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DEAR ORIENTEERING FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD...



ON BEHALF OF BRITISH ORIENTEERING I AM VERY PLEASED TO WELCOME COMPETITORS, TEAM LEADERS, OFFICIALS, SPECTATORS AND GUESTS TO THE 2015 IOF WORLD ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SCOTLAND. GREAT BRITAIN HAS HOSTED THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TWICE BEFORE, IN 1976 AND 1999, AND ON BOTH THOSE OCCASIONS IT WAS HELD IN SCOTLAND, WHICH HAS SOME OF THE NATION'S FINEST ORIENTEERING TERRAIN. IN 2015 WE WILL RETURN AGAIN TO THE HIGHLANDS OF SCOTLAND.

The World Championships will be held in collaboration with the highly successful Scottish 6-Days competition, which was first held in 1977 as part of the legacy of the first World Championships in Scotland. Having been held every two years since then, it has grown into a well-established and high-quality multi-day event that has over 3,000 competitors each time. We expect that for Highland 2015 there will be at least 5,000 competitors.

We are very pleased to have the support of the team at EventScotland, who have tremendous experience in working on high-profile international sporting events. We are confident that their involvement in the hosting of WOC 2015 will help us to deliver a fantastic event, which will raise the profile of orienteering within the international sporting community.

Scotland is a fantastic mix of stunning landscapes, wildlife and wonderful local produce, combined with a thriving arts and culture scene, and topped off with a colourful history of epic battles and historic castles. Whether you are a competitor, official, spectator or guest at the World Orienteering Championships, we are sure you will find it a memorable and enjoyable experience. Welcome to Highland 2015!

Martin Ward (Chairman, British Orienteering)



THE SCOTTISH ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION IS THE GOVERNING BODY OF ORIENTEERING IN SCOTLAND AND EXTENDS A VERY WARM SCOTTISH WELCOME TO ALL ATHLETES AND THEIR SUPPORTERS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE WORLD ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015 AND THE SCOTTISH 6 DAYS FESTIVAL IN HIGHLAND AND MORAYSHIRE DISTRICTS, "CEUD MÌLE FÀILTE".

We like to think that Scottish orienteering punches above its weight (our membership is only a little over 1500) in terms of the quality of its events, premier amongst these being the bi-annual 6 Days Festival, and we will be working hard to make sure that your stay here is both very enjoyable and successful.

Roger Scrutton (President, Scottish Orienteering Association)



ON BEHALF OF THE SCOTTISH ORIENTEERING 6-DAY EVENT COMPANY, I OFFER A WARM WELCOME TO ALL WHO WILL BE VISITING OUR COUNTRY IN 2015.

The 6-Day Company are delighted to be working in partnership with British Orienteering and SOA to stage Highland 2015, comprising the World Orienteering Championships and the Scottish 6-Day Event. The 6-Day event was the natural choice to complement the WOC races; the first 6-Day event was in 1977 and over the years it has earned a high reputation for technical and organisational quality. We will ensure that the standards we have set are maintained at Highland 2015, the 20th Scottish 6-Day event. The programme is being designed to give 6-Day competitors the opportunity to run on WOC terrain with WOC maps, as well as spectating at the WOC races and cheering on their national team members.

Two years of hard work lie ahead to deliver an event of the highest quality. Our aim is for an unforgettable orienteering experience for all competitors, spectators and supporters.

Anne Hickling (Chairman, Scottish Orienteering 6-Day Event Co. Ltd.)



THE WORLD ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS - HIGHLIGHT OF HIGHLAND 2015

The 2015 World Orienteering Championships (WOC) will be held in the Highland and Moray Regions of Scotland, with the Event Centre located at Inverness. WOC will be the highlight of the orienteering festival Highland 2015, which will also include the long-established and prestigious Scottish 6 Days event.

THE WOC PROGRAMME

The IOF General Assembly 2012 in Lausanne approved a new World Championships Programme including a Sprint Relay. This new programme, first to be used at the 2014 World Championships in Italy, will be used for the 2015 World Championships in Great Britain.

WOC 2015 will use the competition format and qualification system for Middle and Long distance races as defined on the IOF website Foot Orienteering section, currently described in documents under the heading 'WOC in the Future' (<http://orienteering.org/foot-orienteering/woc-in-the-future/>).

The format for the new Sprint Relay can be found under the Rules heading in the Foot Orienteering section (<http://orienteering.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/Format-for-the-new-Sprint-Relay.pdf>).

The WOC races are provisionally planned to be held as follows:

Day	Date	Event	Time
Saturday	01/08/2015	Sprint Relay	Evening
Sunday	02/08/2015	Sprint Qualification	Morning
Sunday	02/08/2015	Sprint Final	Afternoon
Monday	03/08/2015	Rest Day	
Tuesday	04/08/2015	Middle Distance	Afternoon
Wednesday	05/08/2015	Relay	Afternoon
Thursday	06/08/2015	Rest Day	
Friday	07/08/2015	Long Distance	



Photo: Mark Nixon. Credit: Soren Andersson



Photo: Helen Palmer. Credit: Soren Andersson

There will be a range of public events staged near or in the WOC areas including the Scottish 6 Days Event (see page 9) and MTBO, TrailO and Sprint races.

COMPETITION RULES

The 2015 edition of the Competition Rules for IOF Foot Orienteering Events will be applied to participation in the 2015 World Orienteering Championships. The 2013 rules state that, for the WOC:

- There is one class for women and one class for men. There are no age restrictions (Rule 5.7)
- All competitors represent a Federation (Rule 6.5)
- A competitor may represent only one Federation during any one calendar year (Rule 6.1)
- Competitors who are representing a Federation shall have full passport-holding citizenship of the country of that Federation (Rule 6.2)

ANTI-DOPING

The organisers are fully committed to supporting the efforts of the anti-doping authorities.



INVERNESS – EVENT CENTRE WITH EASY ACCESS

The Event Centre will be Inverness in northern Scotland (latitude 57.4717 °N, 4.2254°W). All races will be held within easy driving distance of Inverness – see location map.

Nearest airports are at Inverness, Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Currently there are scheduled flights to Inverness Airport from Amsterdam, London Gatwick, Birmingham, Manchester and other UK airports.

Aberdeen Airport has direct flights from Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Dublin, Frankfurt, Paris, Stavanger, London (Heathrow, Gatwick and City airports) and other UK airports.

Edinburgh and Glasgow have busy international airports with direct flights from European countries and from further afield.

A good railway service operates to Inverness from London, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen. These cities are also linked by express coach services.

Vehicle hire facilities are available in Inverness and at all the airports. The journey by road from either Edinburgh or Glasgow airports to Inverness takes about 3 hours.



EMBARGOED AREAS

WITH REFERENCE TO IOF COMPETITION RULE 26.5, THE AREAS INDICATED ON THE LOCATION MAP ON PAGE 4, AND SHOWN ON THE MORE DETAILED MAPS THAT FOLLOW, ARE EMBARGOED.

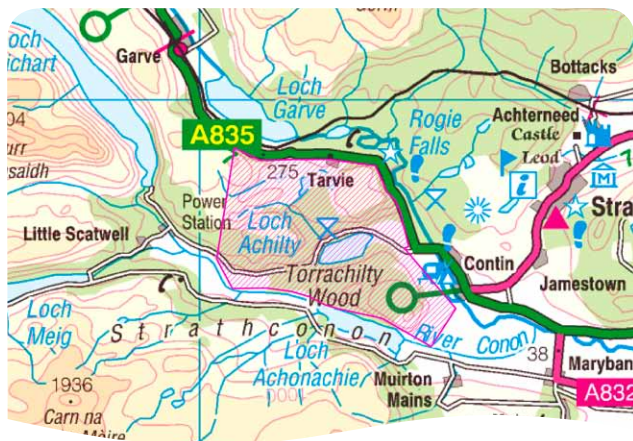
This embargo applies to all potential WOC 2015 team members (runners, team leaders, coaches, doctors, etc.) as well as to all others with strong links to elite squads.

Spelt out in detail, this means that for such people:

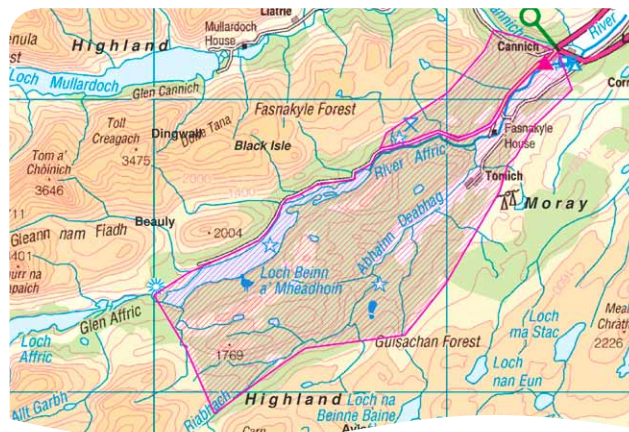
- No organised orienteering of any kind may take place in the embargoed areas until after WOC 2015
- No training sessions, i.e. running/races, testing route choices etc. are allowed in these areas
- No-one with potential connections to a team (athlete or any other function) may visit the embargoed terrain
- In the towns of Inverness, Elgin, Nairn and Forres, access is permitted in the embargoed areas until further notice. However use of orienteering maps, running training of all kinds and route-choice testing is not allowed in these areas.

The map on page 4 shows the general locations of the embargoed areas. The following maps show in detail the embargo borders for each area.

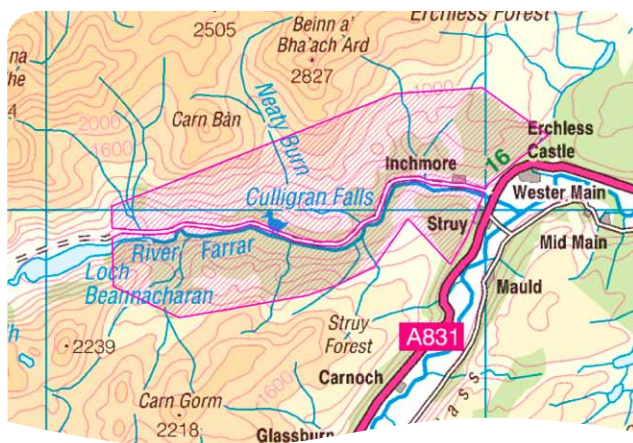
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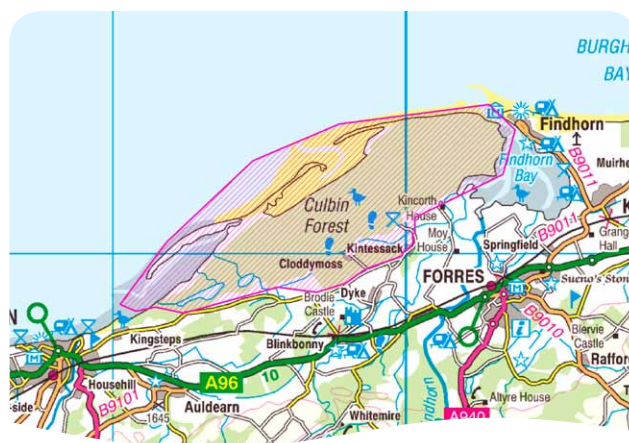
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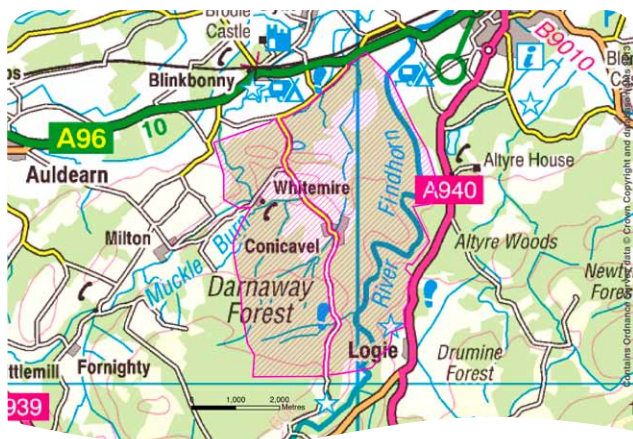


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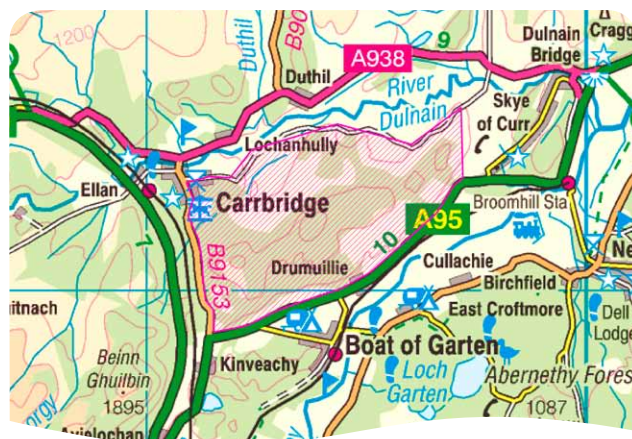


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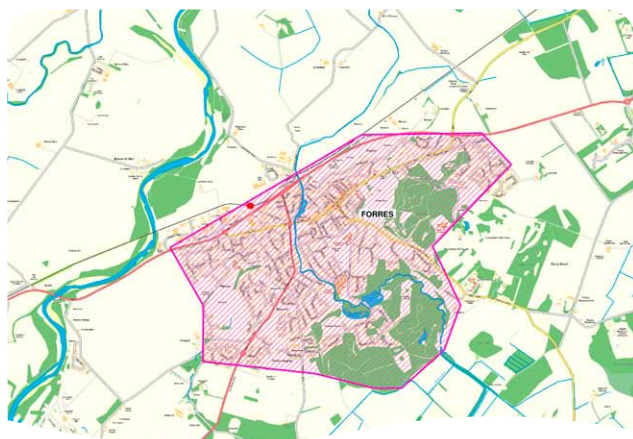


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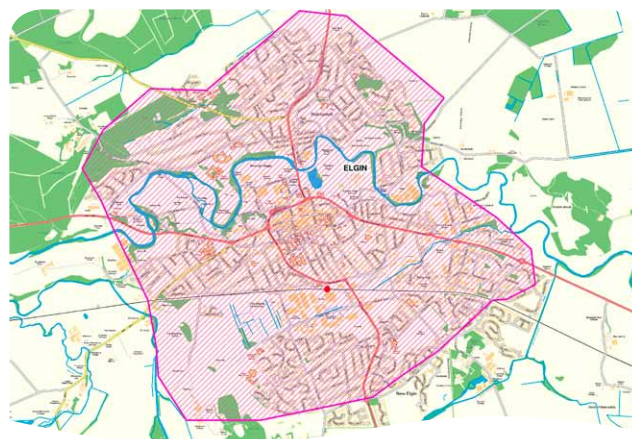


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URBAN TERRAIN



FORRES



ELGIN



INVERNESS



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Copies of the most recent versions of orienteering maps of these areas can be found on the WOC website www.woc2015.org



COMPETITIONS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

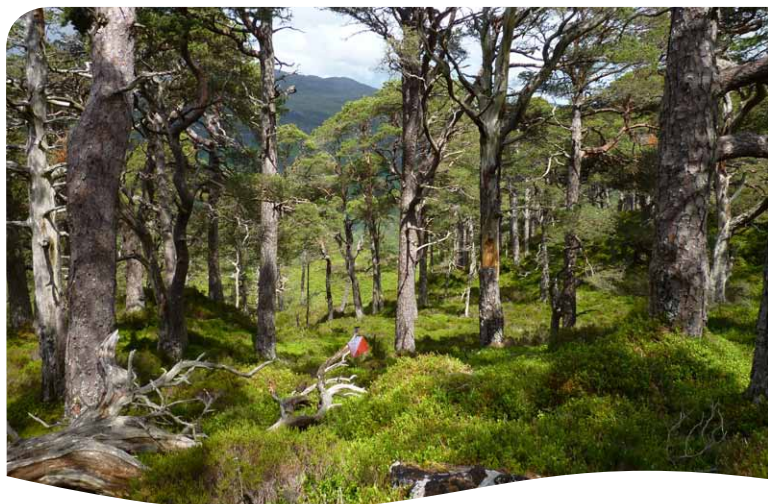
THE WOC 2015 ORGANISING TEAM ARE COMMITTED TO ASSISTING NATIONS IN THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR WOC 2015.

The Training Coordinator for WOC 2015 is Tim Sands. Tim lives in the heart of the WOC 2015 area at Grantown on Spey. He is very happy to discuss training requirements with Team Managers and can help nations design bespoke training camps. His e-mail address is training@WOC2015.org

ACCESS AND TRAINING MAPS

Gaining access for orienteering in many areas in Scotland can be problematic. Environmental issues and other factors can restrict orienteering access to some areas for many months of the year. Teams and individuals must not train on any area without an access permit. Access permits are available from the WOC 2015 Training Coordinator.

Maps of recommended training areas are available to be purchased from the WOC 2015 Training Coordinator. All maps purchased from WOC 2015 will show prohibited areas. To avoid entering a prohibited area, nations should only use official training maps obtained through WOC 2015. If in doubt, please check by contacting the Training Coordinator via the e-mail address above.



TRAINING PROGRAMME

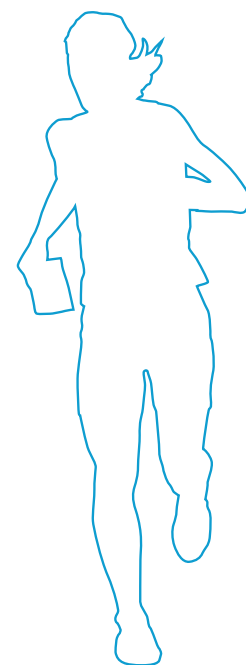
Training opportunities in the run-up to WOC 2015 include formal training camps of which there are four, events identified on the British Orienteering Calendar that offer relevant training opportunities and bespoke training camps for nations, groups and individuals.

TRAINING CAMPS

Camp	Date	Location	Notes
1	27 Jul – 3 Aug 2013	Moray, Scotland	Before and during "Euromeeeting 2013" www.scottish6days.com/2013/euromeeeting
2	13 – 17 Oct 2014	Moray/Highlands	During the "Race The Castles" festival www.racethecastles.com
3	April 2015	Highlands/Moray and/or Deeside	After JK 2015
4	Other dates to be confirmed	Moray/Highlands	To include selection races

EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS

Event	Date	Location	Notes
Highland Wolf 2013	19/20 Oct 2013	Aviemore, Grantown	Middle distance/Sprint/Long distance
Scottish Championships 2014	24/25 May 2014	Pitlochry	Long distance & Relay
Race the Castles	11/12 & 18/19 Oct 2014	Edinburgh/Stirling/Deeside	WRE, Park Tour Sprint/Middle distance/Long distance
JK 2015	3-6 Apr 2015	English Lake District	WRE
Scottish Championships 2015	23/24 May 2015	Argyll and Bute	



COMPETITIONS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

BESPOKE TRAINING

Nations, groups and individuals are welcome to visit Moray and the Highlands to train at any time leading up to WOC 2015. A catalogue of areas available for training will be maintained on the WOC 2015 website.

COSTS

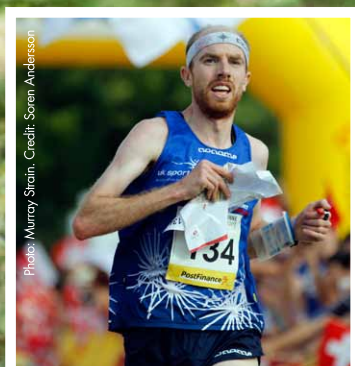
The cost of maps and access permits is published on the WOC 2015 website.

OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The WOC 2015 website contains more information on training, facilities and map availability and is regularly updated.

The Scottish Orienteering Association website gives details of orienteering events and activities in Scotland and, information about the National Orienteering Centre. www.scottish-orienteering.org

The British Orienteering website lists all registered orienteering events within the UK. www.britishorienteering.org.uk



EVENT CENTRE AND ACCOMMODATION IN THE 'HIGHLAND CAPITAL'

The 'Highland Capital' Inverness will be the central venue for WOC 2015 and, subject to final agreement, the location of the official Event and Media Centre will be the new Inverness Campus, an enterprise project being developed by Highlands and Islands Enterprise which includes Inverness College UHI, a partner within the University of the Highlands and Islands.

The campus will provide a wide range of modern facilities for athletes and team officials, media representatives and IOF delegates and guests. It is anticipated that all WOC and IOF meetings will be held there.

Accommodation of all standards will be on offer either on the campus or in the extensive range of hotels and alternative budget options in Inverness. The city is the main shopping and cultural centre for northern Scotland and has a lively social scene catering for all interests, with an extensive programme of arts and sports activities to enjoy during the summer.

Inverness Campus is close to the centre of Inverness and there is a major shopping and cinema complex only a short walking distance away.

More information about the Event Centre and other facilities for the World Orienteering Championships will be published on the WOC website once details are confirmed.

Further details and reservation forms for accommodation will be included as part of Bulletin 2, which will be published in summer 2014.



THE SCOTTISH 6-DAYS EVENT

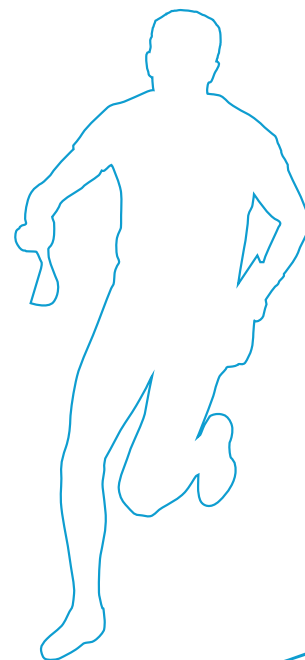
**SCOTTISH 6 DAYS
ORIENTEERING
HIGHLAND 2015**



The Scottish 6-Day Event will, as always, provide top-class competition for orienteers of all ages and Highland 2015 will be the 20th 6-Day Event. The programme is being planned in close coordination with the WOC programme to maximise the use of WOC terrain for 6-Day Event competitors and to allow easy access to the WOC races for spectating.

WOC AND SCOTTISH 6 DAYS TERRAIN

WOC 2015 and the Scottish 6 Days races will bring competitors into some of the best terrain available for orienteering in Scotland. This will include a big variety of inland and coastal forest that is both technically and physically demanding as well as intricate sprint terrain in the old stone-built towns of the area. The WOC 2015 website WOC2015.org will give more details of the areas to be used for each race.



ORGANISATION

The 2015 World Orienteering Championships will be organised under the auspices of Highland 2015, which also includes the Scottish 6 Days event. A Steering Group brings together representatives of British Orienteering, the Scottish Orienteering Association, the Scottish 6-Day Event, Highland Council and EventScotland together with the WOC Event Director. WOC 2015 and the Scottish 6 Days have separate Organising Committees that are working closely together.

WOC 2015 STEERING GROUP

Martin Ward	Chairman, British Orienteering
Mike Hamilton	Chief Executive, British Orienteering
Roger Scrutton	President, Scottish Orienteering Association
Paul McGreal	Event Director, WOC 2015
Anne Hickling	Chairman, Scottish Orienteering 6-Day Event Co. Ltd.
John MacDonald	Highland Council
Stuart Turner	EventScotland



WOC 2015 ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Paul McGreal	Event Director
Colin Matheson	Assistant Event Director
Graham McIntyre	Technical Director
Stephen Round	Finance Director
Rob Hickling	Commercial Director
Jenny Downs	EventScotland

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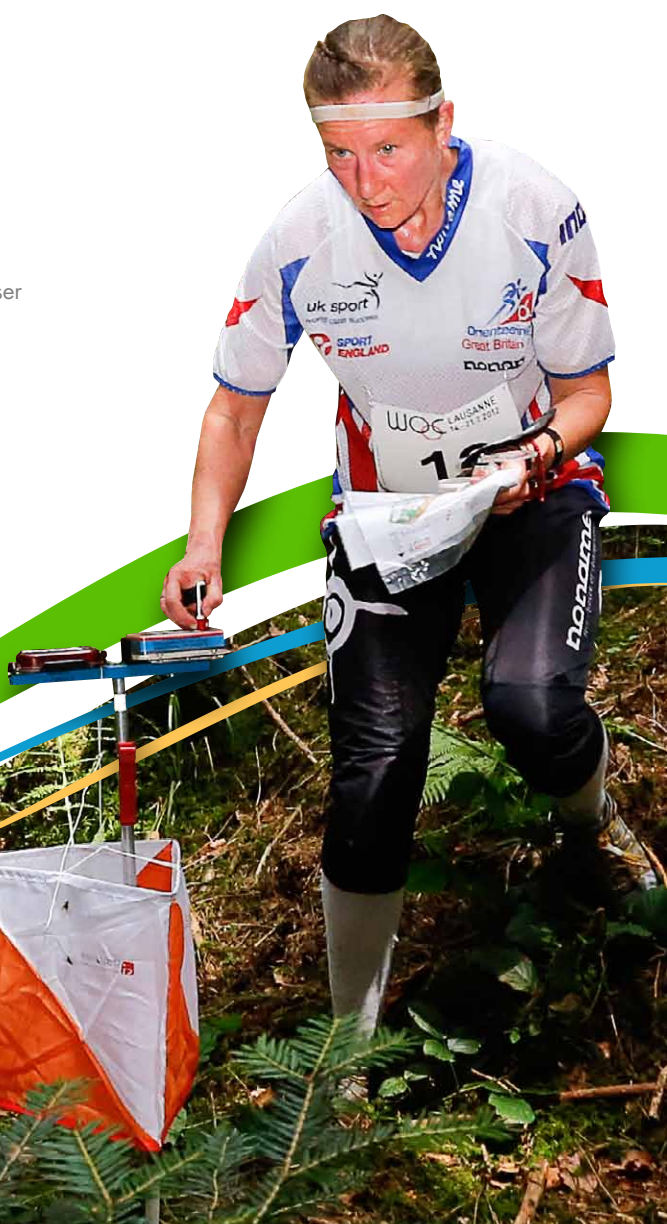


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