



BULLETIN 1

OWC ORIENTEERING WORLD CUP 2026

5 – 9 AUGUST ROUND 3
VYŠŠÍ BROD, SOUTH BOHEMIA, CZECHIA



► Czech Orienteering

Welcome

Dear sports friends, dear orienteers,

It is my great honour to welcome you on the occasion of publishing Bulletin 1/2 for the Orienteering World Cup 2026 in Vyšší Brod. For Czech orienteering and the entire organizing team, hosting the World Cup is a tremendous privilege and a challenge we gladly and humbly accept.

We want to build on the success of 2023, when together with you we created a truly phenomenal orienteering festival – a meeting place not only for the world's elite, but also for hundreds of recreational runners from all over Europe and the Czech Republic, who enjoyed shared experiences as part of the Czech O-Tour event. Diversity, community spirit and the joy of shared sporting moments are the values we wish to foster again this year.

At the same time, we have another strong goal – to further develop orienteering in South Bohemia, a region that remains less established in our sport. That is exactly why we decided to organize the World Cup here. We will create many new maps and open a multitude of opportunities for the growth of local orienteering. We believe that thanks to this event, new enthusiasts will discover the magic of

orienteering and many more people will start running with a map in this beautiful part of Czechia.

As Event Director and President of the Czech Orienteering Federation, I promise that we will do everything possible to ensure each participant will leave Vyšší Brod with unforgettable experiences – whether you line up at the start as a world-class athlete or as a devoted fan who simply loves their sport. We look forward to creating an atmosphere that will inspire not only our own community, but the whole sporting world.

Czechia calls!



Jan Pícek, Event Director

Ladies, gentlemen, dear participants of the Orienteering World Cup,

It is a great honour for me to welcome you all to our beautiful South Bohemian border town, where history and the hustle and bustle of everyday life merge.

Vyšší Brod is one of the pearls of South Bohemia, not only thanks to our Cistercian monastery, but also thanks to the flawless natural scenery you will enjoy to the full during your stay here.

I wish all athletes and visitors a wonderful sports experience, a pleasant, undisturbed stay and I will be very happy if you visit us again in the future.



Jaroslav Marek, Deputy Mayor of Vyšší Brod



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Orienteering World Cup 2026

The 2026 Orienteering World Cup (OWC) will consist of the following 12 competition

Date	Format	Event	Location
24 April	Sprint	World Cup Round 1	Switzerland
25 April	Sprint Relay	World Cup Round 1	Switzerland
26 April	Knock-Out Sprint	World Cup Round 1	Switzerland
28 May	Knock-Out Sprint	World Cup Round 2	Sweden
30 May	Sprint	World Cup Round 2	Sweden
31 May	Sprint Relay	World Cup Round 2	Sweden
6 August	Long Distance	World Cup Round 3	Czechia
8 August	Middle Distance	World Cup Round 3	Czechia
9 August	Relay	World Cup Round 3	Czechia
24 September	Long Distance	World Cup Round 4	Lithuania
26 September	Middle Distance	World Cup Round 4	Lithuania
27 September	Relay	World Cup Round 4	Lithuania

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 points and top 50 are rewarded plus 5 best competitors in the B-finals with 5-4-3-2-1 points.

The Team's 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.

Section 1: Organisation

OWC Round 3 in 2026 is being organised by the Czech Orienteering Federation.

1.1 Organising Committee

Event Director	Jan Pícek
Technical Director	Matěj Burda
Sport Director	Radim Hošek
Event Office	Dominika Pachnerová
Permit Coordinator	Zdeněk Blabla
Results, IT Services	Vojtěch Blažek
Media	Jiří Kostka
VIP	Jana Semrádová
Czech O-Tour Director	Martina Teringlová

1.2 Advisers

IOF Senior Event Adviser	Carl Goran Strutz (SWE)
National Event Adviser	Daniel Wolf (CZE)

1.3 Contact Information

Official Information

<https://eventor.orienteeing.org/Events/Show/8245>

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Social media

FB: [@wcup.cz](https://www.facebook.com/wcup.cz)

IG: [@wcup_czechia](https://www.instagram.com/wcup_czechia)

YouTube: [@CeskyOrientak](https://www.youtube.com/@CeskyOrientak)

Bulletin 3 will be published no later than on 5 June 2026.

Final details will be released in Bulletin 4 upon arrival at the Event Centre and on the homepage at wcup.cz.



Section 2: Programme

The final programme will be presented in Bulletin 4 and at wcup.cz when the agreements for live TV are settled.

Date	Event Programme
Monday, 3 August	Arrival
Tuesday, 4 August	Model + Technical Model
Wednesday, 5 August	Qualification
Thursday, 6 August	Long Distance
Friday, 7 August	Rest Day
Saturday, 8 August	Middle Distance
Sunday, 9 August	Relay

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Spectator races

August 6–9

4 stages

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Section 3: Venue, Access and Transport

3.1 Venue

Vyšší Brod

Dubbed a “treasury of cultural and natural beauty”, this small town located on the banks of the River Vltava is the starting point for thousands of paddlers heading down the stream via Rožmberk, Zlatá Koruna and Český Krumlov, UNESCO World Heritage Site. Above Vyšší Brod there are beautiful forests with many rocks and stones.

Lipno Region

Sometimes called the “Czech sea”, Lake Lipno is set within the fascinating Šumava countryside below the ridges lining the boundary with Austria and Germany. With its length of 42 km and the maximum width of 10 km, Lipno and its surroundings offer an ideal potential for tourism. The waters of the lake attract water sports enthusiasts every year. The upper part of Lipno territory is situated in the Šumava National Park where you can hike up to the summits of around 1,300 metres.

3.2 Competition Arenas

The arenas will be situated near Vyšší Brod (no more than 20 km and 25 min of driving from the Event Centre in Vyšší Brod).

3.3 Transport / Travel Opportunities

Teams are encouraged to use their own transport throughout the whole OWC. We recommend transport by car/minibus. The nearest major international airports are Linz Blue Danube Airport (57 km from the Event Centre), Salzburg Airport (180 km), Václav Havel Airport Prague (220 km) and Vienna Airport (250 km)



Section 4: Event Centre (Office)

VYŠŠÍ BROD, Info Centre Building

The Event Office will be located in the Info Centre building in the square in Vyšší Brod.

Address: Náměstí 104, 382 73 Vyšší Brod, Czechia

GPS Coordinates: [48.6146N, 14.3118E](#)

The parking will be in designated areas in the adjacent street. Toilets will be available there.

The Event Centre is the location for:

- Accreditation of athletes and team officials
- Information point for teams

Team officials meetings will be situated within walking distance from the EC.



Section 5: Entry

5.1 Entries and Entry Deadlines

All entries can only be made in IOF Eventor. The entry form will be available from 1 January 2026 at:

<https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/8245>

- The event start date is 5 August 2026
- The deadline for **Team Size Entry** is 5 June 2026 (- 2 months).
- The deadline for **Team Names Entry** is 26 July 2026 (- 10 days).
- The deadline for **Late Entries, Changes of Team Size or Team Names for accreditation** is 4 August 2026 at 12:00 CET

Team Size Entry

The following information shall be provided:

- Team manager (chosen from the 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 (Federation Quota will be published by the IOF)
- Number of teams for the relays
- Ordering of SIAC cards rental

	1 January at 00:01 Start of entry	5 June at 23:59 Team size	26 July at 23:59 Team names	26 July at 23:59 Entries	4 August at 12:00 Late entries and changes deadline	5 August Event start date
Team size entry periods	Team size	+ 20 % (80 % refund)	+ 50 % (50 % refund)	EVENT		
Team name entry periods	Team names		+ 10 EUR			
Payment schedule	Payment				Pay/refund changes	

Team Names Entry

The following information shall be given:

- Name of each Team athlete by selecting from federation members in IOF Eventor
- SIAC card number of each athlete

Competition Entries

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

Late Entries, Changes of Team Size or Team Names

Late entries and changes will be accepted, if possible, until **4 August 2026 at 12:00 CET**. No late entries or changes will be accepted after that date. Late entries and changes will always have a defined extra cost (surcharge).

Entry Changes

- 6 June–26 July 2026 – surcharge 20% on new entries, withdrawals receive 80% refund.
- 27 July–4 August 2026 – surcharge 50% on new entries, withdrawals receive 50% refund.
- After 4 August 2026 12:00 CET – no other entries or changes will be accepted.

Name Changes

- 27 July–4 August 2026 – surcharge 10 EUR
- Changes of names for competition according to IOF rules, no fee.

Late entries and changes will always be treated equally, and must be communicated directly to the organiser on info@wcup.cz. Changes in IOF Eventor after deadlines will be made by the organiser.



5.2 Entry Fees

Category		Fee
Team Officials	Per person and WC Round (see note 1)	EUR 80
Athletes	Middle + long package; start fee per person for both races incl. qualification (see note 2)	EUR 120
	Relay; start fee per team	EUR 180
SIAC Card Rental	per person per WC round (see note 3)	EUR 10
IOF Family	Per person	40 EUR
IOF Guests, Partners	Per person	no fee
Media	Per person	no fee

Notes:

1. Accreditation fee for team officials covers model event, parking in the arenas and a set of competition maps.

2. In case of the qualification race, no start fee will be charged, but the athlete needs to pay for possible final (regardless of whether or not the athlete qualifies for it).

3. The pre-ordered rented SIAC cards will be handed out in the Event Office during 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 - EUR 60. SIAC cards must be ordered with the Team Size entry (5 June 2026).

5.3 Payment

Payment must be credited to the organizer's account no later than 10 days before the event starts – 26 July 2026, otherwise the competitors will not be allowed to start. Invoices will be issued during June 2026. All bank costs must be covered by the payer.

Payment Details

Bank: MONETA Money Bank, a. s., Vyskočilova 1442/1b, 140 28 Praha 4 - Michle, Czech Republic

Account Number: 244499346/0600

IBAN: CZ18 0600 0000 0002 4449 9346

BIC (SWIFT): AGBACZPP

Account Owner: Český svaz orientačních sportů, Zátokova 100/2, 169 00 Praha 6 - Břevnov

Invoice Reference: invoice number

Section 6: Accommodation and Food

As the area is a very popular summer holiday destination, we strongly recommend that you book your accommodation **as soon as possible**. Prices are significantly higher in these summer months than the rest of the year and the capacity fills up quickly.

If you decide to make use of the accommodation offered by us, then you must send us your request no later than on **15 February 2026**.

After this deadline we cannot guarantee availability of preferred accommodation type and price.

6.1 Accommodation for Teams

We have booked the entire capacity of the apartment complex in Lipno nad Vltavou (10 km from Vyšší Brod) in advance. The apartments have a different number of beds, which can be increased by extra beds (usually a sofa bed for sleeping). The table shows only the number of beds in the apartment. We will publish a detailed list with booking options at wcup.cz during the autumn.

The capacity of the entire complex is over 300 beds (+ approx. 150 extra beds). We believe that teams will be interested in this offer.

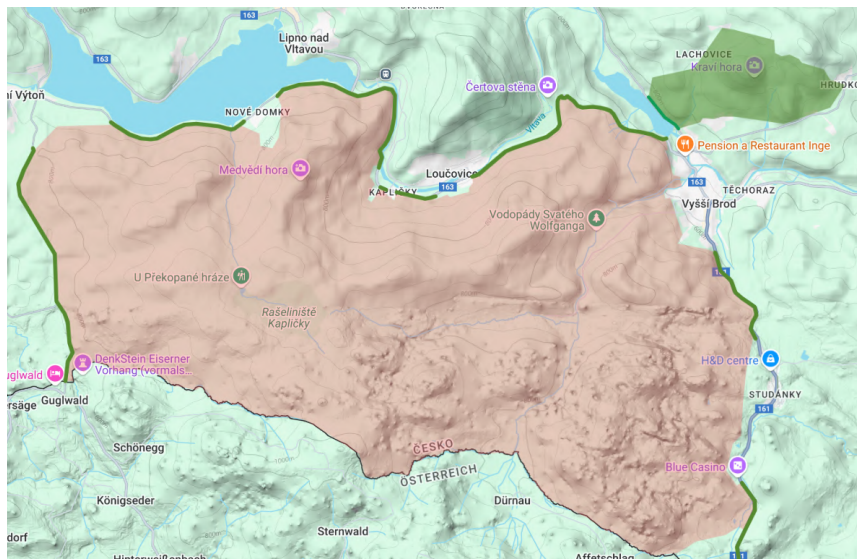
Category	Type of Apartment	Price per Apartment (per night) starting from
A - Economy	2 beds	EUR 125
B - Standard	3-4 beds	EUR 180
C - Family	5-6 beds	EUR 200

6.2 Food

Refreshments and water will be available in the quarantine and team zone in the arenas. Hot and cold food and drinks will be for sale in the arenas. The offer will include vegetarian meals.

Section 7: Embargoed Areas

According to the IOF Competition rules (§ 26.5), embargoed areas are forbidden for all potential OWC Round 3 athletes, team officials and other persons, who, through knowledge of the terrain, may influence the results of the competitions. All embargoed areas are under strict embargo. More information and maps are available at wcup.cz and eventor.orienteering.org/Documents/Event/8452/1/Embargoed-areas.



7.1 Previous Orienteering Maps

[Martínkov 2](#) (1998)

[Mnichovice](#) (1998)

Available also in Eventor.

Section 8: Training

All training activities shall be coordinated with the organisers!

All information about training maps and areas and about relevant competitions in Czechia can be found at wcup.cz/en/competitors/training. For questions or any further training stay arrangements, don't hesitate to contact us (trainings@wcup.cz).

Two middle distance public races in relevant terrains near Vyšší Brod will be held on 30–31 August 2025. Entries through ORIS webpage.

Saturday, 30 August 2025:

oris.orientacnisporty.cz/Zavod?id=9115

Sunday, 31 August 2025:

oris.orientacnisporty.cz/Zavod?id=9116

Section 9: Rules and General Information

9.1 Competition Rules

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

9.2 Classes and Participation Restrictions

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 organizers 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 2026 apply as of 1 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 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: 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 and Risks

The average minimum temperature (usually the minimum temperature is noted during the night) in Vyšší Brod in August is 15.5°C. The average maximum daytime temperature is around 24.0 °C. The amount of rain in August is normal with an average of 92 mm. It rains on average a total of 13 days. Wild bees may be encountered in the areas. Ticks, carrying Tick-borne encephalitis and Lyme disease are present.

9.6 Visa

According to the current regulations citizens of some countries must obtain a visa in order to enter Czechia. Please note that conditions of entry to Czechia can change and all Orienteering World Cup participants are advised to keep up to date of the current situation. Please visit https://mzv.gov.cz/jnp/en/information_for_alien/index.html

9.7 Athlete's License

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

Section 10: Media

Journalists, photographers, camera personnel and social media content creators are welcomed. Further information, instructions and registration deadlines will be part of Bulletin 3 and at wcup.cz.

More information: Jiří Kostka (media@wcup.cz, +420 777 636 979)

Section 11: Competition Information

11.1 Punching System

SPORTident Air+ punching will be used for all competitions. OWC participants are requested to use their own SIAC-cards as primary SIAC during the event. The organiser will offer SIAC cards for rent, they can be booked through IOF Eventor as a service with the Team Size entry (5 June 2026). Plus, there will be a back-up SIAC card provided by the organiser to every competitor, as a reserve in case of the primary SIAC failure. Detailed punching procedure will be presented in Bulletin 4.

11.2 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 online transmission. Detailed information about allocation and picking up the GPS units will be presented in Bulletin 4.

11.3 Clothing

There are no regulations regarding clothing or shoes.



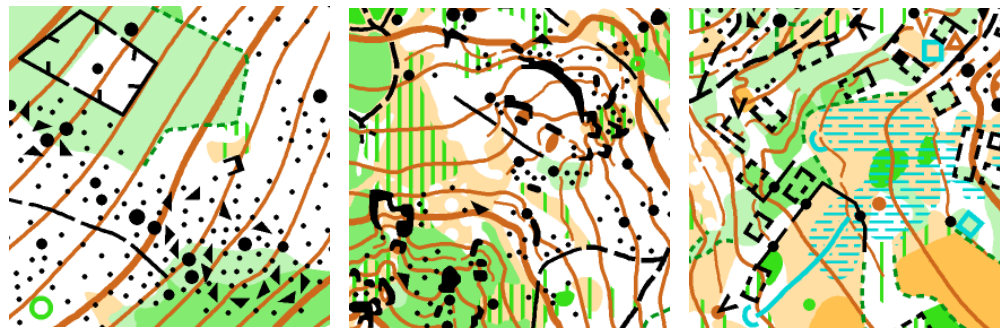
Section 12: Event Information

12.1 Terrain

Submountainous forest with rocky towns and stony areas and details, in some parts marshy areas, rather good vehicle track network and sparse path network, various runnability and visibility from very good to invisibly green.

12.2 Maps and courses

According to ISOM 2017-2 rev. 6 specification, surveyed by Zdeněk Sokolář, Jan Drbal, Daniel Lebar, Ondřej Prášil.



Discipline	Format	Map	Course Planners	Approx. length
Qualification	Combined course of middle and long parts, winning time 48'-52'	1 : 10 000	Radek Teringl, Jan Flašar	Men 8-9 km; Women 6.5-7.5 km
Long	Long distance, winning time 88'-92'	1 : 15 000	Martin Poklop, Radek Teringl	Men 15-16 km; Women 12-13 km
Middle	Middle distance, winning time 31'-35'	1 : 10 000	Radim Hošek, Lenka Voštová	Men 5.5-6.5 km; Women 4.5-5.5 km
Relay	3-leg Relay 31'-35' (per leg)	1 : 10 000	Matyáš Štregl, Filip Hulec	Men 5.5 -6.5 km; Women 4.5-5.5 km

Section 13: Prize Money

Prize money will be awarded from the event organizer to the top 6 men, women and teams in the 3 competitions. The exact amount will be announced in Bulletin 3.

Section 14: Czech O-Tour Public Races

We would like to invite fans, spectators and the sporting public to participate in the accompanying Czech O-Tour races, which will offer courses for all age categories and different levels of orienteering difficulty. Between 6–9 August 2026, four races will be prepared in the World Cup terrains. Detailed information will be published towards the end of 2025 at o-tour.cz.



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