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# **WELCOME TO NEUCHÂTEL**

Dear athletes, ladies and gentlemen

Neuchâtel and the organizing team are looking forward to the EGK European Orienteering Championships and the Orienteering World Cup and to welcoming you on the wonderful shore of the lake of Neuchâtel. We are proud to be chosen by the International Orienteering Federation to celebrate the first international champion in the new format of the Knockout-Sprint. Together with the Sprint relay and the individual Sprint, days of action and emotions are guaranteed. We are expressing a warm welcome to Switzerland!

Matthias Niggli Event Director EGK European Orienteering Championships

# WORLD CUP 2021

The World Cup 2021 consists of the following 9 competitions.

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

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

# **1. ORGANIZATION AND CONTACT**

# **1.1 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

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# **2. COVID-19 MEASURES**

We will have to handle the pandemic situation during our event in the best possible way. All information concerning COVID-19 measures can be found in the separate COVID-19 bulletin which can be downloaded on <u>IOF Eventor</u>.

# **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 socalled competition isolation "Bubble", with teams, organizers, officials and media representatives who all will 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**

With the <u>actual pandemic rules of Switzerland</u>, all competitors and support staff must show a negative PCR COVID-19 test 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 got an exception from the quarantine requirements when entering Switzerland.

# **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. These tests will be provided by the organizer, the cost of the tests must be paid for by the teams. The test-results will be available after 6 hours or overnight for tests done late in the day.

Details about test schedule and test procedure can be found in the specific COVID-19 bulletin.

To reach the test centre at La Riveraine, <u>46°59'45.9"N 6°56'47.5"E</u>, please use the car park Maladière and use the northern exit. The test centre is to the east. It is allowed to use the main road nr. 5 through Neuchàtel to reach the quarantine. No other access is allowed (embargoed area).

Upon receipt of a negative test result, the participants will receive accreditation and may start with competition related activities (trainings etc.).



There will not be any physical event centre. Accreditation will be given online and entry to the competitions will be done online via Eventor by the team manager. Organizers can be reached by phone.

# **2.4 ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT**

Teams are spread out in several accommodations. The same COVID-19-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.

Only competition-related activities are allowed. 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**

# **TUESDAY, 11 MAY 2021**

Arrival of the teams COVID-19-testing

According to COVID-19 bulletin

# WEDNESDAY, 12 MAY 2021

COVID-19-testing Event entry deadline /Entry deadline Sprint Relay Free training (only after receiving negative test) Team Officials' Meeting

According to COVID-19 bulletin		
12:00		
Colombier	10:00-18:00	
online	17:30-18:30	

# THURSDAY, 13 MAY 2021 SPRINT RELAY

Free training (only after receiving negative test)	Colombier	09:00-15:00
Quarantine check-in opens	Maladière	15:00
Quarantine closes	Maladière	16:00
Mass start	Maladière	16:40
Flower ceremony	Maladière	17:47
Entry deadline Knock-out Sprint	Eventor	18:00
Prize giving ceremony	Maladière	18:15

# FRIDAY, 14 MAY 2021 KNOCK-OUT SPRINT QUALIFICATION

Quarantine check-in opens	Hauterive	13:30
Quarantine closes	Hauterive	14:30
First start qualification MEN	St-Blaise	15:00
First start qualification WOMEN	St-Blaise	15:45
Heat choice MEN	online	20:00
Heat choice WOMEN	online	20:30

# SATURDAY, 15 MAY 2021 KNOCK-OUT SPRINT FINALS

COVID-19-testing (for travelling home)
Quarantine check-in opens
Quarantine closes
First start ¼ Final MEN (every 5 minutes)
First start 1/4 Final WOMEN (every 5 minutes)
First start ½ Final MEN (every 12.5 minutes)
First start <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Final WOMEN (every 12.5 minutes)
Start Final MEN
Flower ceremony MEN
Start Final WOMEN
Flower ceremony WOMEN
Prize giving ceremony MEN and WOMEN
Entry deadline Sprint

According to COVIE	D-19 bulletin
C. Promenade	12:15
C. Promenade	12.45
Neuchâtel	13:20
Neuchâtel	13:50
Neuchâtel	15:09
Neuchâtel	15:44
Neuchâtel	16:25
Place des Halles	16:36
Neuchâtel	16:42
Place des Halles	16:55
Place des Halles	17:05
Eventor	18:00

# SUNDAY, 16 MAY 2021 SPRINT

Quarantine check-in opens Quarantine closes Estimated first start First start Top 40 Women First start Top 40 Men Flower ceremony Prize giving ceremony

Maladière	10:30
Maladière	11:15
Neuchâtel	11:30
Neuchâtel	13:00
Neuchâtel	14:03
Place des Halles	15:25
Place des Halles	15:35

# 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 rental car from the airport.

# **4.2 COMPETITION ARENAS**

The Competition Arenas are located at the Football Stadium La Maladière ( $46^{\circ}59'45.5"N$ ) <u> $6^{\circ}56'43.1"E$ </u>) for the sprint relay, at St-Blaise Nouvelles Rives ( $47^{\circ}00'38.8"N 6^{\circ}59'14.9"E$ ) for the Knockout-Sprint qualification and at Place des Halles ( $46^{\circ}59'25.7"N 6^{\circ}55'42.2"E$ ) for the Knockout-Sprint finals and the sprint.

# 4.3 WASTE MANAGEMENT

Help us keep our arenas clean!

Please use our rubbish bins for your waste. PET-bottles are collected separately in order to be recycled, while the residual waste will be re-used for energy recovery.

# **5. EVENT CENTRE**

There is no physical event centre. Organizers can be reached by e-mail and phone. Contact person: Doris Grüniger (+41 78 661 08 33, info@ol-weltcup.ch)

# 6. ENTRY

# **6.1 ENTRIES AND ENTRY DEADLINES**

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

### **Competition Entries**

Names of the competitors shall be entered in IOF Eventor before 12:00 noon on the day before the sprint relay and before 18:00 on the day before the individual competitions.

Late entries, changes of team size or team athlete names 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 FEE

Late entry fee for competition package: CHF 227.- for competitors and CHF 75.- for team officials This includes: Starting fee for the races (competitors only) Training maps, competition maps

# 6.3 PAYMENT

All payment must be done by 30 April 2021 at the latest.

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!

Bank	PostFinance, Nordring 8 CH-3003 Bern,
IBAN	CH75 0900 0000 8771 7328 8
SWIFT Code	POFICHBEXXX
Clearing Nr.	09000
To the credit of	Swiss Cup, Im Freien 5, CH-8712 Stäfa

Participation in the events is only possible if all incurred costs are settled.

# **6.4 ACCREDITATION**

To get accredited for the competitions, all competitors and support staff must follow the test procedure in the specific COVID-19 bulletin.

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

A personal ID card will be handed out with accreditation. All accredited persons must wear it at all relevant times and present it for access to authorized zones. The online entry form on Eventor requests that all persons to be accredited provide a personal portrait photo for use on the ID card. With accreditation, every team receives a bag with the ID cards, bulletins, rented SIAC-punching cards if necessary and training maps. They will be delivered to the official accommodations, can be picked up in Neuchâtel or at the parking of the Model Training Event.

Teams need to provide a telephone number so that the organizers can quickly contact key team officials if necessary.

Feder	ation	Women	Men	Officials	Team size
=	Austria	6	6	3	15
	Belgium	3	6	3	12
	Bulgaria	4	5	3	12
8	Croatia		2		2
	Czech Republic	7	6	3	16
:=	Denmark	8	8	4	20
	Estonia	4	4	1	9
+	Finland	8	9	4	20
	France	4	8	4	16
	Germany	4	4	2	10
	Great Britain	2	2		4
	Hungary	3	3	2	8
	Italy	4	4	4	12
=	Latvia	3	6	1	10
	Lithuania	2	3	3	8
	Netherlands	1			1
<b>*</b> *	New Zealand		1		1
	Norway	8	8	6	22
	Poland	3	3	2	8
	Portugal	2	3	1	6
	Russian Federation	8	6	2	16
-	Slovenia		1	1	2
	Spain	3	3	1	7
-	Sweden	8	9	4	21
+	Switzerland	9	11	7	27
C+	Turkey	2	2	1	5
	Ukraine	2	3	1	6
	United States		2		2
Total		108	127	63	298

# 6.5 ENTRY SUMMARY (AS ON 30 APRIL 2021)

# 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 on Wednesday. Small shops at gas stations/rail-way stations will be open.

# **8. EMBARGOED AREAS**

The <u>competition areas</u> as published in IOF Eventor 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 off limits until the day prior to the competition. On competition day, special rules set by the organiser will apply covering access to the competition areas and to quarantines (see 13. EVENT INFORMATION).



Overview

Embargoed areas around Neuchâtel and St-Blaise, Training Colombier

# **8.1 PREVIOUS ORIENTEERING MAPS**

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

# 9. TRAINING

Please note that running inside the embargoed area is not allowed. Check the map specifying the embargoed area before heading out to a training map or going jogging.

# **9.1 TRAINING COLOMBIER**

Colombier orienteering map 2021, 1:4000, 2.5m contours. Mapmaker: Beat Imhof.

There are some controls on the map which show relevant control positions for the competition. There will be control flags placed in the terrain during official training times. The training area is open even afterwards, but without controls.

Assembly area/parking: 10km from Neuchâtel, 46°57'50.1"N 6°51'04.0"E

Please be careful: there is normal traffic running in the streets.

Every entered runner and coach will receive one training map after successful accreditation. Maps will be delivered to the official accommodations or can be picked up at defined places.

# **10. RULES AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

# **10.1 COMPETITON RULES**

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

The regulations set forth in the COVID-19 Bulletin are valid for the event (Competiton Rules sections 2.5 and 2.6.):

- 2.5 Additional regulations which do not conflict with these rules may be determined by the organiser. They have been approved by the IOF Event Adviser.
- 2.6 These rules and any additional regulations shall be binding for all competitors, team officials and other persons connected with the organisation or in contact with the competitors. Any additional regulations shall be published in the final event bulletin.

# **10.2 CLASSES AND PARTICIPATION RESTRICTIONS**

There are two classes, Women and Men for the individual competitions and one for the sprint relay.

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

All athletes entering for the competitions must have the <u>athletes' licence</u> paid for 2021. Pay attention to solve that in advance.

# **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 take their ID to all competitions and events. For more information, please consult: <u>https://orienteering.sport/iof/anti-doping/</u>.

# **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).

All competitions take place in urban areas. Local traffic will be reduced, but not completely forbidden. Vehicles by local residents, or used for urgencies, public transportation, or taxis may drive in the streets. Competitors must pay attention any time. The organizers and the host city of Neuchâtel decline any responsibility in case of accident.

# **10.5 CLIMATE**

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

# **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 and media info please fill in the official form on our webseite: <a href="http://www.eoc2021.ch/media">www.eoc2021.ch/media</a>

If you have any questions about media services 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, TIMING SYSTEM, GPS TRACKING**

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-cards which shall 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.

Rented SIAC-Cards must be handed in at the read-out of the Sunday's sprint. Missing SIAC-Cards will be charged with 80 EUR/card.

The technical specification for maximum distance to record a punch is 30 cm.

If an athlete presents a different SIAC number compared to the published start list at the pre start check-in, the presented SIAC will be taken away and replaced with a rental SIAC-card. This new SIAC shall be used throughout all upcoming competitions of the event. At the end of the event the confiscated SIAC will be returned by handing in the rental SIAC.

Please make sure that during the entry process the correct SIAC number is entered in the online entry system used.

### Start timing

Sprintrelay and Knock-out Sprint Finals: Mass start. Listen to the commands of the start official. Start signal will be given through the start official. Early start leads to disqualification. Knockout qualification and Sprint: It's the competitor's responsibility to start at the correct time. The start beep and a visible start clock will show the countdown. Early start leads to disqualification.

### Finish timing

In all races, the finish time will be taken when the SIAC-cards crosses the finish line. In case of a head-to-head run in the mass start races the finish judges will rule on the final placings based on the order that the competitors' chest cross the finish line.

The running times will be rounded down to the nearest second.

### GPS tracking



GPS tracking services will be provided by TracTrac. GPS units will be given to all athletes in the sprint relay, the knock-out sprint semi-finals and finals as well as to selected athletes in the other races. Names of the selected athletes will be published in the quarantine.

It is mandatory for all runners to use the GPS. If a runner refuses to carry the device, the runner will be disqualified (§ 2.5, § 2.6 and § 26.10).

Please take your own GPS-vest with you (hygienic reasons). The organiser provides GPS-vests only in exceptional cases. They will be handed out to the athlete for the whole event before the first use and has to be handed in on Sunday. Missing GPS-vests will be charged to the federations.

Personal GPS data loggers are only allowed if they have no display or audible feedback. No GPS watches are allowed, there will be checks at the start.

# **12.2 CLOTHING**

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

# **12.3 TEAM OFFICIALS' MEETING**

No physical team officials' meeting will be held. The team officials' meeting on Wednesday, 12 May 2021 will be held online with Microsoft Teams. <u>Link to the Team Officials' Meeting</u> All other information is included in this bulletin, in the separate COVID-19 bulletin or will be published on Eventor (e.g. start lists, weather forecast).

Questions for the team officials' meeting shall be sent by e-mail to

matthias.niggli@ol-weltcup.ch latest until Wednesday, 12 May 2021, 15:00.

# **12.4 NEW COMPETITION MAPS**

Team officials can get new competition maps in the arena at the infopoint after the race or at the following day.

# **12.5 QUARANTINE**

Arriving at the quarantine, the athletes have to check in by showing their accreditation card and sign the list before the quarantine closes. No-one will be allowed into the quarantine area after the deadline.

Athletes will get number bibs and warm-up maps when entering the quarantine. Athletes must wear the number bib on their chest. Warm-up maps are considered as part of quarantine. All competitors are strongly advised to perform the SIAC battery test and in case of low battery indication request an SIAC replacement at the quarantine check-in desk. All quarantines offer covered area/buildings. You may stay inside or outside. It is strongly recommended to stay outside to minimize the risk of COVID-19 infection.

Toilets and water are available. No own team tents will be allowed at all the quarantines. Please respect the fairness rules in the quarantine and on the warm-up map. Coaches and athletes can leave quarantine at any time, but once they have left, they are not allowed to return.

Please be fair and remember the following important things:

- The use of mobile phones, computers or any communication device inside the quarantine is strictly forbidden

- It is not allowed to bring any maps into the quarantine zones

- Due to COVID-19 reasons, stay within your own team only. Wear a mask at any time indoor or when interacting with organizers or other teams/athletes (check-in, bagdrop, toilets, stair-cases, gym hall)

# **12.6 PRE-START AND START**

The pre-start is marked on the warm-up map. There are always toilets available at the prestart.

Only athletes registered for that race have access beyond the pre-start. Once the athletes pass the pre-start, they are not allowed to go back to the quarantine.

It is the competitor's responsibility to watch for his/her start time.

The time before start for the first call-up at the pre-start is different in every competition. In individual races 10 seconds before the start time the competitor hears a signal from the start clock. 5 seconds before start the count-down begins with short beeps and a long beep at the start time.

In mass start, the remaining time to the start will be announced in English.

The start triangle is marked in the terrain by a control flag. The route to this flag is marked and compulsory for the competitors to follow all the way to the start point.

For specific details, see descriptions in each competition's section. The detailed start procedure will not be demonstrated.

# **12.7 LATE START**

Competitors who are late for their start will be starting between the next start interval. If the lateness is the fault of the competitor, they will be timed as if they had started at their allocated start time. Competitors who are late through the fault of the organizer will be timed with their real start time.

# **12.8 COACHING ZONE**

There are no coaching zones at the competitions.

# **12.9 FINISH**

Competitors must follow the marked route from the last control to the finish.

On the Knock-out Sprint Finals and the Sprint, the finish line will be at the beginning (bottom) of the stage-ramp.

After the finish, the competitor will be guided through the finish zone. He/she:

- Gets a new hygiene-mask.
- Download SIAC data. Should the punch check indicate a miss-punch the competitors are taken through a special procedure before continuing.
- You may see your fans and family on the big screen. If you want to interact with them, use a TV-camera and not the big screen. <u>eoc2021.ch/eoc-fan/</u>
- Returning GPS unit and vest (if he/she had one).
- Can take official FOCUSWATER refreshment (contact with the team leader is possible).
- Occupies the leader chair on the podium, if she/he is the current leader.
- On Sunday's sprint, there will be a screen after the refreshments with your intermediate times for your first race analysis.
- Gets a cool-down map.
- Takes his/her clothes/bag.
- Goes forward to the mixed zone where journalists may ask question and make short interviews.
- Leaves the arena at the designated exit after cool-down and change of clothes.

Only the officially accredited team coaches will have access to the finish zone to welcome incoming runners.

Athletes shall be ready for live interviews with the speaker or TV on the stage.

Dropped out athletes and athletes not running the Sprint Relay, Knock-out Sprint or Sprint are not allowed in the arena due to COVID-19-restrictions and limited space in the arena. You may watch the races in television. If there will be any changes in the restrictions, we will inform you at the Team Officials' Meeting on 12 May 2021.

# **12.10 QUITTING A RACE**

Athletes who are forced to abandon a race must report to the finish staff and hand in their competition maps. A retiring athlete may not influence any other competitor.

# **12.11 MEDIA CONTROLS**

Athletes may meet TV staff or journalists/photographers near control points, not marked in the control description. All controls are also guarded by the organizers.

# **12.12 CEREMONIES**

### **Flower Ceremony**

Only a few minutes after the conclusion of the race, there will be a flower ceremony for the best 3 athletes on the stage with live broadcasting on TV. Please be ready for this award if you are on the podium.

### Prize giving ceremonies

Athletes ranked on positions 1 – 6 are kindly requested to line up behind the stage 10 minutes prior to the prize giving ceremonies. It's the athletes' responsibility to be there on time. Otherwise, an athlete will miss out on the prize money! Athletes taking part in the prize giving should wear their national team uniform.

All prize giving ceremonies take place in the finish areas.

# **12.13 COMPLAINTS AND PROTESTS**

Complaints/protest must be handed over in writing using the official form to an event official in the finish area at the info point no later than 15 minutes after the official results have been published (separately for women and men; announced by the speaker).

In the Knock-out Sprint, any complaint shall be made to the organiser not later than 3 minutes after the corresponding heat results are published in the finish area. A complaint may initially be made orally but must subsequently be in writing.

# 12.14 JURY

Janos Manarin, ITA; Olivier Benevello, FRA; Christian Schneebeli, SUI

# **13. EVENT INFORMATION**

# **13.1 EGK EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SPRINT RELAY**

### Format

Sprint relay, mass start. 4 legs (WOMEN-MEN-MEN-WOMEN). A federation may enter 1 team consisting of 4 competitors (2 men and 2 women). Incomplete teams and teams with runners from more than one Federation are not allowed.

The starting order is determined by the results from EOC 2018, thereafter in alphabetical order.

### Мар

Neuchâtel, 1:4000, 2.5m by Beat Imhof. Map size A4, standard ISSproM 2019.

### Course planners

Kim Hadorn and Nils Eyer

### **Course lengths**

Leg 1 and 4 (WOMEN): 3.7-3.9km, 25m climb, 24-25 controls, 14-15 minutes Leg 2 and 3 (MEN): 4.2-4.4km, 25m climb, 27-28 controls, 14-15 minutes

### **Control descriptions**

No separate control descriptions, only on the map. No control codes beside the control numbers on the printed map.

### Terrain

Urban terrain with smaller and bigger buildings and park areas.

### Forms

Flat with some artificial features in the park areas.

### Traffic

Traffic is reduced in most parts of the terrain, but there can be cars, bicycles and pedestrians passing through the terrain. Take care and follow the instructions of the officials.

### Quarantine

Football Stadium La Maladière. 46°59'45.5"N 6°56'43.1"E

Parking in the underground car park. Entry to the parking from the north side/Roundabout Rue du Littoral. 46°59'45.8"N~6°56'46.1"E. It is allowed to use the main road nr. 5 through Neuchàtel to reach the quarantine.



A separate part of the car park is designated for the team parking. Please note that there are official parking fees for the car park.

Entry to the quarantine only through the car park (follow the signposts).

The quarantine is open from 15:00.

### Check-in

By signing-in at the quarantine **by 16:00 at the latest**. There you will receive your number bib and the warm-up map. GPS vests will also be given to all athletes in the quarantine (you may use your own vest as well).

### Clothes

Transport from the quarantine to the after-finish zone. Please leave your bags at the marked zone in the quarantine. No transport of warm-up clothes from pre-start to the after-finish zone.

### Warm-up map

There is a warm-up map without controls. You are not allowed to leave the area marked on the warm-up map.

### Assembly area for the runners

The assembly area for runners before their leg is at the pre-start (southern end of the quarantine). GPS units will be given to selected athletes.

### Mass start

The assembly area opens -15min before the mass start and closes -10min before the mass start. The runner takes his rolled map from the map wall, it is not allowed to open the roll before the start signal.

Emergency toilet upon request to a staff member only (without map!).

Disposal of the hygienic mask on the way to the line-up. The line-up at the start line will be marked with team name and number on the floor.

### Change-over

The entrance to the waiting zone is at the pre-start (southern end of the quarantine). The gate for all runners of the leg opens right after the first change-over of the foregoing leg. GPS units are given at the gate. The runner takes his rolled map from the map wall, it is not allowed to open the roll before the hand-over.

Emergency toilet upon request to a staff member only (without map!).

It is the runner's responsibility to be in time at the waiting zone. From the waiting zone runners will be called into the change-over area by the officials. Disposal of the hygienic mask on the way to the change-over area. From there one can see your foregoing runner coming towards the finish and hear the speaker announcing the runners.

When your runner arrives you may step to the change-over barrier. The change-over is done after crossing the finish line by hand touch across a separation barrier. The outgoing runner is allowed to open the map immediately after the change-over.

### Maps

The maps are rolled and closed with a rubber band. In the waiting zone it is the runner's responsibility to take the correct map from the map wall themselves.

You will keep the rolled map in your hand until you can start. You are not allowed to remove the rubber band or to peek into the roll before you start.

The maps are marked with your team name and number and the leg number (for example team 12 EST: 12 EST-1, 12 EST-2, 12 EST-3, 12 EST-4). The first part of the course is on the inside of the roll.

Mass start for 4th leg runners 10 min after the first change-over for the 4th leg.

### **Reserve maps**

Reserve maps are ready in the waiting area nearby the map wall. Please contact the staff as soon as you have noticed that your map is not on the map wall anymore.

### Map exchange

There is a map exchange during the race for both women and men. The second part of the course is on the backside of the map. So just turn the map. The start of the second part is marked with a start symbol on the map and is at the same place as the last control of the first part. Control numbers are continuous.

### Artificial barriers

Artificial barriers will be used. They are marked on the map with the purple symbol 708 (outof-bounds boundary) and the out-of-bounds symbol behind to clarify the situation. In the terrain, there is a mobile fence combined with grids and ribbon to show these barriers.



### Artificial fences

Artificial fences will be used. These fences are grids, 110cm heigh. Most of them are branded with sponsor and event logos.





On the map, they are shown with the purple symbol 708 (out-of-bounds boundary). To make the course print more visible, these artificial fences are printed with purple including 20% black.

### Special object



Flowerpots are used for some control placements during the race (150cm of height). They are mapped with a black cross (symbol 531 prominent man-made feature) and in the control description the special item 6.1 (cross) is used.

### Finish

Football Stadium La Maladière. 46°59'45.5"N 6°56'43.1"E

There is shelter for changing in the after-finish zone. Teams are not allowed to set-up own tents.

It is not allowed for teams to visit the finish area before their start and it is not allowed to go to the quarantine / start / pre-start area if you have been at the finish area.

### Cool-down zone

It is only allowed to run in the area indicated on the cool-down map available at the finish.

Maximum running time 90 minutes

# **13.2 EGK EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS KNOCKOUT-SPRINT**

### Format

Knockout sprint competition conducted according to rule 12.26 and the <u>Knock-Out Sprint for-</u> mat description document.

- For the elimination rounds, the courses may incorporate forking/splitting systems:
- No forking
- Forking with loops
- «Course Choice Model» where each competitor picks one of three options (for details see the <u>Knock-Out Sprint format description document</u>).

There will be no announcement in advance which method is used in which round.

### Мар

St-Blaise 1:4000, 2m contours and Neuchâtel, 1:4000, 2.5m contours by Beat Imhof

### **Course planners**

Fabian Hertner and Andreas Kyburz

### Terrain

Urban terrain with smaller and bigger buildings and park areas. The old town of St-Blaise and Neuchâtel offer tricky orienteering in narrow streets and foot paths.

### Forms

Flat to hilly towards the old town of St-Blaise and the north of Neuchâtel.

### Traffic

Traffic is reduced in most parts of the terrain, but there can be cars, bicycles and pedestrians passing through the terrain. Take care and follow the instructions of the officials.

### Artificial barriers

Artificial barriers will be used. They are marked on the map with the purple symbol 708 (outof-bounds boundary) and the out-of-bounds symbol behind to clarify the situation. In the terrain, there is a mobile fence combined with grids and ribbon to show these barriers.







### Special object



Playground equipments are mapped with a black cross (symbol 531 prominent man-made feature).

Flowerpots are used for some control placements during the race (150cm of height). They are mapped with a black cross (symbol 531 prominent man-made feature) and in the control description the special item 6.1 (cross) is used.

### Parking

There is a parking at the qualification quarantine. Coaches or athletes are not allowed to pick up these cars coming back from the finish before the qualification is finished.

There is a parking at the finish of the qualifications. Coaches may drive from quarantine to finish, but not back to quarantine.

For the finals, parking for quarantine and finish is at the same place. Teams must go to the quarantine from there, coaches may also go to the arena from there. It is only allowed to go to the parking and take the car after one round is completely finished and runners from quarantine are allowed to leave the quarantine (as they are not qualified for the next round).

### Quarantines

All quarantines offer shelter and toilets. No meal service or cooking possibilities will be available in the quarantines.

Call up	→ Check SI card number
	→ Check start number
-4 min	→ Clear SI card
	→ Check SI card
	ightarrow Tracking device is given to selected athletes
-3 min	$\rightarrow$ proceed to -2min
	ightarrow pick up the control description
-2 min	$\rightarrow$ SIAC check to verify proper functioning of SIAC mode
	$\rightarrow$ take up position in the correct corridor (3 corridors)
-1 min	$\rightarrow$ punch Start-IDENT unit
	ightarrow take up position behind the starting line, disposal of the hygienic mask
START TIME	It's the competitor's responsibility to start at the correct time. The start beep
	and a visible start clock will show the countdown. Early start leads to dis-
	qualification.
	Runner takes the map.
STARTING	Distance see competition
POINT	Instructions.

### Detailed start procedure of Knock-out Sprint qualification

### Detailed start procedure of Knock-out Sprint quarter-final, semi-final and final

Call up	→ Check SI card number
6 runners	→ Check start number
-4' (QF)	→ Clear SI card
-8' (SF/F)	→ Check SI card
	ightarrow Tracking device is given to selected athletes
	$\rightarrow$ escort to the start
-2' (QF)	$\rightarrow$ SIAC check to verify proper functioning of SIAC mode
-4' (SF/F)	ightarrow take up correct order for starting corridors (6 corridors), disposal of the
	hygienic mask
-1'	In case of course choice:
	$\rightarrow$ 3 choices are shown for 20 seconds
	ightarrow the runner chooses a course (rolled maps, letters A/B/C on the table in
	front of the map)
	$\rightarrow$ ready to start at -30"
	$\rightarrow$ the runner proceeds to the start line

START TIME	Mass start commands announced by the start official		
	Runner opens the map.		
STARTING POINT	Distance see competition Instructions.		

# **KNOCK-OUT QUALIFICATION**

### Format

Qualification race with 3 heats in both classes. 1' start interval with 3 runners starting at the same time.

The start order in each qualification heat is determined strictly by the order of the Sprint World Ranking as of 11 May 2021 (highest ranked start first).

The top 12 runners in each heat qualify for the quarter final. In a case of a tie, the higher ranked runner in the Sprint World Ranking as of 11 May 2021 gets the better place.

### **Course lengths**

Women qualification: 2.9-3.0km, 50m climb, 17-19 controls, 13-14 minutes Men qualification: 3.1km, 55m climb, 20-21 controls, 13-14 minutes

### **Control descriptions**

Separate control descriptions are handed out at -3'. Maximum size 16x6cm.

### Quarantine

Centre Sportif Hauterive. <u>47°00'57.9"N 6°58'39.2"E</u> Access by car only from the west! Parking next to the quarantine.

The quarantine is open from 13:30. It is not allowed for coaches to go by foot from the quarantine/pre-start to the finish during the race. But it is allowed to drive by car from quarantine to finish.



### Check-in

By signing-in at the quarantine **by 14:30 at the latest**. There you will receive your number bib and the warm-up map. GPS vests will also be given to the athletes who are selected to wear a GPS (you may use your own vest as well).

### Clothes

Transport from the quarantine to the after-finish zone. Please leave your bags at the marked zone in the quarantine. No transport of warm-up clothes from pre-start to the after-finish zone. Please limit the size of your bags or put the big bags directly into your car to avoid heavy transports. To be sure to have your bag at the after-finish zone when arriving in the finish, you have to leave it at the zone marked with your start time at least 40 minutes before your start.

### Warm-up map

There is a warm-up map without controls. You are not allowed to leave the area marked on the warm-up map.

### Pre-Start

The location is visible on the warm-up map (not marked in the terrain). Distance from quarantine to pre-start: 800m, 0m climb.

### Start

Call up at -4 min. Distance from the start line to the start point: 40m.

### Maps

Maps are in plastic bags (unsealed) with the class and heat written on the back. Runners are responsible to get the correct control description and map.

Maximum running time 30 minutes.

The main road through St-Blaise is out-of-bounds. For better legibility this road is marked with symbol 714 (Temporary construction or closed area).

The runners cross this road through an underpass (compulsory route).

### Finish

St-Blaise Nouvelles Rives. 47°00'38.8"N 6°59'14.9"E

No indoor facilities are available in the after-finish zone. Teams are not allowed to set-up their own tents.

There are parking possibilities close to the finish.

It is not allowed for teams to visit the finish area before their start and it is not allowed to go to the quarantine / start / pre-start area if you have been at the finish area.

### Cool-down zone

It is only allowed to run in the area indicated on the cool-down map available at the finish.

### Heat choice for the Knock-out Sprint Finals

The heat choice meeting will be held online with Microsoft Teams on Friday, 14 May 2021, 20:00 MEN and 20:30 WOMEN.

### Link to the meeting for MEN, 20:00.

Link to the meeting for WOMEN, 20:30.

Problems with joining the meeting? Call the event centre (+41 78 661 08 33).

All competitors qualified for the elimination rounds or a team leader should be present online. If a competitor is not present at the time of the heat choice, the competitor will lose her/his right to choose the heat. After everyone present made their choices, competitors who are not present will receive the available spots at random.

# **KNOCK-OUT FINALS**

### Format

6 quarter finals, 3 semi-finals and 1 final per class with 6 runners in each final. The top 3 from each heat of the quarter final and the top 2 from each heat of the semi-final qualify for the next round.

### Quarantine

Collège de la Promenade. 46°59'31.5"N 6°56'05.5"E

Parking (free of charge using the park sign out of this bulletin) 300m from the quarantine at Jeunes Rives. <u>46°59'31.2"N 6°56'16.6"E</u>. It is allowed to use the main road nr. 5 through Neuchàtel to reach the parking.

The quarantine is open from 12:15.

From quarantine and pre-starts, coaches are not allowed to go to the arena/finish. Only after the start of the women's final, they are allowed to go to the arena. They may leave the quarantine going to the parking to drive back to the accommodation with the athletes after each round is finished.



### Check-in

By signing-in at the quarantine **by 12:45 at the latest**. There you will receive your number bib and the warm-up map. GPS vests will also be given to all athletes to wear a GPS (you may use your own vest as well).

### Clothes

Transport from the quarantine to the next quarantine (same building). Please leave your bags at the marked zone in the quarantine. No transport of warm-up clothes from quarantine or pre-start to the after-finish zone in quarter final and semi-final. Clothes/bags from the participants in the final will be transported to the after-finish zone.

### Warm-up map

There is a warm-up map without controls. You are not allowed to leave the area marked on the warm-up map.

For the semi-finals it is not allowed to run on the warm-up map and to the pre-start before 14:15.

For the finals it is not allowed to run on the warm-up map and to the pre-start before 16:00. There is a small warm-up area without map in the quarantine.

### Pre-Start

The location is visible on the warm-up map (not marked in the terrain). Distance from quarantine to pre-start:

- Quarter final: 1300m, 30m climb
- Semi-final: 500m, 0m climb
- Final: 500m, 0m climb

### Start

Call up at -4 min. (quarter final) or -8 min. (semi-final and final). Distance from the start line to the start point: Om in quarter final, 50m in semi-final and final.

### Maps

Maps are in plastic bags (unsealed) with the number bib written on the back. Runners are responsible to get the correct map.

Control descriptions are only printed on the map.

There is a map flip during the race in semi-final and final. These maps are rolled with the first part of the course facing the inside of the roll. The first part finishes with a compulsory route to the new start triangle. The second part is on the other side of the map where the course starts with the new start triangle. The start triangle is marked with a control flag in the terrain. Control numbers are continuous.

### Course lengths (same lengths for MEN and WOMEN)

Quarter final: 1.8km, 40m climb, 19 controls, 6-8 minutes Semi-final: 1.7km, 55m climb, 12 controls, 6-8 minutes Final: 1.7km, 50m climb, 13 controls, 6-8 minutes

### **Control descriptions**

No separate control descriptions will be handed out for the Knock-out Finals. They are printed on the map.

### Arena passage

There will be an arena passage in both semi-final and final during the race. The passage will be clearly marked on the map and on the ground.

Maximum running time 15 minutes.

### Finish

Place des Halles. <u>46°59'25.7"N 6°55'42.2"E</u>

No indoor facilities are available in the after-finish zone. Teams are not allowed to set-up their own tents.

There are no parking possibilities close to the finish. Teams use the same parking as for the quarantine, 1000m from the finish/arena at Jeunes Rives. <u>46°59'31.2"N 6°56'16.6"E</u>

It is not allowed for teams to visit the finish area before their start and it is not allowed for coaches to go to the quarantine / start / pre-start area if you have been at the finish area. Please be aware, that the area around the arena is embargoed terrain for the sprint competition on Sunday.

### Cool-down zone

It is only allowed to run in the area indicated on the cool-down map available at the finish. The cool-down after each round leads you back to the quarantine for the next round and to your bags (Collège de la Promenade, 700m away). All runners must return to the quarantine and stay there until the results **of all heats** of the respective round and class are official. After that, those runners who are not qualified to the next round should go back to their accommodation.

# **13.3 EGK EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SPRINT**

### Format

Sprint distance, no qualification (changed EOC-rules compared to previous events).

The starting order is determined by the order of the Sprint World Ranking as of 11 May 2021 (best ranked starting last).

The starting interval and sequence will be as follows:

- 1st block: for those outside the 40 best-ranked competitors entered, interval 1 minute, men and women starting and running at the same time
- 2nd block: the 40 best-ranked women, interval 1.5 minutes
- 3rd block: the 40 best-ranked men, interval 1.5 minutes

### Мар

Neuchâtel,1:4'000, 2.5m contours, by Beat Imhof

Course planners

Judith Wyder and Nils Eyer

### Course lengths

WOMEN: 4.0km, 65m climb, 21 controls, 15 minutes MEN: 4.4km, 85m climb, 25 controls, 15 minutes

### **Control descriptions**

Separate control descriptions are handed out at -3'. Maximum size 18x6cm.

### 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 north of Neuchâtel.

### Traffic

Traffic is reduced in most parts of the terrain, but there can be cars, bicycles and pedestrians passing through the terrain. Take care and follow the instructions of the officials.

During the race, a main road will be crossed. The crossing is marked in the terrain with barriers on both sides. Runners must pass between the cones at the beginning and the end of the crossings. The crossing is secured by the organiser.





Model of the crossing marked on the map and in the terrain.

It is not allowed to cross this road at other places or to cross other main roads. For better legibility these roads are marked with symbol 714 (Temporary construction or closed area). Running on the sidewalk along these streets is allowed.

### Artificial barriers

Artificial barriers will be used. They are marked on the map with the purple symbol 708 (outof-bounds boundary) and the out-of-bounds symbol behind to clarify the situation. In the terrain, there is a mobile fence combined with grids and ribbon to show these barriers. or







### **Special object**



Flowerpots are used for some control placements during the race (150cm of height). They are mapped with a black cross (symbol 531 prominent manmade feature) and in the control description the special item 6.1 (cross) is used.

### **Special staircase**



from south

In the terrain is a special staircase which is difficult to map correctly and to interpret.



from north

from east (one level up)

### Quarantine

Football Stadium Collège de la Promenade. 46°59'45.5"N 6°56'43.1"E Parking (free of charge using the park sign out of this bulletin) 900m from the quarantine at Jeunes Rives. 46°59'31.2"N 6°56'16.6"E. It is allowed to use the main road nr. 5 through Neuchàtel to reach the parking.

The quarantine is open from 10:30.



From quarantine and pre-starts, coaches are allowed to go to the arena/finish.

### Check-in

By signing-in at the quarantine **by 11:15 at the latest**. There you will receive your number bib and the warm-up map. GPS vests will also be given to designated athletes to wear a GPS (you may use your own vest as well).

### Clothes

Transport from the quarantine to the after-finish zone. Please leave your bags at the marked zone in the quarantine. No transport of warm-up clothes from pre-start to the after-finish zone.

Please limit your volume of your bags. Only put the competition bag on the transport. Big travelbags may be left in your cars or at quarantine to avoid heavy transports. The bag depot in the quarantine will be under surveillance and open to collect your bags from 15:10 until 16:30. No access before 15:10 as it is the quarantine!

To be sure to have your bag at the after-finish zone when arriving in the finish, you have to leave it at the zone marked with your start time at least 30 minutes before your start.

### Warm-up map

There is a warm-up map without controls. You are not allowed to leave the area marked on the warm-up map.

### Pre-Start

The location is visible on the warm-up map (not marked in the terrain). Distance from quarantine to pre-start: 700m, 0m climb

Detailed Start P	
Call up	→ Check SI card number
	$\rightarrow$ Check start number
-4 min	→ Clear SI card
	→ Check SI card
	ightarrow Tracking device is given to selected athletes
-3 min	→ proceed to -2min
	ightarrow pick up the control description
-2 min	$\rightarrow$ SIAC check to verify proper functioning of SIAC mode
-1 min	$\rightarrow$ punch Start-IDENT unit
	ightarrow proceed to starting line, disposal of the hygienic mask
START TIME	It's the competitor's responsibility to start at the correct time. The start beep and a visible start clock will show the countdown. Early start leads to dis- qualification. Runner takes the map.
STARTING	Distance 50m
POINT	

### Detailed start procedure

### Maps

Maps are in plastic bags (unsealed) with the class visible for the athletes. Runners are responsible to get the correct map.

There is a map flip during the race. The first part of the course facing down on the map table. The first part finishes with a compulsory route to the new start triangle. The second part is on the other side of the map where the course starts with the new start triangle. The start triangle is marked with a control flag in the terrain.

Control numbers are continuous.

### Arena passage

There will be an arena passage. The passage will be clearly marked on the map and on the ground.

Maximum running time 45 minutes.

### Finish

Place des Halles. 46° 59'25.7"N 6° 55'42.2"E

No indoor facilities are available in the after-finish zone. Teams are not allowed to set-up their own tents.

There are no parking possibilities close to the finish. Teams use the same parking as for the quarantine, 1000m from the finish/arena at Jeunes Rives. <u>46°59'31.2"N 6°56'16.6"E</u>

It is not allowed for teams to visit the finish area before their start and it is not allowed for coaches to go to the quarantine / start / pre-start area if you have been at the finish area.

### Cool-down zone

It is only allowed to run in the area indicated on the cool-down map available at the finish. For departure, teams are allowed to leave the arena and go back to the parking via the indicated route. However, it is strictly forbidden to go back to the quarantine before 15:10 (e.g. to pick up travel bags).

# **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 World Cup 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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