



INTERNATIONAL ORIENTEERING FEDERATION



WORLD CUP 2022

PRE-BULLETIN

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WELCOME TO THE WORLD CUP 2022

Dear athletes, Dear fans of orienteering,

We are pleased to announce the program for the Orienteering World Cup 2022, a program which hopefully gets us back to a normal competition year after the Covid-19 pandemic.

The World Cup season will start with a 1st round of Sprint competitions in Borås, Sweden in May. With the Sprint World Orienteering Championships in Denmark only one month later we can be sure that this will be a chance to show off and fine tune sprint skills for WOC. Following the Sprint WOC, focus will shift to the forest with the 2nd Orienteering World Cup round in Estonia in August, which is also the European Orienteering Championships. The season will be summed up with the World Cup Final in Switzerland at the very beginning of October, which will also serve as a Pre-WOC for 2023.

The Orienteering World Cup Winners will need to show proficiency in all WOC formats over the year. And there will certainly be exciting competition for the Team World Cup title through the relay events in each round.

We look forward to welcoming athletes, teams, partners, spectators and fans everywhere to an exciting Orienteering World Cup 2022.

Tom Hollowell
Secretary General and CEO
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THE PROGRAM

The World Cup 2022 consists of the following 9 competitions.

<i>Comp.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
1	26-29 May	Sprint	World Cup round 1	Borås, Sweden
2	26-29 May	Sprint Relay		
3	26-29 May	Knock-Out Sprint		
4	3-7 August	Long Distance	World Cup round 2 with European Championships	Rakvere, Estonia
5	3-7 August	Middle Distance		
6	3-7 August	Relay		
7	1-3 October	Relay	World Cup round 3	Davos Klosters, Switzerland
8	1-3 October	Middle Distance		
9	1-3 October	Long Distance		

WORLD CUP #1 INTENSE SPRINT IN WESTERN SWEDEN



The World Cup 2022 kicks off during the Ascension holiday weekend 26th to 29th of May in the City of Borås in western Sweden. Borås used to be a centre for the textile industry and still holds a grip on the textile trade in Sweden. Borås has also over the past decade become a leading cultural destination that attracts art lovers from every corner of the world.

“We are very happy to invite athletes, teams and fans to Sweden. Borås municipality and the orienteering clubs are very experienced organizers with yearly orienteering events such as Borås O-Event, gathering approximately 3000 people every year. The latest international event was O-Ringen 2015. The Swedish Orienteering Federation together with the clubs and municipality welcome you to Borås and we will do our utmost to offer fun, interesting and fast-paced competitions for runners, coaches, and spectators”, says Tomas Stenström, Sport Director at Swedish Orienteering Federation.

The town has a strong sprint orienteering tradition, and the races will certainly be demanding with a high level of skill needed. Several different areas around the town will be used. The races will be held only a month before the World Championships in neighbouring country Denmark. A good opportunity to get up to speed!

“We are very proud to welcome the World Cup for an intense sprint next spring. The City of Borås will do our utmost to take care of all participants and visitors during the events. Welcome!” says Ulf Olsson, chairman of the Municipal Board.

WORLD CUP ROUND #2 WITH EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS TOUGH TERRAIN IN ESTONIA



Photo: Simo Sepp

The round combines the World Cup with European Championships. The format follows the Championships and includes Long distance, Middle distance and Relay.

Rakvere is situated in eastern Estonia and is dominated by its 13th century castle. Tourists flock around the castle to dress up as knights and learn about the middle age. While Rakvere hosts the opening ceremony, all races will be held in the forest 25 kilometres further east.

The races were originally planned for 2020 but had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The terrain has been kept and the planning is to a large extent the same.

The terrain is Estonian, meaning that athletes will find areas where fighting for each metre is the only way. Other parts will place demands on high running speed and successful runners will have to have a good set of skills.

“I am happy to welcome athletes, teams and fans to this beautiful part of Estonia. We have all been waiting long enough.” says Event Director Raido Jaan Rei.

World Cup Round #3 Reaching for the sky



Photo: Marcel Giger

The World Cup Final 2022 will be held in Davos Klosters, Switzerland. Davos is a well-known sport destination for both summer and winter sports. The town is situated in the mountains of the eastern and German speaking parts of the country. While the two towns Davos and Klosters are situated in the valley, the peaks reach to 3000 meters above sea level.

Strong legs for the hills will be a key element to success. But there is also a lot of tricky, detailed forest so you have to find the mixture between physical power and cool brain.

The races also serve as pre-races for the Nokian Tyres World Orienteering Championships in 2023 in Flims Laax / Switzerland. The programme follows the championships format with the three forest disciplines: long distance, middle distance and relay.

“It’s with great pleasure that we are able to host the World Cup Final races in Davos Klosters in 2022. This is a great and well-known location and perfect as the last international competition before WOC 2023”, says Event Director Matthias Niggli.



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