



World Ranking Events

Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th April 2026

Perth and Rannoch Forest, Scotland

Bulletin 1

Programme

The Jan Kjellström International Festival (“the JK”) is the UK’s largest annual orienteering festival, with sprint, middle, long and relay races over four days at Easter

Friday 3rd April	Sprint WRE race in Perth city centre
Saturday 4th April	Middle WRE race at Rannoch Forest
Sunday 5th April	Long WRE race at Rannoch Forest
Monday 6th April	JK Relay at Tullochroisk

Sprint – Friday 3rd April

- Area: Perth city centre
- Classes: M21E and W21E. They will compete on the same course as M/W18E and M/W20E. There will be a single results list for the WRE, and separate JK results for each class.
- Start window: 11:00 – 15:30 (provisional)
- Start interval: 1 minute
- Expected winning time: 12-15 minutes
- Map scale 1:4000 with 2.5m contours. New map for 2026.
- Previous maps: [2010 Park World Tour](#)
- Terrain: Central Perth is a historical location with a mixture of modern streets and buildings with older alleyways and narrow lanes. Much of the competition area is pedestrianised, and there are some outdoor cafes and other areas of temporary street furniture. Courses will go through some urban parks, with grass and paved surfaces.
- Officials:
 - Planners – Fiona Eades (INT), Joe Sunley (MA)
 - Organisers - Trevor Hoey (FVO), Cathy Tilbrook (FVO)
 - Controller - Keith Tonkin (BL)
 - IOF Advisor - Ted Finch (FVO)



Middle – Saturday 4th April

- Area: Rannoch Forest
- Classes: M21E and W21E
- Start window: 10:00 – 14:00
- Start interval: 2 minutes
- Expected winning time: 30-35 minutes
- Map scale: 1:10000 with 5m contours. New map for 2026.
- Previous maps: 2013 [long](#) and [middle](#) distance
- Terrain: Mature Scottish pine forest.
- Officials:
 - Planners – Brian Bullen (FVO), Alastair Duguid (TAY)
 - Organisers – Rona & Jonathan Molloy (FVO)
 - Controller – Derek Allison (LOC)
 - IOF Advisor – Duncan Archer (LOC)

Long – Sunday 5th April

- Area: Rannoch Forest
- Classes: M21E and W21E
- Start window: 10:00 – 14:00
- Start interval: 3 minutes
- Expected winning time: 88-92 minutes
- Map scale: 1:15000 with 5m contours. New map for 2026.
- Previous maps: 2013 [long](#) and [middle](#) distance
- Terrain: Mature Scottish pine forest.
- Officials:
 - Planner – David Godfree (FVO)
 - Organisers – Rona & Jonathan Molloy (FVO)
 - Controller – Duncan Archer (LOC)
 - IOF Advisor – Duncan Archer (LOC)

Details relevant to all days

Embargoed areas

The embargoed areas are [here](#). This includes some areas acting as reserve areas (please be aware that even if not used for JK 2026, these areas remain embargoed as they may be used for Scottish 6 Days 2027 which is also likely to include WRE races).

Additional notes for the sprint day – WRE competitors for the sprint may not enter the embargoed area or stay within the embargoed area prior to the race. On the morning of the event, all competitors must proceed straight to the Assembly area once they enter the embargo area. This applies to those arriving by public transport or parking close to the city centre. Train travel on the railway line where it passes through the embargoed area IS permitted, and the major roads around the city centre are excluded from the embargoed area.

Additional notes for the middle and long days – It is permitted to stay on the public campsite in Rannoch Forest during the JK weekend. This is only permitted during the competition weekend (the evening of Friday 3rd April 2026

is permitted). The embargo area will be updated shortly before the competition to permit use of the main entrance track and the campsite. All other terrain adjacent to the campsite will remain embargoed and competitors **must not** stray beyond the bounds of the campsite into the forest.

Pre-event training

There are no formal JK training opportunities. However, there are plenty of events on similar terrain, and competitors can browse local club websites such as [TAY](#) and [FVO](#) or others further afield.

Punching system

SPORTident punching with SIAC enabled. The starts will be timed. The finishes will be contactless, with back-up video timing.

Start times

Start times for the sprint and middle distance will be based on IOF World Rankings (sprint and forest lists respectively) taken at Monday 16th March 2026, with highest ranked competitors starting last. Those without an IOF World Ranking will start before those who do have one, ordered based on British Orienteering rankings.

Start times for the long distance will be based on finishing positions from the middle distance. If the middle distance results are voided for any reason, or if there is an ongoing complaint or protest that could lead to such voiding at the point start lists need to be created, then start times for the long distance will be based on IOF World Rankings (followed by British Orienteering rankings), as for the sprint and middle distance.

If there are more entries than fit in the start window with the given start interval, then a class may be split into similar length E1 and E2 classes, with the top competitors in E1 (as determined by the same ranking as is used to draw up the start list, as above). This decision will be taken on a day by day, class by class basis.

Travel and transport

The sprint arena is within 1km of Perth railway and bus stations. Trains from Edinburgh, Glasgow and Inverness stop at Perth station. Several car parking options exist in the city centre and also for out-of-town parking with bus connections into the city centre.

The middle and long arena is very remote in Rannoch Forest. Parking is expected to involve some priority parking near the arena, and some bussing from remote parking for others. Further details will be available in bulletin 2.

The nearest airports to all races are Glasgow, Edinburgh or Inverness.

Accommodation

Competitors are responsible for their own accommodation. There are hotels and self-catering accommodation options throughout Perth, Pitlochry and surrounding towns. There is limited space at the campsite at the Middle/Long venue in Rannoch, and bookings for the weekend will only be available to orienteers via the JK website.

Entries

For entry link, fees and entry dates, see the entries page on <https://www.thejk.org.uk>. Entries must be made via SiEntries linked from the JK website. Entries cannot be made via IOF Eventor. Last entry date is Sunday 15th March 2026.

Runners must provide their IOF ID to enter WRE courses and to receive World Ranking points. Existing IOF IDs can be looked up [here](#). Runners without an IOF ID can obtain one [here](#).

Visas

If you need an invitation to apply for a visa, contact: Peter Brooke (British Orienteering CEO) via pbrooke@britishorienteering.org.uk. Please refer to your national embassy for visa requirements.

Climate

The average temperature for April is around 10-12°C, but can range from sub-zero to over 20°C. Rainfall can be expected on an average of 17 days in the month of April, and average rainfall for the month is 80-90mm.

Further Information and Contact

Website: <https://www.thejk.org.uk>

Overall weekend coordinator: Jon Cross (FVO/SOA), email: jk26coordinator@scottish-orienteering.org