



INTERNATIONAL ORIENTEERING FEDERATION

Special Rules

Orienteering World Cup 2024



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Special Rules for the 2024 Orienteering World Cup (version 22nd February 2024)

The 2024 World Cup will consist of 10 competitions in total, 7 individual competitions and 3 relays. The programme includes Round 1 in Switzerland, Round 2 in Italy, Round 3 in Hungary (which will also be the European Orienteering Championships), and Round 4 (the World Cup Final) in Finland.

The full programme is:

Competition	Date	Format	Round	Country
1	24-25 May	Knock-Out Sprint	Round 1	SUI
2	26 May	Sprint	Round 1	SUI
3	1 June	Sprint	Round 2	ITA
4	2 June	Sprint Relay	Round 2	ITA
5	16-17 August	Middle distance (Qualification and Final)	Round 3 (EOC)	HUN
6	18 August	Long distance	Round 3 (EOC)	HUN
7	20 August	Relay	Round 3 (EOC)	HUN
8	26 September	Long distance	Round 4	FIN
9	28 September	Middle distance	Round 4	FIN
10	29 September	Relay	Round 4	FIN

The **Competition Rules for IOF Foot Orienteering Events** (valid from 1st January 2024, as published on the IOF website (<https://orienteering.sport/orienteering/competition-rules/>)) apply to all competitions.

Start Order

The reason for the different methods to set up the start order is to be able to produce different start lists during a World Cup round. Any reference to the World Ranking on a particular date means the ranking at 12 noon local time on that day. **Rule 12.7 (separation of competitors from the same Federation) applies for all individual competitions, except for competition 1.**

Round 1 (Switzerland)

In competition 1, the starting order in the qualification race is determined **strictly** by the order of the Sprint World Ranking as published on 23rd May 2024 (best start first).

In competition 2, the starting order is determined by the order of the Sprint World Ranking as of 23rd May 2024. For TV-reasons, a “red group” consisting of 40 runners starts first. The red group consists firstly of competitors who **have been placed 1-6 in WOC Sprints 2021-2022, placed 1-6 in WOC Knock-Out Sprint 2022, placed 1-3 in World Cup Sprints or Knock-Out Sprints 2019-2023, or placed 1st in JWOC Sprints 2019-2023 – see the complete list in Annex 1.** The red group is then made up to a total of 40 competitors by taking the best-ranked competitors who are not already in the red group.

The starting order in the red group is based on the Sprint World Ranking with the best-ranked starting last.

The other competitors not qualifying into the red group will start after the red group and the TV-broadcast has finished. Among this group, best ranked will start first.

Round 2 (Italy)

In competition 3, the starting order is determined by the order of the Sprint World Ranking as of 31st May 2024 (best ranked starting last). Competitors, whose World Ranking would not allow them to start within the last 40 starters, but **have been placed 1-6 in WOC Sprints 2021-2022, placed 1-6 in WOC Knock-Out Sprint 2022, placed 1-3 in World Cup Sprints or Knock-Out Sprints**

2019-2023, or placed 1st in JWOC Sprints 2019-2023 (see the complete list in Annex 1), must be given a special place in the start list: they must be promoted to start as 40th (39th, 38th...) last starter. If more than one of these athletes need to be promoted, the starting sequence between them must be determined by their Sprint World Ranking as of 31st May 2024.

Round 3 (Hungary)

In competition 5 (the qualification race), each Federation must allocate its competitors as evenly as possible to 3 starting groups (early, middle, late) in accordance with Rule 9.17.

In competition 5 (the final race), only the competitors placed number 20 and better in each qualification race heat may participate. For the start order of the final race, Rule 12.11. applies.

In competition 6, the starting order is determined by the order of the World Ranking as of 15th August 2024 (best ranked starting last).

Round 4 (Finland)

In competition 8, IOF Competition Rule 12.5. (starting groups) will be used.

In competition 8, the World Ranking as of 25th September 2024 is used.

In competition 8, for the men's class, the starting groups shall start in reverse order with the highest numbered starting group starting as first and starting group 1 starting as the last one.

In competition 8, for the women's class, starting groups 1-5 will start first, in reverse order: 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. All other starting groups will start after group 1, with the highest number starting group starting next and starting group 6 starting last.

In competition 9, the starting order is determined by the order of the World Cup standings as of 27th September 2024 (best ranked starting last). The World Cup standings on 27th September must include the results from the previous day's World Cup competition.

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, unless otherwise stated.

Start Intervals

Knock-Out Sprint competition (1): rule 12.24 applies. In each qualification heat, the start interval is 1 minute.

Sprint competitions (2 and 3): the starting interval will be either 1 minute or 1,5 minutes for the best 40 competitors and 1 minute for all others. For TV reasons, the SEA may approve a break in the starting sequence between the best 40 competitors and the remainder.

Middle Distance competitions (5 and 9): The start interval will be 2 minutes for all competitors. In competition 9, the SEA may approve a 1.5-minute start interval for the first starters, but the last 40 competitors (as a minimum) must have a 2-minute start interval.

Long Distance competitions (6 and 8): The start interval will be 3 minutes for at least the last 30 competitors in competition 6 and for the best ranked 40 competitors in competition 8 and 2 minutes for all others. The SEA may approve an extension of the 3-minute start interval beyond the best ranked 30 (40) competitors.

The start intervals must be finalised and published in Bulletin 3 for each competition.

Qualification

In competition 1, qualification into the elimination rounds is according to rule 12.24.

In competition 5, there are three parallel qualification heats for both men and women. The first 20 competitors from each heat will qualify for the A-final. There will be no B-final.

In all other individual competitions, there is a single final in which all competitors participate.

Scoring System

For all individual competitions, points are awarded 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

For places 10 – 40, points = (40 - placing + 1) i.e. 10th place = 31 points, 11th place = 30 points, etc. until 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. Runners who are not placed receive no points.

World Cup standings are defined as the sum of all scores.

In the event of two or more competitors having the same number of points after competition 9, they must be ranked in order of their placing in competition 9. Any competitors who are still equal must 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.

National quotas for all individual competitions

The national quotas are based on the total points of the leading 10 athletes from each Federation as shown in the IOF World Federation League Tables (combined Sprint/Middle/Long):

<https://ranking.orienteering.org/ft/>. Separate quotas will apply for men and women.

The allocations for competitions will be:

- The top 6 Federations get 8 places.
- Federations ranked 7 to 14 get 6 places.
- The host Federation gets 8 places, irrespective of its standing in the IOF Federation League Table.
- All other Federations get 4 places.

The allocation for each Federation will be determined by their position in the Federation League Table as of 1st January 2024.

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

The Overall World Cup winner from 2023 must be offered a personal wild card place in all competitions.

The reigning individual World Champion must be offered a personal wild card place in the competitions in the format in which they won their world title.

The World Cup leader after round 2 shall get a personal place for all competitions in round 3.

The World Cup leader after round 3 shall get a personal place for all competitions in round 4.

For World Cup Round 3 (EOC), the reigning European Champions in the Middle distance and the Long distance must be offered a wild card place in the corresponding format.

These wild card places are conditional on selection by the national federation and are additional to the national quota.

The personal wild cards for the respective rounds / competitions:

Round 1: - Tove Alexandersson (SWE) – both competitions, Megan Carter Davies (GBR) – Sprint;
- Kasper Harlem Fosser (NOR) – Sprint, Matthias Kyburz (SUI) – both competitions.

Round 2: - Tove Alexandersson (SWE) – Sprint, Megan Carter Davies (GBR) – Sprint;
- Kasper Harlem Fosser (NOR) – Sprint; Matthias Kyburz (SUI) – Sprint.

Round 3: - Simona Aebersold (SUI) – both competitions, Tove Alexandersson (SWE) – both competitions, Venla Harju (FIN) – Long distance;
- Kasper Harlem Fosser (NOR) – Long distance, Matthias Kyburz (SUI) – both competitions, Martin Regborn (SWE) – Long distance, Albin Ridefelt (SWE) – Middle distance;
- World Cup leaders after Round 2 – both competitions.

Round 4: - Simona Aebersold (SUI) – Long distance, Tove Alexandersson (SWE) – both competitions;
- Kasper Harlem Fosser (NOR) – Long distance, Matthias Kyburz (SUI) – both competitions;
- World Cup leaders after Round 3 – both competitions.

Team World Cup 2024 Special Rules

The Team World Cup in 2024 will be a combination of three relay competitions (World Cup competitions 4, 7 and 10, as defined above), and scores based on performances in the seven individual competitions (1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9).

Participation in Relay competitions (competitions 4, 7 and 10)

In competition 4, a Federation may enter 4 teams consisting of 4 competitors (at least 2 women).

In competitions 7 and 10, a Federation may enter 3 teams each consisting of 3 competitors in each class.

According to Rule 24.13., if a Federation is represented by more than one team in a relay class, only the team with the best result is considered in determining the placings (and hence, can be awarded in the prize-giving ceremony).

Incomplete teams, and teams with runners from more than one Federation are allowed to start, but are not included in the official results.

In competitions 7 and 10, the start list must be set up according to the Team World Cup standings as of the end of the last World Cup round (best having the lowest start number). In competition 4, the start list must be set up according to the Federation League Table as of 1st January 2024.

Teams other than a Federation's first team must have a higher start number than all Federations' first teams. Third teams must have a higher start number than second teams, etc. Mixed teams shall have higher start number than Federation teams. Amongst the group of second, third and fourth teams, start numbers shall be allocated alphabetically according to the 3-letter country abbreviation (e.g. Spain = ESP).

Scoring

Team World Cup points are awarded separately in the men's and women's relay competitions (competition 7 & 10 in the World Cup) as follows:

1st place = 1000 points
2nd place = 800 points
3rd place = 600 points
4th place = 500 points
5th place = 450 points
6th place = 400 points
7th place = 370 points
8th place = 350 points
9th place = 330 points

For places 10 – 40, points = $[410 - (\text{placing} * 10)]$, i.e. 10th place = 310 points, 11th place = 300 points, etc. until 40th place = 10 points are awarded.

In competition 4, the above points scale is doubled.

In the case of a tie, the tied teams each receive the same points as if they had each been placed in the highest of the tied positions. Teams that are not placed receive no points.

According to Rule 24.13., if a Federation is represented by more than one team in a relay class, only the team with the best result is considered in determining the placings.

Individual competitions (competitions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9)

In each individual competition, the team score for a Federation is the sum of the individual World Cup points scored by their best 4 athletes in the men's competition and best 4 athletes in the women's competition.

Team World Cup standings

Team World Cup standings are defined as the sum of all scores from both relay and individual competitions.

If there is more than one Federation with the same number of points in the final standings, they are ranked according to the total number of points earned in the three relay competitions, and if still equal, according to the total number of points earned in competition 10.

Annex 1

Competitors, who have been placed 1-6 in WOC Sprints 2021-2022, placed 1-6 in WOC Knock-Out Sprint 2022, placed 1-3 in World Cup Sprints or Knock-Out Sprints 2019-2023, or placed 1st in JWOC Sprints 2019-2023, and thus have an automatic place in the best starting group in competitions 2 & 3:

IOF ID	Name	Surname	Class	Country	Last qualifying result			
7466	Max Peter	Bejmer	Men	SWE	WOC	2021	Sprint	5
7562	Gustav	Bergman	Men	SWE	WC Round 2	2023	Sprint	2
8188	Loic	Capbern	Men	FRA	WOC	2022	KO-sprint	5
33052	Havard Sandstad	Eidsmo	Men	NOR	WOC	2022	Sprint	4
37666	Axel	Elmblad	Men	SWE	JWOC	2022	Sprint	1
23855	Kasper Harlem	Fosser	Men	NOR	WC Round 3	2023	Sprint	2
40367	Jonatan	Gustafsson	Men	SWE	WC Round 3	2023	KO-sprint	2
23033	Joey	Hadorn	Men	SUI	WC Round 1	2021	KO-sprint	2
23025	Tuomas	Heikkila	Men	FIN	WC Round 3	2023	Sprint	3
10810	Florian	Howald	Men	SUI	WOC	2021	Sprint	6
11299	Kristian	Jones	Men	GBR	WOC	2022	KO-sprint	6
24481	Aston	Key	Men	AUS	WOC	2022	Sprint	5
12187	Vojtech	Kral	Men	CZE	WC Round 3	2019	KO-sprint	1
12305	Matthias	Kyburz	Men	SUI	WC Round 3	2023	KO-sprint	1
37592	Francesco	Mariani	Men	ITA	JWOC	2021	Sprint	1
13592	Yannick	Michiels	Men	BEL	WC Round 2	2023	Sprint	3
40563	August	Mollen	Men	SWE	WOC	2022	KO-sprint	2
20176	Maxime	Rauturier	Men	FRA	WC Round 4	2019	Sprint	2
37721	Anselm	Reichenbach	Men	GER	JWOC	2023	Sprint	1
15525	Tim	Robertson	Men	NZL	WOC	2022	KO-sprint	4
16782	Ralph	Street	Men	GBR	WC Round 2	2023	Sprint	1
16905	Emil	Svensk	Men	SWE	WC Round 3	2023	KO-sprint	3
25180	Isac	von Krusenstierna	Men	SWE	WOC	2021	Sprint	1
38086	Li	ZhuoYe	Men	CHN	WC Round 4	2019	Sprint	3
23032	Simona	Aebersold	Women	SUI	WC Round 3	2023	Sprint	3
65	Tove	Alexandersson	Women	SWE	WC Round 3	2023	KO-sprint	1
77	Maja	Alm	Women	DEN	WOC	2021	Sprint	3
396	Andrine	Benjaminsen	Women	NOR	WOC	2022	Sprint	4
844	Megan	Carter Davies	Women	GBR	WOC	2022	Sprint	1
33988	Eline	Gemperle	Women	SUI	JWOC	2019	Sprint	1
6259	Natalia	Gemperle	Women	SUI	WC Round 3	2023	KO-sprint	3
1997	Sara	Hagstrom	Women	SWE	WC Round 3	2023	Sprint	1
2062	Shuangyan	Hao	Women	CHN	WC Round 4	2019	Sprint	1
28127	Tereza	Janosikova	Women	CZE	WC Round 3	2019	KO-sprint	2
36181	Malin Agervig	Kristiansson	Women	DEN	JWOC	2021	Sprint	1
3349	Alice	Leake	Women	GBR	WOC	2022	Sprint	3
37614	Hanna	Lundberg	Women	SWE	WC Round 1	2022	Sprint	3
42228	Rita	Maramarosi	Women	HUN	JWOC	2023	Sprint	1
28439	Elisa	Mattila	Women	FIN	JWOC	2022	Sprint	1
4961	Elena	Roos	Women	SUI	WC Round 3	2023	KO-sprint	2
5654	Lina	Strand	Women	SWE	WOC	2022	KO-sprint	6
40634	Eef	van Dongen	Women	NED	WOC	2022	KO-sprint	3



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