

Junior World Orienteering Championships (JWOC) 2020 – Guidance notes for applicants

General information

Applicants are asked to acquaint themselves with the JWOC Guidelines document to be found on the IOF home page, <http://orienteering.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/JWOC-Guidelines-2015.pdf>.

Please note that in case of multiple applications, short-listed candidates will be invited to make bid presentations during one of IOF FootO Commission's meetings.

JWOC shall be organised in accordance with the following principles:

- The best junior orienteers of each federation shall be offered competitions of high technical quality;
- The event shall have a social, rather than a competitive atmosphere, accentuating exchange of experience;
- The cost of participating shall be kept low.

Sample programme

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| Day 1 (e.g. on Sunday) | Arrival, Model Event |
| Day 2 | Sprint (final only) and Opening Ceremony |
| Day 3 | Long Distance competition (final only) |
| Day 4 | Rest Day |
| Day 5 | Middle Distance Qualification (3 parallel qualification heats) |
| Day 6 | Middle Distance Final |
| Day 7 | Relay (3 legs) |
| Day 8 | Departure |

Event dates and participation

In order to maximise the participation, JWOC shall be organised in a vacation period, preferably in July. The organiser can expect up to 350 competitors and between 50 and 100 coaches.

In preparing the application, the organiser shall consider the IOF policy on conflicting event dates (document available on the IOF website). According to this policy, the following periods are prohibited for JWOC 2019:

- World Orienteering Championships 2020 (Denmark) + 1 week before/after (dates tbd)
- World MTB Orienteering Championships 2020 + 1 week before/after (venue and dates tbd)

Costs (see IOF Competition Rules, 7.1–7.8)

- The costs of organising an event are the responsibility of the organiser. To cover the costs of the competition(s), the organiser may charge an entry fee. This fee shall be kept as low as possible and shall be approved by the IOF Senior Event Adviser.
- Each federation or individual competitor is responsible for defraying the expenses of travel to the event, accommodation, food and transport between the accommodation, event centre and competition sites. If the use of official transport to the competition sites is mandatory, the entry fee shall include these costs.

As a rule of thumb for JWOC, the costs per day (accommodation, boarding) shall not be more than about 40-50 € per day and competitor.

Event centre

The event centre is of highest importance. It shall allow for the social atmosphere mentioned earlier. It should offer cheap accommodation at reasonable quality as well as facilities for entertaining (alternative sports, cinema, etc). Optimally, all teams are gathered at the same place. Nevertheless, a few requirements should be addressed carefully:

- There should not be too many people sleeping in the same room
- There must be enough rooms for girls and boys to sleep separately
- Orienteers need more than just one bed (the participants have a lot of luggage and material to store)
- Orienteers need plenty of toilets and showers and even laundry facilities
- Any one national team must be accommodated entirely in one place
- It must be possible for each national team to gather separate from other teams

- Team leaders should have the possibility to sleep in separate rooms (double or single)

Competition terrain

The terrain shall be suitable for setting competitive orienteering courses. The competition terrain shall not have been used for orienteering for as long as possible prior to the competition, so that no competitor has an unfair advantage.

The competition terrain shall be chosen having cost in mind, i.e. the distance from the event centre should be kept short in order to minimise transportation cost. Another means to reduce costs is to reuse competition arenas several times.

An appropriate number of model events shall be set up to demonstrate the characteristics of the various terrains.

Sanction fee

The sanction fee to be paid for the organising rights of JWOC 2020 is 2.000 EUR.

Anti-doping costs and requirements

The costs and management for any doping tests that must be carried out at The Event shall be borne by the IOF Anti-doping fund. The appointed organizer shall make a contribution to the fund for The Event. The amount will be invoiced together with the sanction fee for the event.

The organizer shall provide a local contact person for Anti-doping matters and shall provide local infrastructure for testing in accordance with IOF requirements, i.e. appropriate testing facilities and athlete chaperones.

Various

The IOF encourages combining JWOC with a public event. This allows partly distributing specific costs for JWOC (maps, ceremonies, etc) on a wider base. But most of all a public event invites spectators to follow the JWOC competitions and, hence, provides better atmosphere to the event as a whole.

Evaluation criteria

The IOF Foot Orienteering Commission uses the following set of criteria to evaluate JWOC bids.

| Criterion | Commentary (please bear in mind that different criteria have different weightings in the assessment) |
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| Concept | Includes proposed event dates, and structure of the proposed event venues (e.g. proximity of event venues to event centre). |
| Forest terrain | JWOC currently has 4 forest races: long distance, middle distance qualification and final and relay. Different races have different priorities with regards to terrain and the application should reflect this. |
| Sprint terrain | JWOC currently has 1 sprint race: access to a high quality sprint area is important. |
| Arena suitabilities | The suitability of proposed arenas is evaluated with regard to size, available parking space, available transport options, accessibility, etc. Arenas should be located within the best parts of the terrain (spectator control). |
| Accommodation | Having one or two venues able to hold most/all teams is extremely important to keep the JWOC spirit alive. One of the key elements of a JWOC is socialisation and suitable accommodation very close to each other is the absolute key element to achieve this goal. A good range of quality and price is also important, bearing in mind that prices should generally be kept low. |
| Local tourism | Important to attract tourists for the JWOC Tour races, which is crucial economically and brings spectators to the arena. |
| Organisational ability | The applicant federation's and local applicant's previous track record on national and international major event organisation. |
| Local support | Refers to support from local authorities and other external bodies/individuals important to the success of the event (e.g. land owners/managers) |
| Climate and environmental | Includes consideration of climate (with excessively hot, cold or wet climates at the proposed event times being a negative), as well as the elevation of proposed event areas.. |
| Local costs | General cost level of the applicant country. |
| English spoken (language skills of organisation) | It is very important that at least a substantial subset of key officials are able to communicate effectively with the SEA and other IOF representatives. |
| English spoken (general population) | General ability of the population to communicate in English. |

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| <p>Broadcasting and communications</p> | <p>For JWOC, TV coverage is rare (although not unknown), but online coverage is important. Mobile phone coverage of the competition area is important for WOC and JWOC in order to support GPS tracking. Some of these factors are difficult to include in a bid assessment – for example, it is highly unlikely that plans will be sufficiently well developed to include camera locations – but the availability of communications to proposed arena locations is still an important matter.</p> |
| <p><i>Safety, security and health risks</i></p> | <p>While it is highly unlikely that an orienteering event has sufficient profile to present a specific security risk in the way that, for example, the Olympic Games or FIFA World Cup does, those associated with the event are still exposed to risks which exist generally in the region where the event is taking place (e.g. crime, political instability). Health risks (e.g. disease risk, unsafe drinking water) may also be considerations. It should also be noted that the safety/security situation may change significantly (either positively or negatively) between the allocation of the event and the date of the event taking place.</p> |
| <p><i>Transport to event centre and to venues</i></p> | <p>Good transport links to the event centre are important – existing guidance suggests that events should be close to international airports, but this may not be so important if there are good internal transport links. Any major event centre should be accessible by some form of public transport – this is especially important for JWOC as some participants may be travelling without team officials and will be too young (in most countries) to hire vehicles. The organiser should be prepared to offer transport (at the expense of users) to participants, officials and spectators. Nowadays compulsory transport – included in the entry fee – is the model used for all JWOC races.</p> |
| <p><i>Entry procedures/ visas</i></p> | <p>Any IOF event should be able to be accessed by participants from any IOF member country. Visa procedures which make it difficult or impossible for competitors for some countries to attend, or which require unacceptably long lead times for applications, are a significant negative for the event. This should be viewed from the perspectives of all likely participant countries.</p> |