

IOF Competition Rules

Part 1 - Overview

Agenda

- General
- Special rules and deviations
- IOF Competition Rules - content
- Types of rules
- Overview over the technical part
- IOF special rules
- IOF guidelines

Goal of the session: to know the concepts of the IOF rules

General (1/2)

- Competition Rules for IOF foot orienteering events includes
 - Rules for the World Games
 - Rules for the World Orienteering Championships
 - Rules for the World Cup in Orienteering
 - Rules for the Junior World Orienteering Championships
 - Rules for the World Masters Orienteering Championships
 - Rules for IOF World Ranking Events
- The actual version of the competition rules is valid from 1 March 2010
 - Subsequent amendments will be published on the official IOF web site at www.orienteering.org
 - Many of these documents are revised and updated every year after approval of the Council

General (2/2)

- The IOF Competition Rules, together with the appendices, are binding at WOC, WCup, JWOC, WMOC and for W21 and M21 **elite classes at IOF World Ranking Events**
- Every rules point with no event abbreviation before its number is valid for all these events
- A rules point valid only for one or more of these events is marked with the specific abbreviations in the margin beside the rules point number
 - Such specific rules take precedence over any general rules with which they eventually conflict

Special Rules and Deviations

- IOF Council may decide special rules or norms which shall be followed
 - IOF WCup Special Rules, IOF Anti-Doping Rules, International Specification for Orienteering Maps, Principles for Course Planning, IOF Control Descriptions
 - In practise Council delegates special rules to commissions
- The IOF Council may allow deviations from rules and norms
 - Requests for permission to deviate from them shall be sent to the IOF Secretariat at least **6 months prior to the event**
 - In practise Council delegates task to commission
- The IOF Guidelines for WRE, WC, JWOC and WMOC shall be followed
 - Significant deviations require the consent of the EA

Content Overview

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3. Event programme	17. Restricted areas and routes	30. Appeals
4. Event applications	18. Control descriptions	31. Event control
5. Classes	19. Control set-up and equipment	32. Event reports
6. Participation	20. Punching systems	33. Advertising and sponsorship
7. Costs	21. Equipment	34. Media service
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9. Entries	23. Finish and time-keeping	Appendix 2: Principles for course planning
10. Travel and transport	24. Results	Appendix 3: IOF resolution on good environmental practice
11. Training and model event	25. Prizes	Appendix 4: Approved punching systems
12. Starting order and heat allocation	26. Fair play	Appendix 5: Leibnitz Convention
13. Team officials' meeting	27. Complaints	Appendix 6: Competition Formats
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Types of Rules (1/2)

- Definitions
 - 1.1 Orienteering is a sport in which the competitors visit a number of points marked on the ground (controls) in the shortest possible time aided by map and compass. The term competitor means an individual of either sex or a team, as appropriate.
- Recommendations
 - 2.3 These rules are recommended as a basis for national rules.
- Absolute requirements
 - 8.3 Bulletin 1 (preliminary information) shall include the following information:
 - organiser and the names of the event director and controller(s)
 - address and telephone/fax number

Types of Rules (2/2)

- Guidelines how to do things
 - 4.6 Applications shall be received no later than January 31st three years prior to the event year. The provisional appointment of organisers or organising Federations is made by the IOF Council by October 31st the same year. Each appointment must be confirmed by the signing, within 6 months, of a contract to organise the event, else Council may make an alternative appointment.
- Responsibility assignments
 - 11.4 If deemed necessary by the IOF Event Adviser, further model events shall be organised

World Cup Special Rules

- The IOF Council determines the number and types of World Cup events and any necessary special rules
- Definition of the World Cup events
 - Schedule
 - Formats
 - Qualification methods
 - Winning times
- Definition of the scoring system
- Published in IOF homepage, distributed to IOF member federations

IOF Guidelines WMOC, JWOC and WRE

- The guidelines will help organisers to achieve the aims of the events
- No formal rules, but rather proposals, suggestions and possible solutions
- Not a complete set of instructions
 - Cover only most important special features of the events
 - Do not substitute the guidance of the EA
 - Have to be combined with the IOF Competition Rules
- Will be revised regularly, input from practice (through EA!!) is appreciated

Exercise

- Examine various chapters of the IOF competition Rules and classify the rules