



INTERNATIONAL ORIENTEERING FEDERATION



WORLD CUP 2021

PRE-BULLETIN

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WELCOME TO THE WORLD CUP 2021

Dear athletes, Dear fans of orienteering,

The Orienteering World Cup consortium are happy to be able to present a new program for the 2021 World Cup.

Since the entire 2020 World Cup, as well as the 2020 Nokian Tyres World Orienteering Championships, had to be cancelled due to the impact of the Corona virus (Covid-19) pandemic, this has set a completely new scenario for the 2021 schedule. But we believe we have now established the basis for a strong and compelling Orienteering World Cup 2021 program.

The World Cup 2021 will, as originally planned, consist of nine competitions over three events. Six of the competitions are individual formats while three are relays. Two out of the three events were originally planned for 2020.

The program is a step towards a quality improvement of the World Cup. The consortium, consisting of IOF and Verein Swiss Cup, is focusing on making attractive events for the athletes, fans of orienteering and the media.

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

Tom Hollowell
Secretary General and CEO
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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 | 13 May | Sprint Relay | World Cup round 1 with European Championships | Neuchâtel, Switzerland |
| 2 | 14-15 May | Knock-Out Sprint | | |
| 3 | 16 May | Sprint | | |
| 4 | 12 August | Long Distance | World Cup round 2 | Idre Fjäll, Sweden |
| 5 | 14 August | Middle Distance | | |
| 6 | 15 August | Relay | | |
| 7 | 30 September | Long Distance | World Cup round 3 | Cansiglio, Italy |
| 8 | 2 October | Middle Distance | | |
| 9 | 3 October | Sprint Relay | | |

WORLD CUP ROUND #1 WITH EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS – SPRINT IN NEUCHÂTEL, SWITZERLAND



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

Neuchâtel is situated in the French speaking parts of western Switzerland. The town is mid-sized and situated on the shores of a beautiful lake. The town is big enough to be able to provide good terrain for all sprint distances. The streets are winding and offer interesting and difficult route choices. Some parts are, even with Swiss measures, rather hilly, making the route choices even more tricky.

Parallel with the World Cup, fans and spectators can utilize the holiday weekend to combine the event with public races. The Swiss audience is well known for being enthusiastic so we can expect a great atmosphere in the city arena.

“I recommend athletes to prepare well for the races. High speed training with high focus will pay off.”, says Event Director Matthias Niggli.

WORLD CUP #2 –WILDERNESS IN THE NORTH



The second stop for the World Cup 2021 features three races in the 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 races will place high demands on physical ability combined with solid orienteering skills, just as forest orienteering should be.

The timing of the events is between the Olympics and the Paralympics and means good TV coverage, guaranteeing good visibility for fans on site and followers through media.

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

World Cup Round #3 – Combining Italian Alps with the Roman Empire at the World Cup final



Cansiglio Forest is situated in northern Italy and host for a long and a middle distance competition. The forest is situated in the pre-Alps and largely consists of beech trees. The karst terrain is hilly and good preparations are needed to be able to keep your speed in the decisive hills.

After the two forest distances, the third event of the weekend and the last of the World Cup 2021 will be a Sprint Relay. The venue is yet to be confirmed.

The cool air of the Italian Alps and the vicinity to the Mediterranean Sea suggests spending a few days in the area.

“We are welcoming athletes and fans to the Italian Alps. The World Cup final 2021 certainly offers orienteering challenges of many types.”, says Event Director Janos Manarin.



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