

## Special Rules for the 2015 World Cup in Orienteering

The World Cup in 2015 will consist of 11 competitions. The programme includes the Oceania Orienteering Championships in Australia, races in Norway and Sweden, the World Orienteering Championships in Great Britain, and the World Cup Final races in Switzerland.

The full programme is:

Competition	Date	Competition Format	Event	Country
1	Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan and Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Sprint	OOC	Australia
2	Thu 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Middle distance	OOC	Australia
3	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Long distance	OOC	Australia
4	Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Long distance		Norway
5	Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Sprint		Sweden
6	Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Middle distance		Sweden
7	Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Sprint	WOC	Great Britain
8	Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> August	Middle distance	WOC	Great Britain
9	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Long distance	WOC	Great Britain
10	Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Long distance	WCup Final	Switzerland
11	Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Middle distance	WCup Final	Switzerland

The **Competition Rules for IOF Foot Orienteering Events** (valid from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015, as published on the IOF website [www.orienteering.org](http://www.orienteering.org)) apply to all competitions.

In competitions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 10 and 11, competition rule 9.10 does not apply: replacement of runners will not be possible after 12 noon on the day before the competition. Rule 9.10 does apply in competition 3.

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. Where necessary, lots are drawn to resolve ties for the purpose of deciding starting order. If the starting order is based on ranking or World Cup points and some competitors have no points, those competitors are ordered randomly and start before those with points.

In competitions 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 and 11, competition rules 12.7 (separating runners from the same Federation) do **not** apply. In competitions 4 and 6 rule 12.7 is applied starting with the earliest runner drawn to start.

### **Competitions 1, 2 & 3 (Australia)**

**Competition 1 (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> January):** Sprint competition consisting of a Sprint qualification race with two heats on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, followed by a Sprint Final on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Both races have a 1 minute start interval. Competitors shall be split between the two qualification heats according to the requirements in rule 12.8 (except the third dot point about separating runners from the same Federation), with rule 12.12 also applying. The start order for each qualification heat is determined strictly by the standing of the IOF Sprint World Rankings as published on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014\* (leader starts last), while all efforts should be made to make both heats as equally strong as possible. The Sprint Final is for the top 20 athletes from each heat of the Sprint qualification race. The start order for the Sprint Final is strictly the reverse of the placings in the Sprint qualification race (rule 12.10 does not apply); the best competitors shall start last as described in rule 12.9. All others who were placed in the qualification race start in the B-Final where the start order is also the reverse of the Sprint qualification race results.

**Competition 2 (8<sup>th</sup> January):** Middle distance competition with a 2 minute start interval. The start order is determined strictly by the standing of the IOF Middle/Long World Rankings as published on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014\* (leader starts last).

**Competition 3 (10<sup>th</sup> January):** Long distance competition with a 3 minute start interval. Individual start times are drawn randomly in three starting groups (early, middle and late). A Federation must allocate its runners as evenly as possible across the three groups.

#### **Competitions 4, 5 and 6 (Norway and Sweden)**

**Competition 4 (3<sup>rd</sup> June):** Long distance competition with a 2 minute start interval. The starting order is based on Orienteering Middle/Long World Ranking positions as published on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015\*.

The 10 top-ranked entered runners form starting group 1; their order is randomised within that starting group. The next 15 top-ranked entered runners form starting group 2 with their order randomised within that starting group. And so on, in groups of 15 (or up to 29 for the highest number starting group), for the remainder of the entered runners.

If more than 90 runners are entered, the starting sequence of the starting groups is 5-4-3-2-1-6-7-8-...

If a maximum of 90 runners are entered, the starting sequence of the starting groups is 6-5-4-3-2-1.

**Competition 5 (6<sup>th</sup> June):** Sprint competition with a 1 minute start interval. The start order is determined strictly by the standing of the IOF Sprint World Rankings as published on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015\* (leader starts last). Based on runners' World Ranking they are divided into three starting groups:

- Green group: runners outside the 60 highest-ranked runners
- Yellow group: from 31<sup>st</sup> to 60<sup>th</sup> highest-ranked runners
- Red group: 30 highest-ranked runners

Starting order of the starting groups will be:

1. Men green group and Women green group
2. Men yellow group and Women yellow group
3. Men red group
4. Women red group

Men start on the full minute, Women on the half minute.

**Competition 6 (7<sup>th</sup> June):** Middle distance competition with a 2 minute start interval. The starting order is based on Orienteering World Ranking positions as published on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015\*

The 10 top-ranked entered runners form starting group 1; their order is randomised within that starting group. The next 15 top-ranked entered runners form starting group 2 with their order randomised within that starting group. And so on, in groups of 15 (or up to 29 for the highest number starting group), for the remainder of the entered runners.

If more than 90 runners are entered, the starting sequence of the starting groups is 5-4-3-2-1-6-7-8-...

If a maximum of 90 runners are entered, the starting sequence of the starting groups is 6-5-4-3-2-1.

## **Competitions 7, 8 & 9; World Orienteering Championships (Great Britain)**

WOC rules apply.

## **Competitions 10 & 11 World Cup Final, Switzerland**

**Competition 10 (2<sup>nd</sup> Oct):** Long distance competition with a 3 minute start interval. The start order is determined strictly by the order of the World Cup standing after competition 9 (leader starts last). If there are more than 70 runners entered, the organiser may apply a start interval of 2 minutes.

**Competition 11 (3<sup>rd</sup> Oct):** Middle distance competition with a 2 minute start interval.

The start order is determined strictly by the World Cup standing after competition 10 (leader starts last). For those runners with no World Cup points, their starting order is the reverse of their placing in competition 10. Runners with no World Cup points and no placing in competition 10 start first (drawn randomly).

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

After competitions 1 to 6 the sum of all scores.

After competitions 7 to 9 the sum of the best n-1 scores (where n is the number of competitions so far).

After competition 10 the sum of the best 8 scores out of the first 9 competitions plus the score from competition 10.

After competition 11 the sum of the best 8 scores out of the first 9 competitions plus the scores from competitions 10 and 11.

### **National quotas for competitions 1 to 6 and competitions 10 and 11**

For competitions 1 to 3 Oceania nations Australia and New Zealand get 10 places and all other nations get 8 places.

The national quotas for competitions 4, 5, 6, 10 and 11 are based on the total points of the leading 10 athletes from each Federation in the IOF World Federation League tables (combined Sprint/Middle/Long) as published on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015. Separate quotas will apply for men and women.

The allocations for competitions 4, 5, 6, 10 and 11 will be:

- The top 6 nations get 8 places.
- All other nations get 6 places.

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

All 2014 individual World Champions shall be offered a wild card place in competitions 1 to 6 provided they are selected by their Federation. All 2015 individual World Champions, provided they are selected by their Federations, shall be offered a wild card place in competition 10 and 11. These wild card places shall be additional to the national quotas.

### **Special Invitations**

The organisers of competitions 4 to 6 shall offer invitations to the three leading male World Cup runners and the three leading female World Cup runners according to the World Cup standings after the first three competitions. The organisers of competitions 10 and 11 shall offer invitations to the three leading male World Cup runners and the three leading female World Cup runners according to the World Cup standings after the first 9 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 and Federations are not obliged to select runners who have been offered Special Invitations. If any of the three leading runners will not be competing, the invitations do not get passed on to lower-ranked runners.

### **Scoring System**

For competitions 1 to 10, 100 points are awarded to the winner, 80 points to 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
- .....
- 40<sup>th</sup> place 1 point

In competition 11 (World Cup Final), the runners finishing the race get double points; the winner gets 200 points down to 2 points for the 40<sup>th</sup> place.

In the case of a tie, the tied runners each receive the same points as if they had each been placed in the highest of the tied positions.

### **Prizes**

IOF prizes will only be awarded in the overall World Cup while organisers will provide prizes in the single World Cup events. World Cup prizes will no longer be awarded at the World Championships. Below is a summary of the prizes for both men and women for the single events and the World Cup overall:

#### Single World Cup Events

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: prizes by organiser
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: prizes by organiser
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: prizes by organiser

#### World Cup Overall Individual categories

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: medal, trophy cup, diploma by the IOF
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: medal, diploma by the IOF
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: medal, diploma by the IOF
- 4<sup>th</sup> place: diploma by the IOF
- 5<sup>th</sup> place: diploma by the IOF
- 6<sup>th</sup> place: diploma by the IOF

#### Prize money

The organisers of the five World Cup competitions other than the three Oceania Orienteering Championship competitions and the three WOC competitions contribute

1000€ each making a total prize money "pot" of 5000€. This is divided amongst the overall World Cup leaders as follows:

Place	Men	Women
1 <sup>st</sup>	850€	850€
2 <sup>nd</sup>	600€	600€
3 <sup>rd</sup>	450€	450€
4 <sup>th</sup>	300€	300€
5 <sup>th</sup>	200€	200€
6 <sup>th</sup>	100€	100€

Additionally, prize money may also be awarded at each of the World Cup competitions at the discretion of the organising Federation. See the respective organisers' bulletins and websites for such information.

*\* References to IOF World Rankings at a particular date mean the rankings as at 2100 local time on that day.*

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