

Special Rules for the 2017 World Cup in Orienteering

The World Cup in 2017 will consist of 10 competitions. The programme includes races in Finland and Latvia, the World Orienteering Championships in Estonia, and the World Cup Final races in Switzerland.

The full programme is:

Competition	Date	Competition Format	Event	Venue
1	25 May	Sprint	World Cup Round 1	Turku, Finland
2	27 May	Middle		
3	28 May	Long, chase start		
4	1 July	Sprint	World Orienteering Championships (WOC)	Tartu, Estonia
5	4 July	Long		
6	6 July	Middle		
7	25 August	Middle	World Cup Round 3	Cesis, Latvia
8	27 August	Sprint		
9	29 September	Long	World Cup final	Grindelwald, Switzerland
10	30 September	Middle		

The **Competition Rules for IOF Foot Orienteering Events** (valid from 1st January 2017, as published on the IOF website www.orienteering.org) apply to all competitions.

In competitions 1, 2, 7, 8, 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. Also, since participation in competition 3 is based on performances in competitions 1 and 2, replacement of competitors in competition 3 will not be possible after the commencement of competition 1.

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, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10, competition rules 12.7 and 12.10 (separating runners from the same Federation) do **not** apply.

Competitions 1, 2 and 3 (World Cup Round 1, Finland)

Competition 1 (25 May): Sprint competition with a single qualification race, and a final in which the 40 best placed athletes in the qualification race start. The start order in the qualification race is determined strictly by the standing of the IOF Sprint World Rankings as published on 23rd May 2017* (leader starts last). 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.

Competition 2 (27 May): Middle distance competition. The start order is determined strictly by the standing of the IOF Middle/Long Distance World Rankings as published on 25th May 2017* (leader starts last). The start interval shall be 2 minutes unless more than 70 entries are received, in which case it shall be 90 seconds.

Competition 3 (28 May): Long distance, chase start. The starting times for the chase start shall be based on the sum of each competitor's time in the qualification race of competition 1 and their time in competition 2, minus bonus seconds (where applicable). Bonus seconds shall be awarded to the 10 leading competitors in the final of competition 1, with 120 bonus seconds for 1st, 90 seconds for 2nd, 60 seconds for 3rd, 45 seconds for

4th, 30 seconds for 5th, and 25-20-15-10-5 seconds for 6th-10th. The result for competition 3 is the order in which athletes cross the finish line. Competitors will only be permitted to start if they have a result in both the qualification race of competition 1, and competition 2.

Competitions 4, 5 and 6; World Orienteering Championships (Estonia)

WOC rules apply.

Competitions 7 and 8 (World Cup Round 2, Latvia)

Competition 7 (25th Aug): Middle distance competition. The start order is determined strictly by the standing of the IOF Middle/Long Distance World Rankings as published on 23rd August 2017* (leader starts last). The start interval shall be 2 minutes unless more than 70 entries are received, in which case it shall be 90 seconds.

Competition 8 (27th Aug): Sprint competition with a qualification and final. The qualification shall consist of three heats, drawn according to the provisions of rule 12.8 (in particular, that as far as possible, the heats shall be equally strong and that athletes from any one country should be distributed as equally as possible between the heats), except that two competitors from the same country may start consecutively in the same heat. The starting order in each qualification race is determined strictly by the standing of the IOF Sprint World Rankings as published on 25th August 2017* (leader starts last) with a start interval of 1 minute. The leading 15 athletes from each heat qualify for the A final and the remaining competitors qualify for the B final, with the starting sequence in each final as determined by rule 12.9.

Competitions 9 and 10 World Cup Final (Switzerland)

Competition 9 (29th Sep): Long distance competition with a 3 minute start interval. The start order is determined strictly by the order of the Middle/Long Distance World Ranking as of 27th September 2017* (highest ranked competitors start last).

Competition 10 (30th Sep): Middle distance competition with a 2 minute start interval. The start order is determined strictly by the order of the World Cup after Competition 9.

World Cup standings are defined as

After competitions 1 to 5 the sum of all scores up to and including that stage.

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

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

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, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10

The national quotas for competitions 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 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 1st January 2017. Separate quotas will apply for men and women.

The allocations for competitions 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 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. Competitors entered for competition 3 must also be entered for competitions 1 and 2.

All 2016 individual World Champions shall be offered a wild card place in competitions 1, 2 and 3 provided they are selected by their Federation. All 2017 individual World Champions, provided they are selected by their Federations, shall be offered a wild card place in competitions 7, 8, 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 2nd place, 60 points to third place and so on 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
- 10th place 31 points
- 11th place 30 points
- 12th place 29 points

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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.

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

- 1st place: prizes by organiser
- 2nd place: prizes by organiser
- 3rd place: prizes by organiser

World Cup Overall Individual categories

- 1st place: medal, trophy cup, diploma by the IOF
- 2nd place: medal, diploma by the IOF
- 3rd place: medal, diploma by the IOF
- 4th place: diploma by the IOF
- 5th place: diploma by the IOF

6th place: diploma by the IOF

Prize money

The organisers of the seven individual World Cup competitions other than the three WOC competitions contribute 1000€ each making a total prize money “pot” of 7000€. This is divided amongst the overall World Cup leaders as follows:

Place	Men	Women
1 st	2000€	2000€
2 nd	1000€	1000€
3 rd	500€	500€

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.

** References to IOF World Rankings at a particular date mean the rankings as at 2100 local time on that day.*