



COMPILATION OF RESPONSES
Consultation on the International orienteering
seasons 2020 and 2021

SUMMARY

A set of questions were sent to the IOF member federations and athletes commission on 31 March. 33 replies were given.

WOC

The federations have split views on the idea of organizing two WOC events in 2021, in case it cannot be organized in 2020. Athletes are against having two WOC events same year.

The majority can accept the decision to wait until 1 June or even later. A typical view is that a decision is needed at least 3 months ahead of competition.

Majority can accept to organize WOC even if a few countries can not participate. However, among non-European countries the views are that all countries need to have same possibilities as others.

One training camp is enough for the majority of federations at all interested in a camp.

JWOC

The majority is against organizing two JWOC and YEOC in 2021 and prefer to cancel the events totally.

The planning horizon need to be similar to WOC or possibly a month shorter, meaning that a decision is needed 2-3 months ahead of the event.

SUGGESTIONS FROM FEDERATIONS

A suggestion given by a few federation is to postpone the full 2020 program to 2021, 2021 to 2022 and so on.



Responses

Australia
Belarus
Brazil
Bulgaria
Canada
China
Croatia
Czech Republic
Denmark
Estonia
Finland
France
Germany
Hong Kong
Hungary
Ireland
Italy
Lithuania
New Zealand
North Macedonia
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Singapore
Slovakia
Spain
Switzerland
Sweden
Turkey
Ukraine
United Kingdom
USA
Athletes through athletes commission

RESULTS BY QUESTION

Is it acceptable to organise the WOC even if a small number of countries may not be able to participate due to travel restrictions? Please comment.

22 federations plus the athletes can accept if a few countries cannot participate. Some mention that a maximum of non-participating countries can be 2-4 countries or maximum 10 %.

7 federation cannot accept if not all countries can participate. Particularly non-European federations are among these.

How long after a return to normal training conditions and preparations do you feel is the minimum to allow for athletes to prepare and guarantee competitions on equal footing? Would a final decision about WOC 2020 made on June 1 provide for this?

With one exception, all federation can accept to wait with the decision until 1 June. Many express 3 months as a minimum, which leads to 1 July as acceptable. Also 2 months or 1 August is mentioned by some, with 1 month as the shortest period mentioned.



For preparation would you require a minimum number of required training camps in the WOC area, and how many weeks before WOC 2020 shall the camp be scheduled?

Some federation are not expecting or planning to go for training camps.

Among the ones giving a suggestion;

11 federation mention 1 camp

4 federation mention 2 camps

Do you consider the above minimum time for preparation to be relevant also for junior competitions? Or is a shorter or longer time required?

10 federations think the planning time can be shorter, often mentioned as one month short

14 federations think the same time is needed

3 federations thinks the preparation time needs to be longer

If JWOC and/or EYOC cannot be held in 2020, should they be cancelled completely, or should they potentially be organised in 2021 (in addition to the JWOC/EYOC 2021 events already scheduled)?

22 federations think the 2020 JWOC should be cancelled if not organized in 2020.

6 federations think JWOC can be organized 2021. Some federation argue that the events must take place early in the year, 30/4 is mentioned.

For EYOC, the ratio is 23-5.

What other considerations would you have about the organisation of junior competitions?

A couple of federation point out the need to allow junior to have a goal to train for and there are suggestions to make any of the smaller events to have a junior/youth focus.

Comments on concern for exam periods are also given.

How many international events would your federation athletes be able to participate in 2021?

Replies to the questions heavily depend on how the federation usually do. Many are prepared for a schedule with same amount of events as "usual" or as 2019.

Many federations are concerned with the economy, but few can currently see the full impact on possibilities to travel to events.

What would your priorities be among the above events?

All federation except two prioritize WOC.

Two federations prioritize World Games



Many federations prioritize JWOC.

EOC has for some European federation priority over World Cup, however athletes prioritize the World Cup.

Would it be acceptable to organise 2 WOC events (Sprint + Forest) in one year?

16 federations accept two WOC events

12 federations plus the athletes do not accept two WOC events

No difference between big/small federation can be seen.

3 federations mention that they or athletes will choose one of them.

Is it better to postpone WOC 2020 to 2021 immediately, if there is a large risk that the dates would turn out to not be possible?

18 federations plus the athletes commissions think the decision can wait.

8 federations think it is better to postpone immediately as risk is getting big.

Would it be acceptable to organise 2 EOC events in one year?

7 federations think two EOC events can be organized in 2021.

16 federations think cannot accept the idea.

Any other comments that would help us in determining an appropriate 2021 calendar?

Some ideas shared are:

- If WOC 2020 has to be cancelled: Move full 2020 schedule to 2021, 2021 schedule to 2022 etc.
- Push events to 2022, particularly EOC 2020.
- If two WOC events are organized in 2021: Cancel World Cup round in Switzerland and Sweden and count WOC in the World Cup.
- Make EOC 2020 an event for younger athletes, for example U25.
- Assure any of the late 2020 events to have a focus on younger athletes
- If JWOC 2020 in cancelled, the 2021 WOC should allow 21 years old athletes to participate.

A typical statement:

- We prefer to maintain the sprint WOC DEN in 2020 even if the preparation conditions are not optimal rather than adding a WOC sprint in April 2021.

A request

- A few non-European federations comment that also non-European regional championships should be included in the schedule discussions.