



Bulletin #2.1

Orienteering competitions

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1. Welcome



The World Games are the premier multi-sport event comprising sports and sporting disciplines that are not contested in the Olympic Games. They are held every four years, one year after a Summer Olympic Games. The first edition was held in 1981 in Santa Clara (USA), while orienteering has been a part of the Games since 2001.

The 2025 edition is held in Western China's biggest metropolis, Chengdu. 35 different sports are on the programme and the International Orienteering Federation is happy that orienteering is one of them! Our aim is to provide worthy competitions for all runners, team officials and spectators. The Sprint Relay competition will be covered live on TV and will be streamed all over the world.

Wishing all of you the best of luck in your preparations and see you in Chengdu!



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2. Organisation & contacts



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[IOF Eventor page for Chengdu 2025 Orienteering](#)

3. Event programme



- **Tuesday, 5th August** Arrival day for everyone, accreditation
- **Wednesday, 6th August** Training in the afternoon (14:00–16:30) – optional
- **Thursday, 7th August** Model event for Middle distance (9:00–12:00)
Team Officials' Meeting – Middle distance (12:00–13:00)
TWG Opening ceremony (20:00–23:00) – optional
- **Friday, 8th August** **Middle distance, men (09:40–11:40)**
Middle distance, women (10:20–12:20)
Prize-giving ceremony, Middle distance (12:30)

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- **Saturday, 9th August** Model event for Sprint & Sprint Relay (9:00–12:00)
Team Officials' Meeting – Sprint & Sprint Relay (12:00–13:00)
- **Sunday, 10th August** **Sprint, women (09:30–10:25)**
Sprint, men (10:20–11:15)
Prize-giving ceremony, Sprint (11:25)
- **Monday, 11th August** **Sprint Relay (10:10–11:15)** – with TV-coverage
Prize-giving ceremony, Sprint Relay (11:30)
- **Tuesday, 12th August** Departure

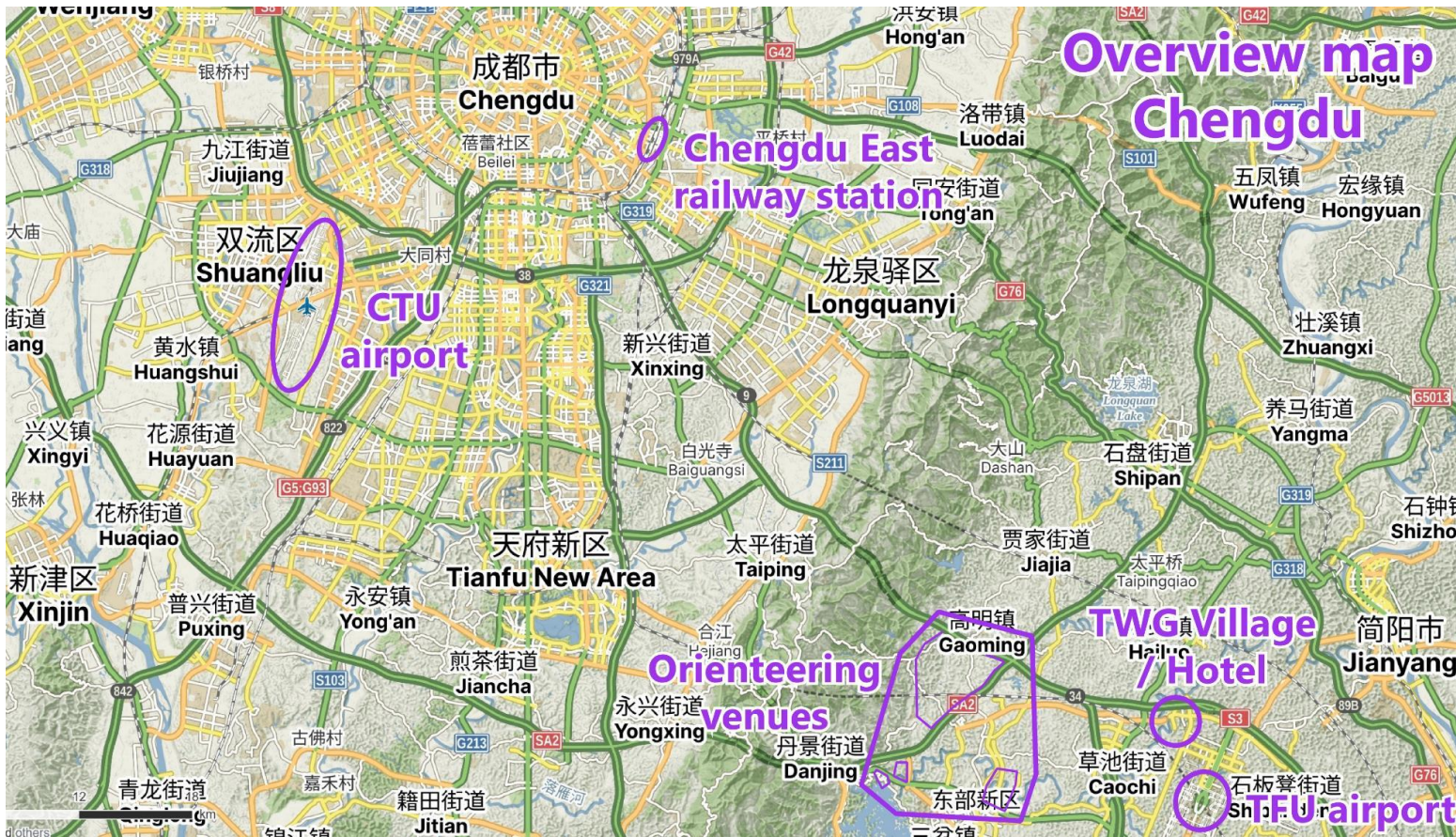
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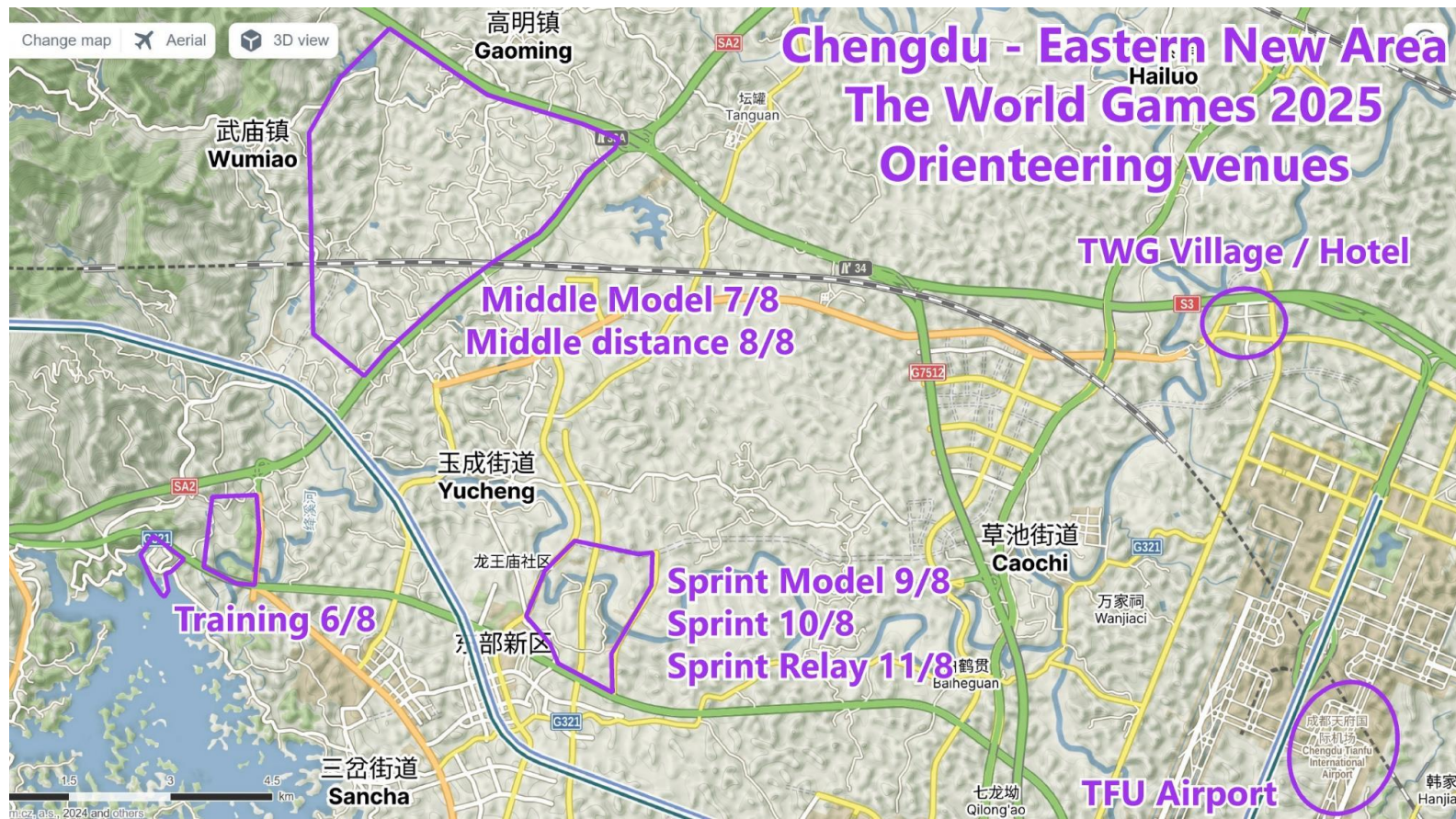
- TFU airport
- CTU airport
- Chengdu East railway station



4. Venue – embargoed areas

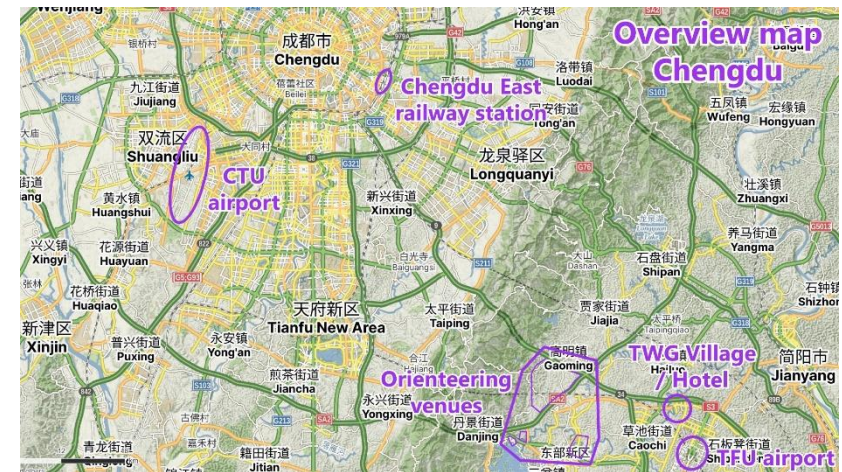
The Middle distance, Sprint and Sprint Relay areas are also **embargoed** until new information is released in Bulletin 4.

Entering these areas is strictly forbidden and will result in **disqualification.**



4. Venue – arrival to Chengdu

- **Tuesday, 5th August is the official arrival date**
 - Everyone will have the opportunity to arrive 3 days before the first competition day. It is also possible to arrive earlier or later, but every participant and team official needs to be accredited by 12:00 on 7th August.
- **Transport to TWG Village will be provided free of charge from the official port of entries:**
 - Chengdu Tianfu international airport (TFU)
 - recommended arrival
 - Chengdu Shuangliu international airport (CTU)
 - Chengdu East railway station



5. Accommodation & catering



- **Accommodation in twin rooms will be available in the Tianfu International Hotel Complex between 5th-12th August**
 - 4.000 beds are available in this hotel complex
 - The area of the complex is 0,46 km². It's like a small town with several restaurants, a supermarket, cafés, a barber shop, gift shops, etc.
- **Catering (full board – breakfast, lunch and dinner) will also be available in hotel complex**
 - Small snacks will be available in the competition venues
 - The LOC is aware of orienteering's special dietary requests
 - Scandinavian / continental European / Asian style food will be available

6. Transportation



- **Transport will be provided free of charge by the LOC for the whole event period (5th – 12th August). This includes**
 - transport from / to the official port of entries
 - transport to all orienteering activities (training, model events, competitions)
 - transport to / from the Opening Ceremony
 - transport to / from other sports' competition venues (to be clarified)
- Note that it's extremely difficult to get permission to drive a (rental) car in China!
- Taxis are generally cheap compared to Western European standards
- The public transport system in Chengdu is extremely efficient, including a metro service connecting TFU airport with the City Centre

7. Entry & service fees



- **For the competitors, the participation fee, accommodation in twin rooms, catering and transport is free of charge for the whole event period (5th – 12th August)**
 - Travel to and from Chengdu, visa, insurance and any other items are payable by the National Orienteering Federations / National Olympic Committees.
 - For any additional days to stay in TWG Village with full board is CNY 726 per night per person (around 95 EUR)
- **For any team officials, the participation fee, accommodation in twin rooms, catering and transport is CNY 726 per night per person (around 95 EUR)**
- **These fees will have to be paid on site, by credit card or in cash to the LOC**
- For Federation representatives, media or other personnel, please consult TWG website: <https://www.theworldgames2025.com/en>

8. Qualified nations / athletes



- The qualification rules were set in The World Games 2025 Qualification Rules for the Orienteering competitions document, version 1.5. [Link](#)
- Orienteering has quotas for 40 male and 40 female athletes
- The general qualification finished on 31st October 2024
- The Asian regional qualification is held at ASOC at the end of December 2024
- According to the qualification system, the IOF is awarding 2+2 places to certain Federations and single places to other Federations, who didn't qualify with a full team
- The 2024 World Champions in Sprint and Knock-Out Sprint have a personal place in addition to their Federation's allocation

8. Personal places



- Out of the remaining places, 1 women's place and 2 men's places goes to the current Sprint and KO Sprint World Champions (Tove Alexandersson SWE, Martin Regborn SWE, Riccardo Rancan SUI – confirmed)
- One (women's) place is allocated to Africa (South Africa)
- 5 places will be offered to different, otherwise non-qualified Asian Federations
- The remaining places were allocated upon the results from the Sprint WOC 2024 individual competitions before 31st January 2025
- 5 + 5 reserve runners were selected by the IOF mainly based on the results from the Sprint WOC 2024 individual competitions.

8. Confirmed places as of 10/02/2025



Men		
01/CHN	15/HUN	29/CAN
02/CHN	16/HUN	30/CAN
03/SUI	17/POL	31/BRA
04/SUI	18/POL	32/BRA
05/SWE	19/LAT	33/JPN
06/SWE	20/LAT	34/JPN
07/GBR	21/ESP	35/ Rancan - SUI
08/GBR	22/ESP	36/ Regborn - SWE
09/CZE	23/ITA	37/ Michiels - BEL
10/CZE	24/ITA	38/ Glibov - UKR
11/AUT	25/GER	39/HKG
12/AUT	26/GER	40/KAZ
13/NZL	27/AUS	
14/NZL	28/AUS	

Women		
01/CHN	15/HUN	29/BRA
02/CHN	16/HUN	30/BRA
03/SUI	17/POL	31/JPN
04/SUI	18/POL	32/JPN
05/SWE	19/LAT	33/ Alexandersson - SWE
06/SWE	20/LAT	34/ Kutkaite - LTU
07/GBR	21/ESP	35/ Babych - UKR
08/GBR	22/ESP	36/ Wimberley - RSA
09/CZE	23/ITA	37/ de Smul - BEL
10/CZE	24/ITA	38/HKG
11/AUT	25/GER	39/KAZ
12/AUT	26/GER	40/TPE
13/NZL	27/AUS	
14/NZL	28/AUS	

Reserve runners

Men

- 1/ Martin Roháč - SVK
- 2/ Josh O'Sullivan Hourihan - IRL
- 3/ Ricardo Esteves Ferreira - POR
- 4/ Timo Sild - EST
- 5/ Vilius Aleliūnas - LTU

Women

- 1/ Filipa Rodrigues - POR
- 2/ Tereza Šmelíková - SVK
- 3/ Hannula-Katrin Pandis - EST

9. Entry procedure



- The whole list of qualified Federations, qualified athletes and 5+5 reserves for men and women was announced in this Bulletin on 10th February 2025.
- For The World Games 2025, an online registration system will be used. The IOF Office will manage the accreditation process, further information will be provided by e-mail as it becomes available, most probably in early March 2025.
- **The entry form will need to be filled out by 22nd April 2025 for all athletes and team officials. A long list will need to be provided by the National Federations who have 2+2 places, out of whom the final participant list will need to be selected.**
- The deadline to provide the final participant list is provisionally 9th June 2025, but will be confirmed in the information e-mail in early March.

10. Competition rules



- **IOF Competition Rules valid as of 1st January 2025 are used**
- **The rules to be used are very similar to the World Orienteering Championships Rules:**
 - IOF Competition Rule 2.13: The World Games races must follow the rules for the World Orienteering Championships as far as this is possible with respect to IWGA rules and feasible with respect to the different format of the World Games races.
- **Competitors from different Federations can run in the Sprint Relay competition forming a full team. The IOF will be responsible for assembling these teams.**
- IOF Competition Rules 12.5., 12.7. and 12.14. will be used for the start list creation
- There are no regulations regarding clothing. Shoes with spikes or metal dobbs are not allowed in the Sprint and Sprint Relay competitions.
- All athletes shall have a valid IOF Athletes' License by the time of the accreditation

11. Terrain descriptions



- **Middle distance:** generally farmland, moderately hilly terrain with an absolute height difference of 50 metres. Terrain is generally not very intricate, but there are small areas with a reasonable amount of detail. Vegetation is mostly rice fields and orange groves with some runnable forest. The road network is well-developed. No previous orienteering map is available.
- **Sprint and Sprint Relay:** the area of the 2024 International Horticultural Expo. Moderately hilly terrain with an absolute height difference of 30 metres. The majority of the area is extremely intricate with Chinese gardens, especially built for the Expo. Navigating in and around the gardens will be the main challenge during these competitions. Since the construction of this area only started in October 2023, no previous orienteering map is available. An Expo visitors' map is published in IOF Eventor.

11. Terrain photos – Middle



11. Terrain photos – Sprint



12. Course data (preliminary)



Competition	Distance	Climb	Controls	Refreshments	Winning time
Middle Women	5,5 km	120 m	22	1	33'
Middle Men	6,5 km	140 m	25	1	33'
Sprint Women	3,5 km	50 m	21	0	14'
Sprint Men	3,9 km	60 m	23	0	14'
Sprint Relay Women	3,4 km	40 m	20	1	14'
Sprint Relay Men	3,8 km	50 m	24	1	14'

Course planner for all races: Jaroslav Kačmarčík (CZE)

13. Competition maps



- **Middle distance maps (model, warm-up and competition) will be**
 - made according to ISOM 2017-2, revision 6
 - with a map scale of 1:10.000 and 5 m contour intervals
 - made between December 2024 and April 2025 by Xian Jiayu (CHN) and Yang Minghong (CHN)
 - revised by Zdeněk Rajnošek (CZE) and Zdeněk Janů (CZE) in July 2025.
- **Sprint and Sprint Relay maps (model, warm-up and competition) will be**
 - made according to ISSprOM 2019-2, revision 6
 - with a map scale of 1:4.000 and 2,5 m contour intervals
 - made between December 2024 and April 2025 by Xian Jiayu (CHN) and Yang Minghong (CHN)
 - revised by Zdeněk Rajnošek (CZE) and Zdeněk Janů (CZE) in July 2025.

All competition maps will be A4 size, printed on Teslin in Europe, sealed in plastic bags

14. Punching system & GPS-tracking



- **SPORTident Air+ punching will be used during all competitions.** Timing and punching will be managed by Swiss Timing and punching supported by SPORTident. Participants will be provided by one SIAC card by the organiser.
- **GPS tracking services will be provided for all competitors in all races.** It is mandatory for all runners to wear the GPS-unit on their back in an elastic harness (vest). If possible, please bring your own GPS-vest.
- **GPS watches are allowed to be worn in the quarantine and during the competition, but must not be used for navigation purposes.** Watches with eSIM cards are not allowed either in the quarantine or during the competitions.

15. Training possibilities



- **One sprint training (not relevant for any of the competitions) will be provided on 6th August 2025 as part of The World Games programme**
- Note that TWG 2025 terrains are quite special and relevant training terrains will be hard to find
- **The IOF is not able to provide relevant training opportunities**
- For orienteering training in China / Sichuan province you may contact the Chinese Radio Sports and Orienteering Association at oacmail@126.com

16. Anti-doping



- Doping is strictly forbidden, and the organisers of The World Games 2025 are dedicated to supporting the Anti-Doping authorities in their work.
- The World Anti-Doping Code of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and applicable international standards and doping control guidelines for sports events will be strictly implemented during TWG 2025 Chengdu to ensure the fair sportsmanship and clean sport.

17. Liability & insurance



- In accordance with the Rules of The World Games, all participants shall have adequate private health and repatriation insurance during TWG 2025 Chengdu. The participants should purchase adequate medical insurance and repatriation insurance at their place of departure. The medical insurance shall at least cover accidental medical treatment, sudden illness and hospitalisation allowance. The repatriation insurance shall cover the costs in case of an emergency where you need to return to your place of departure.
- All participants must have valid insurance and provide the insurance certificate upon their arrival in Chengdu to collect their accreditation cards. Chengdu ExCo and IWGA will not be liable for any risks arising therefrom.

18. Climate & weather



- Chengdu belongs to the subtropical humid monsoon climate zone. The climate is mild, with distinct four seasons, abundant rainfall, and limited sunshine.
- Historical average temperature between 7th-17th August: 25,2 °C
- In August, there can be very hot periods, with highs of 36/38 °C and tropical nights.
- Historical average rainfall between 7th-17th August: 101,3 millimetres
- The rains, due to the summer monsoon, occur in the form of showers or thunderstorm, but the sky can be cloudy even when it doesn't rain.
- The average humidity is 79%. Hence, the air is normally humid.
- The average wind speed is 6 kph

19. Visa information



- **China is opening up regarding their visa policy to foster tourism. Several of the already qualified countries have visa exemption: e.g. SUI, AUT, NZL, HUN, POL, LAT, ESP, ITA, GER, BEL & AUS.**
- Except for those who are explicitly exempt from visas, delegations coming to Chengdu to participate in TWG 2025 Chengdu should apply for a Chinese visa in advance at Chinese embassies and consulates abroad or other overseas institutions entrusted by the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Delegations should log into the Swiss Timing Event Management System (EMS) and fill in their personal registration information during the registration phase (March-April 2025).
- The visa invitation letter can be downloaded and printed from the EMS after information review. Those who pass the review and are finally confirmed to participate in TWG 2025 Chengdu may proceed to the Chinese embassies and consulates abroad or other overseas institutions entrusted by the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the visa invitation letter to apply for a visa to China.

20. Bulletin information



- Note that TWG 2025 publishes general information bulletins, which are republished in IOF Eventor. Until the end of 2024, Bulletins 1 & 2 are published. These contain general information about the host city, the programme for all sports and other important information.
- All information related to TWG 2025's orienteering competitions will be available in IOF Eventor: <https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/7876>
- Bulletin 3 for Orienteering will be published on 3rd June 2025
- Bulletin 4 for Orienteering will be published on 3rd August 2025



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