

Proposal for the OFE Annual Meeting

Implementation of the European Junior MTBO Championships (EJMTBOC)

The Hungarian Orienteering Federation suggests the establishment of the official EJMTBOC to be organized every second year in conjunction with the European MTBO Championships and the European Youth MTBO Championships from 2015 onwards.

Classes:

- H-20 and D-20

Disciplines:

- Sprint, Middle, Long, Relay

In practice, the EJMTBOC would be only an additional class on an existing event, that fills the age gap on the jointly organized EMTBOC and EYMTBOC event in odd years.

Motivation:

- European junior events in MTBO have been already organized on European Championships since the first one in 2006 in Poland. The status of the official European Junior Championships would give an existing competitions higher prestige and possible media interest.
- The joint organization of the EMTBOC, EJMTBOC and EYMTBOC has proven to be a highly cost effective way of organizing top level competitions, and participating on them, even during its unofficial era.
- Most international level juniors are expected to travel anyhow to compete in the unofficial European Junior MTBO Cup during the European MTBO Championships, so the actual extra expense would be negligible.
- Making the junior competitions the official European Championships could bring financial resources for participation in this event from sponsors and national sport authorities.
- This proposal is strongly endorsed by the MTBO Commission
- This proposal is supported by an additional seven European Federations:
Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Lithuania, Portugal, and Russia.