

WOC in the Future

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Outcome of the 2010 General Assembly

- Decision to **introduce a mass start event** at WOC
- Support for Council's report to
 - develop a more **diversified WOC programme**
 - limit the WOC programme to a **maximum of eight days**
 - introduce a **mixed gender relay**

The programme as proposed by the Project Group for hearing

- Programme within eight days
- Three blocks, rest days in between
- Removal of qualification (except sprint)
- Six medal formats
- Traditional formats remain
- Two new formats
 - Sprint relay for mixed teams
 - Middle distance prologue + chasing start

The Future WOC Programme

- Outcome of hearing

- Many different views on future direction
- Common views were
 - Removal of qualifications accepted
 - programme length maximum eight days
 - Number of title events less than six
 - Chasing start preferred over mass start



The outcome of the hearing

- Council's conclusion

- 6 finals are too many
 - Programme needs to be shorter
- Removing of qualification is accepted
 - Remove qualification, replace by new model
- Chasing start preferred over mass start
 - Chasing start to be introduced

Based on conclusions, Council's proposals on the programme

- If 4 finals are preferred
 - Sprint qualification + **Sprint** final
 - **Sprint Relay** (mixed teams 2+2)
 - **Middle** Prologue + Chasing start*
 - **Long** final, individual interval start
 - If 5 finals are preferred
 - The traditional **Relay** is added to the above
- * Acceptance of above proposal implies that the decision to introduce a Mass start is overruled!

Council's proposals on the program

	4 finals	5 finals
Sprint qualification + Sprint final	●	●
Sprint Relay (mixed teams 2+2)	●	●
Middle Prologue + Chasing start	●	●
Long final, individual interval start	●	●
traditional Relay		●

Participation

Council's proposal

- Sprint qual: 3 per nation + reigning champion
- Sprint final: 45 starters qualified
- Sprint relay: one team per nation
- Middle prologue: 3 per nation + reigning champion
- Middle final chasing start based on results from prologue
- Relay: one team per nation (per gender)
- Long final: by qualification rules, 48-50 starters

Qualification to **Long final**

- National slots
 - A maximum of three places per nation
 - Based on the results achieved by a nation in the previous three WOCs
- Regional places
 - Each Region is guaranteed at least one place
- Individual place
 - Reigning Champion has a personal place

CONCLUSIONS

- A WOC with 4 or 5 finals and 6 or 7 events
- Every event day is a medal day
- Can be organised in 6 or 7 days
- Programme divided into three blocks with a rest day in between