

IOF World MTB Orienteering Championships (WMTBOC) and Junior World MTB Orienteering Championships (JWMTBOC)

Guidance notes for applicants 2019

Introduction

The World MTB Orienteering Championships (WMTBOC) and the Junior World MTB Orienteering Championships (JWMTBOC) are organised every year. Applications shall be received no later than January 1st three years prior to the Championship year.

All IOF member federations are hereby invited to submit to the IOF an application to host the World MTB Orienteering Championships and the Junior World MTB Orienteering Championships in the year 2019. The application deadline is 1 January 2016.

The international MTBO calendar

The IOF MTB Orienteering Commission proposes the following structure of international events for season 2016 and onwards:

	May/June	July/August	September/October
odd years	World Cup round 1 EMTBOC	World Cup round 2 WMTBOC + JWMTBOC	World Cup round 3 Final
	WMMTBOC preferably with World Cup round 3 (Final) or 1 (EMTBOC)		
even years	World Cup round 1	World Cup round 2 WMTBOC + JWMTBOC	World Cup round 3 Final
	WMMTBOC with World Cup round 3 (preferably) or 1		

There should be at least 6 weeks between two World Cup rounds.

European MTB Orienteering Championships (in odd years) should be organised before the World MTB Orienteering Championships.

Event programme and dates

The event programme for both WMTBOC and JWMTBOC consists of the following final events: Sprint, Middle distance, Long distance and Relay. There shall also be an opening ceremony, a closing ceremony and adequate model events. The organiser is expected to provide open international events for individuals not included in the national teams.

The event dates are proposed by the organiser and approved by the IOF Council. Dates for IOF events are decided according to the priority orders identified in the IOF policy on conflicting event dates document available on the IOF website. The following event will take precedence over WMTBOC and JWMTBOC 2019 when dates for season 2019 events are approved:

- World Orienteering Championships 2019 (Organiser not yet appointed)

General information on application criteria and procedure

All IOF member federations are invited to submit to the IOF an application to host the events in 2019. The application shall be submitted to the IOF Office by the national orienteering federation, not by the local organiser.

The envisaged schedule is as follows:

Date/Period	Description
November 2015 → 1 January 2016	Application forms are distributed to the national federations and published on the IOF web page
1 January 2016	Deadline for applications
1 January 2016 → August 2016	Review of the applications
August 2016	The IOF Congress 2016 in Strömstad, Sweden, appoints the organiser.

The application must be accompanied by the following enclosures:

- Overview map showing the event Centre, accommodation sites, competition areas, airports, railway station, and main roads. Either add paste it into the application document or enclose as a PDF document.

- If orienteering maps of the planned competition areas exist, please provide scanned versions (PDF) of the latest edition of each map.
- If the planned competition areas are not covered by any orienteering map, the best available map of the areas together with a foot orienteering map of a similar terrain (PDF).

Sanction fee to be paid for the organising rights

- In accordance with the Competition Rules for IOF MTB Orienteering Events, the IOF Council has taken the decision to impose a levy on the Event. The fee applicable to the WMTBOC and JWMTBOC in the year 2019 is 10000 and 1000 EUR respectively. This compulsory sanction fee shall be paid to the IOF to obtain the organising rights for the event. The fee also includes limited rights to sell advertisement space to local sponsors.
- The IOF sanction fee shall be paid by the due date. An interest of 10 % will be added to all sanction fees that remain unpaid after this date. The IOF Council also reserves the right to impose restrictions on the IOF membership privileges of the respective national federation (e.g. the right to organise IOF events or to enter teams to IOF competitions) should the sanction fee not be paid. Questions related to the payment of the sanction fee can be addressed to the IOF Office.

Application format, dates and timelines

- The application and the appropriate attachments must reach the IOF Office Sports Administrator (david.wastlund@orienteering.org) by 1 Jan 2016
- The preferred application format is a scanned PDF copy of the application that is emailed to IOF Office. Attachment documents should also be in PDF format.
- The application will be processed by IOF and decided upon at the latest August 2016.

Further information and advice

Guidelines are available on the IOF website. Especially important for these Events are:

- Guidance notes for WMTBOC and JWMTBOC 2019 applicants.

If you have any questions regarding the Applications please contact IOF.

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