



IOF Competition Rules

Part 2 – WRE Specialities

Agenda

- Application and Allocation
- Before the start
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- Jury system
- WRE controlling

Goal of the session: to know the rules specialities of WRE

Application and Allocation

- Invitation to apply for WRE sent from the IOF Secretariat towards the end of the second year before the year of the planned event
- Any country and organizer may apply if the federation is a full IOF member
- The application must be supported by the federation
- The application is filled in the appropriate IOF form and sent from the federation by 30 September the year before the planned WRE
- The Foot-O commission (FOC) will approve applications within 31 October
- FOC's decision will be based on:
 - high quality terrain, maps, organization, media service
 - the organizer and federation are able to demonstrate international standards for hosting an event
 - potential benefit for developing orienteering in the area
 - the timing of the event
 - the federation must be able to appoint a high level national controller

Any request for rule deviation must follow the application

Before The Start

- Embargo terrains:
 - Publish on the federations website (using maps showing outer limits), included in bulletins
 - Problematic for sprint; EA has an important role here.
 1. Strict embargo
 2. Restrictions limited to 3 – 4 hours before the race
 3. A mixture of 2 and 3: Finish area open, competition area strictly embargoed
- Should a class have too many entrants, it may be split into parallel classes based on the competitors' previous performances (5.6)
 - Recommendation: to use WRE list, not a national ranking list
- Bulletin 1/2 shall be available 4 months before the event, Bulletin 3 shall be available 1 week before the event. (8.11)
 - In English on the Internet mandatory (8.1)
 - Printed versions may be in the national language only
 - 8.11 and 8.12 define the content of the bulletins
- Training and model events shall be offered (11.1 – 11.3)
 - If deemed appropriate by the IOF adviser, the model event may be organised on the day of the competition (11.5)
- No WRE rules for qualification races, but WCup model is encouraged, if needed

During The Race

- Map scale (15.2)
 - Long distance 1:15000
 - Middle distance races and for Relays 1:15000 or 1:10000
 - Sprint 1:5000 or 1:4000
 - Deviations require approval from the IOF Council (15.1)
 - Shall maps be offset printed?
- Winning times
 - No definitions for WRE, but WOC/WCup standards are recommended (16.9)
- Control descriptions
 - Printed on the map (18.3) and loose (18.5) at latest at the pre-start
- Controls
 - Shall not be sited within 30 m of each other, and 15 m for sprint
 - Confusing numbers 66, 68, 86, 89, 98, 99 should not be used
- If the estimated winning time is more than 30 minutes, refreshments shall be available at least every 25 minutes at the estimated speed of the winner (19.8)

At The Finish

- Finish line shall be at least 1.5 m for wide (3 m for mass and chase start) and its exact position shall be obvious to approaching competitors (23.3)
- Time keeping
 - WOC, WCup, JWOC:
Two independent time keeping systems, a primary and a secondary, shall be used continuously throughout the competition (23.9)
 - Accuracy of 0.5 seconds or better (23.6)
 - Time shall be measured when the competitor's chest crosses the finish line or when the competitor punches at the finish line (23.5)
- Results
 - The results shall be published on the internet and electronically submitted to the IOF on the day of the event (24.14) <http://iof.6prog.org>
- Prizes
 - The organizer shall arrange a dignified prize-giving ceremony (25.1)
 - Prizes for men and women shall be equivalent (25.2)

WRE Jury System

- WRE require a jury
- Composition of jury may be different from national habits
 - WRE jury consist of 3 voting members, if possible from different Federations (29.14)
 - A representative of the organiser has the right to participate in the jury meetings but has no vote (29.4)
 - The IOF Event Adviser shall lead the jury but has no vote (29.3)
- WRE jury is the final level (29.9)
 - Competence of national jury may be different and there may be a superior instance, but without the right to react on WRE jury decisions

WRE Controlling

- IOF event adviser is appointed by federation of organiser
- IOF event adviser may come from same federation
- IOF event adviser is reporting to appointing body, i.e. national federation and not to IOF
- Requests for deviation from IOF competition rules must be sent to IOF secretariat, no later than 6 months before the event
- For WRE the Final Event Report goes to appointing body, i.e. national federation and not to IOF and a copy to the organiser
- IOF event adviser is responsible that results are transferred in due time and in the appropriate format to IOF

To sum up, the important tasks of the WRE/EA are:

- To advise the Organizer and the National Controller, in particular on the special features of a WRE
- To advise the Organizer and Controller on the IOF Rules and Guidelines if necessary
- To oversee the whole event, identifying weak points and risks of failure and bringing them to the Organizer's attention
- To chair the Jury
- To approve terrain, maps, courses and their planning
- To approve all bulletins
- To ensure that the M/W21E results are sent to the IOF (in appropriate file format) on the day of the event or to notify IOF if there is a delay