

Special Rules

EUROPEAN TRAIL ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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European Trail Orienteering Championship (in short EuTOC) is the official event to award the titles of European Champion in Trail Orienteering. It is organised under the authority of the European Presidents meeting / IOF and the appointed Federation.

These special rules are valid from 1st of January 2006.

1. Principles for EuTOC

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

- The participants shall be offered competitions of the highest technical quality.
- The organiser shall follow the design of a compact championship model in order to minimise transport time and cost and give competitors, leaders and other representatives of orienteering a possibility to enjoy a social atmosphere.
- The costs of participation shall be kept low and accommodation of different standard and prices shall be offered.
- There shall be the possibility to introduce new competitors to international competition

2. Event programme

The event is organised in 2006, 2007 and 2008 and thereafter every second year. The programme shall be kept within 5 days and include the following classes: Competition for those of any physical ability and competition for those eligible for the Paralympic class (Paralympic competitors may be entered for both classes); together with competitions for teams of 3 pre-declared competitors of any physical ability and 3 pre-declared competitors eligible for the Paralympic class (they may be declared for both teams).

The event shall follow the IOF Competition Rules unless otherwise is stated in these Special Rules. The dates of the EuTOC shall be co-ordinated with other international events and when possible be included in the programme with the EuOC of other disciplines and finally approved by IOF.

3. Participation

Competitors representing IOF full member Federations and competitors representing European associate members of IOF can compete in the EuTOC.

In the individual events a Federation may enter maximum **6 persons** in each class.

In the team competition a Federation may enter 2 teams in each class, but only the better-placed team will count in the prize list. There shall be no limit on the number of competitors and leaders in a team.

4. Event application and appointment of organiser

Any European Federation that is a full member of IOF, may apply to organise EuTOC. Applications shall reach the IOF Secretariat before January 31st 2 years prior to the event. The Annual Meeting of the EOF will appoint the organiser. An IOF licensed Event Advisor from another Federation shall be appointed to control the event.

5. Prizes

The organiser shall prepare and pay for specially designed medals (as decided by the European Working Group) for the individual events (3 medals in each class) and the team competition (3 medals in each class) and diplomas for places 1-6.