



INTERNATIONAL ORIENTEERING FEDERATION

IOF Code of Ethics

Preamble

The IOF is committed to the highest standards of conduct in sport administration and competition. To meet this commitment, the IOF has developed a Code of Ethics to express the core values of both the organisation and the sport of Orienteering in general. Such values and ethics underpin the IOF's policies, procedures and rules. Observance of the code is vital to the integrity of orienteering.

The IOF Code of Ethics comprises four principles. It imposes obligations in terms of respect and responsibility upon everybody involved in orienteering - competitors, spectators, officials and all other accredited persons. Persons involved in the IOF and in Orienteering must not act in a manner likely to tarnish the reputation of the IOF or the sport of Orienteering generally, nor act in a manner likely to bring the sport into disrepute.

The four ethical principles of the IOF

Equality

Discrimination and harassment against others on grounds of race, disability, marital status, sex, sexuality, age, political or religious conviction are not condoned in Orienteering.

All forms of harassment, be they physical, mental, professional or sexual, are strictly prohibited.

Orienteering promotes the inclusion of men and women equally.

Fair Play

Fair play is the guiding principle in the sport of Orienteering. It is expected that all persons taking part in orienteering shall behave with fairness and honesty.

All persons shall operate within and abide by the rules of the sport.

Orienteering is committed to being a drug free sport.

Respect

Orienteering shall be characterised by mutual respect and self-responsibility. All persons involved in orienteering shall be treated with dignity and consideration.

The contribution that people make to the sport shall be recognised.

In pursuing the sport's goals, the governance of Orienteering shall be mindful of the physical and psychological well-being of its athletes.

Violence and abusive behaviour are not to be tolerated.

Orienteering respects the natural environment.

Integrity

All persons subject to this code shall use due care and diligence in fulfilling their roles for, and on behalf of, the IOF or Orienteering generally.

Decisions by the IOF will be made in accordance with established procedures, objectively, fairly and with honesty and integrity.

In using resources, personnel will strive for economy, efficiency and environmental friendliness.

Conflicts of interest are to be avoided.