

## **Change of the Working Rules for the co-operation between OFE: Online Decisions**

The EWG suggests implementing online decision-making in urgent cases.

### Motivation:

On the last year's OFE Annual Meeting, there was supposed to be a point on agenda on granting the European youth MTBO competition the status of the official European Youth MTBO Championships, but by a mistake this point was forgotten to be included into the agenda, was not discussed, and no voting was taken. The organizers of the European MTBO Championships 2013 expressed their will to organize the EYMTBOC in conjunction with the EMTBOC, but the EWG itself could not have taken a decision in this matter.

Therefore the EWG suggests making decision-making on important urgent issues which cannot wait until the Annual Meeting more flexible via online voting.

In autumn 2012, the EWG dealt with very important and difficult issue of withdrawing Israel as the EYOC 2013 organizer. The mandate to make a decision in this case was given to the EWG by the Annual Meeting of the European federations held in July 2012 in Lausanne. The EWG asked the European federations for their opinions in online survey in December 2012. 29 out of 40 federations in given time of one week expressed their opinions (see the whole case here:

<http://www.ewgorienteering.org/>). This way proved to be efficient for quick decisions on issues of European interests.

Therefore we suggest including the following point into the Working Rules for the co-operation between OFE:

“The EWG can ask the European federations for online voting in between of the Annual Meetings on items which the EWG considers as urgent. The proposal must be sent to the federations via email on the official email addresses given to the IOF Office and the federations should have at least 2 weeks for the reply. Decisions are taken by simple majority of votes expressed (abstentions do not count).”