



INTERNATIONAL ORIENTEERING FEDERATION



WORLD CUP 2021

PRE-BULLETIN

WELCOME TO THE WORLD CUP 2021

Dear athletes, Dear fans of orienteering,

We, the World Cup consortium, are happy to be able to present a great program for the 2021 World Cup.

The World Cup 2021 will consist of nine competitions over 3 events. The same design as for the World Cup 2020. The locations are carefully selected to shape a series of competitions that place demands on a variety of skills. The first round, in Sweden, will require a high level of technical navigation skills. The second round, in Russia, will be all about speed, in legs and brain. The ability to handle high altitude alpine terrain will be a key skill in the third and decisive round.

The program marks a further step towards a consolidation and quality improvement of the World Cup. 2021 will be the second year under the management of the World Cup consortium, consisting of IOF and Verein Swiss Cup. This stability gives good opportunities for making the cup attractive to both athletes, fans and the media. The media is showing an increasing interest and we have reasons to believe that TV coverage will be excellent during 2021.

We wish athletes, teams, partners, spectators and fans everywhere welcome to the World Cup 2021.

Tom Hollowell
Secretary General and CEO
IOF

THE PROGRAM

The World Cup 2021 consists of the following 9 competitions.

<i>Comp.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
1	12 June	Middle Distance	World Cup round 1	Idre Fjäll, Sweden
2	13 June	Relay		
3	15 June	Long Distance		
4	24 August	Sprint	World Cup round 2 with European Championship	Saransk, Russia
5	26 August	Sprint Relay		
6	28 August	Knock-Out Sprint		
7	24 September	Long Distance	World Cup round 3	Aletsch Arena, Switzerland
8	25 September	Middle Distance		
9	26 September	Sprint Relay		

WORLD CUP #1 – BRIGHT EVENINGS IN WILDERNESS



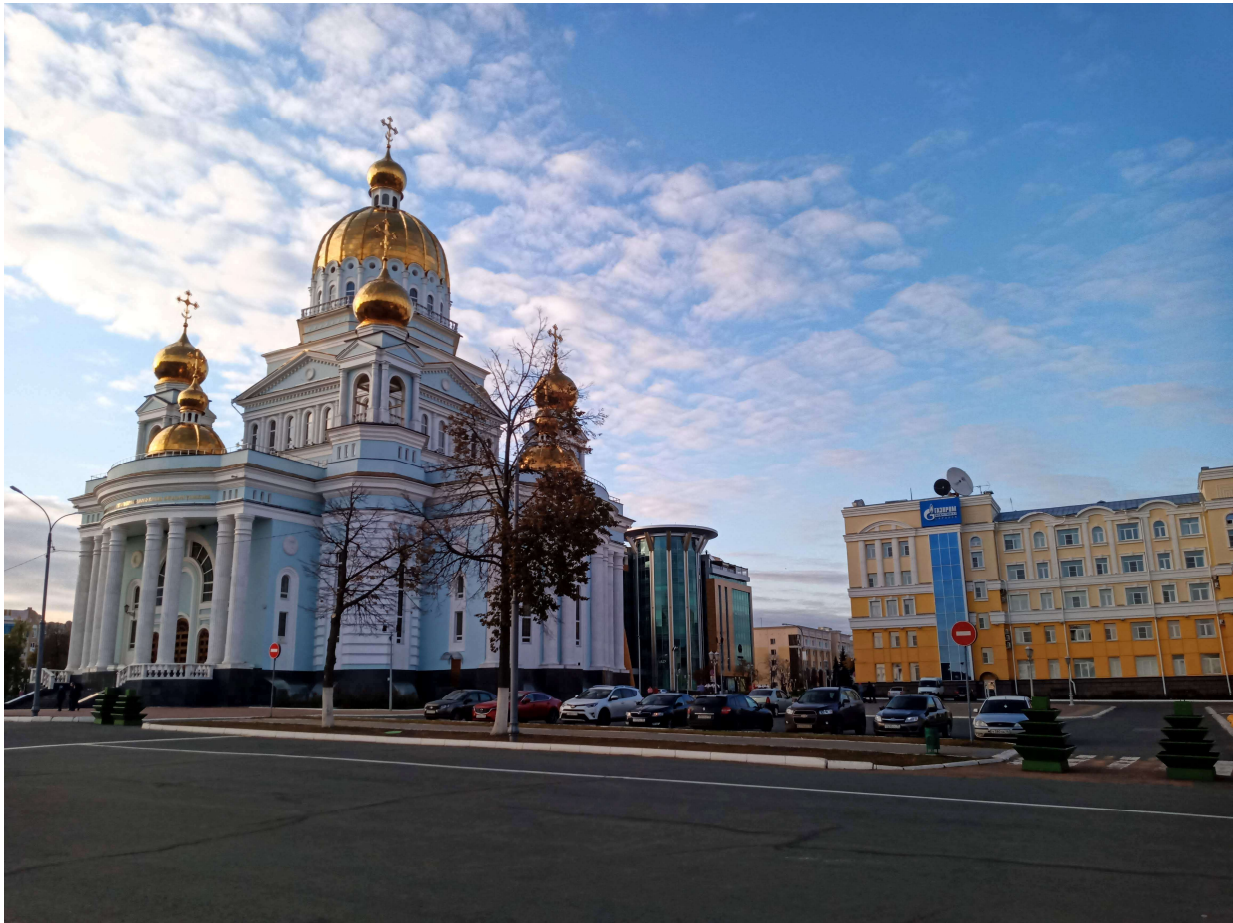
The World Cup 2021 starts with three races in temperate coniferous forests in Idre Fjäll, Sweden, located in mid-Sweden. The mountainous wilderness and slopes make Idre Fjäll a tourist destination both in winter and summer. A nature reserve dominates the area and runners can expect heather covered hills in a mixture of detailed and less detailed terrain.

The length of the day in June in Idre Fjäll is about 20 hours and it never gets completely dark. The long evenings and the beautiful mountains lure to nice runs, walks or picnics at late hours.

A middle distance and a relay race will be held during the weekend while the round is concluded with a long distance on the Tuesday, a few days prior to the Jukola relay in neighboring Finland.

“Welcome to my home terrain”, says Event Director and Speaker Per Forsberg

WORLD CUP ROUND #2 WITH EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS – SPRINT IN MORDOVIA TOWN SARANSK



The round combines the World Cup with European Championships. The program is strictly sprint focused and follows the same program as the World Championships in 2020.

Saransk is the capital of the republic of Mordovia, a part of the Russian Federation. The town is medium sized and, in many ways, typical for the area. The terrain may be a little unusual for central Europeans, with straight streets and square districts. However, the course setter is preparing lots of tricks and interesting tasks.

Many participants will discover Russia for the first time. In Saransk you will see many monuments, mosques, churches and other elements that form the Mordovian culture. The courses will include these features but also parks, recreation spaces and ordinary residential districts.

But the main thing is you'll see is that Russia is an open and friendly country.

“Runners will meet traditional Russian architecture while circling churches and numerous monuments”, says national controller Dmitry Popov.

World Cup Round #3 – Great views and thin air



The World Cup Final 2021 will be held in Switzerland in the region of the Aletsch Arena. This touristic region is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Jungfrau-Aletsch and is mostly known because of the Aletschgletscher, the biggest glacier of the alps with 81 km². The host village Bettmeralp is a traditional village with numerous chalets and attractive touristic possibilities.

As Bettmeralp lies at 2000m above sea level the terrain will be special: open meadows, rocky and detailed areas as well as larch and spruce forest. The ridge between Bettmeralp and the Aletschgletscher will test your orienteering skills.

You will get to the start by cable car or chairlift, so you will have the opportunity to get an overview of the terrain from the air getting to the start.

The programme consists of a long and a middle distance races in alpine terrain and a sprint relay in the village of Bettmeralp.

“The thin air and the breathtaking views will be a challenge for the World's best orienteers”, says Event Director Matthias Niggli.

