

Special Rules for the 2018 World Cup in Orienteering

The World Cup in 2018 will consist of 11 competitions. The programme includes the European Orienteering Championships in Switzerland, the World Orienteering Championships in Estonia, the pre-WOC in Norway, and the World Cup Final races in the Czech Republic.

The full programme is:

Competition	Date	Competition Format	Event	Country
1	6 May	Sprint	EOC	Switzerland
2	9 May	Middle	EOC	Switzerland
3	13 May	Long	EOC	Switzerland
4	4 August	Sprint	WOC	Latvia
5	7 August	Middle	WOC	Latvia
6	11 August	Long	WOC	Latvia
7	31 August	Long		Norway
8	1 September	Prologue + pursuit		Norway
9	4 October	Knockout sprint	WCup final	Czech Republic
10	5 October	Middle	WCup final	Czech Republic
11	7 October	Sprint	WCup final	Czech Republic

The **Competition Rules for IOF Foot Orienteering Events** (valid from 1st January 2018, as published on the IOF website www.orienteeering.org) apply to all competitions.

In competitions 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, 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. If the starting order is based on ranking or World Cup points and some competitors have no points, those competitors are ordered randomly and start before those with points.

In competitions 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, competition rules 12.7 and 12.10 (separating runners from the same Federation) do **not** apply.

Competitions 1, 2 and 3; European Orienteering Championships (Switzerland)

WOC rules apply.

Competitions 4, 5 and 6; World Orienteering Championships (Latvia)

WOC rules apply.

Competitions 7 and 8 (Norway)

Competition 7 (31st Aug): Shortened long distance (winning times 60-62 minutes for women, 75-80 minutes for men). Start interval to be 2 minutes, except for the last 15 starters, for which it will be 3 minutes. The start order is determined strictly by the order of the World Ranking as of 29 August (highest ranked last).

Competition 8 (1st Sep): Prologue (winning time 23-25 minutes for men and women) and pursuit (winning time 40-45 minutes for men and women). The prologue will have a

start interval of 1 minute, with the starting order determined by a group system (the last group being the 15 highest-ranked runners in the World Ranking as of 30 August, the second-last group being the next 15 highest-ranked, and so on), with the order within each group being drawn randomly.

The time each competitor starts after the leader in the pursuit race will be double the amount of time they were behind the leader in the prologue, with final results being the order across the finish line. Competitors more than 8 minutes behind the winner in the prologue will take part in a mass start 20 minutes after the first start in the pursuit, with their final result to be on the basis of the sum of twice their prologue time, plus their pursuit time; they will be ranked after all finishing competitors in the 'normal' pursuit. Competitors who are not placed in the prologue may start in the mass start but will not receive an official result.

World Ranking points for this event will be determined on the basis of a notional time which is twice the prologue time, plus the pursuit time.

Competitions 9, 10 and 11 World Cup Final (Czech Republic)

Competition 9 (4th Oct): Knockout sprint competition. The format of this competition will be finalised by April 2018.

Competition 10 (5th Oct): Middle distance competition with a 90 second start interval. The start order is determined strictly by the order of the World Ranking as of 3 October (highest ranked last).

Competition 11 (6th Oct): Sprint competition. There will be an A race and a B race. The A race will contain the 40 entrants (and ties) who are highest-ranked in the World Cup standings after competition 10. All other competitors will be in a B race. Both the A race and B race will have a 1 minute start interval, with competitors starting in order of the World Cup standings after competition 10 (highest ranked last). Competitors with no World Cup points will start in random order before all those competitors with points. The A and B races will be considered as separate races for World Ranking purposes, with the B race being categorised as a standard WRE (not a World Cup event) for ranking purposes.

World Cup standings are defined as

After competitions 1 to 6 the sum of all scores.

After competitions 7 to 9 the sum of the best n-1 scores (where n is the number of competitions so far).

After competition 10 the sum of the best 8 scores out of the first 9 competitions plus the score from competition 10.

After competition 11 the sum of the best 8 scores out of the first 9 competitions plus the scores from competitions 9 and 10.

In the event of two or more competitors having the same number of points after competition 11, they shall be ranked in order of their placing in competition 11. Any competitors who are still equal shall be ranked in order of their highest placing during the season, and, if still equal, the number of occasions on which they achieved that placing.

In the event of a competition being cancelled or voided for any reason, the number of scores to count will be reduced by one.

National quotas for competitions 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11

The national quotas for competitions 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 are based on the total points of the leading 10 athletes from each Federation in the IOF World Federation League tables (combined Sprint/Middle/Long) as published on 1st January 2018. Separate quotas will apply for men and women.

The allocations for competitions 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 will be:

- The top 6 nations get 8 places.
- All other nations get 6 places.

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

All 2017 individual World Champions, provided they are selected by their Federations, shall be offered a wild card place in competitions 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. These wild card places shall be additional to the national quotas.

Scoring System

For competitions 1 to 10, 100 points are awarded to the winner, 80 points to 2nd place, 60 points to third place and so on as shown below:

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

In the case of a tie, the tied runners each receive the same points as if they had each 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 both men and women for the single events and the World Cup overall:

Single World Cup Events

- 1st place: prizes by organiser
- 2nd place: prizes by organiser
- 3rd place: prizes by organiser

World Cup Overall Individual categories

- 1st place: medal, trophy cup, diploma by the IOF
- 2nd place: medal, diploma by the IOF
- 3rd place: medal, diploma by the IOF
- 4th place: diploma by the IOF
- 5th place: diploma by the IOF
- 6th place: diploma by the IOF

Prize money

The organisers of the five individual World Cup competitions other than the three WOC competitions contribute 1000€ each making a total prize money "pot" of 5000€. This is divided amongst the overall World Cup leaders as follows:

Place	Men	Women
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1 st	1000€	1000€
2 nd	500€	500€
3 rd	400€	400€
4 th	300€	300€
5 th	200€	200€
6 th	100€	100€

Additionally, prize money may also be awarded at each of the World Cup competitions at the discretion of the organising Federation. See the respective organisers' bulletins and websites for such information.

** References to IOF World Rankings at a particular date mean the rankings as at 2100 local time on that day.*