

Summary from the Minutes

**Foot Orienteering Commission 3-12, Lausanne
Sunday 15 July, Monday 16 July, and Friday 20 July 2012.**

FOC internal matters

Konrad Becker is leaving FOC. Council has decided that Mikko Salonen will take over after the WOC. Willi Müller (SUI) will be the new member.

WOC 2012 SUI

We are experiencing a well-organized WOC with challenging but fair courses.

WOC 2013 FIN, status report:

Preparations are going according to plans. Bulletin 2 is published. Maps are approved and a first draft of the courses will be available soon. SEA Henning Spjelkavik and Björn Persson are visiting Finland during the World Cup Final in September.

WOC 2014 ITA, status report:

Björn Persson and SEA Jörn Sundby made a visit two weeks ago. Sprint is planned in Venice. Since this is far away from the event centre Lavarone, there must be a rest day before and after the sprint for dislocations. For the forest events there are many good areas and arenas. Mapping has started.

WOC 2015 GBR, status report:

Environmental concerns limit the choice of terrains, but there is still a good selection available. Event centre will be Inverness. The proposed date is 1-9 August.

WOC 2016 SWE

Sweden (the only candidate) was designated to host WOC 2016 by the General Assembly. The proposed date is 20-28 August (after the Olympics).

WOC in the future

The General Assembly voted in favour of the Council proposal. This means that the qualification races for Middle and Long will be abolished, and that a Sprint Relay will be introduced.

FOC is ready to support Council in defining conditions for qualification in the finals (as FOC already did in the past). If the new WOC programme is already applied in 2014 in Italy, then the qualification principles are an urgent matter.

FOC will also help in defining conditions for the mixed gender Sprint Relay. Some experience is available from the World Games in Chinese Taipei. National federations should be encouraged to stage sprint relay events in order to collect experience with such a format. We should also consider introducing touchless punching for the Sprint Relay.

The test for a chase start event during the World Cup round in NZL 2013 is still important, because chase start remains an attractive competition format for TV production.

In the long run FOC will have to consider to adapt also the JWOC programme.

World Cup 2012

The final programme is as follows (no change):

9) Sat 1 Sept	Sprint	NORT	Norway
10) Sun 2 Sept	Middle Distance	NORT	Norway
11) Tue 4 Sept	Knock-out Sprint	NORT	Sweden
12) Fri 7 Sept	Sprint	NORT	Finland
13) Sat 8 Sept	Prolonged Middle Distance chasing start	NORT	Finland

World Cup 2013:

The programme is as follows (no change):

Round 1: 6-13 January

- Oceania Orienteering Championships, New Zealand (Sprint, Middle and Middle with prologue/chase start)

Round 2: 1-8 June

- Nordic Orienteering Tour, Norway/Sweden/Finland:
 - NORT 1 & 2: Norway 1-2 June (Oslo)
 - NORT 3: Sweden 4 June. Knock-out Sprint (Sigtuna)
 - NORT 4 & 5: Finland, Fri 7 June Sprint, Sat 8 June Middle (NORT Final, Turku)

Round 3: 6-14 July

- World Orienteering Championships, Finland (Sprint, Long and Middle)

Round 4: 5-6 October

- PostFinance, Switzerland (Middle and Sprint, Baden near Zürich)

The Special Rules for World Cup 2013 were discussed by e-mail before the meeting, then finalized together with the Rules Commission, and accepted by Council. They will be published shortly.

A possible test for touch-free punching at the knock-out Sprint in NORT (4 June) is not included in the Special Rules. The matter must be followed up later this year.

World Cup 2014:

The following programme for 2014 was accepted by Council:

Round 1: 1 March

- Turkey (Middle), in conjunction with Antalya 4 days

Round 2: 5-6 April & 9-16 April:

- Spain (Long and Middle), near Murcia
- EOC, Portugal (Sprint, Middle and Long)

Round 3: 4-11 June

- Nordic Orienteering Tour, Sweden/Norway/Finland:
 - NORT 1 & 2: Sweden (4-5 June)
 - NORT 3 & 4: Norway (7-8 June)
 - NORT 5 & 6: Finland (10-11 June)

Round 4: 5-13 July

- World Orienteering Championships, Italy (Sprint, Long and Middle)

Round 5: 4-5 October

- PostFinance, Switzerland (Middle and Sprint), near Basel

World Cup 2015

The preliminary programme is as follows:

Round 1: 3-11 January

- Oceania Orienteering Championships, Australia (Sprint, Middle, Chase Start Middle Distance).

Round 2: early June

- Nordic Orienteering Tour, Norway/Sweden/Finland:
NORT 1 & 2: Norway
NORT 3 & (4): Sweden
NORT 4 & 5 (or 5 & 6): Finland

Round 3: First half of August

- World Orienteering Championships, Inverness (Sprint, Long and Middle)

Round 4: 3-4 October

- PostFinance, Switzerland (Middle and Sprint)

The programme should be finalized at the January 2013 meeting for decision by Council.

World Cup guidelines

Clive Allen will draft a first version of World Cup Guidelines by end of August, based on WOC guidelines.

JWOC 2012 SVK, report

This event was a success. 40 countries participated. Everybody was happy with the courses. Once more the banquet was a problem. The organisers did not serve alcohol, but some of the runners were drunken when they arrived. The banquet had to be stopped at 10 p.m.

JWOC 2013 CZE, status report

Preparations are on track. Bulletin 2 is published. Maps are ready. Next SEA visit in September 2012. SEA Áron Less asked for an assistant.

JWOC 2014 BUL, status report

SEA David Aleš visited the site. Bulletin 1 was not yet ready but will be distributed before end of August. Apart from that preparations seem to be on track.

JWOC 2015 NOR

Norway and Romania presented their bids on Sunday, 15 July. FOC discussed the bids and made a proposal to Council. Council accepted the proposal and designated Norway as the organiser of JWOC 2015.

Since the Romanian bid is of high quality it is hoped that the bid will again be presented for JWOC 2016.

JWOC guidelines

The document is still not ready for publication. The document should be finalized by end of August.

WMOC 2012 GER, report:

This event was a success.

WMOC/WMG 2013 ITA, status report:

The SEA report from the first visit was circulated in mid June.

One of the sprints will be near Turin, all the other events around Sestriere.

The Italian organisers were present at WMOC 2012 in Bad Harzburg in order to promote the event and they circulated Bulletin 1/2 there at the same time. Sestriere has sufficient capacity to host all participants, and also has a long experience of hosting major sports events.

It will be necessary to support the local organisers with know-how, especially in view of the short period of time remaining.

FISO will be much more involved, and the FISO President will visit Sestriere after this meeting.

WMOC 2014, BRA, status report

The date is fixed to the first week of November, since there are elections late in October.

WMOC 2015 SWE

FOC discussed the on-site analysis result and comparison of the short-listed candidates SWE and LAT and made a proposal to Council. Council accepted the proposal and designated Sweden as the organiser of WMOC 2015.

The Latvian bid is of high quality, but had once again to yield to an even better proposal.

WMG/WMOC 2017:

The event will be centred in Auckland (NZL).

Regional Championships

The Oceania Championships Rules (Appendix 9) are under revision, based on the new European Championships Rules.

When we granted the request for accepting the Learnjoy punching system for the Asian Regional Championships, we asked that the system be shown to FOC. The demonstration of the system by Thomas Tam convinced FOC that this system is equivalent to the licensed SI and Emit punching systems and may be used for IOF Events in Asia. Learnjoy is usually set up for direct contact, but can be modified to also be a touch-free system.

World Games 2013

Erik Nielsen made a visit to Cali (Colombia) last week. Björn Persson is visiting Cali after the World Cup final in September to meet with TV-production people.

WREs

The request for a mass start at the Danish Spring Event (16 March 2013) was discussed and approved.

SEA Clinics

The HLES of February 2013 will be in Edinburgh. Dates to be fixed in the near future.

An Event Adviser clinic is planned for January 2013 in NZL in parallel to the World Cup. It will be managed by David Rosen.

Guidelines for course setting

The guidelines were used in the seminar on Sprint course planning on Tuesday, 17 July 2012, which was well attended, and many positive comments were received.

Participants were asked to comment on the draft guidelines so that they can be finalized and published on the IOF web site.

AOB

New Rules structure

Leho Haldna and Björn Persson presented the new concept of the rules, with one block applying for all four disciplines, then rules for all foot orienteering events, and further special rules for WOC, JWOC, WMOC and World Cup. When reorganising the rules, some gaps will also have to be filled. For instance there is a need to properly define sanctions (not only against competitors, but also against organizers and event advisers).

Unni Strand Karlsen is part of the working group dealing with the new structure of the rules.

Rule amendments

David Rosen (Rules Commission) sent rule change proposals for comments.

- Add a Men's C Final for the JWOC Middle Distance
- The one hour time limit, after the Organiser's decision on a Complaint, for Protests can be reduced to 15 minutes
- Add a dot point to the IOF EA tasks 31.8: To approve the official results
- Jury composition. Move WMOC from 29.13 to 29.11 (so that the WMOC jury shall consist of 3 voting members from different Federations, not necessarily including one from the host Federation)
- Remove address and fax from Bulletin 1
- Clarify 18.4 to say that separate control descriptions should be available before the start, but not necessarily at the pre-start. Usually they are issued in the start lanes at about -2
- The EOC rules should clarify that 1 second timing be used for EOC Sprint final
- Add a 3 week time limit to 32.3 Event Reports (like WMOC)

FOC discussed all proposals and supports them.

Jury decisions

FOC discussed the jury decisions based on so-called "mistakes" of the map. We have to accept such decisions and try to offer perfect maps conditions so that no jury decision is needed in the first place. The jury guidelines are important, but the jury will always be an independent body.

Next meeting

FOC 4-12

Saturday 20 October and Sunday 21 October 2012, 9-11 h UK time (10-12 h Central European time, 19-21 h Australian (Sydney) time), by electronic means (gotomeeting).