



INTERNATIONAL ORIENTEERING FEDERATION
MTBO Commission
BULGARIAN ORIENTEERING FEDERATION

***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.

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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: 9th 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
 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 17th – 19th 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

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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

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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