



# Bulletin 1

POPOVO CUP

SHTRAKLEVO CUP

MTBO

*World Ranking Events x2*

17 – 19 September 2021

Same organizers as  
World Cup and WMMTBOC 2022



## Organizers

Variant 5 Orienteering – Targovishte  
Popovo Municipality  
Shtraklevo Municipality

Event Director: Dimitar Petkov  
Technical Director: Dian Bonev  
Sport Ident: Milen Marinov  
Medical Support: Hristo Hristov

Contact: [teamcontact@variant5.org](mailto:teamcontact@variant5.org)

IOF Event Adviser: Nermin Fenmen



## Date and venues

17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 (Friday to Sunday)  
Competition center – in Popovo city. Also at the arenas during competition days.



## Preliminary Program

### 15. September (Wednesday) – Training possibilities

09:00–18:00 – Training – MTBO Middle

### 16. September (Thursday) – Training possibilities

09:00–18:00 – Training – MTBO Sprint

### 17. September (Friday) Popovo Cup – Day 1 – Middle distance

15:00 – First Start – Middle distance  
18:00–20:30 – IOF MTBO Event Advisers Clinic & Workshop – part 1

### 18. September (Saturday) Popovo Cup – Day 2 – WRE Long distance

10:00 – First Start – WRE Long distance  
15:00–20:30 – IOF MTBO Event Advisers Clinic & Workshop – part 2

### 19. September (Sunday) Shtraklevo Cup – WRE Sprint

10:00 – First Start – WRE Sprint  
13:00 – Prize giving and closing ceremony  
14:00–19:00 – IOF MTBO Event Advisers Clinic & Workshop – part 3



## Classes

Men / Women: 14, 16, 18, 20, 21 Elite, 40, 50, 60  
Open Short and Open Long



## Entries

For competitors from abroad: Online through the entry system of orienteeringonline.net  
at: <https://bit.ly/mtbo2021-entries>.

For Bulgarian competitors: through the Bulgarian orienteering federation entry system  
– [www.bgof.org](http://www.bgof.org)

Entry deadline: **9<sup>th</sup> of September 2021**



## Entry fees

All expenses are on the participating clubs and competitors.

### **Entry fees**

Men and Women 14, 16, 18, 20, 40, 50, 60 – 5 EURO per race.  
Men and Women 21 Elite – 10 EURO per race.

SportIdent air+ will be used in the events and it is compulsory for all athletes to use touch-free SI-cards. If one doesn't have there will be a possibility to rent from the organizers for the price of 1 EURO per race.

Payment by bank transfer (invoice possibilities):

**IBAN: BG57TEXI95451006287800**

**BIC: TEXIBGSF**

**Sdruzhenie "Variant 5" Sporten klub po orientirane Targovishte  
Texim Bank AD, Targovishte, Bulgaria**



## [Maps and courses](#)

Maps will be according to IOF ISMTBOM 2010.  
Course details will be given in Bulletin 2.

**Embargoed areas:** terrains around Zaraevo and Kozitsa villages for Popovo Cup and Shtraklevo city for Shtraklevo Cup. See the details at: <https://bit.ly/3gMIO11>



## [Classification and prizes](#)

Classification is individual for every race. Top 3 in each race and each class will be honored.



## [Bike maintenance](#)

There will be bike wash possibilities at the arena. Simple bike maintenance and shops will also be available.



## [Trainings](#)

There are two possibilities for trainings, with flags but no timing. Terrains are new (not mapped before) – Middle (15.09.) with 50% forest/50% urban and Sprint (16.09.). If you need more training maps please contact us by email. Price is 3 EURO per map.



## [IOF MTBO Event Advisers' Clinic & Workshop](#)

There will be an IOF MTBO Event Advisers' Clinic & Workshop educational session on technical aspects of MTBO including especially mapping and course planning. The language of the workshop will be English but Bulgarian translation would be provided as well. *See more details in the separate Invitation below!*



## [Accommodation](#)

**TENT CAMPING:** You can find many accommodation places but we will offer a place for tents in the finish area at Zaraevo village where we will provide water and toilets. Please anyone who wishes to use the camping to write an email to us at [teamcontact@variant5.org](mailto:teamcontact@variant5.org).

There are also a number of hotels and flats for rental in the Popovo area.



WELCOME!

Variant 5 Orienteering:

 [/variant5.org](https://www.facebook.com/variant5.org)

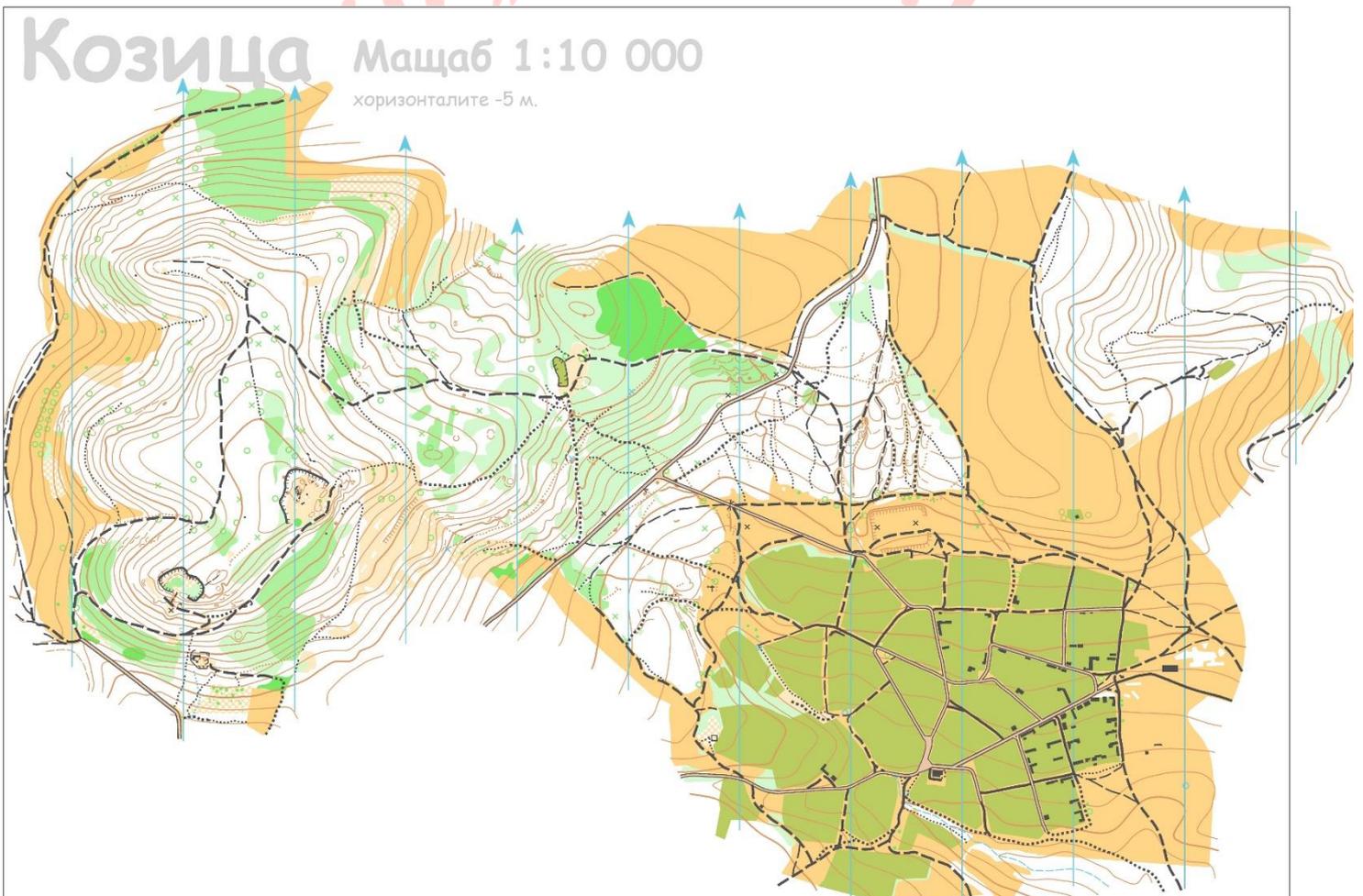
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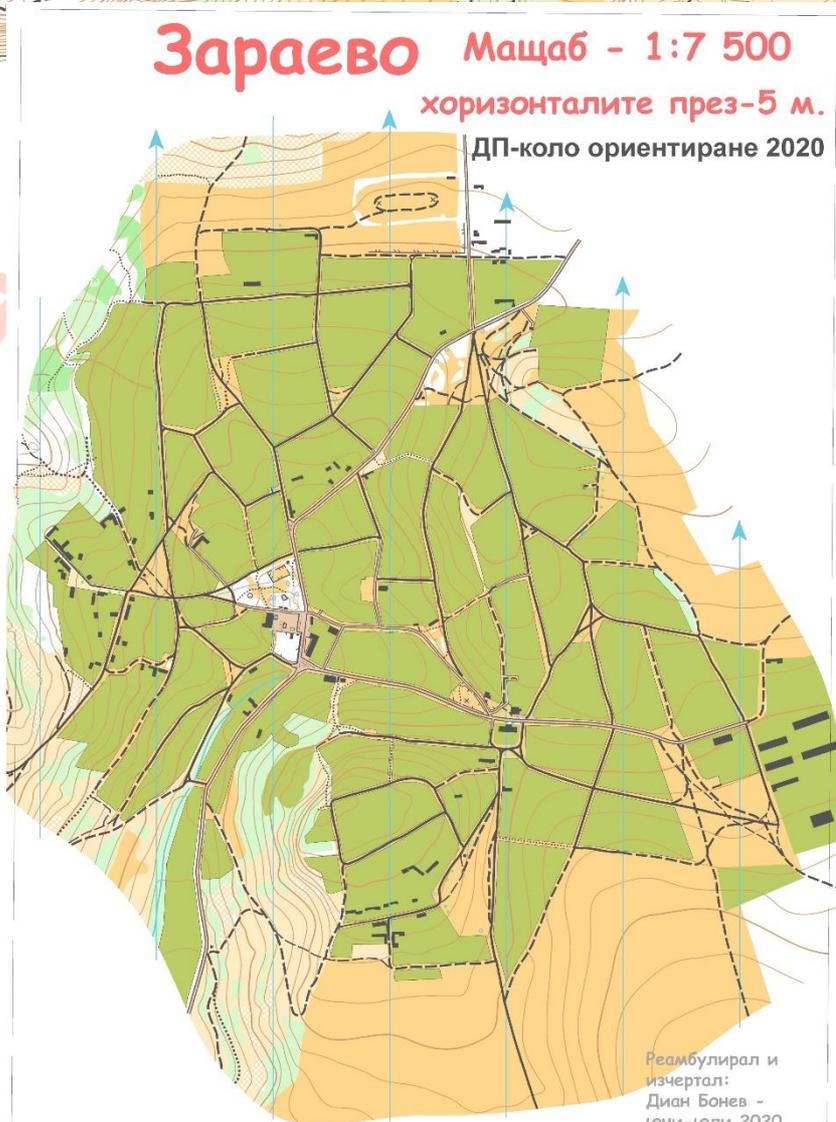
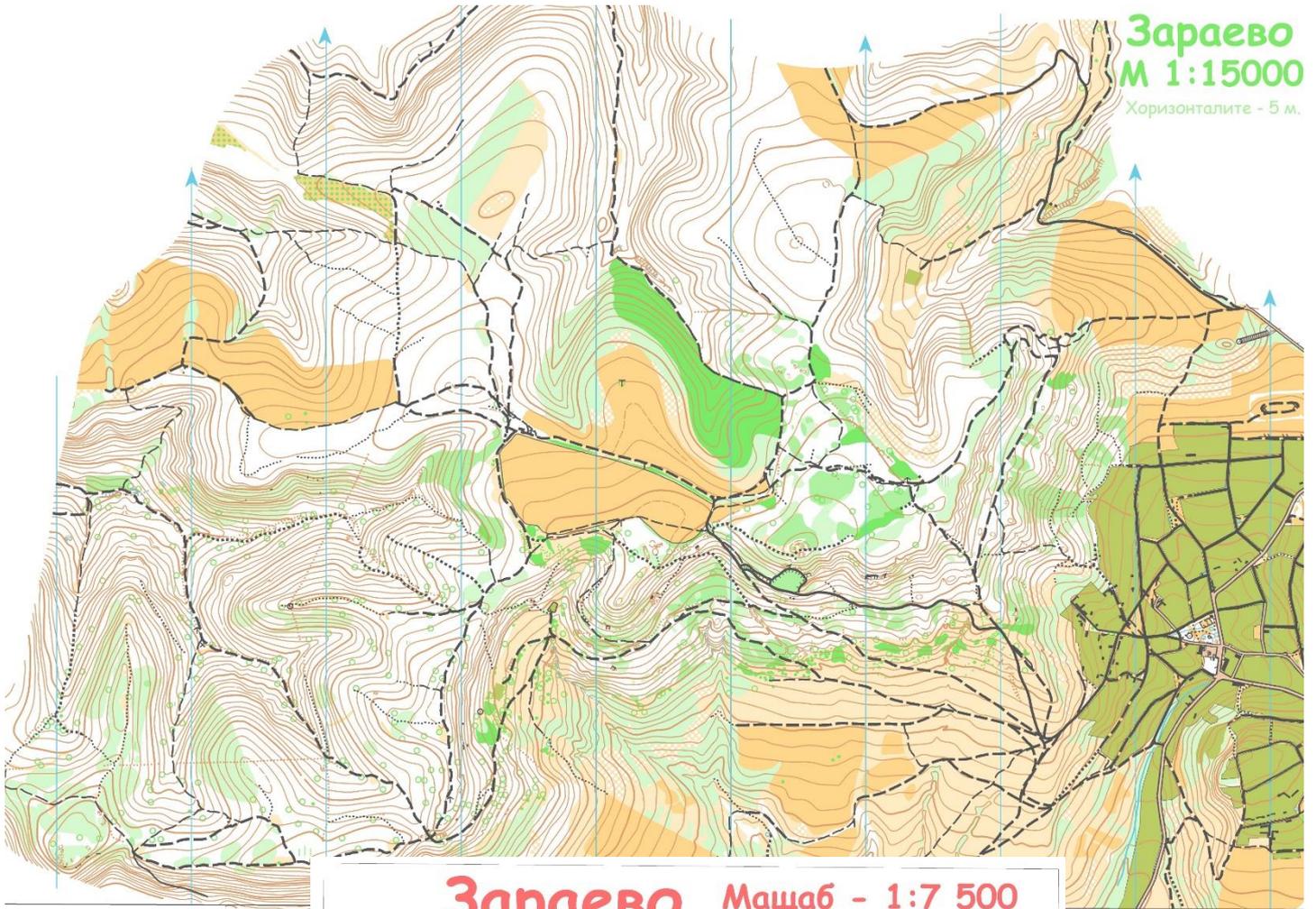
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## OLD MAPS

Old maps from the terrains can be found also in Eventor or at our website.





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INTERNATIONAL ORIENTEERING FEDERATION  
MTBO Commission  
BULGARIAN ORIENTEERING FEDERATION

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***Invitation to  
IOF MTB Orienteering Event Advisers' Clinic and Organisers' Workshop  
Popovo, Bulgaria  
17 – 19 September 2021***

This Event Advisers' Clinic and Organisers' Workshop is organised for the education of mappers, coaches and organisers and athletes in the field of MTBO. It will concentrate on the requirements of a high quality MTBO event, and will include practical sessions on mapping and course planning. The workshop will also serve as an Event Adviser Clinic for those participants who fulfil the requirements and would like to apply to become an IOF licensed MTB Orienteering Event Adviser.

**The workshop is open to all potential organisers, mappers, course planners even if they do not aim at becoming an Event Adviser.**

**\*\*\*\*\* Outline of the Workshop / Clinic \*\*\*\*\***

- Organiser:** Bulgarian Orienteering Federation and IOF MTBO Commission
- Date and time:** Friday, 17 September, 18:00-20:30  
Saturday, 18 September, 15:00 – 20:30  
Sunday, 19 September, 14:00 – 19:00
- Clinic site:** Popovo, Bulgaria (17th-18th of September)  
Shtraklevo, Bulgaria (19th of September)
- Course objectives and requirements:** The main objective of this workshop is to prepare participants to be licensed IOF MTBO Event Advisers, and to familiarise organisers with the requirements of high-level international MTBO competitions.

The requirements for Event Adviser licensing are:

1. Be an active MTB orienteer.
2. Have competed in countries other than your own.
3. Have controlled or played a major part in the organisation of national or international standard MTBO events in the last 3 years.
4. Be competent in the English language.
5. Have attended, and have been an active participant in an IOF MTBO Event Advisers' Clinic.
6. Be familiar with the IOF Rules and other relevant publications.
7. Be recognised as an expert in MTBO and endorsed as suitable by your federation.

- Course content:**
- Understanding of the task of an IOF Event Adviser and organising a high-level MTB orienteering event
  - Understanding of the nature and each format of MTB orienteering (long, mass start, middle, sprint, relay)
  - Understanding of the IOF rules and requirements for international competitions
  - Safety issues in MTBO events

Details are given in the preliminary programme below.

- Material:**
- The following IOF publications will be used at the clinic:
- Competition Rules for IOF MTB Orienteering Events
  - International Specification for MTB Orienteering Maps (ISMTBOM)
  - MTB Orienteering Event Advisers' Handbook
  - Guidelines for IOF MTBO World Ranking Events

The above material is available at the IOF website <https://orienteering.sport/mtbo/internal> and clinic participants are expected to be familiar with it.

- Course leader:** Nermin Fenmen, IOF MTBO Senior Event Adviser  
[nerminfenmen@gmail.com](mailto:nerminfenmen@gmail.com)

- Language:** English (Bulgarian translation will be provided)

- Participation fee:** 10 € per person, payable in cash on arrival at the workshop.  
If required, a receipt will be issued.

- Deadline for entries:** 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2021

- Entry:**
1. Go to 'MTBO Popovo & Shtraklevo Cup' (17.09.2021) at <http://orienteeringonline.net/> and register for the MTBO Workshop by ticking this option. [Link](#). Or by email at [teamcontact@variant5.org](mailto:teamcontact@variant5.org)
  2. If you fulfil the requirements as Event Adviser, check with your federation if they will endorse your participation. If yes, you will be given an "endorsement form" during the workshop. Complete this form and e-mail it to your federation.
  3. Your federation will endorse you and send this form to the course leader and the IOF Office.

- Please note:** The workshop is run in conjunction with the Popovo and Shtraklevo MTBO Cup during 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> of September.

Participants of the workshop are encouraged to take part in these national cups. A discussion of the learnings of the event will be integral part of the workshop.

# Preliminary Programme

Friday, 17 September 2021, 18:00 – 20:30

## Section 1: Organisation of a high-level MTBO event and procedures involved

- Structure of the IOF, commissions, resources on the IOF website
- How can the IOF help you? Development projects
- What is a High-Level Event? Application, appointments, division of labour
- Key personnel of the organisation
- The Event Advisor – duties and responsibilities, visits
- Bulletins and the event web page, parallel events

**Groupwork:** Preparation of a timeline & division of labour for a WRE

Saturday, 18 September 2021, 15:00 – 20:30

## Section 2: MTBO Maps

- ISMTBOM
- Road/track classification
- Other basic MTBO specifics

**Fieldwork mapping** (on foot, no bike required): How should each path be mapped for an MTBO event (e.g. rideability versus visibility)?, distinctive/indistinctive junctions etc.

## Section 3: Courses for MTBO

- The five competition types (formats), winning times, typical course lengths, selection of suitable terrain
- General concept and course sections: Quarantine(s), start, finish, arena, legs...
- Arena layout – what to think of?
- MTBO course planning specifics
- Splitting systems (phi loops, butterflies etc.): Types, advantages and disadvantages
- Safety, emergency situations and access

**Groupwork:** Set an MTBO course

Sunday, 19 September 2021, 14:00 – 19:00

## Section 4: MTBO questions and where to find their answers

## Section 5: Complaints, protests, the Jury system

- What is a complaint? What is a protest? Duties and responsibilities
- Jury members? How to guarantee no bias?
- Role of the Event Advisor
- Which documents must be available?
- How to document the complaint, protest, organiser's decision and the Jury decision

**Groupwork:** Discussion of some jury cases. How would you as jury members decide?

**Section 6:** How to become a licensed IOF MTBO Event Adviser & closure