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WELCOME TO NEUCHÂTEL

Dear athletes, ladies and gentlemen

Neuchâtel and the organizing team are doing everything possible to ensure that we can organize and hold the EGK European Orienteering Championships and the Orienteering World Cup and we will be seeing you on the wonderful shore of the lake of Neuchâtel. We are in close contact with both the authorities and the International Orienteering Federation to make this event possible. There might be some restrictions, but we will still offer thrilling competitions. Even if it will be different in these diverse times.

A heartfelt welcome to Switzerland!

Matthias Niggli

Event Director EGK European Orienteering Championships

WORLD CUP 2021

The World Cup 2021 consists of the following 9 competitions.

<i>Comp.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Country</i>
1	13 May	Sprint Relay	World Cup round 1 with European Championships	Switzerland
2	14-15 May	Knock-Out Sprint		
3	16 May	Sprint		
4	12 August	Long Distance	World Cup round 2	Sweden
5	14 August	Middle Distance		
6	15 August	Relay		
7	30 September	Long Distance	World Cup round 3	Italy
8	2 October	Middle Distance		
9	3 October	Sprint Relay		

In the individual World Cup, athletes are awarded World Cup points as per 2021 World Cup special rules, where winners of individual races receive 100 points and the top 40 athletes are rewarded.

The Team World Cup points are awarded according to the 2021 World Cup special rules, where relays are most important and counted together with the sum of the scores in the individual races.

1. ORGANIZATION AND CONTACT

1.1 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Matthias Niggli	Event Director
Simone Niggli	Technical Director
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Doris Grüniger	Event Centre
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Bulletin 4 will be released on IOF Eventor and on the homepage (online only) on 10 May 2021. Updates of the COVID-19 measures may be updated in a separate bulletin on IOF Eventor at any time and will be sent to all entered teams.

2. COVID-19 MEASURES

We will have to handle the pandemic situation during our event in the best possible way. The information contained here is what we know until now. Changes may become necessary and we will of course inform through the official channels about updates.

2.1 GENERAL CONDITIONS RELATED TO COVID-19

Our aim is to reduce the number of people and contacts to minimize the risk of infection among participants and organizers. Therefore, we want to create and maintain a safe so-called competition isolation “Bubble”, with teams, organizers, officials and media representatives who will all have been tested negative for Covid-19. This means that once in the bubble, external contacts, as well as contacts between groups within the bubble, shall be limited or eliminated where possible.

2.2 OBLIGATIONS PRIOR TO THE EVENT

All participants and organizers are urged to limit unnecessary contacts (including events, training camps, contacts, studies or work) from 10 days before the start of the competition at the event (i.e. self-isolation from 1 May 2021).

The event program includes an online team officials' meeting on Thursday, 29 April 2021 at 17:00 CET. We would like to have all team leaders at this meeting.

With the [actual pandemic rules of Switzerland](#), all competitors and support staff must show a negative COVID-19 test by PCR conducted no more than 72 hours before entering Switzerland. This procedure is defined by the authorities.

As the participants enter Switzerland for compelling professional reasons and the visit cannot be postponed, athletes and coaches get an exception from the quarantine requirements when entering Switzerland. We will send a confirmation to all entered teams in advance of their travel.

2.3 TEST PROCEDURE FOR GETTING ACCREDITATION

To get accredited for the competitions, all competitors and support staff must perform a COVID-19 test using the PCR method irrespective of any other test. It's compulsory to respect self-isolation until the test result arrives. These tests will be organized by the organizer, the cost of the tests has to be paid by the teams themselves.

These tests will take place on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, 11 and 12 May 2021. That means that all registered competitors and support staff have to arrive in Neuchâtel no later than Wednesday morning. Late accreditation after Wednesday noon will not be possible.

Until one receives the test result, self-isolation is required (at the accommodation). It will not be possible to visit training areas.

Upon receipt of a negative test result, the participants will receive accreditation and may start with competition related activities (trainings etc.). Test results should be available within a maximum of 12h after the test was taken.

There will not be any physical event centre. Accreditation will be given online and entry to the competitions will be done online via Eventor.

Organizers can be reached by phone.

2.4 TEAM OFFICIALS' MEETING

No physical team officials' meeting will be held. The team officials' meeting on Thursday, 29 April 2021 and on Wednesday, 12 May 2021 will be held online. All other information is included in Bulletin 4 or will be published on Eventor (e.g. start lists, weather forecast). Questions can be sent by e-mail in advance.

2.5 ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT

Teams are spread out in several accommodations. The same “bubble” rules apply to all teams, whether they are using accommodations booked via the organizers, or accommodations they booked on their own. This “virtual bubble” needs a high degree of individual responsibility.

It's only allowed to practice competition-related activities. All out-of-competition contacts have to be avoided. It's forbidden to all members of a participating team to leave the competition area or the accommodation unless it's unavoidable.

The teams are responsible for all travels to and from the competition areas and they have to plan the means of transport in order to avoid long waiting times in the Start and Finish areas. Avoid journeys by public transport.

3. EVENT PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 29 APRIL 2021

Team Officials' Meeting	online	17:00-18:00
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TUESDAY, 11 MAY 2021

Arrival of the teams		
COVID-testing centre open	tbd	afternoon

WEDNESDAY, 12 MAY 2021

COVID-testing centre open	tbd	morning
Closing accreditation		13:00
Free training (only after receiving test results)	Colombier	10:00-18:00
Team Officials' Meeting	online	17:30-18:30

THURSDAY, 13 MAY 2021

Free training (only after receiving test results)	Colombier	09:00-15:00
EGK European Championships Sprint relay	Maladière	16:30-18:00
Prize giving ceremony	Maladière	18:15

FRIDAY, 14 MAY 2021

Free training	Colombier	10:00-12:00
EGK European Championships KO-Sprint Qualification	St-Blaise	15:00-17:00

SATURDAY, 15 MAY 2021

COVID-testing centre open	tbd	morning
EGK European Championships KO-Sprint	Neuchâtel	13:00-17:30
First start Quarter Final approx.		13:15
Semi-Final approx.		15:00
Final approx.		16:15
Prize Giving Ceremony	Neuchâtel	17:00

SUNDAY, 16 MAY 2021

EGK European Championships Sprint	Neuchâtel	11:00-15:30
First start approx.		11:30
First start Top 40 Women		12:45
First start Top 40 Men		13:45
Prize giving ceremony	Neuchâtel	15:15

4. VENUES, ACCESS AND TRANSPORT

4.1 TRANSPORT

Neuchâtel is easily reachable by rental car from the airports Geneva, Zurich and Basel. The competitions are held in the heart of Neuchâtel and are about 1-5km from the city centre.

There will not be any official transport to the competitions. For this year, please avoid arriving with public transport. We recommend arriving by car or rented car from the airport.

4.2 COMPETITION ARENAS

The Competition Arenas will be located at the [Maladière](#) football stadium for the sprint relay. The knockout-sprint qualification will be at [St-Blaise](#), the knockout-sprint finals and sprint arena is located at [Place des Halles](#).

5. EVENT CENTRE

There will not be an event centre due to COVID-19 restrictions. All communication will take place online. Organizers can be reached by phone.

6. ENTRY

6.1 ENTRIES AND ENTRY DEADLINES

All entries must be done through IOF Eventor. The entry form is available on <https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/6747>

- The deadline for team size entry is 13 March 2021 (- 2 months)
- The deadline for team athlete names entry is 3 May 2021 (- 10 days)
- The deadline for late entries, changes of team size or team athlete names is 12 May 2021 at 12:00

Team size entry (deadline 13 March 2021)

The following information shall be filled in:

Team manager (Chosen from list in IOF Eventor)

- Number of team athletes (Men and Women)
- Number of team officials
- Number of team athletes in the individual races: Federation team quota will be published by the IOF.

There is no maximum number of officials per team.

Team athlete names entry (deadline 3 May 2021)

The following information shall be filled in:

Name of each team athlete by selecting from federation members in IOF Eventor.

Competition Entries

Names of the competitors and, if required, their starting group, shall be entered in IOF Eventor before 12 noon on the day before an individual competition.

Late entries, changes of team size or team athlete names

Late entries and changes will be accepted, if possible, up to event start date, 12 May 2021 at 12:00.

No late entries or changes will be accepted after that date. Late entries and changes will always have a defined extra cost (surcharge). Late entries and changes will always be treated equally and must be communicated directly to the organizer, matthias.niggli@ol-weltcup.ch.

The organizer makes the changes in IOF Eventor after the deadlines.

6.2 ENTRY FEES UNTIL 13 MARCH 2021

Competition package:

CHF 150.- for competitors and CHF 50.- for team officials

This includes:

Starting fee for the races (competitors only)

Training maps, competition maps

6.3 PAYMENT

The competition package must be paid by 31 March 2021.

Please note that all bank charges must be paid by the applicant. Please note, that we will add a late payment fee of CHF 20.- per person for late payment!

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Clearing Nr.	09000
To the credit of	Swiss Cup, Im Freien 5, CH-8712 Stäfa

7. ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

Most of the accommodations offered by the organizers are mostly fully booked. If you need any help finding accommodations, don't hesitate to contact the Event Director. No food or drinks will be offered in quarantines or arenas, except the after finish refreshment (in closed bottles).

Be aware, that grocery stores will be closed on Thursday, 13 May 2021 and on Sunday, 16 May 2021 and will close earlier than usual at Wednesday. Small shops at gas stations/railway stations will be open.

8. EMBARGOED AREAS

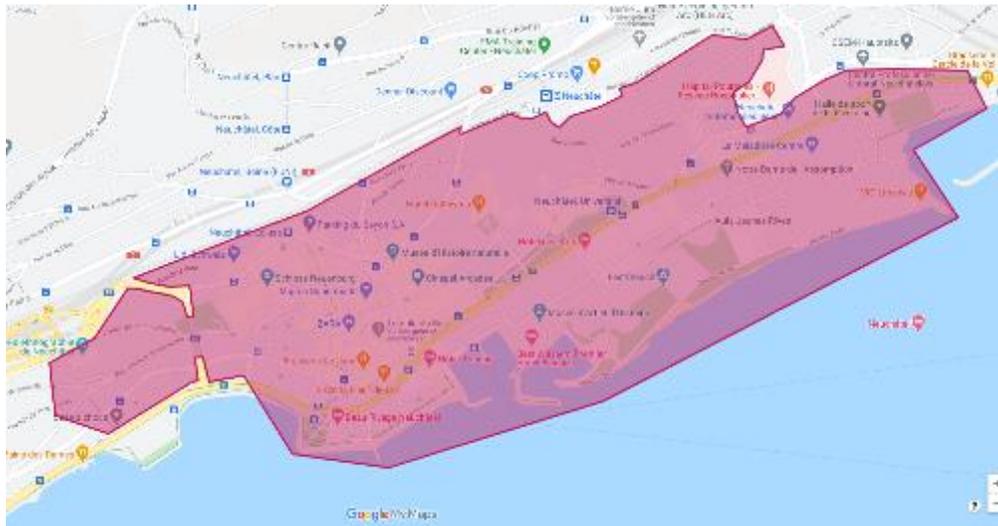
The [marked competition areas](#) around Neuchâtel are embargoed. It is prohibited for competitors, team officials and others who, through knowledge of the terrain or the competitions, may influence the results of the competitions to enter the embargoed areas.

These embargoed areas are valid until the day prior to the competition. Special rules by the organizer will be valid on the day of competitions (see Bulletin 4).

Overview



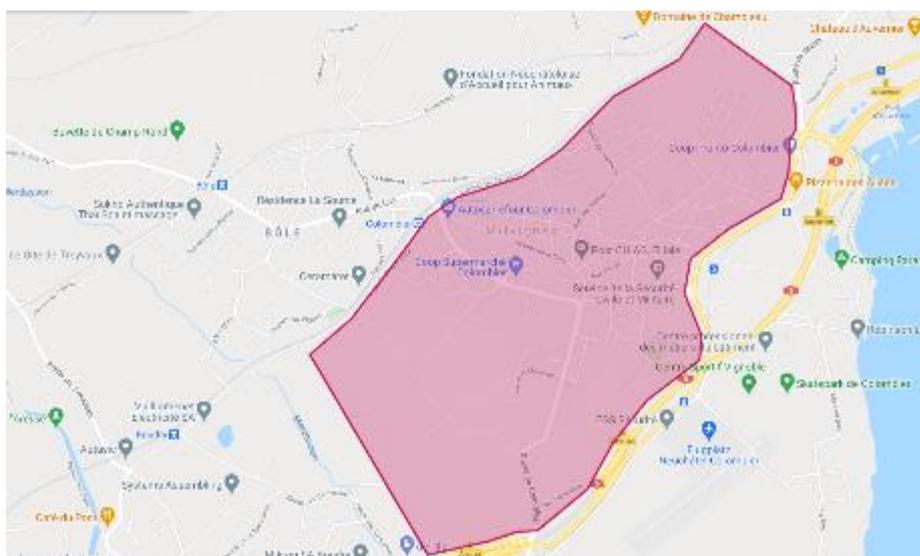
Embargoed areas around Neuchâtel, St-Blaise and Colombier



Embargoed area Neuchâtel



Embargoed area St-Blaise



Embargoed area Colombier

8.1 PREVIOUS ORIENTEERING MAPS

There are previous orienteering maps from some parts of the competition areas. They can be downloaded from IOF Eventor.

9. TRAINING

On the weekend before, the Swiss championships in sprint relay and sprint are scheduled in Zwingen and Laufen (World Cup 2019 maps) which are open to non-swiss runners as well. It's not yet clear if these competitions will take place and if it will be possible to participate in a secure way regarding the minimization of contacts before EOC.

A training map in the region of Neuchâtel will be available, 1:4000, 2021 by Beat Imhof. The training map will be given to all teams after accreditation.

10. RULES AND GENERAL INFORMATIONS

10.1 COMPETITON RULES

The Competition Rules for IOF Foot Orienteering Events 2021, valid from 1 January 2021 and the Special Rules for the 2021 Orienteering World Cup apply.

10.2 CLASSES AND PARTICIPATION RESTRICTIONS

There are two classes, Women and Men.

Participation restrictions, classes and qualification system will follow the Special Rules for the 2021 World Cup in Orienteering.

10.3 ANTI-DOPING

Doping is strictly forbidden, and the organizers of the EOC/World Cup are dedicated to supporting the Anti-Doping authorities in their work. Doping controls may be carried out any time during the competitions in accordance with the procedures described in the WADA International Standard of Testing and Investigations. The IOF Anti-Doping rules and the World Anti-Doping Code 2021 apply as of 1st of January 2021. Athletes who are selected for doping control must bring an official identification (with photo) to the doping test area. The athlete should also present the personal therapeutic use exemption (TUE) if applicable. In general, it is advisable that athletes takes their ID to all competitions and events. For more information, please consult: <https://orienteering.sport/iof/anti-doping/>.

10.4 INSURANCE

The organizers decline any liability that might occur through participation in EOC/ World Cup Events 1, 2 and 3 and trainings. Each person participates at her/his own risk and is responsible for her/his own insurance coverage (illness and accident).

10.5 CLIMATE

Daytime average temperatures in Neuchâtel in May lie between 10 and 25° C in daytime.

10.6 VISA PERMITS

The prerequisite for immigration into Switzerland is a valid passport. For travellers from certain countries a visa or further documents are required.

Please check with your embassy if you need visa permits.

<https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/einreise.html>.

10.7 ATHLETE'S LICENCE

All athletes need to have an [IOF athlete's license](#) to participate at the EOC/World Cup races.

11. MEDIA SERVICES

11.1 REGISTRATION

We welcome all media representatives as our partners to broadcast the thrilling events of EOC/World Cup 2021 to a broad public.

For media accreditation please contact Severin Furter, +41 79 602 99 72,

media@o-worldcup.ch.

11.2 LIVE PRODUCTION

There will be live-productions from all medal races broadcasted on TV and on the Live Center of the International Orienteering Federation.

During the competitions, athletes may encounter camera crews in the terrain. Camera controls and intermediate time controls are not marked on the control description. Athletes may also be followed by a running camera or by camera- drones during the race. The drones will keep proper distance to the athletes.

11.3 PHOTO AND VIDEO DISCLAIMER

Please note that photographs and footage will be taken throughout the EGK European Championships. These will be used by the event organization for marketing and publicity purpose in our publications, on our website and in social media or in any third party publication during and after EOC. Please contact the event director if you have any concerns or if you wish to be exempted from this activity.

12. COMPETITION INFORMATION

12.1 PUNCHING SYSTEM

Touchfree SPORTident Air+ punching will be used. Participants are asked to use their own SIAC cards during the event. The organizer will offer rental SIAC which may be booked in the official entry system IOF Eventor. After successful registration of the team size entry, the option to book a service becomes visible in IOF Eventor.

12.2 CLOTHING

There are no clothing regulations, but spikes or dobb-spikes are not allowed in the sprint races.

13. EVENT INFORMATION

13.1 EGK EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SPRINT RELAY

Format	Sprint relay, massstart
Map	Neuchâtel, 1 :4000, 2.5m by Beat Imhof
Terrain	Urban terrain with smaller and bigger buildings and park areas.
Forms	Flat with some artificial features in the park areas.
Traffic	Local traffic in some of the streets.
Course lengths	Leg 1 and 4 (women): 3.7km, 20m climb, 25 controls Leg 2 and 3 (men): 4.2km, 20m climb, 28 controls
Course setters:	Nils Eyer and Kim Hadorn

13.2 EGK EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS KNOCKOUT-SPRINT

Format	Knockout-Sprint with Qualification, quarter final, semi-final and final
Map	St-Blaise 1:4000, 2m and Neuchâtel, 1:4000, 2.5m by Beat Imhof
Terrain	Urban terrain with smaller and bigger buildings and park areas. The old town of Neuchâtel offers tricky orienteering in narrow streets and foot paths.
Forms	Flat to hilly towards the castle of Neuchâtel.
Traffic	Local traffic in some of the streets.
Course lengths	Women qualification: 3.8km, 55m climb, 17-19 controls Men qualification: 4.0km, 55m climb, 20-21 controls Quarterfinal (both women and men): 2.3km, 40m climb, 19 controls Semifinal (both women and men): 2.1km, 55m climb, 12 controls Final (both women and men): 2.1km, 50m climb, 13 controls
Course setters:	Andreas Kyburz and Fabian Hertner

13.3 EGK EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SPRINT

Format	Sprint distance, no qualification (changed EOC-rules compared to previous events)
Map	Neuchâtel, 1:4'000, 2.5m, by Beat Imhof
Terrain	Urban terrain with smaller and bigger buildings and park areas. The old town of Neuchâtel offers tricky orienteering in narrow streets and foot paths.
Forms	Flat to hilly towards the castle of Neuchâtel.
Traffic	Local traffic in some of the streets.
Course lengths	Women: 3.9km, 50m climb, 21 controls Men: 4.3km, 60m climb, 25 controls
Course setters:	Judith Wyder and Nils Eyer



14. PRIZE MONEY

A total amount of prize money of EUR 12'900.- will be awarded from the event organizer to the best men and women in the 3 competitions:

EGK European Championships / World Cup Event 1 (sprint relay):

1st place: EUR 1000.-
2nd place: EUR 700.-
3rd place: EUR 400.-

EGK European Championships / World Cup Event 2 and 3 (individual races):

1st place: EUR 1000.-
2nd place: EUR 700.-
3rd place: EUR 400.-
4th place: EUR 200.-
5th place: EUR 200.-
6th place: EUR 200.-

A total prize amount of EUR 19'000.- will be awarded from the IOF, the Verein Swiss Cup and Idrefjällens OK to the best men and women in the World Cup overall ranking 2021:

1st place: EUR 5'000.-
2nd place: EUR 2'000.-
3rd place: EUR 1'000.-
4th place: EUR 600.-
5th place: EUR 500.-
6th place: EUR 400.-

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