

Summary notes from IOF Foot Orienteering Commission meeting 4/2006,

5 & 6 October 2006

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Meeting summary:

1. Progress reports were received from **WOCs 2008/9/10/11**. A WOC Handbook is to be produced.
2. **World Games 2009, Chinese Taipei:** members of the support group – Erik Nielsen DEN (WOC 2006 Secretary General) and Per Forsberg SWE (WOC 2006 speaker-in-chief) – will visit Chinese Taipei.
3. Progress reports were received on **JWOCs 2007/8/9**. A revised version of the new JWOC Guidelines was circulated, with a view to publication in the near future.
4. Progress reports were received on **WMOCs 2007/8/9**. The WMOC Handbook will be updated after publication of the IOF Competition Rules (2007 edition) to include references to Sprint races which will become a part of the programme from 2008.
5. **World Ranking Events:** Agreed that both the middle qualification and the sprint events at the 2006 Swiss Post Finance weekend shall be given WRE status. Proposed for approval by Council that in addition to the national quota of 3 WREs for each Federation, each IOF region is allocated 3 WREs to be distributed between the member Federations in a manner to be decided by the region. This does not apply in a year where there is a Regional Championship as the three WREs allocated to the RC will count instead.
6. **World Cup 2007:** following representations from a number of Federations and a petition circulated amongst runners at the World Cup Finals concerning the minimum number of places per Federation, a revised proposal was put forward for consideration by Council. FOC also proposed that extra WREs be allocated to regions to allow more runners to achieve high WR placings (see 6. above). It was also agreed that the event contribution to prize money be reviewed in 12 months' time.
7. The programme for the **2008 World Cup** was finalised and forwarded to Council for formal approval. The proposed 2008 programme is similar to that for the 2007 World Cup, with Jukola Sprint replaced by the European Championship Sprint.
8. A provisional programme for the **2009 World Cup** was worked out. Further work is needed before a firm proposal is put forward.
9. **Revision of IOF Competition Rules:** various changes and modifications were agreed, to be incorporated into the 2007 Rules after further liaison with Rules Commission.
10. A listing of the **principal functions of the Senior Event Adviser at World Cup events** was agreed. Rules Commission to be consulted to decide if more detail should be included.
11. **Next meeting** will be in Helsinki, 19-21 January 2007.