

# **BULLETIN 2 - Invitation**

World Ski Orienteering Championships
Junior World Ski Orienteering Championships
European Youth Ski Orienteering Championships

January 21<sup>st</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> 2024

# 1 Event Organization

Austrian Orienteering Federation (ÖFOL) Ski-O Austria Municipality of Ramsau am Dachstein **Event Director:** Josef Zapletal

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National Controller: Adrian Wickert

# 2 Vision & Event Concept

We aim to organize a highly visible top-level ski-orienteering event in an Alpine location in the center of Europe, offering challenging and compelling competitions to the athletes and showcasing and promoting our exciting sport to spectators on site and via media channels.

The centrally located arena and the municipality of Ramsau provide the perfect infrastructure for a tangible and accessible event with short distances and great atmosphere.

#### 3 Venue

#### Ramsau am Dachstein, Styria, Austria

Event center: Event Center Ramsau, Ramsau 350, 8972 Ramsau am Dachstein

GPS coordinates: 47.420165, 13.652803

**Event arena:** XC Skiing Arena Ramsau

GPS coordinates: 47.4191081, 13.6534363



Ramsau am Dachstein is a municipality in the district of Liezen in the state of Styria, Austria. It is also the name of the elevated plateau between the Dachstein range to the north and the Enns valley in the south on which the municipality is located.

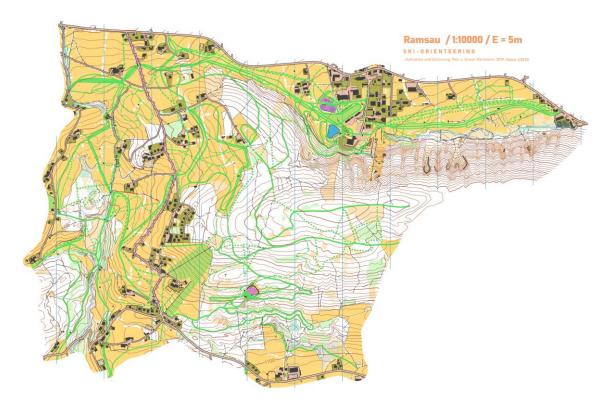
Ramsau am Dachstein is one of Austria's best known cross-country skiing areas and offers excellent terrain, sports infrastructure and lodging.

# 4 Competition Area

The competition terrain ranges from open or semi-open to wooded areas and from flat to steep. An extensive cross-country skiing track system forms the backbone of the planned extended trail network.

The event arena is located in the center of town and contains all the necessary infrastructure for large cross-country skiing events.

#### **Previous map**



A color copy of the map is available for download on IOF Eventor.

### Climate & Altitude

The average temperature in Ramsau am Dachstein in January is -7°C. Average monthly precipitation is 110mm.

The competitions will be held on an altitude between 1.000m and 1.300m.

#### 6 Classes

WSOC: Women, Men; Mixed Relay

**JWSOC:** W20, M20 **EYSOC:** W17, M17

### 7 Participation

#### 7.1 General

- ➤ All competitors represent a National Federation.
- ➤ A competitor may represent only one National Federation during any one 12-month period running from November to October.
- ➤ All competitors must be citizens of the country of the National Federation they are representing. They must be able to provide either a passport or other valid documentation proving their citizenship.
- ➤ Each participating National Federation must appoint a team manager / team managers to act as contact person(s) between the team and the organizer. It is the team manager's duty to see that the team receives all necessary information.
- ➤ Competitors participate at their own risk. Insurance against accidents is the responsibility of their Federation or themselves.

#### **7.2 WSOC**

- ➤ Each National Federation may enter a team with an unlimited number of competitors and an unlimited number of team officials.
- In each individual competition, every Federation may enter up to 6 women and 6 men. In addition, each Federation may enter up to a further 2 women and 2 men who qualify for the Women U23 and Men U23 classes respectively.
- In the Sprint Relay, each Federation may enter two teams consisting of 2 team members of whom at least one must be a woman. Teams with competitors from more than one Federation are not allowed and incomplete teams must not start. Under no circumstances may persons other than entered competitors participate in the competition.
- Athletes entered to the JWSOC or the EYSOC may complement Sprint Relay teams.
- ➤ All competitors must have a valid IOF Athlete Licence. Please ensure that the Athlete Licence fees are paid before the competitions.

#### 7.3 JWSOC

- ➤ Each Federation may enter a team of up to 14 competitors up to 7 women and up to 7 men and an unlimited number of team officials.
- In each individual competition, each Federation may enter up to 6 women and 6 men.
- In the relay, each Federation may enter up to 2 women's and 2 men's teams, each consisting of 3 team members. If a Federation is represented by two teams in a relay class, only the team with the better result is considered in determining the placings.
- ➤ If a Federation is unable to make up full relay teams, it may form incomplete teams or teams with competitors from other federations. Under no circumstances may persons other than competitors entered for the event participate in the competition, with the exception of athletes entered to the EYSOC, who may complement JWSOC relay teams.

#### 7.4 EYSOC

- Competitors representing member Federations of the IOF and defined by the International Olympic Committee as belonging to the European continent can compete in EYSOC.
- Competitors representing other member Federations of the IOF can participate in EYSOC but will not be eligible for European titles, medals or diplomas.
- ➤ Each Federation may enter a team of up to 14 competitors up to 7 women and up to 7 men and an unlimited number of team officials.
- In each individual competition, each Federation may enter up to 6 women and 6 men.
- The organizing Federation may have two additional competitors as official EYSOC competitors in the individual competitions.
- In the relay, each Federation may enter up to 2 women's and 2 men's teams, each consisting of 3 team members. If a Federation is represented by two teams in a relay class, only the team with the better result is considered in determining the placings.
- ➤ If a Federation is unable to make up full relay teams, it may form incomplete teams or teams with competitors from other federations. Under no circumstances may persons other than competitors entered for the competition participate in the competition.

### 8 Entries & Entry Deadlines

All entries are to be done via IOF Eventor.

Team size deadline: December 15<sup>th</sup> 2023

Team names deadline: January 15<sup>th</sup> 2024

# 9 Entry Fees

#### 9.1 WSOC

	Regular Entry until Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup> 2023	Late Entry until Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Very Late Entry until Jan. 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2024
Accreditation fee (competitor)	€ 75,-	+20% (withdrawal 80% refund)	+50% (withdrawal 50% refund)
Accreditation fee (team official)	€ 100,-	+20% (withdrawal -80%)	+50% (withdrawal 50% refund)
Entry fee per competition	€ 75,- (Relay: 150,-/team)	+20% (withdrawal 80% refund)	+50% (withdrawal 50% refund)
Name change			€ 10,-

The accreditation and entry fees include access to the race venues, the model event, any mandatory transport, SIAC rental, team official meetings and competition maps.

### 9.2 JWSOC & EYSOC

	Regular Entry until Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup> 2023	Late Entry until Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Very Late Entry until Jan. 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2024
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Accreditation fee (team official)	€ 100,-	+20% (withdrawal -80%)	+50% (withdrawal 50% refund)
Entry fee per competition	€ 55,- (Relay: € 165,-/team)	+20% (withdrawal 80% refund)	+50% (withdrawal 50% refund)
Name change			€ 10,-

The accreditation and entry fees include access to the race venues, the model event, any mandatory transport, SIAC rental, team official meetings and competition maps.

# 10 Payment

Payment deadline for the accreditation and entry fees is **January 5<sup>th</sup> 2024**. Payments shall be done to the following bank account:

**IBAN:** AT052011184731387500 **BIC (SWIFT):** GIBAATWWXXX

Bank: Erste Bank

Account owner: Ski-O Austria

c/o Josef Zapletal, Broch-Bauer-Promenade 13/2/11, 1100 Vienna, Austria

Entries are not valid until full payment is received.

# 11 Event Program

	WSOC	JWSOC	EYSOC
Sunday January 21 <sup>st</sup> 2024	Event office open  Accreditation	Event office open  Accreditation	Event office open  Accreditation
Monday	Model Event Opening ceremony	Model Event	Model Event
January 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2024		Opening ceremony	Opening ceremony
Tuesday	Sprint	Sprint	Sprint
January 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2024	(Interval start)	(Interval start)	(Interval start)
Wednesday January 24 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Pursuit	Long	Long
	(Chasing start)	(Mass start)	(Mass start)
Thursday January 25 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Rest day	Rest day	Rest day
Friday	Middle	Middle	Middle
January 26 <sup>th</sup> 2024	(Interval start)	(Interval start)	(Interval start)
Saturday	Sprint Relay	Relay	Relay
January 27 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Closing ceremony	Closing ceremony	Closing ceremony

# 12 Punching System

SPORTident touch free punching will be used.

All competitors will be provided with two (2) SPORTident ActiveCards (SIAC) by the organizer for the duration of the event (primary and secondary card). Only these may be used in the competitions.

# 13 Map Scales & Contour Intervals

### 13.1 WSOC

Sprint	Pursuit	Middle	Sprint Relay
1:5.000 / 5m	1:10.000 / 5m	1:10.000 / 5m	1:5.000 / 5m

Format of all maps will be A4 (210×297mm).

### 13.2 JWSOC & EYSOC

Sprint	Long	Middle	Relay
1:5.000 / 5m	1:10.000 / 5m	1:10.000 / 5m	1:10.000 / 5m

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# **14 Winning Times**

The winning times are planned according to the IOF ski orienteering rules (Men & Women).

#### 14.1 WSOC

Sprir	nt Pur	rsuit Midd	le Sprint Relay
12′-15	50'	′-60′ 40′-45	6'-8' per leg

### **14.2 JWSOC**

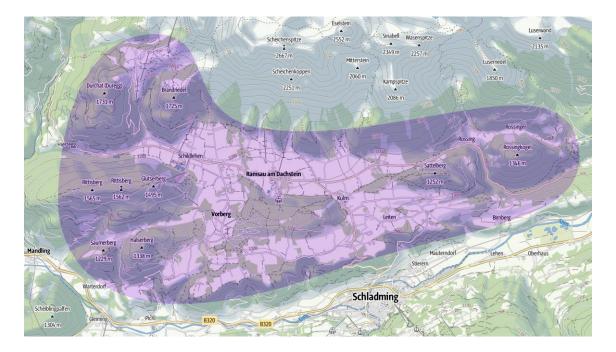
Sprint	Long	Middle	Relay
12'-15'	65′-75′	25'-35'	30'-35' per leg

### **14.3 EYSOC**

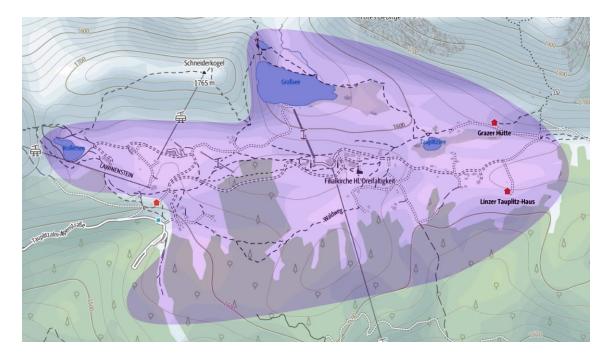
Sprint	Long	Middle	Relay
8'-12'	40'-45'	20'-25'	20'-25' per leg

# 15 Embargoed Areas

The totality of the Ramsau plateau is to be considered as embargoed for orienteering activities. The use of the permanent cross-country skiing tracks without a map is permitted until further notice.



Likewise, the totality of the reserve area "Tauplitzalm" is to be considered as embargoed for orienteering activities. The use of the permanent cross-country skiing tracks without a map is permitted until further notice.



#### 16 Accommodation

Ramsau am Dachstein offers a wide range and large number of accommodation possibilities in the immediate and nearby vicinity of the event center, from simple pensions and apartments to luxury hotels.

Accommodation can be booked via the **regional tourist association**:

Website: <a href="https://www.schladming-dachstein.at/en/accommodations/">https://www.schladming-dachstein.at/en/accommodations/</a>

**Office:** +43 3687 233 10

Early booking is recommended. Although there is plenty of accommodation in Ramsau, on the plateau and in the Schladming-Dachstein area, winter is a busy time in the region.

Accommodation & embargo: There are no restrictions in regard to accommodation and the embargoed areas. Team leaders are asked to provide information about the booked accommodation though as soon as available to the event office (office@skio.at), so that special provisions can be taken for certain competitions if deemed necessary.

### 17 Entering Austria / Visa Requirements

Austria belongs to the Schengen Area within the European Union.

Citizens of EU member states, the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland do not need a visa for entering Austria.

Nationals of other countries might require a visa in order to enter the Schengen Area or the Austrian territory.

Information on entering Austria with a visa can be found on the website of the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International affairs under <a href="https://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/travel-stay/entrance-and-residence-in-austria/visa/">https://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/travel-stay/entrance-and-residence-in-austria/visa/</a>.

If further assistance or an invitation is needed, please contact the event office via office@ski-o.at.

#### 18 Travel to Ramsau am Dachstein

Ramsau am Dachstein can be reached by car or public transport.

The nearest train station to Ramsau is Schladming, from where busses run regularly, servicing the Ramsau plateau. In wintertime, ski busses connect the towns on the Ramsau plateau free of charge.

Austrian Railways (ÖBB, including busses): <a href="https://www.oebb.at/en/">https://www.oebb.at/en/</a>

The nearest international airports are Vienna, Munich, Salzburg and Graz.

#### 19 Ban of Fluorinated Waxes

The use of fluorinated waxes is forbidden.

For background and FAQs in this regard, please see the information provided by the IOF: <a href="https://orienteering.sport/skio/faq-ban-of-fluorinated-waxes-in-skio/">https://orienteering.sport/skio/faq-ban-of-fluorinated-waxes-in-skio/</a>

Details on the implementation during the competitions in Ramsau am Dachstein will be given in a later bulletin.

# 20 Anti-Doping

Doping is strictly forbidden, and the Event Organization is dedicated to supporting the Anti-Doping Authorities in their work.

Doping controls may be carried out any time during the event 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 apply.

# 21 Registration of Media and Federation Representatives

Please direct media enquiries and other questions or requests to the Media Office or the Event Office via the contacts given below.

# 22 Opportunity for Training / Preparation

The FISU World University Ski Orienteering Championships 2024 will be held from January 12<sup>th</sup> to January 16<sup>th</sup> 2024 in Lenzerheide in southeastern Switzerland. The terrain and track make-up will be similar to those in Ramsau. For athletes not taking part in the World University Championships the following competitions are offered:

	Competition	Classes
Friday, Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Open Race - Sprint	Women & Men Elite; Open
Saturday, Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup> 2024	National Competition - Middle	All Swiss classes
Sunday, Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup> 2024	National Competition - Middle	All Swiss classes
Monday, Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Open Race - Middle	Women & Men Elite; Open
Tuesday, Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Open Relay	Elite; Open

Information and registration via the website <u>www.wusoc.ch</u>. Accommodation and meals to be taken care of individually. Information on hotel options will be made available on the website.

### 23 Information and Contact

**IOF Eventor** 

eventor.orienteering.org/Events

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