

Special Rules

EUROPEAN JUNIOR MOUNTAIN BIKE ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS **Valid from 1st January 2015.**

The European Junior Mountain Bike Orienteering Championship (in short EJMTBOC) is the official event to award the titles of European Junior Champion in Mountain Bike Orienteering in the classes M-20 and W-20. The event is organised under the authority of the European Working Group (in short EWG) and the appointed Federation.

The event shall follow the IOF Competition Rules for Mountain Bike Orienteering Events unless otherwise stated in these Rules.

1. Principles for EJMTBOC

The championship shall be organised in accordance with the following principles:

- The best junior Mountain Bike orienteers of each European Federation shall be offered competitions of the highest technical quality in M-20 and W-20.
- The event shall have a social, rather than a competitive atmosphere, letting young people exchange experience and find new friends.
- The EJMTBOC in M/W-20 should be arranged in conjunction with other major International Mountain Bike Orienteering events.
- The costs of participation shall be kept low.

2. Event programme

The event is organised in odd years, preferably together with the EMTBOC.

The programme normally shall include Sprint, Middle, Long distance competitions and a Relay for national teams with 3 legs, as well as an opening ceremony, a closing ceremony and adequate model events. The Sprint, Middle and Long distance competitions are single race competitions.

The programme for the EJMTBOC races shall be kept within 6 days.

3. Event application and appointment of organiser

There is no separate application for the EJMTBOC: EMTBOC candidates are asked to express their interest to organise EJMTBOC in the respective application form. The deadline for EMTBOC applications is 1 January two years prior to the event year.

4. Participation and Classes

Competitors representing member Federations of the IOF, defined by the International Olympic Committee as belonging to the European continent, can compete in EJMTBOC.

Competitors representing other member Federations of the IOF can participate in EJMTBOC but will not be eligible for European titles, medals or diplomas.

For each individual competition a Federation may enter a maximum of 6 competitors in each class. The organising Federation may have two additional competitors as official EJMTBOC competitors in the individual competitions. These competitors shall start in the lowest ranked start group. A Federation may enter 2 teams in the Relay. If a Federation is represented by two teams in a relay class, only the team with the better result is considered in determining the placings. All competitors must have a valid passport of the country they are representing.

The EJMTBOC is divided into 2 classes for the following age categories:

- W-20** for female athletes who are no more than 20 years old on 31st December of the year of the competition.

M-20 for athletes who are no more than 20 years old on 31st December of the year of the competition.

5. Starting order, winning times

The start draw shall be made with 3 starting groups, each starting group being drawn at random. Competitors from the same Federation shall not start consecutively. In each individual competition each Federation shall allocate its competitors to specified starting groups. A Federation shall allocate one competitor to each group first (before allocating second competitor to the same group). If a Federation fails to allocate its competitors to starting groups, the organiser shall decide the allocation.

Winning times:

	Middle	Long	Sprint	Relay
W -20	45-50 min	85-90 min	15-20 min	35-40 min/leg
M -20	45-50 min	85-90 min	15-20 min	35-40 min/leg

6. Prizes

The organiser shall pay for specially designed medals provided by the EWG for all the competitions (3 medals in each individual class / competition, 3 sets of medals in each class in Relay) and diplomas for places 1-6.

No team score shall be calculated.

Representatives of the organising Federation and a representative of the EWG shall perform the prize-giving ceremonies.

7. Jury

The jury is the same as for the EMTBOC.