

Rules

EUROPEAN SKI ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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The European Ski Orienteering Championships (in short ESOC) is the official event to award the titles of European Champion in Ski Orienteering in the classes M21 and W 21. The event is organised under the authority of the European Working Group (in short EWG), the IOF and the appointed Federation.

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

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 costs of participation shall be kept low and accommodation of different standard and prices shall be offered.

2. Event programme

The event is organised annually. 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 Sprint, 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 programme shall be no longer than 7 days. 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 that is a member of IOF may apply to organise the ESOC. Applications shall reach the IOF before 1st January 2 years prior to the event. The Annual Meeting of the orienteering federations in Europe appoints the organiser. The appointment is subject to approval by the IOF and the signing of an organiser's agreement. An IOF Event Adviser from another Federation shall be appointed to control the event.

4. Participation

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 in addition to

the ordinary entries from his/her federation. There shall be no limit on the number of competitors and leaders in a team.

The organising Federation may have two additional competitors as official ESOC competitors in the individual competitions. These competitors shall start in the lowest ranked start group.

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

The IOF Competition Rules for World Cup in 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. Results lists

If any non-European runners participate in the competition two separate results lists shall be published. One results list showing the results of the European Orienteering Championship excluding any non-European runners and a second showing the results of the competition including non-European runners.

7. Prizes

The organiser shall pay for specially designed medals provided by the EWG for all the individual competitions (3 medals in each class / competition), relay (9 medals in each class / competition) and Sprint relay (6 medals in each class / competition) and diplomas for places 1-6.

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.

Representatives of the organising Federation and a representative of the EWG (preferably) or the IOF shall perform the prize-giving ceremonies.

8. Jury

IOF Council appoints the jury. It shall consist of 3 voting members from different orienteering federations.

9. World Cup

If one or more of the competitions staged as part of the ESOC is also designated by the IOF as part of the World Cup series of events, then the rules under which it/they are conducted are determined by the IOF.