

Special Rules for the 2017 Relay World Cup in Orienteering

The Relay World Cup in 2017 will consist of 5 competitions. The programme includes the World Cup race in Finland, the World Orienteering Championships (WOC) in Estonia and the World Cup races in Latvia and Switzerland. The full programme is:

Competition	Date	Format	Event	Venue
1	24 May	Sprint Relay	World Cup Round 1	Turku, Finland
2	2 July	Sprint Relay	World Orienteering Championships (WOC)	Tartu, Estonia
3	7 July	Relay (M & W)		
4	26 August	Relay (M&W)	World Cup Round 3	Cesis, Latvia
5	1 October	Sprint Relay	World Cup Round 4	Grindelwald, Switzerland

The Competition Rules for IOF Foot Orienteering Events (as published on the IOF website www.orienteering.org valid from 1st January 2017) apply to all 2017 Relay World Cup events.

National quotas and result list for competitions 1 and 5

All Federations can start with a maximum of 3 teams. Each team consists of 4 team members of whom at least two must be women. Only the best placed team of each Federation will count for the World Cup result list. For competition 1 and 5 teams with runners from more than one Federation (but still with 4 team members of whom at least two must be women) may participate but will not be placed in the results.

Competitions 2 and 3, World Orienteering Championships, Estonia

WOC rules apply.

National quotas and result list for competition 4

All Federations can start with a maximum of 3 men's and 3 women's teams. Each team consists of 3 team members. Only the best placed men's team and best placed women's team of each Federation will count for the World Cup result list. During competition 4 teams with runners from more than one Federation (but still with 3 team members) may participate but will not be placed in the results.

Start order

The overall Relay World Cup result from 2016 determines the start order in competition 1. For WOC (competitions 2 and 3) the corresponding result from WOC 2016 determines the start order. The World Cup overall standing after competition 3 and 4 determines the start order in competition 4 and 5 respectively. Teams other than a Federation's first team shall have a start number higher than all the Federations' first teams.

World Cup standings

A total of 7 scores are available during the season: 2 scores (1 men and 1 women) in each of competitions 3 and 4, and 1 score in each of competitions 1, 2 and 5.

World Cup standings are defined as

After competitions 1 to 4 the sum of all scores up to and including that stage.

After competition 5 the sum of the best 6 out of 7 scores

If there is more than one Federation with the same number of points in the overall standings the highest placing in competition 5 determines the final order.

Scoring System

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

1st place 100 points

2nd place 80 points

3rd place 60 points

4th place 50 points

5th place 45 points

6th place 40 points

7th place 37 points

8th place 35 points

9th place 33 points

10th place 31 points

11th place 30 points

12th place 29 points

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40th place 1 point

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

In competitions 1, 2 and 5, a single set of points is awarded. In competitions 3 and 4, separate sets of points are awarded for the men's and women's relay.

Prizes

For the overall victory a trophy will be awarded to the winning country. Each organiser can award prizes of varying character.