild card places shall be additional to the national quotas.

**Special Invitations**

The organisers of competitions 4 and 5 shall offer invitations to the three leading male World Ranking runners and three leading female World Ranking runners as at 31 May 2012. The organisers of competitions 9 to 13 shall offer invitations to the three leading male World Cup runners and three leading female World Cup runners according to the World Cup standings after the first eight competitions. For these runners, the local costs (i.e. accommodation, board, entry fee and local transport) shall be borne by the organising Federations. Other costs (e.g. travel to and from the event venue) remain the responsibility of the runners' Federations. These invitations do not grant extra places to Federations in the competitions. If any of the three best runners will not be competing the invitations do not get passed on to lower-ranked runners.

**Scoring System**

The total score for each athlete shall be calculated by adding:

- The 5 best scores from competitions 1-8
- The scores from events 9 to 13

For competitions 1 to 8, 100 points are awarded to the winner, 80 points to second place, 60 points to third place and so on as shown below:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	100 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	80 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	60 points
4 <sup>th</sup> place	50 points
5 <sup>th</sup> place	45 points
6 <sup>th</sup> place	40 points
7 <sup>th</sup> place	37 points
8 <sup>th</sup> place	35 points
9 <sup>th</sup> place	33 points
10 <sup>th</sup> place	31 points
11 <sup>th</sup> place	30 points
12 <sup>th</sup> place	29 points
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40 <sup>th</sup> place	1 point



For competition 9, based on the results of the final, the first 25 runners get the following points: 75-60-45-38-34-30-28-26-24-22-20-18-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4.

For competition 10 the first 25 runners get the following points: 75-60-45-38-34-30-28-26-24-22-20-18-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4.

For competition 11 the 6 runners in the final get points 75-60-45-38-34-30. The other 6 runners in the semi-finals get points 28-26-24-22-20-18 according to their running time in the semi-finals. The first 16 of the other 18 runners in the quarter-finals get points 16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 according to their running time in the quarter-finals. If one or more runners are not placed in the quarter-finals, semi-finals or finals, they will be regarded as being placed at the end of that group and score points accordingly (even if they did not start).

For competition 12, based on the results of the final, the first 25 runners get the following points: 75-60-45-38-34-30-28-26-24-22-20-18-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4.

Points can only be awarded in competitions 9, 10, 11 and 12 to runners who start in all five competitions. Any points gained by runners in competitions 9 or 10 or 11 or 12 (or all or many) who do not start in all five competitions will not be reallocated to those finishing below them. However, they do retain any World Ranking points they may have gained.

In the World Cup Final, competition 13, the first 40 runners past the finish line (i.e. the NORT overall positions) get “double” points. The winner gets 200 points down to 2 points for the 40<sup>th</sup> place. Runners who start in the interval start race in competition 13 are not eligible for points from competition 13.

In the case of a tie for points, the tied runners who are placed each receive the same as if they had all been placed in the highest of the tied positions. The tied runners who are not placed each receive the same as if they had all been placed in the lowest of the tied positions.

### **Prize money**

The organisers of the seven World Cup competitions (excluding the WOC and EOC competitions) contribute 1000 € each making a total prize money “pot” of 7000€. This is divided amongst the overall World Cup leaders as follows:

<b>Place</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	1250€	1250€
2 <sup>nd</sup>	900€	900€
3 <sup>rd</sup>	600€	600€
4 <sup>th</sup>	350€	350€
5 <sup>th</sup>	250€	250€
6 <sup>th</sup>	150€	150€

\* The World Rankings at a particular date may be retrieved from the website <http://iof.6prog.org> under Statistics, Ranking History.