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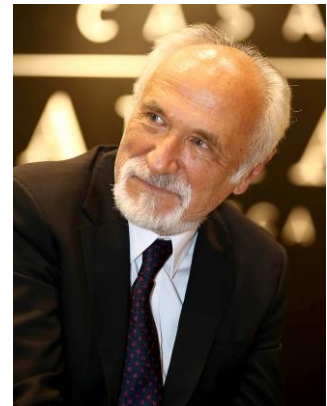
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WELCOME

It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome, on behalf of the Italian Orienteering Federation, all the nations, athletes, coaches, and team officials who will take part in the 2026 Sprint World Orienteering Championships.

This WOC arrives in a city that already hosted a World Cup round in 2024, proving its organizational capabilities and genuine passion. It is, therefore, also a confirmation: Genova is ready, once again, to welcome the global Orienteering community and transform itself into a competition arena.



Genova is a symbolic city: born to look beyond the horizon, overlooking the sea, shaped by steep alleys, squares filled with stories, and a port that for centuries served as a bridge between continents.

It is the birthplace of Christopher Columbus, an emblem of the drive to cross known boundaries and seek out new horizons.

In the same way, you orienteers are modern explorers: you chart your courses through the maps, guided by the rhythm of your run and the strategy of your decisions, always ready to chase new goals, not only on the course, but also within yourselves.

Another iconic figure from Genova that makes the spirit of these championships even more symbolic is the Mayor Silvia Salis, who has dedicated her life to athletics. Ten-time national champion, Olympic athlete in Beijing and London, and winner of the Mediterranean Games, she has continued her commitment after retiring, becoming Vice President of CONI. A woman who has truly lived the sports experience and who now, with values of dedication, courage, and vision, leads the city hosting the World Championships.

Beyond the competition, Liguria will surprise you: sea and mountains just a step away, the perched villages, the culture, and the flavours of a land suspended between sky and rock.

I invite you to discover it beyond the courses, to experience it and be inspired.

Welcome to Italy,

Welcome to Liguria,

Welcome to Genova: the city where the horizon always invites you to push further!

Enjoy Sprint WOC 2026!

Alfio Giomi
President of the Italian Orienteering Federation

1. ORGANISATION AND CONTACT

1.1. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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Spectator Races	Andrea Immovilli

1.2. EVENT ADVISORS

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IOF Senior Event Adviser	Péter Molnár (HUN)
National controller	Simone Grassi (ITA)

1.3. CONTACT INFORMATION

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IOF WOC Project Manager	aron.less@orienteering.sport
Volunteers	volunteers@woc2026.it

1.4. BULLETINS

Bulletin 3 will be published in April 2026.

Final details will be released in Bulletin 4 on 3rd July 2026.

2.EVENT PROGRAMME

Saturday 4 th July	Event office opens
Monday 6 th July	Model Event and Technical Model Event Team Officials' Meeting 1 (Sprint)
Tuesday 7 th July	Sprint Qualification (AM) and Final (PM) [men first to run] Opening Ceremony
Wednesday 8 th July	Rest day Team Officials' Meeting 2 (Sprint KO Qual) IOF General Assembly
Thursday 9 th July	Knock-Out Sprint Qualification (AM) [women first to run] Team Officials' Meeting 3 (KO rounds+ Sprint Relay)
Friday 10 th July	Knock-Out Sprint elimination rounds (PM) [women first to run]
Saturday 11 th July	Sprint Relay (PM) Closing Ceremony

The final programme will be presented in Bulletin 3 and on the website.

3.VENUE, ACCESS AND TRANSPORT

The event will be organised in Genova, located in the North-West of Italy by the Mediterranean Sea.

The preferred airport Genova City Airport Cristoforo Colombo (GOA) is 15 km away from the Event Centre.

Other travel options include Milano Malpensa Airport (MXP-190 km), Milano Linate Airport (LIN-160 km), Milano Bergamo Airport (BGY-200 km), Pisa airport (PSA-170 km) and Nice airport (NCE-200 km).

We recommend using your own transport or a rental car/minibus. All arenas can be reached by public transport.

4.EVENT CENTRE

The event centre will be located at "Sala Quadrivium", [via XII Ottobre 14, 16121 Genova](#). On the competitions days the Event Office will be located at the arena.

The event centre is inside the embargoed area, that will be adjusted in June 2026 to allow access to the EC: athletes and team officials may only use permitted routes to pass through the embargoed area. More details at [IOF Eventor](#).

5.ENTRIES AND FEES

5.1. ENTRIES AND ENTRY DEADLINES

All entries are only to be made in IOF Eventor from 1st of January 2026 on:

<https://eventor.orienteeing.org/Events/Show/7383>

As the event start date is Monday 6th of July 2026:

- The deadline for Team Size Entry is 6th of May 2026 (-2 months)
- The deadline for Entries Payment 25th of May 2026 (-6 weeks)
- The deadline for Team Names Entry is 28th of June 2026 (-8 days)
- The deadline for late entries, changes of Team Size or Team Names is 6th of July 2026 12:00 (noon)

	1 January	6 May	25 May	28 June	6 July
					7 July
Team size entry periods	Team size	+ 20% (80% refund)	+ 50% (50% refund)		Event
Team names entry periods		Team names	+ 10 €		
Payment schedule		Payment			Pay/refund changes

Team Size Entry (deadline 6th of May 2026) details:

- The Team manager (chosen from list in IOF Eventor)
- The Team manager's email address and mobile phone
- The number of Team Athletes (men and women)
- The number of Team Officials
- The number of Team Athletes in the individual races. There is no maximum number of officials per team
- The number of sprint relay teams (0 or 1)
- Ordering of rental SIAC cards

Team Names Entry (deadline 28th of June 2026) details:

- The name of each Team Athlete by selecting from federation members in IOF Eventor
- The name of each Team Officials by selecting from federation members in IOF Eventor

Competition entries

Exact time of deadlines will be presented in Bulletin 3.

5.2. ENTRY FEES

Accreditation fee for athletes	100 €
Accreditation fee for team officials	100 €
Individual race	145 €

Sprint Relay (per team)	360 €
SIAC card rent	15 €

Accreditation fee covers model event, parking (partially), compulsory transports and competition maps.

For Teams where the function of the Team Official is performed by an athlete, there will be no charge for a team official.

The rental of the SIAC card is considered per person per week. The pre-ordered rental SIAC cards will be handed out in the Event Office as a part of the accreditation. A team manager shall return all rented SIAC cards at the Event office after the last race. Any missing or lost SIAC-card will be charged with a fee of 70 €. SIAC cards must be ordered with team size entry (6th of May 2026).

5.3. LATE ENTRIES

Changes of Team Size or Team Names Late Entries and changes will be accepted, if possible, up to Event start date, 7th of July 2026. 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 at info@woc2026.it. The organiser makes the changes in IOF Eventor after deadlines.

Extra fee for changes of team size until 28 th of June 2026	20% (80% refund)
Extra fee for changes of team size until 6 th of July 2026	50% (50% refund)
Extra fee for changes of team names until 6 th of July 2026	surcharge 10 €

5.4. PAYMENT

After the Team Size deadline (6th of May 2026, 2 months before), the organiser will invoice the federation for entries and services. The invoices should be paid before 25th of May 2026 (6 weeks before the event). If the Federation has done changes after that date, it will be paid/refunded at the Event Office at the latest.

Please note that we will accept payments only in euro currency.

Payee	COMITATO GENOVA 2026 A.S.D.
Currency	Euro
IBAN	IT55E0538701411000003861810
BIC	BPMOIT22XXX
Bank	BPER Banca
Address of the bank	Agenzia 11 - GENOVA

6. ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

There isn't any official accommodation, the teams could book by themselves everywhere in Genova's area, outside of the embargoed area. For further information please check <https://www.visitgenoa.it/en>

In the quarantine and the team zone in the arenas, we offer refreshments and water. Hot and cold food and drinks will be for sale in the arenas.

Most hotels, restaurants and grocery stores have a variety of food options, also for special diets, vegetarians, and allergy sufferers.

7. EMBARGOED AREA

At this link on Google Maps it is possible to find the overview of the embargoed area: https://bit.ly/embargo-trainings_WC24_WOC26_Genova

This embargo applies to all potential WOC 2026 team members and those who intentionally or unintentionally could provide an unfair advantage to competitors at WOC 2026.

- Access is not allowed within the embargoed areas (marked in red on the map).
- It is allowed to use "Permissive routes" (marked in green on the map) and enter certain permitted areas as tourist (marked in yellow on the map).
- It is allowed to take trains through the embargoed area. Other (public) transport is only allowed along the "Permissive route".
- It is allowed to enter buildings directly from "Permissive routes" (marked in green on the map), so long as that building is directly adjacent to the "Permissive route". It is not allowed to exit the building into an embargoed area.
- No orienteering of any kind may take place in the embargoed areas until after WOC 2026. This also applies to the special permitted areas (marked in green on the map).
- Final details about embargoed areas will be published in Bulletin 4.

Notes about the embargo rules: based on the IOF Rule 14.4 «Permission for access into embargoed terrain shall be requested from the organizer if needed» you can email the Technical Director at alessio.tenani@woc2026.it

7.1. PREVIOUS ORIENTEERING MAPS

A complete list of all the previous orienteering maps in the embargoed areas is published on IOF Eventor and on the website.

Maps can be downloaded from this folder on Dropbox: https://bit.ly/WOC2026_oldmaps

8. TRAINING AND COMPETITION POSSIBILITIES

We offer a package of several training in the region (Liguria): all the opportunities are published [here](#).

The program of official training camps and competitions leading up to Sprint WOC 2026 is:

- 29th September - 3rd October 2025: training in Genova area ([bulletin](#))
- 4th-5th October 2025: Pre WOC in Arenzano and Pegli ([Knock Out Sprint](#) - [Sprint Relay](#))
- 9th-13th March 2026: training in Savona area
- 14th-15th March 2026: Italian Sprint Cup – WRE races in Savona area ([info](#))
- 16th-20nd March 2026: training in Savona and La Spezia area
- 21st-22nd March 2026: competitions in La Spezia area
- 13th-22nd May 2026: training in Genova area
- 16th-17th May 2026: test races in Genova area

9. RULES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

9.1. IOF COMPETITION RULES

The IOF Competition Rules valid as of 1st January 2026 will be used.

9.2. ANTI-DOPING

Doping is strictly forbidden, and the organisers of the Sprint WOC 2026 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 latest IOF Anti-Doping rules and the World Anti-Doping Code applies. 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/>

9.3. INSURANCE AND LIABILITIES

The organisers decline any liability that might occur through participation in the IOF Sprint WOC 2026 Events and training. Each person participates at their own risk and is re-sponsible for their own insurance coverage (illness and accident).

9.4. VISA PERMITS

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

Please check [this page](#) for further information.

9.5. ATHLETE'S LICENCE

All athletes need to have [a valid IOF athlete's licence](#) to participate in the Sprint WOC 2026 races.

10. MEDIA SERVICES

We welcome all media representatives as our partners to cover the exciting competitions of Sprint World Orienteering Championships in Genova.

All registrations will be made in IOF Eventor. For any requests, please contact media@woc2026.it.

11. GENERAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

11.1. CLASSES AND PARTICIPATION RESTRICTIONS

Competition classes are Women and Men with no age restrictions (Rule 5.7).

All competitors represent a Federation (6.5). Requests for change of Federation representation will be checked by the IOF Office and will come into effect on 15th April or 15th November. A competitor may not change their Federation representation more frequently than once every four years (6.2). They must be a citizen of the country of that Federation (6.1).

In the Sprint and Knock-Out Sprint competitions, every Federation may enter up to 3 women and 3 men and, in addition, the current World Champions for each format and the current Regional Champions for each format may be entered into the respective competitions by their Federation(s) (6.6). The full list of extra allocations will be published in Bulletin 3.

In the Sprint Relay, each Federation may enter one team consisting of 4 team members of whom at least 2 must be women (6.9).

All competitors require an IOF athlete licence to participate at Sprint WOC 2026.

11.2. PUNCHING SYSTEM

The punching system used is SPORTident SIAC Air+. Each participant will use two SIAC cards. The primary card will be provided by the organizers free of charge; participants are requested to use their own as backup. The organizer will offer SIAC cards for rent, they can be booked through IOF Eventor as a service with team size entry (6th of May 2026).

11.3. GPS TRACKING

In every race, competitors may be asked to carry a GPS tracking device. It has to be carried on the back of the competitor in an elastic harness. GPS tracking will be used for live TV production, arena production on the big video screen and live on-line transmission.

11.4. CLOTHING

No restrictions.

11.5. CLIMATE AND HAZARDS

Average temperature in Genova in July is between 21° and 27° C with a humidity of 70% and low probability of raining.

No specific hazards.

12. RACE INFORMATION

All the arenas are maximum 45 minutes driving from the event centre.

Terrain description: characteristic of Ligurian coastal towns, the area is marked by narrow streets, staircases, passageways, and urban parks, with parts of the terrain being notably steep.

Maps 1:4000, 2.5 m, 2025 (ISSprOM 2019-2 version 2024)
Mapper Samuele Curzio

12.1. SPRINT QUALIFICATION, Tuesday 7th July 2026

Course Setter Alessio Tenani
Controller Marcello Lambertini
Women 13 minutes; preliminary length on shortest possible route: 3,0 km
Men 13 minutes; preliminary length on shortest possible route: 3,5 km

12.2. SPRINT DISTANCE FINAL, Tuesday 7th July 2026

Course Setter Alessio Tenani
Controller Marcello Lambertini
Women 14 minutes; preliminary length on shortest possible route: 3,2 km
Men 14 minutes; preliminary length on shortest possible route: 3,7 km

12.3. KNOCK-OUT SPRINT QUAL, Thursday 9th July 2026

Course Setter Alessio Tenani
Controller Marcello Lambertini
Women 10 minutes; preliminary length on shortest possible route: 2,2 km
Men 10 minutes; preliminary length on shortest possible route: 2,4 km

12.4. KNOCK-OUT SPRINT ROUNDS, Friday 10th July 2026

Course Setter Alessio Tenani
Controller Marcello Lambertini
Preliminary length on shortest possible route: QF 1,8 km (7'30" men, 8' women) / SF 2,0 km (7'30" men, 8' women) / F 1,9 km (7'30" men, 8' women)

12.5. SPRINT RELAY, Saturday 11th July 2026

Course Setter Alessio Tenani
Controller Marcello Lambertini
Time 60' (15' per leg)
Preliminary length on shortest possible route: 3,1 km leg 1-4 W, 3,5 km leg 2-3 M

13. SPECTATOR RACES

The “Five Days of Italy” will be organised during the days of the World Championships, with three forest races and two sprint races.

The timing and the locations will then allow you to follow Sprint WOC live.



From Saturday, July 4th to Sunday, July 12th – Self Training (Campo Ligure GE)

Sunday, July 5th – Prologue Sprint (Sassello SV) – Model Event forest (Monte Beigua SV)

Monday, July 6th – 1st Stage Long distance (Monte Beigua SV)

Tuesday, July 7th – 2nd Stage Sprint distance (Urban area Genova or surroundings – CLOSE TO WOC)

Wednesday, July 8th – Orienteering & Tourism (La Spezia area)

Thursday, July 9th – 3rd Stage Middle distance (Passo del Faiallo GE and Urbe SV)

Friday, July 10th – 4th Stage Middle distance (Piani di Praglia – Ceranesi GE)

Saturday, July 11th – 5th Stage Sprint distance (Urban area Genova or surroundings - CLOSE TO WOC)

Sunday, July 12th – Extra Race Sprint or Middle distance (Genova or surroundings)

For further information check www.woc2026.it / e-mail spectator.races@woc2026.it

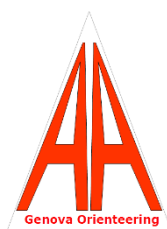
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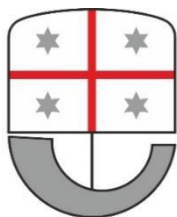
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