



The World Games 2022 Qualification Rules

for the Orienteering competitions

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Participation and qualification procedure

The International World Games Association (IWGA) has agreed to include three orienteering competitions in the programme of The World Games 2022 in Birmingham, USA. There will be two individual competitions for men and women, a Sprint and a Middle Distance competition, as well as a Sprint Relay competition (teams of four: two women and two men).

1. The IWGA has allocated spaces for a total of 40 male and 40 female runners to the IOF.
2. The USA, as the hosting Federation shall have the right to enter 2 + 2 runners.
3. The 11 best nations, USA excluded, in the rankings made up from the following 3 results, shall have the right to enter up to 2 + 2 runners:
 - World Orienteering Championships 2021, Sprint competition (3rd July 2021)
 - World Orienteering Championships 2021, Sprint Relay competition (4th July 2021)
 - World Orienteering Championships 2021, Middle Distance competition (6th July 2021)

The ranking shall be based on the sum of points from the two individual competitions and the one team competition. For each Federation, their best two scores per competition and class – 2 for the Men's Sprint, 2 for the Women's Sprint, 2 for the Men's Middle Distance, 2 for the Women's Middle Distance and the Federation's Sprint Relay result – contribute to their ranking. For the individual results, 1st place is awarded 100 points, 2nd is awarded 80 points, 3rd is awarded 60 points, 4th is awarded 50 points, 5th is awarded 45 points, 6th is awarded 40 points, 7th is awarded 37 points, 8th is awarded 35 points, 9th is awarded 33 points, 10th is awarded 31 points, 11th place 30 points and subsequent places are reduced by one. For the team competition, 1st place is awarded 200 points, 2nd is awarded 160 points, 3rd is awarded 120 points, 4th is awarded 100 points, 5th is awarded 90 points, 6th is awarded 80 points, 7th is awarded 74 points, 8th is awarded 70 points, 9th is awarded 66 points, 10th is awarded 62 points, 11th place 60 points and subsequent places reduced by two.

4. From the **European region** (defined by the International Olympic Committee as belonging to the European continent), the World Orienteering Championships 2021 Relay competition (8th July 2021) results are used to select one extra Federation, which is not qualified through criteria 3. In the reduced result list, counting only those European Federations, that are not qualified through criteria 3, the 1st place Federation of each relay would get 10 points, through to 1 point for 10th. The Federation with the highest combined score from the men's and women's relay competitions shall have the right to enter up to 2 + 2 runners. If two Federations are tied, the higher-placed Federation in the women's relay shall qualify.

5. From the **North American region** (defined by the International Olympic Committee as belonging to the North American continent), Canada shall have the right to enter up to 2 + 2 runners.

6. From the **Oceania region** (defined by the International Olympic Committee as belonging to the Oceania continent), the results of the Oceania Orienteering Championships 2022 (OOC 2022) event (9th – 17th January 2022), and a Sprint Relay competition in January 2022, as designated by agreement of the Oceania Orienteering Federations are used to select one extra Federation, which is not qualified through criteria 3:

- for the OOC 2022 Middle Distance and Sprint competitions, men's and women's classes: for each of the 4 competitions, 1 point is awarded to the Federation with the lowest sum of the best two individual times (so there are 4 points available, 2 for men and 2 for women);
- in the Sprint Relay competition, 2 points are awarded to the winning team's Federation;
- the Federation with the most points shall have the right to enter up to 2 + 2 runners for The World Games 2022;
- in the event of a tie, the right to enter up to 2+2 runners is awarded to the best Federation in the Sprint Relay competition.

7. From the **Asian** and **South American regions** (defined by the International Olympic Committee as belonging to the Asian and South American continent respectively), the IOF Federation League Table (<http://ranking.orienteering.org/flt/>) as of 1st January 2022 is used to select one extra Federation from each of these regions, which is not qualified through criteria 3. A Federation's total point scores for both women and men are added together and the Federation with the highest total points shall have the right to enter up to 2 + 2 runners. If two Federations are tied, the higher-placed Federation in the women's IOF Federation League Table shall qualify.

8. If the Oceania Orienteering Championships 2022 needs to be cancelled or postponed to a date ending after 31st January 2022, section 7 of these Qualification Rules also apply to the **Oceania region**.

9. The 2021 World Champions in Sprint, Middle Distance and Long Distance shall have a personal place in addition to their Federation's allocation.

10. The IOF is authorised to allocate the remaining places up to the total of 40 + 40 runners. The IOF aims to allocate a place for a minimum of 1 man or woman from the IOF region not having qualified a runner for the World Games by means of points 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 of these qualification rules (**Africa**) and may allocate any remaining places at its discretion by 31st January 2022.

11. As a principle, the list for the remaining places stated in the above section 10 and 5+5 reserves will be based upon the results from the World Orienteering Championships 2021 and the World Cup 2021, Round 1 (Switzerland, 13th-16th May) individual competitions.



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