

Rules

EUROPEAN TRAIL ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS **Valid from 1st January 2013**

The European Trail Orienteering Championship (in short ETOC) is the official event to award the titles of European Champion in Trail Orienteering. It 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, as they would apply for the World Trail Orienteering Championships, unless otherwise stated in these Rules.

1. Principles for ETOC

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 meet outside the forest.
- 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 every second year (in even years). The programme shall be no longer than 5 days and include the following classes: Competition for those of any physical ability and competition for those eligible for the Paralympic class; together with a team competition on one of the days.

The dates of the ETOC shall be co-ordinated with other international events and when possible be included in the programme with the EOC of other disciplines and finally approved by IOF.

3. Event application and appointment of organiser

Any European Federation that is a member of IOF may apply to organise ETOC. Applications shall reach the IOF Secretariat before January 1st three years prior to the championship. 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. The Senior Event Adviser shall be appointed by the IOF.

4. Participation

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

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

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

In the team competition a Federation may enter 2 teams each consisting of 3 competitors with at least one competitor from the Open class and at least one competitor from the Paralympic class. Only the better-placed team will count in the prize list.

5. Results lists

If any non-European competitors 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 competitors and a second showing the results of the competition including non-European competitors.

6. Prizes

The organiser shall pay for specially designed medals provided by the EWG for the individual events (3 medals in each class) and the team competition (3 medals for each team) and diplomas for places 1-6.

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

7. Jury

IOF Council appoints the jury. It shall consist of 3 voting members from different orienteering federations, one of whom is eligible for the Paralympic class.