

Call for Application

MTBO Development Guide: “How to organize your first MTBO event?”

The IOF MTBO Commission plans to publish a development guide to help interested people to organize their first MTBO event. The Commission is looking for applicants interested in writing and designing this document.

Objective and content

The objective of the document is to advise interested organizers on all the aspects of organizing basic MTBO events. The target audience probably saw an MTBO event or heard/read about MTBO, but may not necessary have extensive experience. They are likely to have some experience with navigation exercises, but may not have orienteering background (scouts, physical education teachers, etc). Probably they won't be familiar with the specifics of MTBO.

The Guide should explain the basics of organizing an MTBO event, but does not have to be limited to the following topics:

- Considerations on selecting the competition area
- Permission considerations
- Ideas on suitable base maps, necessary corrections, and production
- Competition format and course setting (e.g. score event, linear courses, etc)
- Options for control marking, punching, and timing solutions
- Tips on advertising the event to potentially interested parties
- Safety considerations
- Race day practicalities (start, finish, results)

The language of the Guide is English. It will be published by the IOF and available for public download and translation to other languages for non-commercial purposes.

Application process

Interested applicants are requested to submit the following:

- Brief description of the experience in organizing MTBO events
- The planned outline of the Guide

- Whether they can produce content only or also publication ready graphic design
- Sample page

Please send your application by 15 October 2015 to Sandor Talas, Hans Jørgen Kvåle and Magnus Wallenborg on the email addresses below.

The winner will be selected by the MTBO Commission, the MTBO Marketing Manager and the CEO of the IOF based on the submitted applications and follow up discussions, if necessary.

Planned timeline

- Application deadline: 15 October 2015
- Contract signed: 30 October 2015
- Submission deadline: 31 January 2016 for content only
29 February 2016 for content and publication ready design
- Publication: 31 March 2016

Compensation

The current budget for the Guide is € 2000 that is intended to be split as

- € 1200 - 1500 for the content of the Guide (depending on how much linguistic editing is necessary)
- € 500 for publication ready graphic design

Applicants may apply for one or both of the tasks.

Further information

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