



INTERNATIONAL ORIENTEERING FEDERATION



# **WORLD CUP 2026**

## **Round #1 SUI**

**Ascona Locarno/Switzerland, 24-26 April 2026**

## **BULLETIN 1+2**

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## WELCOME TO ASCONA LOCARNO

Dear athletes and teams

The region of Ascona Locarno as well as the organizing team are looking forward to the EGK Orienteering World Cup and to seeing you all in Switzerland.

After the World Cup in Uster in September 2025 it is a pleasure to have you back in Switzerland already in Spring 2026 for three thrilling sprint competitions.

We offer you exciting competitions, an attractive package price for all races and the best spectators of the world. We hope you get attracted by our offer, the incredible atmosphere at races in Switzerland and by the urban atmosphere in Ascona Locarno.

You are warmly welcome to Switzerland!

Matthias Niggli  
Event Director EGK Orienteering World Cup

## WORLD CUP 2026

The World Cup 2026 consists of the following 12 competitions.

<i>Comp.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1	24 April	Sprint	Ascona Locarno / Switzerland
2	25 April	Sprint Relay	
3	26 April	Knock-Out Sprint	
4	28 May	Knock-Out Sprint	Skara-Lidköping / Sweden
5	30 May	Sprint	
6	31 May	Sprint Relay	
7	6 August	Long	Vyšší Brod / Czechia
8	8 August	Middle	
9	9 August	Relay	
10	24 September	Long	Druskininkai /Lithuania
11	26 September	Middle	
12	27 September	Relay	

In the individual World Cup, athletes are awarded World Cup points as per 2026 World Cup special rules, where winners of individual races receive 100 point and top 40 are rewarded.

The Teams World Cup points are awarded according to 2026 World Cup special rules, where relays are most important and counted together with the sum of the scores in the individual races.

# 1. ORGANIZATION AND CONTACT

## 1.1 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Matthias Niggli  
Reto Pfister/Hansueli Steinmann  
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Daniel Leibundgut  
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Event Director  
Security  
Finish, Arena, Infrastructure  
Results, IT Services  
Live-Production (TV)  
Finances

Event Advisors  
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Bulletin 3 will be published by 24 February 2026.

Final details will be released in Bulletin 4 upon arrival at the Event Centre in Ascona Locarno and on Eventor on 22 April 2026.



## 2. EVENT PROGRAMME

### WEDNESDAY, 22 APRIL 2026

Arrival of the teams	
Event Centre opens	14:00-17:00
Free training	14:00-18:00

### THURSDAY, 23 APRIL 2026

Event Centre opens	09:00-12:00
Free training / Model event	10:00-18:00
Event Centre opens	17:00-19:00
Team Officials' Meeting	17:30-18:30

### FRIDAY, 24 APRIL 2026

EGK Orienteering World Cup Sprint	13:30-18:00
Price Giving Ceremony	18:15

### SATURDAY, 25 APRIL 2026

National Competition, Middle	12:00-16:00
EGK Orienteering World Cup Sprint Relay	16:00-18:00
Price Giving Ceremony	18:15

### SUNDAY, 26 APRIL 2026

National Competition, Sprint	09:00-12:30
EGK Orienteering World Cup Knock-Out Sprint	12:00-16:15
First start Quarter Final approx.	12:15
Semi-Final approx.	14:00
Final approx.	15:30
Price giving ceremony	16:00

## 3. VENUES, ACCESS AND TRANSPORT

The competitions are held in Ascona Locarno.

Ascona Locarno is easily reachable by train or rental car from the airports Zurich, Basel and Milan.

There will not be any official transport to the competitions, all sites are reachable by public transport.

## 4. EVENT CENTRE

The Event Centre is located in the region of Locarno.

## 5. ENTRY

### 5.1 ENTRIES AND ENTRY DEADLINES

All entries are only to be made in IOF Eventor. The entry form will be available from 1 December 2025 on <https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/8246>

- The deadline for Team Size Entry is 23 February 2026 (- 2 months)
- The deadline for Team Names Entry is 13 April 2026 (- 10 days)
- The deadline for Late Entries, Changes of Team Size or Team Names is 22 April 2026 at 12:00

Team Size Entry (deadline 23 February 2026)

The following information shall be filled in:

Team manager (chosen from list in IOF Eventor)

- Number of Team athletes (Men and Women)
- Number of Team officials (there is no maximum number of officials per team)
- Number of Team athletes in the individual races.

Team Names Entry (deadline 13 April 2026)

The following information shall be filled in:

- Name of each Team athlete and official by selecting from federation members in IOF Eventor.

Competition Entries

Names of the competitors and, if required, their starting group, shall be entered in IOF Eventor before 12 noon on the day before the Sprint and before 18:00 for the Sprint Relay.

Late Entries, Changes of Team Size or Team Names

Late Entries and changes will be accepted, if possible, up to Event start date, 22 April 2026 at 12:00.

No late entries or changes will be accepted after this date. Late entries and changes will always have a defined extra cost (surcharge). Late entries and changes must be communicated directly to the organiser [matthias.niggli@ol-weltcup.ch](mailto:matthias.niggli@ol-weltcup.ch).

The organiser makes the changes in IOF Eventor after deadlines.

### 5.2 ENTRY FEES UNTIL 23 FEBRUARY 2026

Competition package:

CHF 125.- for competitors, CHF 50.- for team officials.

This includes:

- Starting fee for all races (competitors only)
- Training and model maps, competition maps

### 5.3 PAYMENT

The competition package must be paid by 23 February 2026.



Please note that all bank charges must be paid by the applicant. Please note, that we will add a late payment fee of CHF 20.- per person for late payment!

Bank	PostFinance, Nordring 8 CH-3003 Bern,
IBAN	CH75 0900 0000 8771 7328 8
SWIFT Code	POFICHBEXXX
Clearing Nr.	09000
To the credit of	Swiss Cup, Im Freien 5, CH-8712 Stäfa

## 6. ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

There is no official accommodation provided from the organizer. The region of Ascona Locarno offers a large number of hotels, guest rooms and apartments. Please check the embargoed areas before booking an accommodation.

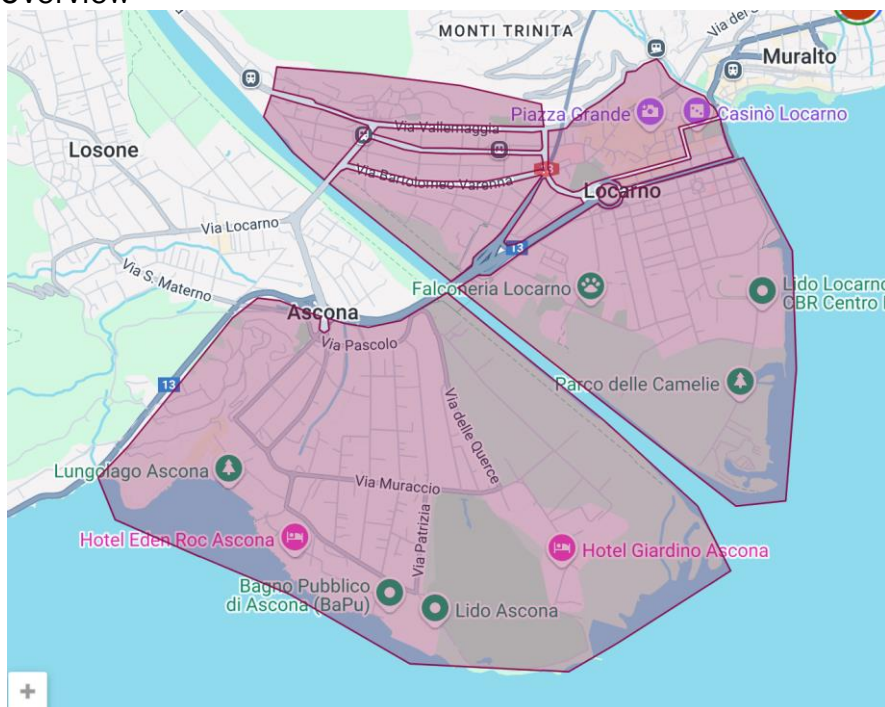
## 7. EMBARGOED AREAS

The [marked competition areas](#) on the map below are embargoed areas. For competitors, team officials and others who, through knowledge of the terrain or the competitions, may influence the results of the competitions, it is prohibited to enter the embargoed areas.

The embargoed area may change during the preparations of the competitions. Please always check the [online version](#).

Note that on the competition days the embargoed areas will be changed, and new versions and rules will apply (see Bulletin 4).

Overview



Embargoed area Ascona Locarno

## **7.1 PREVIOUS ORIENTEERING MAPS**

There is a previous orienteering map from the region of Ascona and Locarno, it can be downloaded from Eventor as PDF or as an OCAD-File.

## **8. TRAINING**

One training map/model event map in the region of Ascona Locarno will be available. The training map will be given to all entered runners and coaches at accreditation. Other training possibilities in the region are available but need to be organised by the teams.

## **9. RULES AND GENERAL INFORMATIONS**

### **9.1 COMPETITION RULES**

The Competition Rules for IOF Foot Orienteering Events 2026, valid from 1 January 2026 and the Special Rules for the 2026 Orienteering World Cup apply.

### **9.2 CLASSES AND PARTICIPATION RESTRICTIONS**

For the individual competitions, there are two classes, Women and Men. Participation restrictions, classes and qualification system will follow the Special Rules for the 2026 World Cup in Orienteering.

### **9.3 ANTI-DOPING**

Doping is strictly forbidden, and the organisers of the 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 apply as valid of 1st of January 2026. Athletes who are selected for doping control must bring an official identification (with photo) to the doping test area. The athlete should also bring along their therapeutic use exemption (TUE) if applicable. In general, it is advisable that athletes bring along 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 World Cup Events 1, 2, 3 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**

Normal temperatures in Ascona Locarno in April lies between 8 and 20° C in daytime.

## 9.6 VISA PERMITS

The prerequisite for immigration into Switzerland is a valid passport. For travelers from certain countries a visa or further documents are required.

Please check with your embassy if you need visa permits.

<https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/einreise.html>.

## 9.8 ATHLETE'S LICENCE

All athletes need to have an [IOF athlete's license](#) to participate at the World Cup races.

## 10. MEDIA SERVICES

We welcome all media representatives as our partners to broadcast the thrilling events of the EGK Orienteering World Cup 2026 to a broad public.

For media accreditation please contact [media@o-worldcup.ch](mailto:media@o-worldcup.ch).

## 11. COMPETITION INFORMATION

### 11.1 PUNCHING SYSTEM

The punching system used is SPORTident Air+. SIAC-Cards will be provided by the organizer.

### 11.2 CLOTHING

There are no regulations on clothing, but spikes or dobb-spikes are not allowed in the competitions.





## 12. EVENT INFORMATION

### 12.1 COURSE SETTERS

Sergio Cantoreggi, Francesco Guglielmetti, Florian Howald, Domenico Lepori and Michele Ren.

### 12.2 EGK ORIENTEERING WORLD CUP SPRINT

Format	Sprint distance.
Map	Ascona Locarno, 1:4'000, 2m, by Francesco Guglielmetti
Terrain	Urban terrain with smaller and bigger buildings and park areas.
Forms	Mostly flat to moderate climbs. Some parts of the city have steep slopes.
Traffic	Local traffic in some of the streets.
Women	winning time 12-15'
Men	winning time 12-15'

### 12.3 EGK ORIENTEERING WORLD CUP SPRINT RELAY

Format	Sprint Relay, 4 legs (WOMEN-MEN-MEN-WOMEN)
Map	Ascona Locarno, 1:4'000, 2m, by Francesco Guglielmetti
Terrain	Urban terrain with smaller and bigger buildings and park areas.
Forms	Mostly flat to moderate climbs. Some parts of the city have steep slopes.
Traffic	Local traffic in some of the streets.
Courses	winning time 55-60' for the whole relay.

### 12.4 EGK ORIENTEERING WORLD CUP KNOCKOUT-SPRINT

Format	Knockout-Sprint with quarter final, semi-final and final. The sprint race from Friday counts as qualification.
Map	Ascona Locarno, 1:4'000, 2m, by Francesco Guglielmetti
Terrain	Urban terrain with smaller and bigger buildings and park areas.
Forms	Mostly flat to moderate climbs. Some parts of the city have steep slopes.
Traffic	Local traffic in some of the streets.
Women	6-8' for each elimination round and final.
Men	6-8' for each elimination round and final.

## 13. PRIZE MONEY

A total prize fund of EUR 12'900.- will be awarded from the event organiser to the best men, women and relay team in the 3 competitions:

EGK Orienteering World Cup Event 1 and 3 (individual races):

1st place:	EUR 1000.-
2nd place:	EUR 700.-
3rd place:	EUR 400.-
4th place:	EUR 200.-
5th place:	EUR 200.-
6th place:	EUR 200.-

EGK Orienteering World Cup Event 2 (sprint relay):

1st place:	EUR 1'000.-
2nd place:	EUR 700.-
3rd place:	EUR 400.-

A total prize fund of EUR 19'000.- will be awarded from the IOF, the Verein Swiss Cup and the other World Cup project partners to the best men and women in the World Cup overall ranking 2026:

1st place:	EUR 5'000.-
2nd place:	EUR 2'000.-
3rd place:	EUR 1'000.-
4th place:	EUR 600.-
5th place:	EUR 500.-
6th place:	EUR 400.-

## 14. PUBLIC RACES

On Saturday and Sunday, national races will be organised nearby at the same location (Middle distance on Saturday, Sprint distance on Sunday).



Presenting Partner



Destination

