

Implementation of the European Youth MTBO Championships (EYMTBOC)

The EWG suggests establishing the official EYMTBOC to be organized every year from 2015 onwards.

Classes:

- H-17
- D-17

Disciplines:

- Long
- Middle
- Sprint
- Relay

In practice, the EYMTBOC would be organized in conjunction with the EMTBOC in odd years, and with the WMTBOC in even years (provided that the WMTBOC is on the European continent; in case the WMTBOC is out of Europe, the call for organizing EYMTBOC will be attached to a World Cup round organized in Europe).

Motivation:

- Other orienteering disciplines (FootO, SkiO) have already established EYC in their disciplines, and the MTBO should not be an exception.
- European youth events in MTBO have been already organized on European Championships since the first one in 2006 in Poland. The status of the official European Youth Championships would give competitions higher prestige, and possible media interest.
- Making the youth competitions the official European Championships could bring financial resources for participation in this event (national authorities, etc.).
- This proposal is strongly endorsed by the MTBO Commission.