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### WELCOME

#### Dear orienteering fans,

I am very pleased that the Liberec Region will host the World Orienteering Championships in two years. The competition which is going to be held there in July 2021, will only confirm that the region is dedicated to sports.

Already in the past, the region has become a venue for important sport events, such as for the World Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships three years ago and last year, one of the Orienteering World Cup competitions took place in the vicinity of Valdštejn Castle.

I can also mention prominent athletes who come from here and whose fame spread all over the world - for example ski jumping legend Pavel Ploc or Olympic medalist runner Zuzana Hejnová and javelin thrower Bára Špotáková.

The upcoming Championships will take place around the most picturesque places in the region: the surroundings of Doksy, the Jizerské hory and Kokořínsko. I believe that many of the participants will fall in love with the region and keep returning there. I wish to organizers successful preparations and to athletes good weather, strength and great sporting experiences.

Martin Půta president of Liberec region



On behalf of the WOC 2021 organising team, I would like to welcome all of you to the World Orienteering Championships 2021 in our beautiful sandstone area in the Czech Republic. Competition centre will be in beautiful town Doksy lies on the shores of Máchovo jezero (Mácha Lake) which, which is surrounded by pine forests. Our bid is to make small "olympic village" of part of this town, where all teams will be accommodated. Furthermore, this event offers to competitors one of the most difficult terrains in Czech republic. Even if someone doesn't qualify for WOC 2021, he/she will still have the possibility to take part in competitions for spectators opened for everyone to register.

Our organizing team is relatively young, nevertheless experienced from organizing EOC 2016 in Jeseník, or World cup Finals in Prague 2018. High-quality maps, great courses and also live broadcasting can be taken for granted. During preparations for WOC 2021 we put great emphasis on ecology, what can be experienced during event itself. Also local communities are kept in mind. We prepare with the beginning of year 2020 range of events promoting orienteering in the region of WOC 2021.

I hope to see you - with your family and friends - here in Doksy 2021.

Jan Picek director of WOC 2021



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For the fourth time in history we will welcome in the Czech Republic the best orienteers from all over the world, who will come here in 2021 to fight for world champion titles at the 38th Orienteering World Championships.

I invite you for a short journey through the time - let's remember the World Orienteering Championships organized in Czechia throughout history:

1972 Staré Splavy - competitions in labyrinths of sandstones, terrains which with their difficulty surprised even the best scandinavian athletes. Compared to today's WOC, it was very small event, but it had a huge impact on the subsequent development of orienteering in the Czech Republic.

1991 Mariánské Lázně - for the first time the WOC program has been extended by short-distance competitions. The organizers in the Czech Republic did not have an easy role after the changes in society from the end of 1989, but everything was managed - except for a small financial loss. 2008 Olomouc - first good quality TV broadcasts from WOC competitions, Thierry Gueorgiou becomes the target of bloodthirsty wasps on the last leg of the relay. More than three hundred volunteers from Czech o-clubs - from teenagers to veterans were involved in organizing the competitions.

And what can we expect in 2021? - The map tells us that after 49 years we return to the WOC 1972 area. The organizing team has the ambition to organize the WOC using state-of-the-art technologies, but at the same time they want to introduce orienteering as an eco-friendly sport, a unique sport where

high level competition does not require exorbitant sums of money to build luxurious competition arenas. We will certainly succeed. We look forward to seeing you!

Radan Kamenický Chairman of the Czech Orienteering Federation



### I/ ORGANIZATION

WOC 2021 is being organised by the Czech Orienteering Federation and several local clubs.

#### Organizers

Event Director Event Secretary Sport Director Arena Manager HR Manager IT Manager Finances Trainings Marketing Chief cartographer Supervizor Jan Picek Jana Kubátová Daniel Wolf Matěj Burda Dominika Pachnerová Lukáš König Radek Procházka Radek Novotný David Procházka Aleš Hejna Petr Klimpl director@woc2021.cz info@woc2021.cz sport@woc2021.cz arena@woc2021.cz it@woc2021.cz it@woc2021.cz finances@woc2021.cz trainings@woc2021.cz marketing@woc2021.cz supervise@woc2021.cz

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#### SOCIAL MEDIA

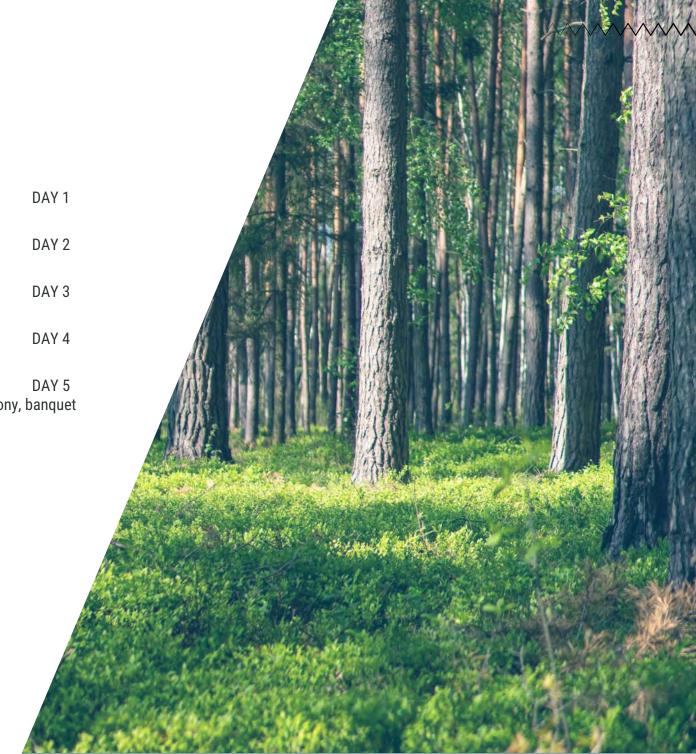
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@orienteeringWOC

### 2/ PROGRAM

3<sup>RD</sup> JULY SATURDAY Arrival, model 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY SUNDAY Model, opening ceremony 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY MONDAY Middle Q 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY TUESDAY Middle F WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY Rest day 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY THURSDAY Relay 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY FRIDAY

Long distance, closing ceremony, banquet

SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY Departure



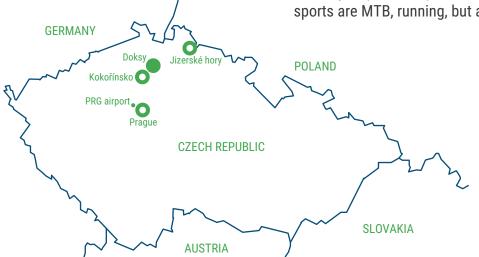
### **3/ VENUE AND ACCESS**

#### DOKSY

WOC 2021 takes place in the town of Doksy. This romantic countryside has been named after K. H. Mácha, a famous Czech poet (1810 -1836), who immortalized parts of this region (Doksy and Dubá) in his lyrical narrative poem of Máj (May). At the heart of Mácha Region lies the town of Doksy on the banks of Mácha Lake (Máchovo jezero), originally known as the Velký Rybník (Great Fishpond) which was built upon the order of Emperor Charles IV. in 1367. It was renamed in honour of the poet in 1945. Another central landmark is the Gothic castle of Bezděz, dominating the landscape along with the castles of Starý Berštejn to the west, Houska to the south, and Ralsko to thenorth.

#### JIZERSKÉ HORY

Jizerské hory (Jizera Mountains, Izera Mountains) are part of the Western Sudetes on the border between the Czech Republic and Poland. The mountain range got its name from the Jizera River, which rises at the southern base of the Smrk massif, formed prevailingly from granite in the south, and gneisses and mica schists, with some areas of basalt in the northern part. The weather conditions are characterized by high annual precipitation. The Jizera Mountains are an attractive location for winter sports, cycling and hiking. The major resort for both downhill skiing and ski run is Bedřichov where the international cross-country skiing races Jizerská 50 (part of Visma Ski classics races) and Bieg Piastów (in Polana Jakuszycka) take place. Another popular sports are MTB, running, but also orienteering.



### KOKOŘÍNSKO

Beautiful natural region of rocks, small lakes and villages full of traditional architecture. Kokořínsko is locaded near Doksy and it is known for its romantic gorges and unique sandstone towers, gates, windows and other formations which cannot be seen in such a form and extent anywhere else in the Czech Republic. The greatest landscape of this area is castle Kokořín, placed above the Kokořín pit, main pit of Kokořín area. The pit is long 14 km and it is natural reservation with range of natural attractions. To name some of the most famous: Pokličky - mushroom formed rock columns, approximately 2 km away from castle Kokořín. Through most beautiful places will guide you Cinibulkova trail going from Romanov to Pokličky. Geologically belongs Kokořínsko to Bohemian Cretaceous Basin. That formes mesozoic sediments mainly coarse-grained sandstone. Sandstones sedimented here 80 - 90 millions years ago, when the area was flooded by prehistoric sea. There are deep canyon-shaped valleys in the sandstone plateaus where numerous rock towns have formed on the edges through weathering.

## MORNING IN JIZERSKÉ HORY

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### **4/ EVENT CENTRE**

#### HOTEL BEZDĚZ

The hotel shall be the main accommodation for all the teams. It's situated straight at the shore of Máchovo jezero (Mácha Lake), in Staré Splavy (part of the town Doksy), surrounded by pine forest and offers great opportunity to relax after competitions or trainings. Near to the hotel are sand beach, sport hall, bike or boat rentals. The hotel offers money exchange, meeting rooms, restaurants, daytime bar with terrace, small sports hall with table tennis, billiard, swimming pool (18x6m), sauna, whirlpool, massage or mini golf. The Team official meetings will take place in the hotel.

#### Travel opportunities to event center

#### **BY PLANE**

Václav Havel Airport Prague (PRG) 90 km 80 min by car

#### **BY TRAIN**

Staré Splavy train station 600 m 10 min by foot



### **5/ ACCOMMODATION**

We will arrange different accommodation options of different standards and prices. We welcome all athletes and officials at Hotel Bezděz (Event Centre). Other accommodation alternatives are situated around the Event Centre as we would like to offer "olympic village" to all participants. Additional information will be published on www.woc2021.cz

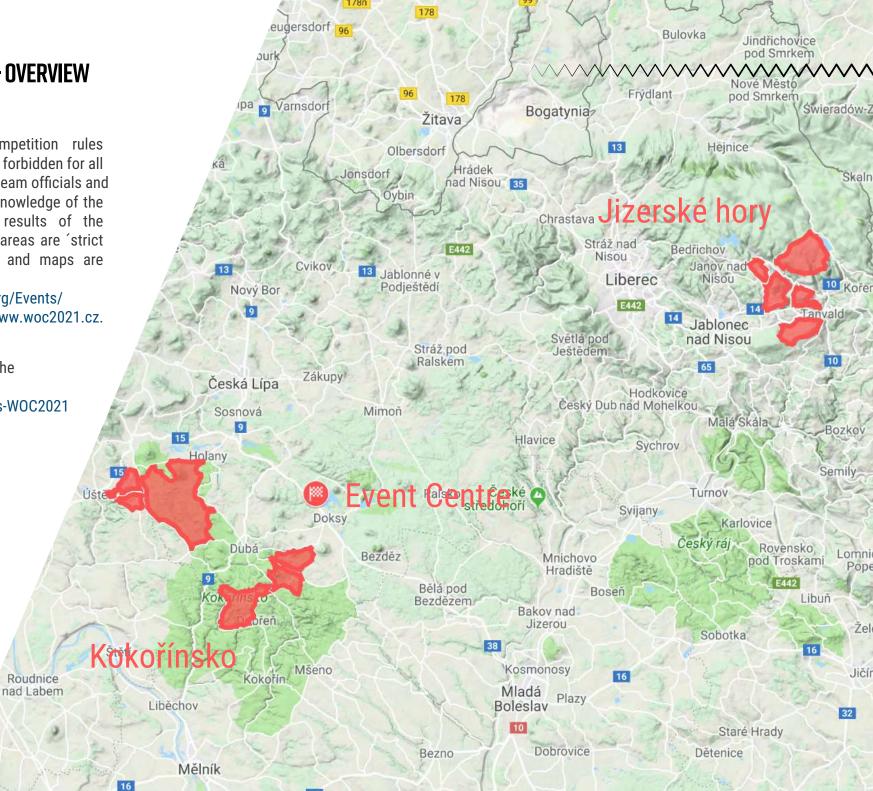
Booking will be possible from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 via accommodation@woc2021.cz

### 6/ EMBARGOED AREAS - OVERVIEW

According to the IOF Competition rules (§ 26.5), embargoed areas are forbidden for all potential WOC 2021 athletes, team officials and other persons, who, through knowledge of the terrain, may influence the results of the competitions. All embargoed areas are 'strict embargo'. More information and maps are available on

https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/ Show/5814 and the website www.woc2021.cz.

Direct link to detailed map of the embargoed areas http://bit.do/Embargoed-areas-WOC2021



### **6/ EMBARGOED AREAS**

### Kokořínsko

1 - Kostelecké bory Road no. 260 Blíževedly - Rašovice allowed to drive. Road no. 260 Skalka - Úštěk allowed to drive.

### 2 - Supí hora

Road no. 259 Vlkov - Beškov allowed to drive.

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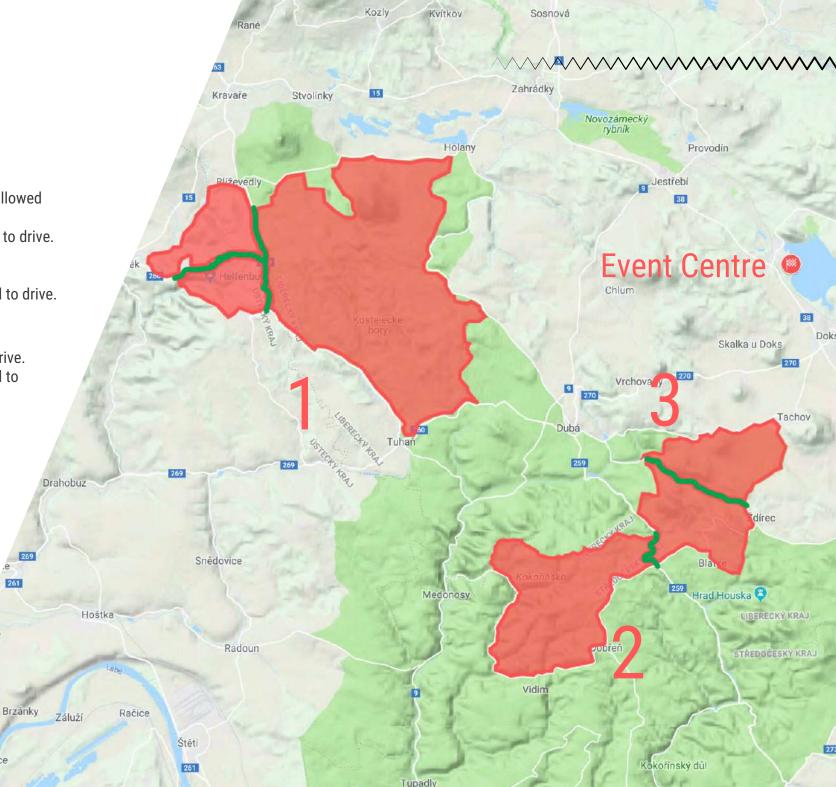
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### 3 - Ždírecký důl

Road Nedamov - Ždírec allowed to drive. Road no. 259 Vlkov - Beškov allowed to drive.



### 6/ EMBARGOED AREAS

### Jizerské hory

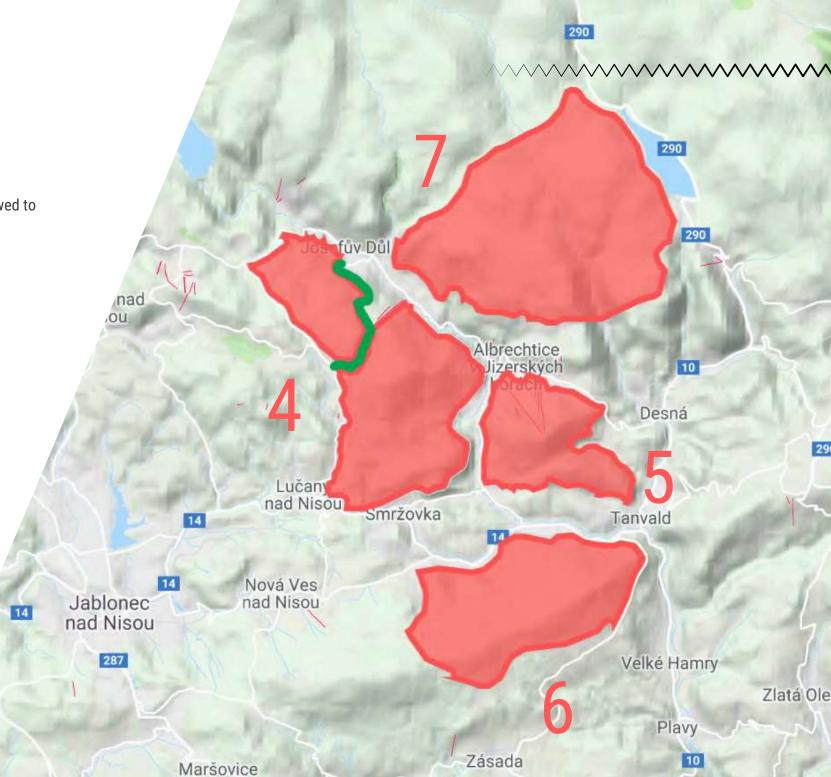
4 - Buková hora Road Horní Maxov - Josefův důl allowed to drive.

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5 - Tanvaldský Špičák

6 - Muchov

7 - Mariánská hora



### **7/ TRAINING POSSIBILITIES**

Almost all WOC 2021 relevant training terrains are in protected areas. Therefore, all trainings activities shall be coordinated with the organizers. The preparations for WOC 2021 includes three official training camps with in relevant and exclusive terrains. All information about training maps, training camps and competitions in the Czech Republic in similar terrains can be found on www.woc2021.cz. We offer permanent orienteering courses prepared by our WOC course-setters, where it is possible to get experience in the typically tricky rocky Czech terrain. Feel free to contact Radek Novotný (former coach of Czech Orienteering Team) using trainings@woc2021.cz.

#### **Planned training camps**

TRAINING CAMP 1September 2020together with Euromeeting 2020TRAINING CAMP 2May/June 2021together with Selection racesTRAINING CAMP 3The end of June 2021

Training possibilities on alternative dates are available upon request. For more information, please contact: trainings@woc2021.cz.

### 8/ CLASSES AND PARTICIPATION RESTRICTIONS

#### **Competition rules**

The 2021 edition of the competition rules for IOF Foot Orienteering events will be applicable to the 2021 World Orienteering Championships. Please refer to the Competition Rules on the IOF website:

https://orienteering.sport/orienteering/ competition-rules/

### **Classes and entry regulations**

Classes: WOMEN, MEN without any age restrictions (§ 5.7) All competitors represent a Federation (§ 6.5). All athletes must be full passport-holding citizens of the country they are representing (§ 6.2). Athletes being citizens of more than one country may represent only one Federation during any one calendar year (§ 6.1).

#### Anti-doping code

The organisers will apply the IOF Anti-Doping Rules valid at the time of the WOC 2021.

Doping is strictly forbidden, and the organisers of the world Championships are dedicated to support the anti-doping authorities in their work. Doping controls may be carried out any time during the competition period in accordance with the procedures described in the WADA International Standard of testing. The IOF Anti-Doping Code and rules and the World Anti-Doping Code 2015 apply as of 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2015. Athletes who are selected for the doping tests must bring an official identification (with photo) to the doping test area. The athlete should also bring along their therapeutic use exemption (TUE) if applicable. In general, it is advisable that athletes bring along their ID to all competitions and events. For more information, please consult:

https://orienteering.sport/iof/anti-doping/

#### Insurance

Competitors participate at their own risk. Insurance against accidents is the responsibility of their federation or themselves, according to national regulations. There are no other peculiarities of the event.

#### Visa

According to the current regulations citizens of some countries must obtain a visa in order to enter the Czech Republic. Please note that conditions of entry to the Czech Republic can change and all World Orienteering Championships participants are advised to keep up to date of the current situation. Please visit http://www.mzv.cz/jnp/en/index.htm

### 9/ TIMING

SPORTident Air+ punching will be used for all WOC competitions. WOC participants are asked to use their own SIAC cards during the event. The organizer will offer SIAC cards for rent. This service can be booked using the officialentry system IOF Eventor.

### **10/ CLIMATE & HAZARDS**

July in Czech Republic is the warmest month of the year, with average temperatures between 12,1°C and 23,4°C, while maximal temperature up to 37,6°C is possible. July and August are also the months most abundant in preci-pitation. In July, already during a course of many years, in 13-16 days on average are rainy, with average monthly rainfall amount through-out CZ 78 mm. There are no regula-tions regarding clothing. Choice of footwear is free for Long Distance, Middle Distance and Relay. Wild bees can be possibly encountered in the areas. Ticks, carrying Tick-borne encephalitis and Lyme-disease are present.

### **II/ EUROMEETING**

One year before WOC we organize Euromeeting 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The aim is to offer a model event for WOC 2021 - the same terrains, map makers and course setters. This is the best and unique opportunity to prepare yourself for WOC 2021! More information can be found on www.woc2021.cz.

### **12/ SPECTATOR RACES**

During WOC 2021 we organize a six-day event for spectators in the unique WOC terrains and other amazing areas. WOC 2021 shall be the best possible experience for everybody! The day's schedule of the World Championships will allow everything: cheering for WOC athletes, compete orienteering race, make trip to castles or protected sandstone areas nearby, swim in the Máchovo jezero and finally relax and enjoy rustling pine forest.



# WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN DOKSY DURING WOC 2021.



