

Ski Orienteering World Cup 2015-2016 Special Rules

Programme

| | Event | Date | Competition | Country |
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| Round 1 | Event 1 | 27 Nov | Sprint | Finland |
| | Event 2 | 28 Nov | Sprint Relay | Finland |
| | Event 3 | 29 Nov | Middle distance | Finland |
| | Event 4 | 1 Dec | Long distance, mass-start | Finland |
| Round 2 | Event 5 | 22 Jan | Sprint | Germany |
| | Event 6 | 23 Jan | Middle distance | Germany |
| | Event 7 | 24 Jan | Long distance | Germany |
| | Event 8 | 26 Jan | Sprint Relay | Germany |
| | Event 9 | 27 Jan | Relay | Germany |
| Round 3 | Event 10 | 29 Feb | Sprint | Austria |
| | Event 11 | 1 Mar | Sprint Relay | Austria |
| | Event 12 | 2 Mar | Long distance | Austria |
| | Event 13 | 4 Mar | Middle distance, mass-start | Austria |
| | Event 14 | 5 Mar | Relay | Austria |

World Cup Categories

For 2015-16 there is an individual overall World Cup for women and an individual overall World Cup for men to determine the best athletes during the whole season in each category.

For 2015-16 there is a Nation World Cup to determine the best nation through the season. A nation's best team in each category in Relays, their two best teams in Sprint Relays, and their three best athletes in each category from the individual races will score.

Participation

Participation is described in *Competition Rules for IOF Ski Orienteering Events*. As well as the two extra official competitors (rule 6.12), the organising Federation may enter up to 10 additional national competitors (National Group) for the competition, but these must start prior to the official World Cup competitors and they can not be awarded World Cup points or prizes.

In Relay and Sprint Relay competitions, the organising Federation can enter up to 5 additional national teams but these teams have to start last in the start field and they can not score in the Nation World Cup.

If the organisers are organising Regional (non-IOF) and National Championships in conjunction with the World Cup events, the Senior Event Advisor can give the organisers permission to add additional participants to the race, provided that the additional national participants start prior or after the

official World Cup competitors (individual start) or last in the starting field (mass start). They can not be awarded World Cup points or prizes.

Starting order

The start order for individual and mass start competitions follows the *Competition Rules for IOF Ski Orienteering Events* and *Start allocation method for WSOC, WCup and ROC.*

Point calculations

Individual World Cup

1) Each competitor's total score is the sum of his/her 7 best point scores out of 9 World Cup competitions. If, for some reason, the result of a competition does not count for the overall ranking, the number of results to count for the total score shall be decreased by one.

2) The 35 best competitors in each class shall obtain points as follows: 60, 50, 45, 40, 36, 33, 30, 28, 27, 26, 25, 24, 23, 22, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1.

3) If two or more competitors share a place in a competition, they all receive the higher point score, i.e. if there are two athletes on place 4 they get 40 points each and the next on the result list will be on place 6 and will get 33 points.

4) In the case of an equal total score for two or more competitors, the best single score decides, then the second best, then the third best etc. until the seventh best score. If they are still equal, the placing in the last competition of the World Cup season is decisive, even if it is not among the 7 best results.

Nation World Cup

In the nation cup both the results from relays and individual races are counted together.

The individual points for the Nation World Cup are the points of a nation's three best men and three best women at each individual competition.

In Relays and Sprint Relays, the 20 best teams in each class shall obtain points as follows: 200, 190, 180, 170, 160, 150, 140, 130, 120, 110, 100, 90, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, and 10. In Relay the best team from each nation counts and in the Sprint Relay the two best teams from each nation counts.

Entry Fee

The maximum allowed entry fee for a competitor in an individual race is 40 Euros, 80 Euros for a Sprint Relay team and 120 Euros for a Relay team. The organisers are encouraged to keep the entry fee as low as possible to attract as many participants as possible.