

EUROPEAN SKI ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The European Ski Orienteering Championships (in short ESOC) is the official event to award the titles of European Champion in Ski Orienteering in classes M/W 21. It is organised under the authority of the European Presidents meeting, the IOF and the appointed Federation. These Rules are valid from 1st January 2011.

1. Principles for ESOC

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

- The best ski orienteers of each European Federation shall be offered competitions of the highest technical quality.
- The event shall have a social atmosphere, letting people exchange experience and find new friends
- The ESOC can be arranged in conjunction with WCup events or as separate events.

2. Event programme

- The event is organised every year. The programme normally shall include Sprint, Middle and Long distance competitions, a Sprint Relay and/or a normal Relay as well as an opening ceremony, a closing ceremony and adequate model events and rest. The Middle and Long distance competitions are single race competitions. Either the Long distance competition or the Middle distance competition should have a mass start. The Sprint distance competition may be organised as a qualification race competition with parallel qualification race heats for both men and women.
- The programme shall be no longer than 7 days. The event shall follow the IOF Competition Rules unless otherwise stated in these Rules. The dates of the ESOC shall be coordinated with other international events by the IOF.

3. Event application and appointment of organiser

Any European Federation may apply to organise the ESOC. Applications shall reach the IOF before January 1st 2 years prior to the event. The Annual Meeting of the European Presidents appoints the organiser. An IOF Event Adviser from another Federation shall be appointed to control the event.

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 ESOC.

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

In the individual competitions a Federation may enter a maximum of 6 competitors in each class. A Federation may enter 2 teams in the Relay and 3 teams in the Mixed Relay. The current European Champion shall be given a “wild card” for the red group, or the right to enter the sprint race qualification in addition to the ordinary entries from his federation. There shall be no limit on the number of competitors and leaders in a team.

5. Starting order, start interval, winning times, red groups etc.

The IOF Competition Rules for World Cup Ski Orienteering events apply for the start interval and winning times. If arranged in conjunction with World Cup events, the World Cup Special Rules apply with respect to the starting order and red group allocation. If arranged separately

from a World Cup, then Special Rules will be issued which will determine the starting order and red group allocation.

6. Prizes

The organiser (in co-operation with the European Working Group) shall prepare and pay for specially designed medals for both the individual events (3 medals in each class / race) and the Relay(s), and a diploma shall be given to the six best competitors in each class and race. In the relay a Federation may enter 2 teams each consisting of 3 competitors, but only the better-placed team will count in the results list. In the sprint relay a Federation may enter 3 teams each consisting of 2 competitors, but only the best placed team will count in the results list.