



INTERNATIONAL ORIENTEERING FEDERATION

# **ORIENTEERING WORLD CUP**

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## WELCOME TO THE WORLD CUP 2024

Dear athletes, Coaches and fans of orienteering,

The World Cup consortium, consisting of the IOF and Verein Swiss Cup are proud to present the World Cup program for 2024. The program is another step towards further strengthening the quality of major orienteering events and is designed to meet the growing interest from teams and from media.

The program will provide a good balance between forest and urban terrains to award the orienteers who best can perform across all formats and the variations of challenges that implies. The two first weekends of Orienteering World Cup 2024 will focus on sprint disciplines where Olten, Switzerland and Genoa, Italy is host cities. This will allow athletes and teams to fully focus on forest disciplines during the spring and early summer.

One month after WOC, the Orienteering World Cup continues with thrilling forest competitions in Mór, Hungary, as a part of European Orienteering Championships 2024. The final round of Orienteering World Cup will be held in Kuopio, Finland. The same host city as WOC 2025.

Welcome to the Orienteering World Cup 2024!

*Henrik Eliasson*

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## THE PROGRAM

The World Cup 2024 will consist of the following competition days

Date	Format	Venue	Country
24 May	KO Qualification	Olten	Switzerland
25 May	Knock Out Sprint	Olten	Switzerland
26 May	Sprint	Olten	Switzerland
1 June	Sprint	Genoa	Italy
2 June	Sprint Relay	Genoa	Italy
16th August	Middle Qualification	Mór	Hungary
17th August	Middle	Mór	Hungary
18th August	Long	Mór	Hungary
20th August	Relay	Mór	Hungary
26th September	Long	Kuopio	Finland
28th September	Middle	Kuopio	Finland
29th September	Relay	Kuopio	Finland

## World Cup 2024 begins in Olten, Switzerland

The World Cup 2024 kicks off in Olten, Switzerland in the end of May. Olten is known as the railway central of Switzerland, as the railway tracks north-south and east-west are crossing in Olten. That means that the cosy city with about 16'000 inhabitants has perfect connections in all directions.

The town is situated in the Mittelland and is divided by the river Aare. Its well-maintained old town as well as industrial and new builded parts make Olten to a very interesting and challenging orienteering town.

Fast decisions may be the winning concept for the two sprint events: a Knock-out sprint on Saturday, and a Sprint on Sunday. Be ready for a great atmosphere and cheering spectators as always in Switzerland.

*“After the exciting World Cup Final in Davos Klosters 2022 and the upcoming World Orienteering Championships, both in alpine terrain, we are looking forward welcoming you again for a sprint weekend in the middle of Switzerland”, says Event Director Matthias Niggli.*



Picture: Region Olten Tourismus



## Continues the weekend after in Genoa, Italy

Without a breath, as soon as the first Round will be over, the competitors will go down from the Swiss Alps to the Ligurian Sea, where trainings will be offered, and in the weekend compete between the Riviera di Ponente and the City of Genova, combining the charm of small towns perched on hills a few hundred meters from the sea, with the largest Old Town in Europe that still preserves riches and aspects of the ancient Repubblica Marinara, “La Superba”, once the financial and mercantile capital of the Mediterranean Sea.

A week between history and breath-taking views with the alternation of villas, historic parks or narrow alleys will be the competition areas of the Individual Sprint on Saturday and the Sprint Relay on Sunday, where both technique and physical strength will be necessary to win.

“Come to Liguria to test terrains and the organization team of the WOC 2026!”



## **Move in to the forest during European Orienteering Championships in Mor, Hungary**

"The World Cup 2024 continues with a forest round in the Vértes Hills, Hungary in the end of August. This event will be the European Orienteering Championship 2024 as well.

According to a legend documented in medieval Hungarian chronicles, the Vértes mountains were named after a historical incident: during the unsuccessful campaign in the 11th century, the withdrawing German troops of Henry III (emperor of the Holy Roman Empire) scattered their armours to ease their escape through the mountains; hence the name Vértes which means armour in Hungarian.

It is no surprise they had to leave their armours behind as the terrains have steep mountains and valleys - most of them covered with great rock walls. Vegetation is a mix of open, semi open and forested areas. So be prepared for a challenging terrain with tricky controls in the Middle distance, demanding route choices in the Long distance and finally a faster terrain with great opportunity to use forked controls in the Relay.

"We encourage everyone to join the Hungarian fans and make a great atmosphere during the competition week. You may also follow the footsteps of the elite during the Hungaria Cup or drink a glass of wine in the surrounding area after a long they of cheering.

After WMOC 2021 and EYOC 2022 we are looking forward welcoming you during EOC 2024."





## **And is decided during the World Cup finals in Kuopio, Finland**

City of Kuopio, the Capital of Lakeland, is situated in the middle of Finland and offers a combination of enchanting nature and vibrant city life. Kuopio is a popular place to visit throughout the year.

The landscape in Kuopio region provides a great variety of terrains. The Final Round will kick off with a Sprint Relay and continue with technically demanding forest orienteering in physically tough terrains. A Middle and a Long Distance race. The World Cup in Kuopio 2024 is the perfect preparation for World Orienteering Championships 2025. Organisers want to offer all competitors a great opportunity to get familiar with both the different terrain types as well as with the mapping and course setters' style.

In addition to the above, the Open WOC2025 Camp will be organized during the competition week.

