

Special Rules

EUROPEAN YOUTH MOUNTAIN BIKE ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS **Valid from 1st January 2014.**

The European Youth Mountain Bike Orienteering Championship (in short EYMTBOC) is the official event to award the titles of European Youth Champion in Mountain Bike Orienteering in the classes M-17 and W-17. 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 Mountain Bike Orienteering Events unless otherwise stated in these Rules.

1. Principles for EYMTBOC

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

- The best youth Mountain Bike orienteers of each European Federation shall be offered competitions of the highest technical quality in M-17 and W-17.
- The event shall have a social, rather than a competitive atmosphere, letting young people exchange experience and find new friends.
- The EYMTBOC in M/W -17 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 annually.

- in odd years together with EMTBOC
- in even years together with WMTBOC
(if WMTBOC in an even year is outside Europe then with World Cup or other suitable event)

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 EYMTBOC races shall be kept within 6 days.

3. Event application and appointment of organiser

Any European Federation that is a member of IOF may apply to organise the EYMTBOC. Applications shall reach the IOF Office before 1st January 2 years prior to the year of the event. The Annual Meeting of the orienteering federations in Europe 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 EYMTBOC.

Competitors representing other member Federations of the IOF can participate in EYMTBOC 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 EYMTBOC 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 EYMTBOC is divided into 2 classes for the following age categories:

- W-17** for female athletes who are no more than 17 years old on 31st December of the year of the competition.
- M-17** for athletes who are no more than 17 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 -17	35-40 min	70-75 min	15-20 min	30-35 min/leg
M -17	35-40 min	70-75 min	15-20 min	30-35 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 (preferable) or the IOF shall perform the prize-giving ceremonies.

7. Jury

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