

Commission Remits 2017-18 / MTB Orienteering Commission

The vision of the International Orienteering Federation (IOF) is that orienteering is included in the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The goals and strategic initiatives presented in Strategic Directions will promote the realisation of this vision. The actions required to implement the strategy are contained in the Council Activity Plan and the tasks of IOF Commissions. The IOF is, by its Statutes, obliged to respect and abide by the Olympic Charter and the provisions of the World Anti-Doping Code and to respect and implement the Olympic Movements Agenda 21 on protection of the environment and sustainable development.

Area of responsibility	Ownership	Task	Special tasks for 2017	Responsible members
Activity Plan 1: FOCUS ON KEY OUTCOMES				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The IOF shall have 75 viable members The IOF shall encourage growth in participation in all its member federations All members organise national championship in at least one recognised IOF discipline 30 members take part in World MTB Orienteering Championships The IOF shall work with Regional Working Groups to agree on regional development plans appropriate to the needs and potential of each region The IOF shall regularly plan and stage major IOF events outside Europe The IOF shall promote and further enhance the environmental sustainability of orienteering 				
Event Planning	F	Long term planning of the Event Programme. This includes a vision of where events should take place for competitive, political and development reasons.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the IOF General Assembly 2016 decisions on new competition programme Trigger WOC candidates for the next three championships Propose a long term competition programme and mid-term plan for allocation of IOF major events as basis for discussions with potential candidates Analyse potential IOF major event organisers and develop recommendation to tackle them 	TW
	F	Assessment of event applications for major IOF events including timely proposals to Council on appointment of organisers.		
Event Quality	P	Regularly ensure that the rules are evolving harmoniously with the development of the discipline and its formats. Prepare, as necessary, rules amendments, in consultation with the Rules Commission, for Council approval.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess whether requirements and technical specifications are needed or not, and if yes, to what extent, for punching systems, timing systems and result management systems, in relation to the different IOF events (WRE to WMTBOC) Propose rules changes for 2018 IOF Competition Rules to the Council by 15.10.2017 	UH

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the Rules Commission in rules harmonisation and development work • Prepare development document to organise first MTBO events in new countries and territories 	
	P	Regularly check that the map standards are evolving harmoniously with the development of the discipline and its formats.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Map Commission in revising the international Specification for MTBO Maps • Suggest changes and clarifications to the Map Commission • Collaborate with the Map Commission in monitoring map quality of IOF events 	LP
	P	Selection, training and maintenance of a sufficient number of SEAs. To support Rules Commission to improve the basic education and licensing of Event Advisers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the RC in a project to improve the basic education and licensing of Event Advisers. • Improve event advising and recruit new EAs. • Propose Event Advisers and Senior Event Advisers for major IOF events for Council approval 	UH
	P	Ensure that the organisation of events follows IOF regulations and support the Event Adviser and find solutions when problems occur. Appointed SEA's report back to the Commission. If issues are unable to be resolved they are forwarded to the IOF Council. Rules deviations are to be handled by the Commission and sent to the IOF Council for approval.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess event reports from organisers and Event Advisers • Continue event evaluation for major IOF events • Regularly analyse the results of event evaluation responses • Foster regular discussion with athletes, coaches and event advisers on event quality • Ensure Event Quality requirements are implemented for IOF major events in accordance with required standards 	UH / TL

Activity Plan 2: INCREASE THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF ORIENTEERING TO YOUNG PEOPLE

To foster innovation in our sport and to spread it to new countries, the IOF and the regions must promote youth orienteering, i.e. orienteering must be made more attractive to young people. This strategic initiative is an investment in the future. The IOF shall therefore:

- Develop innovative measures and strategies to improve the attractiveness of orienteering to young people
- Engage young people in the IOF values and encourage participation in orienteering at all levels
- Seek inclusion in international youth games
- Promote improved accessibility of orienteering activities and events

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Youth Promotion	P	Support Council and the IOF Office in seeking inclusion in the Youth Olympic Games.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek inclusion in the Youth Olympic Games 	MW
	P	Encourage IOF regions to conduct regional youth/junior competitions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the RYDC to introduce orienteering in new countries and territories, and encourage IOF regions to conduct regional youth/junior competitions 	MW / CS
Activity Plan 3: STRENGTHEN THE IOF POSITION ON THE WORLD SPORTING STAGE				
<p>To promote orienteering in the world sporting community, the IOF must foster an international awareness that orienteering is a sport that adds value to the community. The IOF shall therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritise the development of the World Orienteering Championships as our major platform for the world-wide projection of the sport Strengthen the position in multi-sport Games where orienteering is on the programme Build further the relations with the IOC and other international sporting organisations Communicate our position and values in the world sporting community Seek inclusion in further multi-sport games Seek election to boards of international sporting organisations 				
Event Development	F	Actively develop competition formats for IOF major events. To monitor new event format developments and possibly recommend changes for Council approval.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and improve the quota system for Long Distance event at WMTBOC Provide application guidelines to the IOF Office for IOF major events by 31.8.2017 Prepare a development document and support clinics for elite athletes in developing MTBO countries Continue the development project in Americas Identify relevant world and regional multi-sports games which might include orienteering 	TW / TL
	P	To support the development of regional events in close co-operation with the IOF Office in line with IOF policy for regional development.		MW
	F	Maintain and update all the various application and organiser's guidelines for the specific events.		TW
	P	Support the Council in seeking inclusion in further multi-sport games.		JP
	P	Address the IOC evaluation criteria systematically.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate the discipline against the IOC evaluation criteria annually 	UH
Activity Plan 4: INCREASE THE VISIBILITY OF ORIENTEERING				

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To increase the visibility of our sport, the IOF needs to work in various dimensions such as sport events, sport governing organisations, marketing businesses, as well as the public sector. The IOF shall explore new means to achieve visibility and shall therefore:

- Research and aspire to establish new commercial partnerships (e.g. event management, media, promotion agencies, sponsoring research)
- Make the World Orienteering Championships attractive to additional commercial partners
- Create a multi-media action plan (technology, production, distribution, commercialisation) that will deliver wide distribution of high quality TV coverage of our major events
- Find ways to present orienteering to non-participants in an attractive way (create sport entertainment)
- Provide support for professional presentation of events
- Be an active partner with organisers in event planning and execution, to ensure maximum benefit at the international level

Visibility of Orienteering	P	Work in close co-operation with the IOF Office to make the World Orienteering Championships attractive to commercial partners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the IOF Office in maintenance of appropriate sponsorship guidelines for major IOF events • Ensure WMTBOC guidelines are reflective of best practice in the organisation of the World Championships 	HE / CS
	P	Promote and support professional arena production for MTB Orienteering World Championships.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support professional arena production for World Championships via event planning and execution 	LP
	P	Support to develop the IOF Live Orienteering for the live GPS-tracking and split times from IOF major events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Council in planning the events programme for IOF Live Orienteering 	LP
	P	In co-operation with Council, to ensure IOF representation at all major events of the discipline where practicable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with Council representation at major IOF events 	KD

Activity Plan 5: STRONG MANAGEMENT AND FUNDING

To secure implementation of the strategic initiatives, the IOF must strengthen its management and financial capabilities. The IOF shall therefore:

- Strengthen the capacity and capability of both its professional and voluntary resources
- Increase its professional human resources in the marketing, TV and other media and public relations domains
- Increase external income

Strong management	P	Organise work inside commission according to the concept of teamwork in IOF.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine the Teams inside Commission according to the IOF Council Guidelines • Provide Team members with clear vision of tasks and responsibilities 	UH
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree on the basic tenets of cooperation between teams and monitor compliance therewith 	
	P	Work in close co-operation with the IOF Office and the IOF Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuously exchange information with the IOF Office and IOF Council supporting Team supervising the discipline 	UH

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