

## Special Rules for the 2014 World Cup in Orienteering

The World Cup in 2014 will consist of 14 competitions. The programme includes the World Cup races in Turkey, Spain, the European Championships (EOC), Nordic races and the World Orienteering Championships (WOC), and finishes with two competitions in Switzerland. The full programme is:

Competition	Date	Competition Format	Event	Country
1	Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb/ Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Middle distance		Turkey
2	Sat 05 <sup>th</sup> April	Long distance		Spain
3	Sun 06 <sup>th</sup> April	Middle distance		Spain
4	Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Sprint	EOC	Portugal
5	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Middle distance	EOC	Portugal
6	Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Long distance	EOC	Portugal
7	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Middle distance		Norway
8	Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Long distance		Norway
9	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Sprint		Finland
10	Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sprint	WOC	Italy
11	Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Long distance	WOC	Italy
12	Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Middle distance	WOC	Italy
13	Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Middle Distance	WCup Final	Switzerland
14	Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Sprint	WCup Final	Switzerland

The **Competition Rules for IOF Foot Orienteering Events** (valid from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014, as published on the IOF website [www.orienteering.org](http://www.orienteering.org)) apply to all 2014 World Cup events.

In World Cup competitions 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 13 and 14 competition rule 9.10 does not apply; replacement of runners will not be possible after 12 noon on the day before the competition.

In case of a tie for the final qualification place in any of the competitions, all tied runners qualify, thus increasing the number of competitors in the relevant final. Where necessary, lots are drawn to resolve ties for the purpose of deciding starting order.

### Competition 1, Turkey

**(28<sup>th</sup> February / 1<sup>st</sup> March):** Middle distance. This consists of a Middle distance qualification race with one heat on Friday 28 February, followed by a Middle distance final on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Both races have an individual interval start with a 2 minute start interval. Individual start times for the qualification race are drawn randomly in three starting groups (early, middle, late). A Federation must allocate its runners as evenly as possible across the three groups. Competitors from the same Federation may not start consecutively; competition rule 12.7 applies. The A-final is for the top 30 athletes from the qualification race. The start order is strictly the reverse order of the qualification race results (winner starts last). All others start in the B-Final where the start order is also the reverse order of the qualification race results.

### Competitions 2 & 3, Spain

**Competition 2 (5<sup>th</sup> April):** Middle distance, individual interval start (start interval 2 minutes). The start order is determined strictly by the reverse standing of the IOF Middle/Long World Rankings as published on 30<sup>th</sup> March\* (leader starts last).

**Competition 3 (6<sup>th</sup> April):** Long distance, individual interval start (start interval 3 minutes). Individual start times are drawn randomly in three starting groups (early, middle, late). A Federation must allocate its runners as evenly as possible across the three groups. Competitors from the same Federation may not start consecutively; competition rule 12.7 applies.

### **Competitions 4, 5 & 6 European Orienteering Championships, Portugal**

European Championship Rules apply (see IOF Competition Rules Appendix 7). Participation is open to all IOF members. In each of the individual events a Federation may enter a maximum of 6 men and 6 women. The current European Champion shall be given a wild card for that distance in addition to the ordinary entries from his/her Federation, provided he/she is selected by his/her Federation.

### **Competitions 7 & 8, Norway**

**Competition 7 (7<sup>th</sup> June):** Middle distance, individual interval start (start interval 2 minutes). The start order is determined strictly by the reverse standing of the IOF Middle/Long World Rankings as published on 1<sup>st</sup> June\* (leader starts last).

**Competition 8 (8<sup>th</sup> June):** Long distance, individual interval start (Start interval 3 minutes). Individual start times are drawn randomly in three starting groups (early, middle, late). A Federation must allocate its runners as evenly as possible across the three groups. Competitors from the same Federation may not start consecutively; competition rule 12.7 applies.

### **Competition 9, Finland**

**(11<sup>th</sup> June):** Sprint. This consists of a Sprint qualification race with one heat, followed by a Sprint final. Both races have an individual interval start with a 1 minute start interval. The start order for the qualification race is determined strictly by the reverse standing of the IOF Sprint World Rankings as published on 1<sup>st</sup> June\* (leader starts last). The final is for the top 40 athletes from the qualification race. The start order is strictly the reverse order of the qualification race results (winner starts last).

### **Competitions 10, 11 & 12 World Orienteering Championships, Italy**

WOC rules apply.

### **Competitions 13 & 14 World Cup Final, Switzerland**

**Competition 13 (4<sup>th</sup> Oct):** Middle distance, individual interval start. There is no prior qualification. The start order is determined strictly by the reverse standing of the IOF Middle/Long World Rankings as published on 30<sup>th</sup> September\* (leader starts last). The start interval is 2 minutes.

**Competition 14 (5<sup>th</sup> Oct):** Sprint, individual interval start. Only competitors with at least one World Cup point, or who finished competition 13, are potentially eligible. The competition consists of one Final only, with 40 competitors. These are the 40 highest placed competitors ranked in order of the World Cup standings after 13 competitions.

The start order is strictly the reverse order of the World Cup standing after competition 13 (winner starts last). The start interval is 1 minute.

If there are fewer than 40 competitors with one or more World Cup point(s) entered for competition 14, the remaining places will be allocated to competitors in the order of their ranking in competition 13.

### **World Cup standings**

A competitor's World Cup standing after each competition is the sum of all points scored.

### **National quotas for competitions 1 to 3, 7 to 9 and competition 13**

The national quotas are based on the total points of the leading 10 athletes from each Federation in the IOF World Federation League table (Combined Sprint/Middle/Long) as published on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014. Separate quotas will apply for men and women.

The allocations will be:

- The top 6 nations get 8 places. The list of the top 6 nations (separately for men and women) will be published on the IOF website by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014.
- All other nations get 6 places.

A Federation may enter any runner irrespective of his/her position in the IOF World Rankings lists.

All 2013 individual World Champions shall be offered a wild card place in competitions 1 to 3 and 7 to 9 provided they are selected by their Federation. All 2014 individual World Champions, provided they are selected by their Federations, shall be offered a wild card place in competition 13 (and may participate in competition 14, if they qualify based on their World Cup standings after 13 races). These wild card places shall be additional to the national quotas.

### **Special Invitations**

The organisers of competitions 7 to 9 shall offer invitations to the three leading male World Cup runners and three leading female World Cup runners according to the World Cup standings after the first six competitions. The organisers of competitions 13 and 14 shall offer invitations to the three leading male World Cup runners and three leading female World Cup runners according to the World Cup standings after the first 12 competitions. For these runners, the local costs (i.e. accommodation, board, entry fee and local transport) shall be borne by the organising Federations. Other costs (e.g. travel to and from the event venue) remain the responsibility of the runners' Federations. These invitations do not grant extra places to Federations in the competitions. If any of the three best runners will not be competing the invitations do not get passed on to lower-ranked runners.

### **Scoring System**

For competitions 1 to 13, 100 points are awarded to the winner, 80 points to 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 60 points to third place and so on as shown below:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	100 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	80 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	60 points
4 <sup>th</sup> place	50 points
5 <sup>th</sup> place	45 points
6 <sup>th</sup> place	40 points
7 <sup>th</sup> place	37 points
8 <sup>th</sup> place	35 points
9 <sup>th</sup> place	33 points
10 <sup>th</sup> place	31 points
11 <sup>th</sup> place	30 points
12 <sup>th</sup> place	29 points
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40 <sup>th</sup> place	1 point

In competition 1 the runners on the 1<sup>st</sup> place in the B-final will get 10 points, then down to 1 point for the 10<sup>th</sup> place.

In competition 14 (World Cup Final) the runners finishing the race get double points. The winner gets 200 points down to 2 points for the 40<sup>th</sup> place.

In the case of a tie, the tied runners who are placed each receive the same points as if they had all been placed in the highest of the tied positions.

## **Prizes**

IOF prizes will only be awarded in the overall World Cup while organisers will provide prizes in the single World Cup events. World Cup prizes will no longer be awarded at the World Championships. Below is a summary of the prizes for the single events and the World Cup overall:

### **Single World Cup Events**

1<sup>st</sup> place: prizes by organiser

2<sup>nd</sup> place: prizes by organiser

3<sup>rd</sup> place: prizes by organiser

### **World Cup Overall Individual categories**

1<sup>st</sup> place: medal, trophy cup, diploma

2<sup>nd</sup> place: medal, diploma

3<sup>rd</sup> place: medal, diploma

4<sup>th</sup> place: diploma

5<sup>th</sup> place: diploma

6<sup>th</sup> place: diploma

The organisers of the eight World Cup competitions other than the three European Orienteering Championship competitions and the three World Orienteering Championships competitions contribute 1000 € each making a total prize money "pot" of 8 000 €. This is divided amongst the overall World Cup leaders as follows:

<b>Place</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	1350 €	1350 €
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1000 €	1000 €
3 <sup>rd</sup>	700 €	700 €
4 <sup>th</sup>	450 €	450 €
5 <sup>th</sup>	300 €	300 €
6 <sup>th</sup>	200 €	200 €

Prize money may also be awarded separately at each of the World Cup competitions. See the respective organisers' bulletins and websites for this information.

\* References to IOF World Rankings at a particular date mean the rankings as at midnight at the start of that day.