

Implementation of Relay into the programme of the European Youth SkiO Championship (EYSOC)

The EWG proposes that 3-leg relay in both Men's and Women's category will be included in the future EYSOC programme.

EYSOC relay will be separate from JWSOC relay. If nation(s) does not have enough skiers to fill a team in JWSOC they may let an athlete accredited to EYSOC to start in the JWSOC relay. In this case the person has to be accredited to start also in JWSOC. This additional accreditation must be done in the entry.

The change should be implemented from the EYSOC 2014 onwards.

Motivation

- EYSOC and JWSOC are organized in conjunction. EYSOC programme does not currently include relay and for this reason many EYSOC athletes have participated to JWSOC relay. This increases the number of teams participating to JWSOC relay but also introduces challenges to course setting, accreditation process and overall fairness between competitors. Therefore we suggest an implementation of Relay into the programme.
- This proposal is strongly endorsed by the SkiO Commission.

Required changes to "European Youth Orienteering Championships" – rules (with track changes on)

2. Event programme

The event is organised annually. The programme normally shall include Sprint, Middle, ~~and~~ Long distance competitions and a Relay for national teams with 3 legs as well as an opening ceremony, a closing ceremony and adequate model events. The Sprint, Middle and Long distance competitions are single race competitions.

~~No EYSOC Relay shall be arranged. If arranged in conjunction with JWSOC, the EYSOC competitors may participate in the JWSOC Relay event.~~

The programme for the EYSOC races shall be kept within ~~3 or 4~~ 6 days. The dates for the EYSOC shall be coordinated with other international youth and junior events.

3. Event application and appointment for organizer

Any European Federation that is a member of IOF may apply to organise the EYSOC. Applications shall reach the IOF ~~Secretariat~~ Office before 1st January two years prior to the

year of the event¹. The Annual Meeting of the orienteering federations in Europe appoints the organiser. An IOF Event Adviser from another Federation shall be appointed to control the event.

4. Participation and Classes

Competitors representing member Federations of the IOF, defined by the International Olympic Committee as belonging to the European continent, can compete in EYSOC.

Competitors representing other member Federations of the IOF can participate in EYSOC but will not be eligible for European titles, medals or diplomas.

For each individual competition a Federation may enter a maximum of ~~4~~ 6 competitors in each class. A Federation may enter 2 teams in the Relay. If a Federation is represented by two teams in a relay class, only the team with the better result is considered in determining the placings. All competitors must have a valid passport of the country they are representing.

The EYSOC is divided into 2 classes for the following age categories:

W-17	for female athletes who are no more than 17 years old on 31st December of the year of the competition.
M-17	for athletes who are no more than 17 years old on 31st December of the year of the competition.

The year of the competition is defined as the calendar year for which the championship counts, even if the event takes place in the pre-season e.g. in December the year before .

The organising Federation may have two additional competitors as official EYSOC competitors in the individual competitions. These competitors shall start in the lowest ranked start group.

5. Starting order, start interval, winning times

The start interval in the Long and Middle distance competition shall be 2 minutes, if they are not mass start competitions. The start interval in the Sprint distance is 1 minute.

The start draw shall be made with ~~4~~ 3 starting groups, each starting group being drawn at random. Competitors from the same Federation shall not start consecutively. In each individual competition each Federation shall allocate its competitors to specified starting groups. A Federation shall allocate one competitor to each group first (before allocating second competitor to the same group). If a Federation fails to allocate its competitors to starting groups, the organiser shall decide the allocation.

¹ Example: The deadline for EYSOC 2015 is 1st January 2013 even if the event is proposed to take place in the pre-season, e.g. December 2014.