

Bulletin 2



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Orienteering World Cup - Round #2

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Welcome to EOC25 Hasselt, Belgium



Welcome

27 years after Belgium organised the JWOC, we are pleased to welcome the European sprint orienteering championships in our country.

As a fast growing orienteering discipline, sprint orienteering became almost as popular as forest orienteering, in a dense populated country as Belgium.

Moreover the Flanders region, with lots of medieval city centres and picturesque settlements, offers great opportunities for urban orienteering.

The Belgian orienteering federation however is still a small community and due to our complex political structure, divided into 2 leagues, the organisation of such a high level event is not that obvious.

Therefore we were glad to make a gentle agreement with KONO, a private partner specialized in organising orienteering events and related business.

With the power of the enthusiastic KONO team and the dedication of dozens of volunteers, we really hope to offer all competitors a great and challenging competition in the Flanders region.

The EOC2025 cities Hasselt, Lier and Geel are looking forward to host this high level IOF- event. I am convinced they will offer you an exceptional city experience and the well-known Flemish hospitality.

Enjoy your stay and we are grateful for your sportive contribution as ambassadors for our beloved sport.

Chris Addiers
President Belgian Orienteering Federation
ABS0 BVOS



World Cup 2025

The World Cup 2025 consists of the following competitions.
EOC 2025 in Hasselt, Belgium is World Cup round #2 in 2025.

World Cup round #1

IDRE FJÄLL, SWEDEN

WC#1 Jun 19th Long

WC#2 Jun 21st Middle

WC#3 Jun 22nd Relay

World Cup round #2

HASSELT, BELGIUM

WC#4 Aug 27th Sprint Relay

WC#5 Aug 29th Knock-Out Sprint

WC#6 Aug 31st Sprint



World Cup round #3

USTER, SWITZERLAND

WC#7 Sep 26th Sprint

WC#8 Sep 27th Knock-Out Sprint

WC#9 Sep 28th Sprint Relay



1. Organisation and contact



1.1. Organising committee

EOC2025 has been assigned to the Belgian Orienteering Federation ABSO/BVOS by the International Orienteering Federation IOF.

The organisation of EOC2025 is in the hands of KONO, along with a dedicated team of volunteers from Orienteering Vlaanderen, the Flemish Orienteering Federation and FRSO, the Orienteering Federation of Wallonia.

The team organising EOC2025 has gained expertise from organising ASOM in Belgium since 2015.

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Course Setter - **Dirk Goossens**
Arena & Logistics - **Stefan Thiels**
Quarantine - **Bob de Clercq**
Start - **Jelle Bakelants**
Finish - **Bert van Rillaer**
Timing - **Gilles de Neyer**
Finances - **Julie Genar**
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Environment - **Adriaan Pelckmans**
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IOF Senior Event Advisor
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IOF Assistant Senior Event Advisor
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2. Event program

August 25 th	August 26 th	August 27 th	August 28 th	August 29 th	August 30 th	August 31 st
<p>Hasselt</p> <p>afternoon</p> <p>Event Office Open</p>	<p>Hasselt</p> <p>all day</p> <p>Event Office Open</p>	<p>Hasselt</p> <p>evening</p> <p>Sprint Relay</p>	<p>Geel</p> <p>afternoon</p> <p>KO Sprint Qualifications</p>	<p>Geel</p> <p>afternoon</p> <p>KO Sprint Finals</p>	<p>Rest Day</p>	<p>Lier</p> <p>morning</p> <p>Sprint Qualification</p>
	<p>Herentals</p> <p>afternoon</p> <p>Technical Model Event</p>				<p>Hasselt</p> <p>evening</p> <p>Team Officials Meeting</p>	<p>Lier</p> <p>afternoon</p> <p>Sprint Final</p>
	<p>Hasselt</p> <p>evening</p> <p>Team Officials Meeting</p>					

The exact times will be published as soon as they are agreed with all instances.

3. Venues, access and transport

EOC2025 will be organised in the provinces of Antwerp and Limburg in Belgium.

The nearby international airports are Brussels airport (75km), Charleroi airport (100km) and Eindhoven airport (65km, in the Netherlands).

Brussels airport has a direct rail connection by the Belgian national rail carrier NMBS/SNCB.

There will not be any transport to the competitions organised by the EOC2025 organisation as all sites are reachable by public transport and by car. The EOC races will be held in the cities of **Hasselt, Geel and Lier**.

The official accommodation is in the Radisson Blu Hotel in Hasselt, but teams are free to choose their own accommodation, as long as they are outside of the embargoed areas.



4. Event centre Hasselt



The Event Center of EOC2025 will be in Hasselt in the province of Limburg.

Recognized as the 'City of Taste,' Hasselt places significant emphasis on gastronomy and fashion. Visitors can expect to immerse themselves in the renowned hospitality of the Limburg region.

The Event Office will be conveniently located in the Radisson Blu Hotel in Hasselt. Within the same hotel complex, there is the 4* Hotel Radisson Blu and a 3* Hotel Park Inn by Radisson in the adjacent tower. The Radisson Blu Hotel will host the Team Officials meetings.

Teams have the option to book hotel rooms through a link provided by the EOC organisation. Teams are not obliged to book accommodation here. More information can be found in section 6. Accommodation and food.

Address of the Event Center

Radisson Blu Hotel Hasselt
Torenplein 8
3500 Hasselt



5. Entry

5.1. Entries and entry deadlines

Entries for athletes and team officials

Entries can only be done in IOF Eventor. The entry form will be available from 27 May 2025 on <https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/7552>

Timeline

- ▶ The deadline for Team Size Entry is 27 June 2025 (- 2 months)
- ▶ The deadline for Team Names Entry is 17 August 2025 (- 10 days)
- ▶ The deadline for Late Entries, Changes of Team Size or Team Names is 26 August 2025 at 12:00
- ▶ The event start date is 27 August 2025

Team size entry

The following information shall be entered in IOF Eventor:

- ▶ Team manager (Chosen from list in IOF Eventor, make sure the contact information is up to date)
- ▶ Number of Team athletes (Men and Women)
- ▶ Number of Team Officials
- ▶ Number of Teams for the Relay
- ▶ Number of Start-slots for the individual competitions

There is no maximum number of officials per team.

Team names entry

The following information shall be entered in IOF Eventor:

- ▶ Name of each Team member by selecting from federation members in IOF Eventor

Competition entries

Names of the competitors and their running order shall be entered in IOF Eventor, before 12h00 noon on the day before a relay competition.

Names of the competitors and, if required, their starting group, shall be entered in IOF Eventor, before 12h00 noon on the day before an individual competition.

Late entries, changes of team size or team names

Late entries and changes will be accepted, if possible, up to 26 August 2025 12h00. No late entries or changes will be accepted after that date. Late entries and changes will always have a defined extra cost (surcharge). Late entries and changes will always be treated equally and must be communicated directly to the organiser via info@eoc2025.be.

Entry deadlines

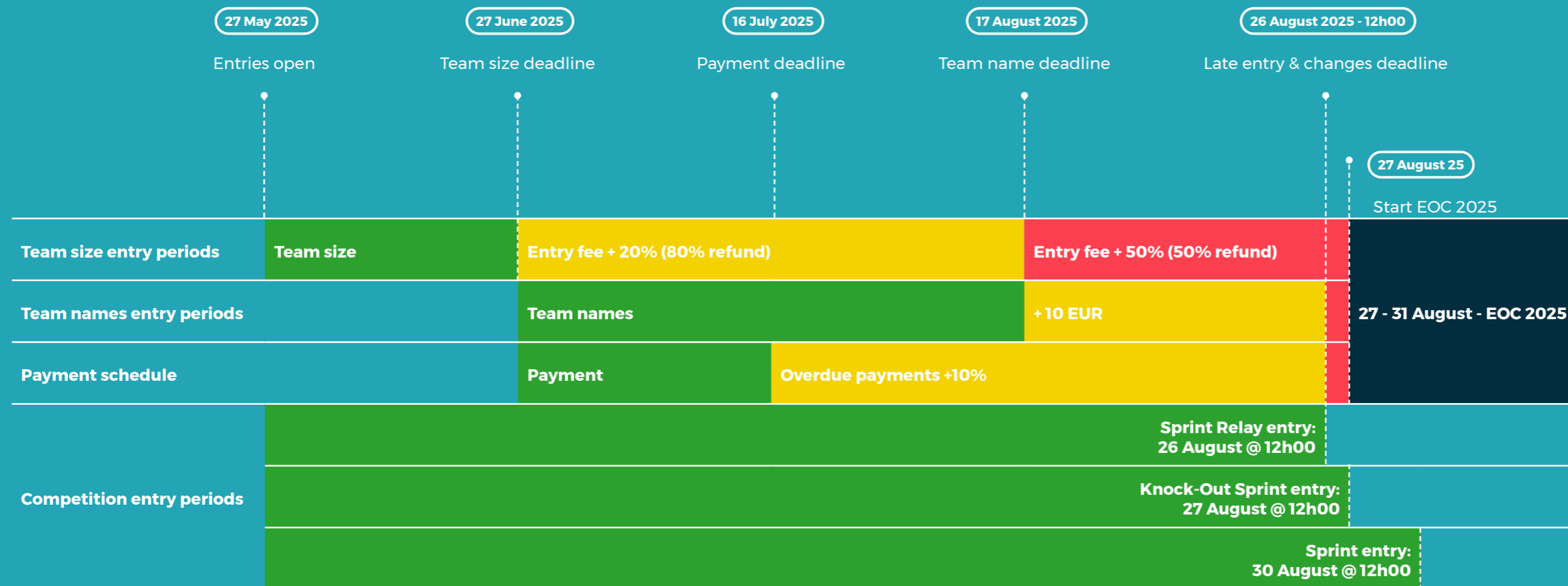
Late entries/changes extra cost

From -2 months to -10 days: 20% surcharge on new entries, and withdrawals receive an 80% refund.

From -10 days to event start date: 50% surcharge on new entries and withdrawals receive a 50% refund. Name changes in this period cost 10 EURO.

Payments

After the team size deadline (-2 months), the organiser will invoice the federation for entries and services. The invoices should be paid before 16 July 2025. If the Federation makes changes after that date it will be paid/refunded on the event at the Event Office.



5.2. Entry fees

Category	Detail	Fee
Athlete	Accreditation per athlete Entry fee per individual race	€ 125 € 130
Relay team	Entry fee per relay team	€ 250
Team official	Accreditation fee per team official	€ 125

Notes on entry fees:

- ▶ EOC accreditation fee covers model event and competition maps.
- ▶ EOC accredited team members can take part in an EOC TOUR day course for free upon showing their accreditation at the registration desk of EOC TOUR. Note that it is NOT possible to run the EOC TOUR on Sunday 31 August 2025.
- ▶ For teams where the function of the team official is performed by an athlete, there will be no charge for a team official.



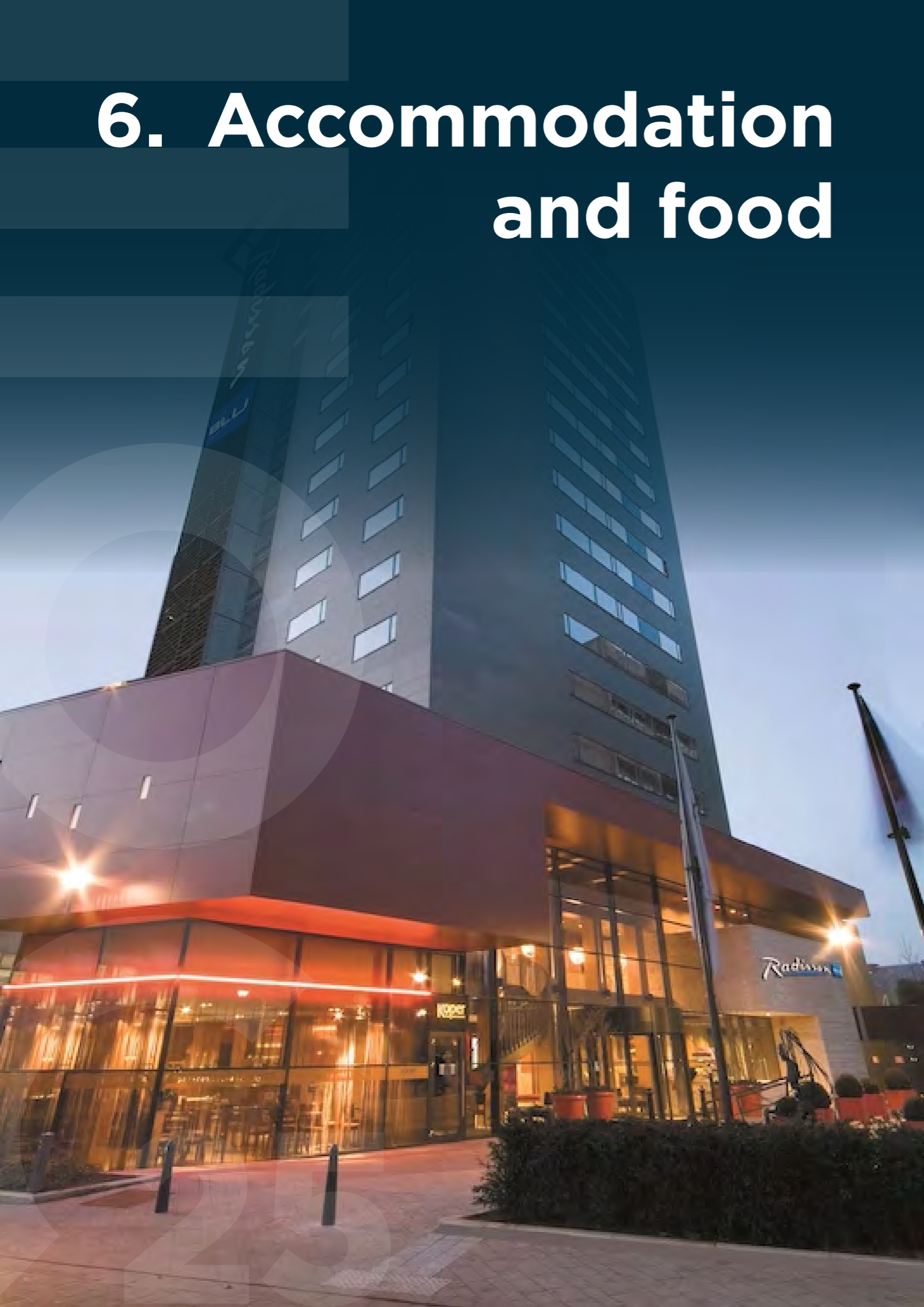
5.3. Payment

Payment must be transferred to the EOC2025 bank account and made in EURO. The payer shall cover all bank charges. All payments must be received by 16 July 2025.

- ▶ KONO BV - EOC2025
- ▶ BE87 7330 6722 7494
- ▶ Bank: KBC Bank NV
- ▶ Address: Havenlaan 2, 1000 Brussels, Belgium
- ▶ SWIFT: KREDBEBBXXX
- ▶ BIC: KREDBEBB



6. Accommodation and food



6.1. Accommodation

The official accommodation will be in the Radisson Blu Hotel and the adjacent Park Inn by Radisson Blu in Hasselt. It is the same location as the Event Center. There will be parking for all team busses nearby.

Teams are free to book their own accommodation. Please take care of the embargoed areas (Section 7.) before booking.

This accommodation for both hotels can be booked directly by the teams by mailing to meetings.hasselt@radissonblu.com :

- ▶ The rates for a **double room** (2 persons) are listed in the table on the right.
- ▶ The price is **inclusive** of **breakfast**, use of the **gym** and **Wi-Fi**.
- ▶ The price is **exclusive** of the **€ 2,5 city tax** per person per night.

Date	Radisson Blu Hotel, Hasselt	Park Inn by Radisson, Hasselt
25/08/2025	€ 132,5	€ 107,5
26/08/2025	€ 132,5	€ 107,5
27/08/2025	€ 132,5	€ 107,5
28/08/2025	€ 132,5	€ 107,5
29/08/2025	€ 132,5	€ 107,5
30/08/2025	€ 145,0	€ 122,5
31/08/2025	€ 145,0	€ 122,5

6.2. Food

Dinner at both the Radisson Blu Hotel Hasselt and the Park Inn by Radisson Hasselt hotel (in buffet style) can be ordered via Eventor for **€ 30 per person**.

All team members, regardless of where their accommodation, is can opt in for the buffet offered at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Hasselt on the days mentioned in the right column (registration via Eventor).

Dinner includes soup, bread, chicken, fish, steamed vegetables, pasta, rice, mashed potatoes, a salad bar, different sauces, fruit salad, yoghurt and water.

There will be no food provided by the organisation at the competitions. It is of course possible to buy food in restaurants and shops that are near the arenas.

Date	Provided at Radisson Blu Hotel, Hasselt
25/08/2025	Dinner
26/08/2025	Dinner
27/08/2025	Dinner (after Sprint Relay)
28/08/2025	Dinner
29/08/2025	Dinner
30/08/2025	Dinner
31/08/2025	EOC Banquet



7. Embargoed areas



7.1. Embargoed areas

Information about the embargoed areas can be found on [IOF Eventor](#). A direct link to the overview map of embargoed areas can be found here: [Embargoed areas](#).

The embargoed areas are strictly embargoed. Competitors, team officials, and other persons who, through knowledge of the terrain may influence the results of the competition, are not allowed to enter an embargoed area unless explicitly permitted to do so by the organiser. Any attempt to survey or train with maps on permitted roads in the competition terrains is forbidden. The areas are embargoed until the respective competition is finished.

The map clearly indicates the embargoed zones, highlighted in RED. These areas are strictly off-limits, and no access is permitted.

It's important to note that traveling by train through the embargoed areas is allowed.

In the event that you require entry to a embargoed area for a specific reason, kindly submit your request for permission by emailing info@eoc2025.be

7.2. Previous orienteering maps

The maps can be found in this [GOOGLE DRIVE folder](#)

Map	Scale	Year
Hasselt Centrum	1/4000	2020
Hasselt Kapermolen	1/4000	2022
Geel	1/5000	2017
There's no previous map of Lier	-	-



Hasselt

Geel

Mechelen (Test Races)

8. Training



Train for EOC2025 at ASOM.



8.1. Training opportunities

Numerous training opportunities are available in Belgium to prepare for EOC2025.

ASOM, a 3-day Sprint Orienteering Meeting organised in Belgium, is a key training event. In 2025, ASOM races will take place in terrain highly relevant to EOC. More info www.asom.be.

Teams will have access to training maps, allowing them to organise their training sessions independently or participate in the organised training opportunities provided by EOC2025.

More information on the training camps will be available on the EOC2025 website.

The Belgian orienteering clubs organise urban competitions weekly in spring and summertime. Please check www.opunch.org for the full calendar.

25 - 27 April 2025

ASOM 2025 (Turnhout)

28 - 30 April 2025

EOC Official Training Camp 1

4 May 2025

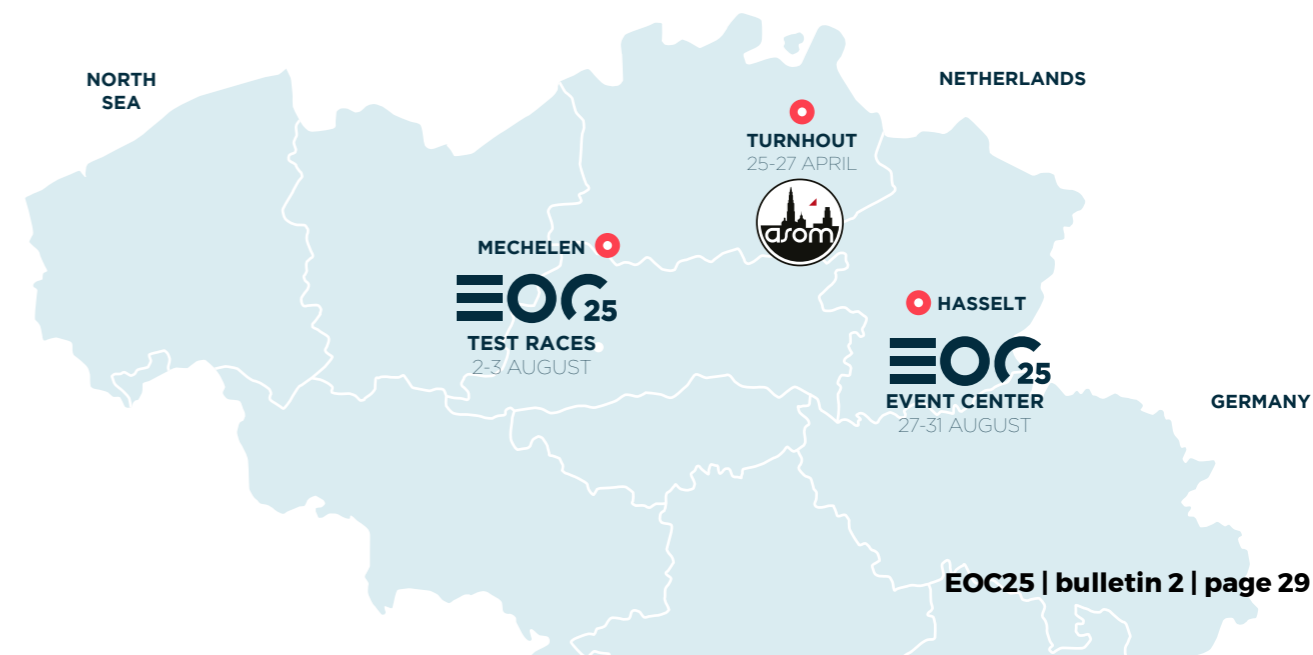
Flemish Sprint Champs (Hasselt)

2 - 3 August 2025

EOC Test Races (Mechelen)

4 - 6 August 2025

EOC Official Training Camp 2



8.2. Prices for trainings

The OCAD and PDF files of the training maps will be offered for free to all teams after signing a declaration form for correct usage. The form can be obtained by emailing training@eoc2025.be. There is a charge for each training for the use of the maps (per person per training).

Price of map use per person per training (pppt)	3 EUR
Organised training with SPORTident and printed maps *	200 EUR + 5 EUR pppt
Organised training during the official EOC training camps	7 EUR pppt

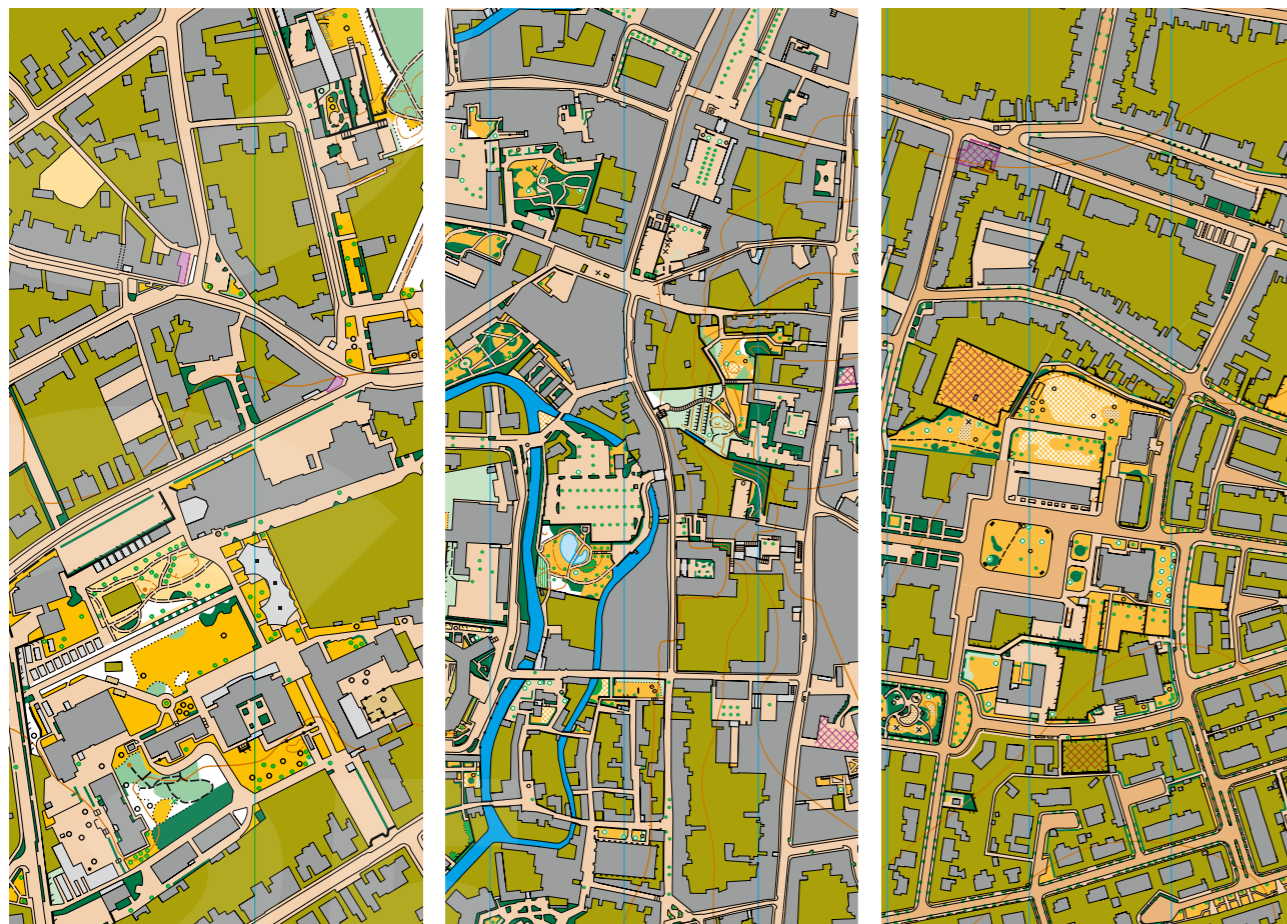
* The dates of organised trainings with SPORTident should be agreed with the EOC2025 Training Coördinator Simon Krekels. The fee for an organised training with SPORTident can be split by multiple teams training together.

8.3. Training contact

Simon Krekels - training@eoc2025.be

8.4. Training maps

An overview of all training maps can be found on the following page. For the exact map location check this [Google Map overview](#).



Map	Club	Available from	Relevant for
Hasselt Katarina	OMEGA	1/9/2024	All races
Hasselt Heilig Hart	OMEGA	1/9/2024	All races
Hasselt Banneux	OMEGA	1/9/2024	All races
Diepenbeek	OMEGA	1/9/2024	All races
Alken	OMEGA	1/9/2024	All races
Borgloon	OMEGA	1/9/2024	Sprint Relay, Sprint
Houthalen	KOL	1/9/2024	Sprint, KO Sprint
Beringen	KOL	1/9/2024	Sprint, KO Sprint
Vorselaar	KOL	1/9/2024	Sprint, KO Sprint
Leopoldsburg	KOL	1/9/2024	Sprint, KO Sprint
Leuven	OMEGA	1/9/2024	All races
Kessel-Lo	OMEGA	1/9/2024	All races
Herent	OMEGA	1/9/2024	All races
Herentals	TROL	1/1/2025	All races
Herenthout	OV	1/1/2025	All races
Turnhout Blijkhoef	TROL	28/4/2025	Sprint, KO Sprint
Turnhout Centrum	TROL	28/4/2025	All races
Tessenderlo	HAMOK	29/5/2025	Sprint, KO Sprint
Meerhout	KOL	15/6/2025	Sprint, KO Sprint
Mechelen	OMEGA	4/8/2025	All races
Mechelen Tivoli	TROL	4/8/2025	Sprint, KO Sprint
Den Abeel	TROL	4/8/2025	Sprint, KO Sprint
Houtem	TROL	4/8/2025	KO Sprint

9. Rules and general information



9.1. Competition rules

The **Competition Rules for IOF Foot Orienteering Events** apply for EOC2025 as well as the **World Cup 2025 Special Rules**.

9.2. Classes and participation restrictions

There are two classes; Women and Men.

Participation restrictions, classes and qualification systems will follow the Special Rules for the 2025 World Cup in Orienteering.

- > All competitors must represent a Federation that is a member federation of IOF.
- > All athletes must be full passport-holding citizens of the country they are representing.
- > Athletes being citizens of more than one country, should represent the only country they have run IOF events for during the current calendar year.

9.3. Anti-doping

Doping is strictly forbidden, and the organisers of the EOC/World Cup are dedicated to supporting the Anti-Doping authorities in their work. Doping controls may be carried out any time during the competitions 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 2025 apply as of 1st of January 2025. Athletes who are selected for doping control must bring an official identification (with photo) to the doping test area. The athlete should also present the personal therapeutic use exemption (TUE) if applicable. In general, it is advisable that athletes take their ID to all competitions and events. For more information, please consult: <https://orienteering.sport/iof/anti-doping/>

9.4. Insurance

The organisers decline any liability that might occur through participation in the IOF World Cup Events and trainings. Each person participates at her/his own risk and is responsible for her/his own insurance coverage (illness and accident).

9.5. Climate

The month of August marks the end of the meteorological summer in Belgium: temperatures already start to decline. The average daytime temperature in Hasselt at the end of August is between 15°C and 20°C.

There is a moderate probability of rain, and thunderstorms in the evening are a possibility.

9.6. Visa

For citizens of the European Union, a valid identity card is a prerequisite for entry into Belgium. Travelers from some countries might require a passport, visa or further documents.

Please check with your local government or Belgian embassy if you need visa permits. More information can be found at the website of [diplomatie Belgium](https://diplomatie.belgium.be) and the website of [immigration office](https://immigration.belgium.be).

9.7. Athlete's license

All athletes need to have an [IOF athlete's license](https://iof.org/athlete-license) to participate at the World Cup races.

9.8. Medical services in Belgium

First aid services will be provided at the competition arenas.

If you need to contact emergency services (police, fire service, ambulance service), the general emergency number in Belgium is 112.

10. Media

Accredited media personnel will have access to a Media Centre nearby the arenas of all finals. Services for media will include:

- ▶ Working facilities including wifi access and electrical power
- ▶ Displays showing broadcast / arena production
- ▶ Maps / start lists / result lists
- ▶ Coffee/tea
- ▶ Managed access to photo / media zones
- ▶ Managed access to mixed zone

All media personnel must be accredited - the process for this will open alongside regular accreditation on 27 May 2025 via IOF Eventor.

Contact media@eoc2025.be for more information regarding Media at EOC2025.



11. Competition information



11.1. Punching system

During the EOC2025 competitions the punching system of SPORTident AIR+ will be used. SIAC's will be provided by the EOC2025 organisation.

11.2. GPS tracking

In every race, selected competitors shall carry a GPS tracking device carried on the back in a GPS vest / elastic harness. The GPS trackers will be provided by the EOC2025 organisation.

Please bring your own GPS vest if you have one.

11.3. Clothing

Metal spikes or metal dobbed shoes are not allowed. There are no further restrictions on clothing.



12. Event information



12.1. Sprint relay

27 August 2025

A relay race with 2 men and 2 women in each team, running in the following order:
1) Woman - 2) Man - 3) Man - 4) Woman.

Hasselt

The terrain consists of 2 different areas: a typical Flemish city center with a clear city plan and streets in a regular pattern. The second part is a park area with many schools and university campuses. The terrain is completely flat.

- ▶ Map: Hasselt
- ▶ Course setter: Fabien Pasquasy
- ▶ Winning time: 60 minutes (15 min for each runner)

Hasselt



12.2. Knock-out sprint

28 & 29 August 2025

The Knock-Out Sprint is a format where 6 runners on a course race head-to-head. The first ones to reach the finish line will go through to the next round.

There is a qualification race on Thursday 28 August. All athletes will be divided in 3 heats, the 12 best of each heat will go to the Quarter Final on Friday.

From each Quarter Final the 3 best runners go through to the Semi Final. From each Semi Final, the 2 best runners go to the Final.

Geel

The terrain in Geel is very diverse. There is the city center with some big squares and a shopping street. In the area there are numerous schools that take up a lot of space in the city. The schools have big playgrounds and are surrounded by fences. The city of Geel has many small parks.

- ▶ Map: Geel
- ▶ Course setter: Dirk Goossens.
- ▶ Winning time Knock- Out Sprint Qualification: 8-10 minutes
- ▶ Winning time Knock- Out Sprint Finals: 6-8 minutes

Geel



12.3. Sprint

31 August 2025

This is an individual race with an interval start. In the morning there is a qualification race and in the afternoon the final with the 45 best orienteers from the qualification at the start. The best time of the final course wins the race!

- ▶ Map: Lier
- ▶ Course setter: Fabien Pasquasy
- ▶ Winning time qualification and final: 12-15 minutes.

Lier

The city of Lier has an old city center. It offers diverse and challenging terrain with narrow, winding alleyways and wider streets. The city has cobblestone streets and market squares. The town has small parks, a river and also the 'Vesten' surrounding the city. The Vesten is a defensive fortification around the city that can still be seen today. It offers a mix of forest, grassy slopes and pathways.

Lier



13. EOC TOUR

Join the action.

From August 27 to 31, 2025, spectators will have the unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the finest urban orienteering experiences Belgium has to offer, right in the heart of the action at the European Orienteering Championships.

In 2025, ASOM reaches its 10th anniversary, and the occasion will be commemorated with an extraordinary 5-day orienteering festival during EOC. This unique celebration brings together the two most cherished activities for any orienteer: Running an orienteering competition and cheering/watching elite orienteers doing their orienteering course and fighting for European champion titles.

The program features a variety of Sprint Orienteering events and extended Urban City Races. These races are strategically aligned with the EOC races, ensuring that spectators minimize travel and have the chance to witness the EOC races live either before or after their own race.

Date	Location	Event
Wednesday 27-08-2025	Hasselt	Urban Sprint
Thursday 28-08-2025	Hasselt	Urban Long
Friday 29-08-2025	Geel	Urban Sprint & Indoor Race
Saturday 30-08-2025	Herentals	Urban Long
Sunday 31-08-2025	Lier	Urban Sprint



14. Version history

This is version 1.0 of **bulletin 2**, published on 13 September 2024.

Bulletin 3 will be published on 27 May 2025.

Final details will be released in **Bulletin 4** on 20 August 2025. Bulletin 4 will be available online as well as in a printed version available for all team members upon arrival at the Event Centre.



15. Partners & sponsors

Thanks!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our partners and sponsors for their support of EOC2025.

If you're interested in getting involved, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at info@eoc2025.be.

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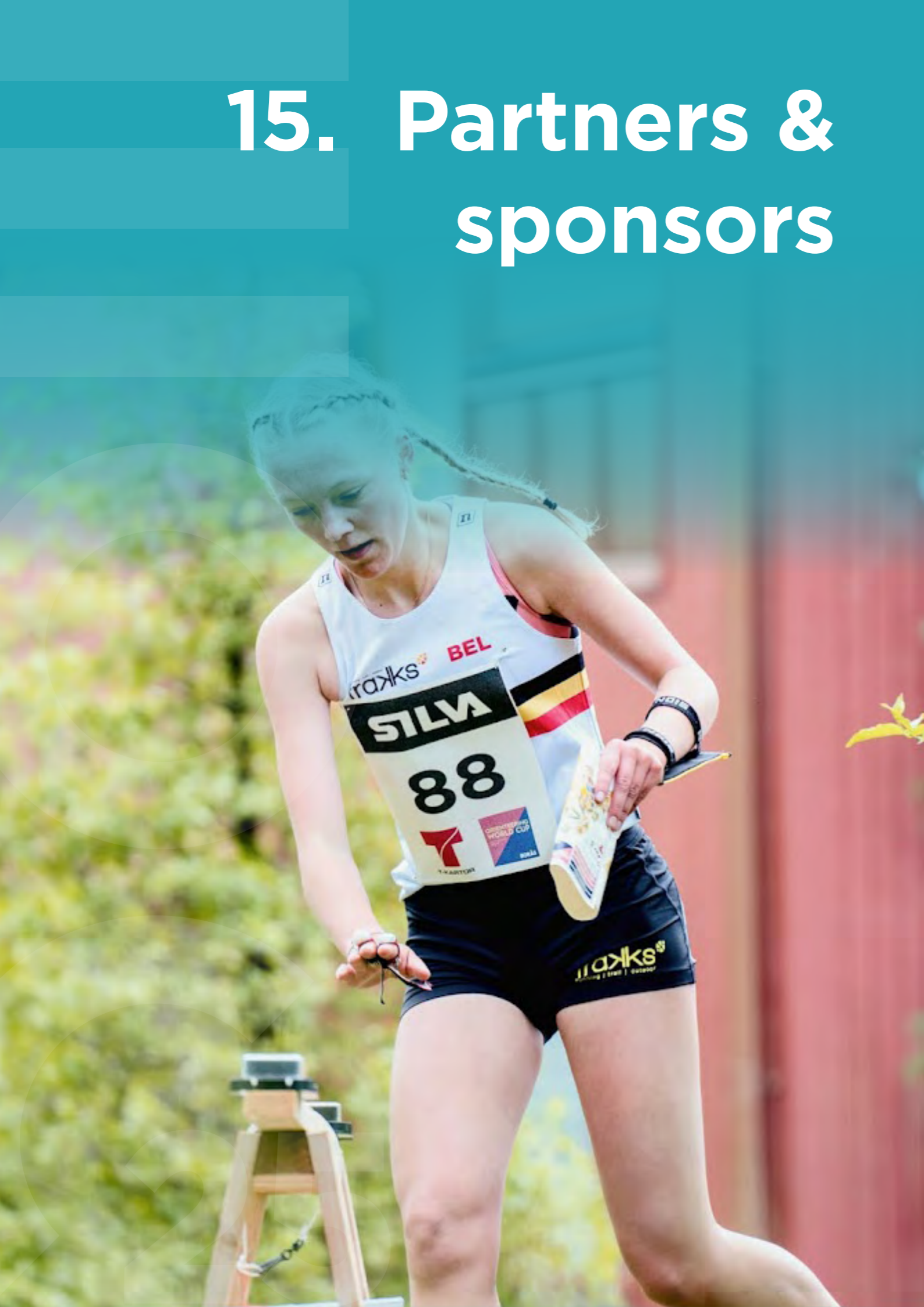
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