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# Special Rules for the 2016 World Cup in Orienteering

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The World Cup in 2016 will consist of 10 competitions. The programme includes races in Poland, the European Orienteering Championships in the Czech Republic, the World Orienteering Championships in Sweden, and the World Cup Final races in Switzerland.

The full programme is:

Competition	Date	Competition Format	Event	Country
1	30 April	Middle distance		Poland
2	1 May	Sprint		Poland
3	22 May	Sprint	EOC	Czech Republic
4	24 May	Long distance	EOC	Czech Republic
5	27 May	Middle distance	EOC	Czech Republic
6	20 August	Sprint	WOC	Sweden
7	23 August	Middle distance	WOC	Sweden
8	25 August	Long distance	WOC	Sweden
9	15 October	Long distance	WCup Final	Switzerland
10	16 October	Sprint	WCup Final	Switzerland

The *Competition Rules for IOF Foot Orienteering Events*<sup>1</sup> apply to all competitions.

In competitions 1, 2, 9 and 10, competition rule 9.10 does **not** apply: replacement of runners will not be possible after 12 noon on the day before the competition.

In case of a tie for the final qualification place in any of the competitions, all tied runners qualify, thus increasing the number of competitors in the relevant Final. 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.

In competitions 1, 2, 9 and 10, competition rules 12.7 and 12.10 (separating runners from the same Federation) do **not** apply.

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<sup>1</sup> Valid from 1st January 2016, as published on the IOF website [www.orienteering.org](http://www.orienteering.org)

## Competitions 1 and 2 (Poland)

**Competition 1 (30 April):** Middle distance competition with a 2 minute start interval (to be reduced to 90 seconds if there are more than 70 competitors). The start order is determined strictly by the standing of the IOF Middle/Long World Rankings as published on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016<sup>2</sup> (leader starts last).

**Competition 2 (1 May):** Sprint competition consisting of a Sprint qualification race with two heats in the morning, followed by a Sprint Final in the afternoon. Both races have a 1 minute start interval. Competitors shall be split between the two qualification heats according to the requirements in rule 12.8 (in particular, that as far as possible, the two heats shall be equally strong), with rule 12.12 also applying. Within each qualification heat, the start order is determined strictly by the standing of the IOF Sprint World Rankings as published on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016<sup>2</sup> (leader starts last). The Sprint Final is for the top 20 athletes from each heat of the Sprint qualification race. The start order for the Sprint Final is strictly the reverse of the placings in the Sprint qualification race; the best competitors shall start last as described in rule 12.9. All others who were placed in the qualification race start in the B-Final where the start order is also the reverse of the Sprint qualification race results.

## Competitions 3, 4 and 5; European Orienteering Championships (Czech Republic)

EOC rules apply.

## Competitions 6, 7 and 8; World Orienteering Championships (Sweden)

WOC rules apply.

## Competitions 9 and 10 World Cup Final, Switzerland

**Competition 9 (15<sup>th</sup> Oct):** Long distance competition with a 3 minute start interval and a paired start with forking (i.e. 2 runners start at the same time). The start order is determined strictly by the order of the World Ranking as of 13 October (highest and second-highest ranked competitors start last).

**Competition 10 (16<sup>th</sup> Oct):** Sprint competition with a 1 minute start interval.

There will be an A final with the 40 highest-ranked competitors in the World Cup standing after competition 9, and a B final for all remaining competitors. The start order in both the A and B final is determined strictly by the World Cup standing after competition 9 (leader starts last). For those runners with no World Cup points, their starting order is the reverse of their placing in competition 9. Runners with no World Cup points and no placing in competition 9 start first (drawn randomly).

## World Cup standings are defined as

After competitions 1 to 5 the sum of all scores.

After competitions 6 to 8 the sum of the best n-1 scores (where n is the number of competitions so far).

After competition 9 the sum of the best 7 scores out of the first 8 competitions plus the score from competition 9.

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<sup>2</sup> References to IOF World Rankings at a particular date mean the rankings as at 2100 local time on that day.

After competition 10 the sum of the best 7 scores out of the first 8 competitions plus the scores from competitions 9 and 10.

In the event of two or more competitors having the same number of points after competition 10, they shall be ranked in order of their placing in competition 10. Any competitors who are still equal shall 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.

In the event of a competition being cancelled or voided for any reason, the number of scores to count will be reduced by one.

## National quotas for competitions 1 and 2 and competitions 9 and 10

The national quotas for competitions 1, 2, 9 and 10 are based on the total points of the leading 10 athletes from each Federation in the IOF World Federation League tables (combined Sprint/Middle/Long) as published on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016. Separate quotas will apply for men and women.

The allocations for competitions 1, 2, 9 and 10 will be:

- The top 6 nations get 8 places.
- All other nations get 6 places.

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

All 2015 individual World Champions shall be offered a wild card place in competitions 1 and 2 provided they are selected by their Federation. All 2016 individual World Champions, provided they are selected by their Federations, shall be offered a wild card place in competition 9 and 10. These wild card places shall be additional to the national quotas.

## Scoring System

For competitions 1 to 10, 100 points are awarded to the winner, 80 points to 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 60 points to third place and so on as shown below:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	100 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	80 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	60 points
4 <sup>th</sup> place	50 points
5 <sup>th</sup> place	45 points
6 <sup>th</sup> place	40 points
7 <sup>th</sup> place	37 points
8 <sup>th</sup> place	35 points
9 <sup>th</sup> place	33 points
10 <sup>th</sup> place	31 points
11 <sup>th</sup> place	30 points
12 <sup>th</sup> place	29 points
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40 <sup>th</sup> 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.

## Prizes

IOF prizes will only be awarded in the overall World Cup while organisers will provide prizes in the single World Cup events. World Cup prizes will no longer be awarded at the World Championships. Below is a summary of the prizes for both men and women for the single events and the World Cup overall:

### Single World Cup Events

1<sup>st</sup> place: prizes by organiser

2<sup>nd</sup> place: prizes by organiser

3<sup>rd</sup> place: prizes by organiser

### World Cup Overall Individual categories

1<sup>st</sup> place: medal, trophy cup, diploma by the IOF

2<sup>nd</sup> place: medal, diploma by the IOF

3<sup>rd</sup> place: medal, diploma by the IOF

4<sup>th</sup> place: diploma by the IOF

5<sup>th</sup> place: diploma by the IOF

6<sup>th</sup> place: diploma by the IOF

### Prize money

The organisers of the four individual World Cup competitions other than the three EOC competitions and the three WOC competitions contribute 1000€ each making a total prize money “pot” of 4000€. This is divided amongst the overall World Cup leaders as follows:

Place	Men	Women
1 <sup>st</sup>	1.000€	1.000€
2 <sup>nd</sup>	600€	600€
3 <sup>rd</sup>	400€	400€

Additionally, prize money may also be awarded at each of the World Cup competitions at the discretion of the organising Federation. See the respective organisers’ bulletins and websites for such information.