



ORIENTEERING HANDBOOK

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1. THE HISTORY OF ORIENTEERING IN FISU

Orienteering is a particularly attractive discipline since it establishes a close connection between physical activity and nature. This is an immensely popular sport in Scandinavia and in other Northern European countries. It was not coincidental that the Finnish University Sports Association (OLL) undertook the organisation of the first World University Orienteering Championship in Jyväskylä, in 1978. The event was an undisputed success, involving 129 runners from 17 countries. Since then, 18 further editions have been held, with continuously rising number of participants. The 2016 edition in Miskolc, Hungary, established a new record with 266 athletes from 34 countries,

Orienteering started in the Nordic countries and in the beginning Norway, Sweden and Finland shared the top positions. During the 1990s, the European involvement increased with a number of top positions from nations like Czech Republic, France and Switzerland. A long and hard work to spread the sport around the world was done but the top results continued to be done mainly by European countries.

For example, France discovered Orienteering at the end of the 1960s, thanks to a Swedish compass salesman, who fell in love with the French countryside. After its launch in the Boy Scout movement, the sport was adopted by the military, finally coming into its own in the university sector. So that today, the sport is currently being supported by an enormous pool of 250,000 student participants. This was proved in the French city of Roanne where the World University Championship took place in 2000. France has been of the most successful country in FISU World University Orienteering Championships since 2000.

During the competitions after 2000 Orienteering has continued to evolve and the top athletes from almost every country participate. The IOF World Champions in 2014, Judith Wyder (Swiss) in Sprint, Thierry Gueorgiou (France) in Long, and the Swiss winning teams in Sprint and ladies relay all have participated in the World University Championships. The FISU World University Championships is recognised as one of the most challenging competitions in the whole orienteering world and seen as an important step for future champions to take.

The 2020 FISU WUC Orienteering was supposed to take place Smolensk, Russia but has unfortunately been cancelled due to the COVID- 19 pandemic.

The last edition was hosted by the city of Biel (SUI). 27 countries participated with a total of 222 athletes.

The next edition will be organised by Bansko (BUL) from 1st to 5th of August 2024.

2. STATISTICS

EDITION	YEAR	COUNTRY	CITY	COUNTRIES	MEN	WOMEN	ATHLETES	OFFICIALS	TOTAL
1	1978	FIN	Jyvaskyla	17	78	51	129	23	152
2	1980	SUI	Saint Gallen	20	103	74	177	37	214
3	1982	CZE	Prague	18	76	57	133	39	172
4	1984	SWE	Jönköping	18	71	62	133	38	171
5	1986	HUN	Miskloc	17	80	65	145	41	186
6	1988	NOR	Trondheim	23	99	85	184	46	230
7	1990	URS	Pskov	21	96	82	178	47	225
8	1992	GBR	Aberdeen	22	89	74	163	34	197
9	1994	SUI	Fiesch	30	116	84	200	62	262
10	1996	HUN	Veszprém	28	127	101	228	59	287
11	1998	NOR	Trondheim	29	130	90	220	55	275
12	2000	FRA	Roanne	20	74	61	135	33	168
13	2002	BUL	Varna	25	87	79	166	32	198
14	2004	CZE	Pilsen	30	123	93	216	40	256
15	2006	SVK	Kosice	29	125	98	223	41	264
16	2008	EST	Tartu	28	123	98	221	49	270
17	2010	SWE	Borlange	31	140	116	256	53	309
18	2012	ESP	Alicante	27	133	99	232	49	281
19	2014	CZE	Olomouc	32	138	120	258	57	315
20	2016	HUN	Miskolc	34	150	116	266	50	316
21	2018	FIN	Kuortane	34	131	118	249	54	303
22	2022	SUI	Biel	27	117	105	222	51	273

3. SCHEDULE

ARRIVALS	ARRIVALS	OPENING DAY 0	COMPETITION DAY 1 & 2	REST DAY DAY 3	COMPETITION DAY 4	COMPETITION DAY 5 & CLOSING CEREMONY	DEPARTURES
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4. SPORT REGULATIONS (TECHNICAL REGULATIONS)

4.1. GENERAL TERMS

The orienteering competitions shall be run in accordance with the most recent technical rules of the International Orienteering Federation (IOF), unless otherwise stated. In case of disagreement in the interpretation of the rules, the English text shall be regarded as authoritative.

The programme and duration of competitions are fixed by FISU in agreement with the Organising Committee and the ITC Championship. The competitions shall last five (5) days and include include a rest day and the following events:

Men:

- Individual sprint distance race
- Individual middle distance race
- Relay race

Women:

- Individual sprint distance race
- Individual middle distance race
- Relay race

Mixed:

- Sprint relay race

Each country may enter a maximum of 17 persons of which 12 competitors with maximum of 6 males and 6 females and five 5 officials.

Each country may enter in:

Middle distance: six males and six females

Sprint distance: six males and six females

Relay: two male teams of three persons and two female teams of three persons

Mixed Relay: Each country may enter two teams.

At the first General Technical Meeting, the Head of Delegation or his/her representative shall confirm and sign the official list of competitors accredited by the CIC.

4.2. PRE-COMPETITION PROCEDURE

Three months before the Championship, the Organising Committee has the right to collect 50% of the total cost of stay per athlete and official from participating countries.

4.3. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

A jury consisting of three team officials shall be appointed at the first General Technical Meeting. The IOF Technical Delegate shall chair the jury without voting rights. The jury shall remain the same throughout the competition week.

5. SERVICES

The Organising Committee shall inform the participating countries through the bulletins and its website about the possible and potential services and their costs.

Wi-Fi shall be available for all delegations for free.

Technical Officials

Technical Officials (TO) Services is complex and must not be underestimated. The Sport functional area must set up an efficient team early in advance.

In coordination with other relevant functional areas, the Technical Officials Services team is responsible for:

- NTOs recruitment in coordination with the Competition Manager and NF;
- support services such as visa, invitation letters, flight tickets and accreditation;
- managing and delivering TO clothing / uniforms when requested;
- procuring suitable accommodation for the period required;
- providing daily catering and transportation;
- ensuring that all TOs are properly qualified (in close cooperation with FISU);
- hosting Technical Officials' meetings;
- per diem and allowance payment.

6. COMPETITION VENUE

The Organising Committee shall present during the inspection visit the layout of the competition venue(s). The complete layout must be sent to FISU Championships Department and FISU TCC for approval. This layout should include all competition and training areas as well as the different areas, accesses and services allocated for each client group taking part in the competition or involved in its delivery.

7. EQUIPMENT

Equipment is listed in the FISU Orienteering Venue Minimum Requirements.

8. TRAINING SESSIONS

The training sessions schedule should be drawn up by the FISU Technical Committee Chair together with the Organising Committee Competition Manager and provided to the participating teams as early as possible to make the planning as smooth as possible.

9. COMPETITION PROGRAMME

The competition programme shall be approved by the FISU Technical Committee Chair during the inspection visit and published on the website as soon as approved. The medical plan shall be presented by the OC and approved by the FISU TCC during the inspection visit.

10. SPECIFIC MEDICAL AND ANTI DOPING CONTROL REQUIEREMENTS

The organisers should be able to provide a limited medical service on site for minor wound and twisted ankles. The Organising Committee medical plan should follow the FISU Medical guideline.

TESTING DAY(S)	NUMBER OF TESTS	ESA	GHRF
3	9	1	0

11. SPORT PRESENTATION

Sport presentation is the audio-visual presentation of a sport in each competition venue of a FISU World University Championship.

Sport presentation has become a vital instrument of major sport events and is key to delivering the Championships sports successfully. It aims to attract, educate, and entertain live audiences at the competition sites and elevates the sport experience for all client groups.

Sport presentation comprises elements such as video clips, sounds, announcements, Championship mascots, creation of fan teams, the involvement of cheerleaders and other innovative elements that increase the understanding of the sport and the attractiveness of the competitions.

It is complex and must be carefully planned to the second, as it can have a substantial impact on the operation of broadcasters and venue teams. Therefore, close collaboration and early communication with broadcasting, awarding ceremonies and the ICT is essential.

Sport presentation planning should ground on one common creative theme that fits with the specific the Championship concept. Nonetheless, as every sport has its own unique characteristics, it is important that each sport presentation is tailored to the particular sport while still embracing the main theme.

Due to its complexity, FISU suggests the OC to consult expert advice for assisting the OC in developing their sport presentation strategy in an early stage of the event lifecycle.

Considering the importance of sport for the sport presentation planning, the OC is recommended to place sport presentation under the responsibility of the sport manager of the Organising Committee.

It is recommended to use GPS tracking System during the Championship to allow the spectators to better follow the competition.

12. SPORT PRESENTATION

DEADLINES	ACTIONS
Event -12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspection Visit – Venue visit & equipment approval (FISU TCC) - Competition programme and venue medical plan approval (FISU TCC)
Event -6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General entries (NUSFs)
Event -3 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quantitative entries (NUSFs)
Event -1 month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual entries (NUSFs) - 50% payment from the participating countries (OC – NUSFs) - Event Handbook (OC - FISU TCC)
Event -1 day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accreditation & participants list confirmation (NUSFs) - Jury meeting (TCC - Jury) - General Technical Meeting (NUSFs - OC - FISU)
EVENT	
Event +1 month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final report to FISU

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