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**VESZPRÉM HUNGARY**  
**WORLD ORIENTEERING**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Bulletin 1**

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INTERNATIONAL ORIENTEERING FEDERATION

***43<sup>rd</sup> World  
Championships  
in the history of  
the sport...***

**In 2027, Hungary will host the World Orienteering Championships for the third time.**

Following Zalaegerszeg in 1983 and Miskolc in 2009, Veszprém will now take center stage as the host city for the world's most prestigious orienteering event.



**Welcome address by dr. Ádám Schmidt,**  
Secretary of State for Sport, Ministry of Defence

In Hungary, sport has been considered a priority strategic sector, whose results are reflected not only in our Olympic success but also in the successful organization of high quality sporting events. In recent years, we have hosted a number of world championships and set new goals: to do everything possible to become both a sporting nation and a nation of athletes, and to encourage our fellow citizens to engage in sports as often as possible. For this, it is important that sport disciplines like orienteering also receive the necessary attention and support.

Orienteering is one of the most complex and inspiring sports, it requires outstanding physical endurance, quick and accurate decision making as well as the love of nature. The 2027 World Championship will not just be a competition, but a special community and sports diplomacy event that will connect orienteers from around the world with the beautiful Hungarian landscape and the famous Hungarian hospitality.

The coming years are about preparation, cooperation, and common effort. Our goal is for every participant – whether athlete, coach, volunteer, or spectator – to be part of a high quality, memorable, and inspiring World Championship. I am convinced that the history book of the sport will be enriched with a new, colourful chapter – featuring unforgettable competitions and an exceptional atmosphere.

I would like to express my gratitude to the International Orienteering Federation for their trust, to the Hungarian Orienteering Federation for their enthusiastic and persistent work, and to all those who will contribute to the worthy organization of this World Championship in the future.

I wish us all successful preparation, fruitful cooperation, and an outstanding World Orienteering Championship! Let us continue together to write the success story of sports in Hungary!



## Welcome to WOC 2027 Veszprém, Hungary

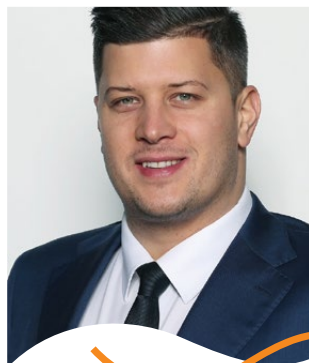


**Welcome speech by Gyula Porga,**  
 Mayor of Veszprém City

As the Mayor of Veszprém, the City of the Queens, I warmly welcome the athletes visiting our city. In 2023, as the European Capital of Culture, our city was the centre of culture and music. Looking ahead, for 2026, we are applying for the title of European Region of Sport. Veszprém is deeply committed to promoting sport. We are proud to support and host the 2027 World Orienteering Championships along with all orienteering events leading up to it.

Have a good time with us, get to know our city and our region.

I wish you good luck and exciting competitions this year and in the years ahead.



**Welcome speech by Dániel Gyurta,**  
 Head of the Department of Sports Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Olympic Champion Swimmer (2012), UNESCO Fair Play Award (2013)

As Head of the Department of Sports Diplomacy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, I extend my respectful and warm greetings to the athletes, organisers, and all participants preparing for the 2027 World Orienteering Championships!

It is of great importance to Hungary to be able to demonstrate our hospitality, organisational skills, and commitment to sport as the host of international sport events. Sport is not only a means of personal fulfilment and community building, but also one of the noblest forms of strengthening international relations.

We are especially pleased that Veszprém city – now not only a regional centre for culture but also for sport – will host such a prestigious world competition. This event provides an opportunity to showcase to the world our natural treasures, our welcoming communities, and the excellence of our athletes.

I wish all participants successful preparations, fair competition, and unforgettable experiences in Hungary!



**Welcome speech by Balázs Kovács,**  
 President of the Hungarian Orienteering Federation

Dear Orienteering Friends,

I was 16 and just started orienteering in 1983 when the WOC was the first time staged in Hungary, and I was an active organiser in 2009 when it was for the second time in my country. Now it's truly my pleasure to have the opportunity to invite you from all over the world to be part of the WOC challenge again in Hungary.

Find your way! – as our slogan suggests, and indeed, tough competitions await you on demanding continental terrain around the host city of Veszprém. The main event is accompanied by Hungária Cup to offer enjoyable orienteering for all spectators and O-fans.

Together with the organising team we look forward to welcoming competitors, spectators, coaches and officials to a high quality and thrilling World Orienteering Championships in 2027!

## Our vision

Our vision is to deliver an exceptional and memorable experience — both in the competition terrains and during free time.

We aim to create a world-class challenge for elite runners through high-quality courses, while offering spectators an unforgettable orienteering festival connected to the World Orienteering Championships.

We want to showcase the beauty of our homeland — Hungary's Veszprém and Balaton region — with its picturesque countryside, rich historical heritage, and beautiful forests. This unique combination promises an unforgettable event for the world's top elite runners and a memorable holiday experience for spectators and families alike in Veszprém, Hungary.

## Organiser

On behalf of the Hungarian Orienteering Federation, the organiser of the World Orienteering Championships in 2027 is the Veszprém Military Sports Club / Veszprémi Honvéd Sportegyesület (VHSE).

VHSE, founded in 1964, is one of Hungary's oldest and most successful orienteering clubs, proudly ranked as the second most successful orienteering club in the country since 2022.

## Cooperation partners

The Municipality of Veszprém, the University of Pannonia, the Hungarian Orienteering Federation, and the Veszprémi Honvéd Sportegyesület have signed a cooperation agreement to support the preparation, promotion, and successful organisation of the World Orienteering Championships in 2027.

The event receives significant financial support from the Hungarian state with the involvement of the State Secretariat for Sports of the Ministry of Defence, National Institute of Sport Development and Methodology.





## Event organisers and contact

### ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

<b>Event Organiser</b>	Veszprémi Honvéd Sportegyesület
<b>Event Director</b>	Miklós Mets
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instagram.com/woc2027

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## Travel options

### Getting to Veszprém from major Airports:



#### FROM BUDAPEST AIRPORT

**145 km** // Approximately 1 hour 40 minutes by car, or around 2.5 hours by public transport



#### FROM VIENNA AIRPORT

**180 km** // Approximately 2 hours 20 minutes by car, or around 4 hours by public transport



#### FROM BRATISLAVA AIRPORT

**175 km** // Approximately 2 hours 20 minutes by car, or around 4.5 hours by public transport

Hungary boasts a first-class transport network, with Veszprém easily accessible by bus and car via the M7 Motorway and main road No. 8, as well as by train.

Scheduled buses and trains from Budapest to Veszprém run approximately every hour. However, the competition venues are most conveniently reached by cars or team buses.





## Venues, access and transport

### Veszprém – Host City of WOC 2027

Veszprém is one of the most beautiful and captivating small cities in Hungary — and indeed in Europe — with over a thousand years of history, culture, and tradition. Its rich heritage and vibrant artistic scene, still thriving today, made it a natural choice as the European Capital of Culture in 2023.

Veszprém is a compact, peaceful, charming city, inviting you to explore its natural beauty, tranquil parks, and the winding, cobbled streets of its historic old town and castle.

Just beyond the city, the Bakony Hills offer scenic hiking trails, while the nearby Balaton Highlands are home to historic vineyards and picturesque landscapes. And only a short drive away lies Lake Balaton — the largest lake in Central Europe — famed for its beaches, summer festivals, culinary delights, and endless opportunities for relaxation and fun.

## Event centre

### Location: University of Pannonia, Veszprém

The university is located in the centre of Veszprém, just a 5-minute walk from the city's historic center.

## Accommodations

University of Pannonia campus and medium-sized hotels in downtown Veszprém.





# Provisional event programme

World Orienteering Championships 2027  
and Hungaria Cup (WOC Tour 2027) –  
6-days O-Festival in Veszprém and near  
Lake Balaton



## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Day	Date	WOC 2027	Hungaria Cup – WOC Tour 2027
Day 0	9 August 2027	Opening Ceremony	HC1 – Sprint
Day 1	10 August 2027	Middle distance Qualification	HC2 – Middle distance
Day 2	11 August 2027	Long distance	HC3 – Shortened long distance
Day 3	12 August 2027	Rest day	HC4 – Shortened long distance
Day 4	13 August 2027	Middle distance Final	HC5 – Middle distance
Day 5	14 August 2027	Relay, Closing Ceremony, Party	HC6 – Shortened long distance



## Embargoed areas

More information of the  
embargoed areas are available  
on the following link of the  
Google Maps **EMBARGOED**  
**AREAS** and the website:

[woc2027.com](http://woc2027.com)



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## Trainings and training camps

Besides a selection of pre-arranged training packages we also handle individual requests from international teams. Feel free to contact us for details, we are happy to support your training plans on your way to WOC 2027.

The Training Bulletin is planned to be published by the end of September 2025 on the official competition website [woc2027.com](https://woc2027.com).

For more options and to share your training needs, please contact us at the email address below.

Email: [training@woc2027.hu](mailto:training@woc2027.hu)

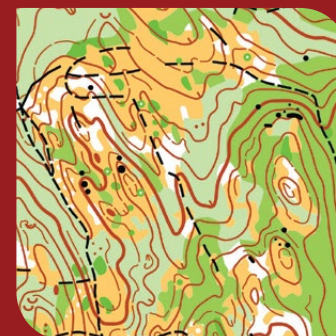
***Come and join us, get the perfect preparation!***

***More information of the previous orienteering maps is available on the website:***

***[woc2027.com](https://woc2027.com)***



## Similar terrains - presentation maps





## Training opportunities and pre-events

### Come and join our events in 2025-2026-2027!

Even in the years leading up to WOC 2027, a variety of exciting orienteering events are waiting for you!

These competitions offer a great opportunity to explore Veszprém and terrain similar to those featured in WOC 2027.

You'll gain insight into the organisation, the style of mapping and course setting.

### 2025 - EXPLORE VESZPRÉM, THE HOST CITY OF WOC 2027

- **18-19 September 2025:**  
Sprint Trainings – Győr City
- **20-21 September 2025:**  
Hungarian Sprint & Sprint Relay Championships (WRE) – Veszprém
- **22-23 September 2025:**  
Forest Trainings – Surroundings of Veszprém

More info:  
[woc2027.com/hungarian-sprint-championships](https://woc2027.com/hungarian-sprint-championships)

### 2026 - EXPLORE THE WOC-RELEVANT TERRAINS

- **6-7 June 2026:**  
Hungarian Middle Distance & Relay Championships (WRE) – Veszprém
- **6-9 June 2026:**  
WOC 2027 Training Camp – Veszprém
- **3-4 October 2026:**  
Honvéd Cup (WRE) – Veszprém
- **3-6 October 2026:**  
WOC 2027 Training Camp – Veszprém

### 2027 - GET READY FOR WOC 2027

- **April 2027:**  
Central European Youth Orienteering Cup & Honvéd Cup (WRE)
- **April 2027:**  
WOC 2027 Training Camp
- **July 2027:**  
WOC 2027 Selection Races







## Competition Rules

The 2027 edition of the Competition Rules for IOF Foot Orienteering Events will apply to the 2027 World Orienteering Championships and will be available later on the IOF website: <https://orienteering.sport/orienteering/competition-rules>.

## Classes and participation restrictions

(5.7) There is one class for women and one for men. There are no age restrictions. The classes are called WOMEN and MEN.

(6.1) A competitor may represent only one Federation at any one time, and must be a citizen of the country of that Federation.

(6.2) Requests for change of Federation representation will be checked by the IOF Office and will come into effect on 15<sup>th</sup> April or 15<sup>th</sup> November. A competitor may not change their Federation representation more frequently than once every four years.

## Visa permits

According to current regulations, citizens of certain countries are required to obtain a visa to enter the European Union. EU nationals do not require a visa to enter Hungary. Other travelers may need a Hungarian visa depending on their nationality. For details on visa exemptions and entry requirements, visit the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs website: [konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/en](https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/en).

## Anti-doping

Doping is strictly forbidden, and the organizers of WOC 2027 are 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 <https://orienteering.sport/iof/anti-doping>.

## Climate

August is peak summer in Hungary, with warm, sunny days and mild nights—ideal for tourism, hiking, and water sports. Veszprém, located at around 260 meters above sea level near Lake Balaton, experiences slightly milder summers (26–29°C highs, 14–17°C lows), and the generally stable weather makes summer a popular time for tourism, festivals, and outdoor activities. Lake Balaton, Central Europe's largest lake and Hungary's top summer destination, offers a pleasant microclimate with average highs of 27–30°C and warm water temperatures around 24–27°C — pleasantly warm for swimming and relaxation.



## Spectator races

### Hungaria Cup – WOC Tour 2027

The spectator race of the world championships.

Step into the world of champions and compete on the same legendary terrains as the sport's greatest athletes!

The Hungaria Cup (WOC Tour 2027) offers a race full of variety for spectators, fans, and amateur orienteers. Whether you're a beginner enjoying easy courses or a seasoned pro tackling tough challenges, this 6-day event has something for everyone.

Explore the breathtaking landscapes of Bakony, Balaton, Balaton-Highlands, and Veszprém while competing in diverse courses and special events designed to thrill and inspire.

Every Hungaria Cup – WOC Tour competition is planned to take place at the same iconic venues as the World Orienteering Championships.

***Join us and be part  
of the adventure!***





## Holiday

### Spend your holiday in the Veszprém – Balaton region

Discover the charm of Veszprém, the “City of the Queens,” a Hungarian treasure with over 1,000 years of history and heritage. Its steep, winding streets come alive, especially during the vibrant summer months, which are the city’s festival season.

There is so much to see and experience, you simply can’t miss in the region. Visit the charming Veszprém Zoo and explore the historic castles nearby. Don’t miss the iconic Tihany Abbey, perched on the scenic Tihany Peninsula. Treat yourself to the world-famous wines of the Balaton region, known for their unique flavors and local vibe. You can also take a relaxing boat ride on Lake Balaton and chill out on the many beautiful beaches along the Balaton’s shoreline.

Come join us for an awesome week celebrating the greats of our sport and experience the festival vibes during the Hungaria Cup – WOC Tour in Veszprém, Hungary!

**Keep an eye on our website for the latest news and updates: [woc2027.com](https://woc2027.com)**

***Join us on the road to the 2027 World Orienteering Championships — let’s create unforgettable memories together.***



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**Spend half a day at the Veszprém Zoo**



**Have an ice cream and take a walk in the historic downtown of Veszprém**

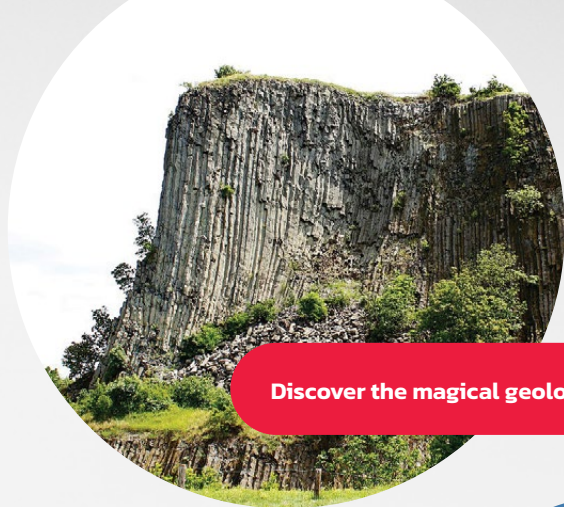


**Join a boat trip on Lake Balaton**



**Take a dip in Lake Balaton at one of the excellent beaches on the northern shore**





Discover the magical geological formation of Hegyestű



Explore the thousand-year history and lavender garden of the Tihany Abbey



Visit the Szigliget or Nagyvázsony castles



Enjoy the summer concerts of the Veszprém-Balaton region



Taste the finest wines of the Badacsony region



Recharge in the arboretum of Zirc and visit the abbey's library



Hike to the Roman Bath at Bakonyháza and the windmills of Tés





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