



**WOC 2024**

**Sprint World Orienteering Championships Edinburgh**

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# Bulletin 1

## WELCOME

While often thought of as a countryside sport, in July 2024 orienteering will take over Edinburgh, when the World Orienteering Championships visit Scotland’s capital city. Four days of racing – for everyone from elite athletes to complete beginners – will showcase the sport for all, and allow people of all abilities to enjoy a world-class sport in a world-class city.

The Scottish Orienteering 6-Day Event Company, along with partners British Orienteering, Scottish Orienteering Association, EventScotland, University of Edinburgh, Heriot Watt University and the City of Edinburgh Council are pleased to welcome you to the Sprint World Orienteering Championships 2024. All WOC 2024 races will be staged in Edinburgh, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the leading festival city in the world. Edinburgh is packed with historic tenements, the narrow and intricate alleys of the Old Town, the sweeping elegance of the Georgian New Town and, of course, the iconic 12th century Edinburgh Castle and 16th-17th century Palace of Holyroodhouse. Edinburgh is one of the most stunning and enthralling cities in the world, and welcomes international teams, spectators and all orienteers.

WOC 2024 will also offer a series of international events for juniors, masters and non-elites. This will use the same areas as WOC wherever possible, and will feature an awayday to a major tourist destination outside Edinburgh. This 5-Day event is fully integrated with WOC 2024, and you will also have the opportunity to run some of the WOC courses. All race venues will be accessible by public transport and/or transport offered by the organisers.

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## WELCOME from Scotland and the City of Edinburgh

EventScotland is delighted to be supporting the Sprint World Orienteering Championships in 2024. We look forward to welcoming the athletes, officials and supporters from across the globe to our capital city for an event to remember. Scotland has a proven track-record in delivering world-class sporting and cultural events and our reputation as the perfect stage for events is recognised internationally. I am in no doubt that Edinburgh, with its historic landmarks, winding streets and warm welcome, will deliver fantastic competition and spectator races and provide an ideal backdrop for the championships. EventScotland has and will continue to work closely with partners locally and the wider orienteering community to produce a world-class event showcasing the sport of urban sprint orienteering. I hope you will have an excellent stay in Scotland and have a great championships.



**Paul Bush** OBE VISITSCOTLAND'S DIRECTOR OF EVENTS



I am delighted that Edinburgh has been chosen to host the Sprint World Orienteering Championships in 2024, and it gives me great pleasure to offer everyone a very warm welcome to our beautiful city. Edinburgh is a city of great sporting traditions and has staged many world-class sporting events in recent times, as well as hosting the world's biggest arts festival every year. The city is renowned for its unique history, heritage and cultural vibrancy, and the Old Town is one of two World Heritage Sites here. Its narrow lanes and cobbled streets will provide a spectacular backdrop to the Championships, and should afford those coming to spectate some stunning vantage points. Edinburgh is one of the most exciting and beautiful capital cities in the world, with its famous visitor attractions such as Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood Palace, and the Royal Yacht Britannia attracting millions of visitors each year. I look forward to welcoming all participants, officials and spectators to this captivating city, and I would like to assure everyone that a traditionally warm and friendly Scottish welcome awaits.

**Robert Aldridge** THE RT HON LORD PROVOST OF THE CITY OF EDINBURGH

## TRAINING

The ease of travel to Edinburgh and central Scotland means that opportunities for pre-WOC training are excellent. The Scottish Orienteering Association welcomes participation in their own competitions by international squads and athletes. Several quality training venues not currently subject to embargoes are within easy reach of Edinburgh. These include Glasgow, St Andrews and Dunfermline, the former Royal Capital of Scotland. Traffic-free training is possible at other university campus locations as well as new towns such as Livingston. Details of available training maps for download will be made available in due course.

## COMPETITIONS

- ❖ The **Edinburgh Big Weekend** is a popular weekend of day and night Sprint, urban and traditional XC races staged annually by Edinburgh University OC, usually in late January. Information about the 2023 and 2024 competitions will be found in due course on <https://euoc.wordpress.com/big-weekend/>
- ❖ **Euomeeting 2023** will take place in the period 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023 in venues in and around Stirling. Areas will be subject to embargoes. [The Scottish 6 Days Orienteering 2023](#) takes place in the Moray region from 30<sup>th</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August, and it is planned to provide a Training Camp immediately before Euomeeting to link up the two events.

## TRAINING & COMPETITION OPPORTUNITIES



- ❖ Other competitions and WOC 2024 selection races will be advertised on the WOC 2024 website and in future bulletins. Enquiries can be directed to Ian Maxwell, Training Coordinator at [training@woc2024.org](mailto:training@woc2024.org)
- ❖ Updates will appear on the website so keep checking.



## INSURANCE

Competitors participate at their own risk. Insurance against accidents is the responsibility of their federation or themselves, according to national regulations.

## VISAS

According to the current regulations, citizens of some countries must obtain a visa in order to enter the UK. Please note that conditions of entry to the UK can change and all potential World Orienteering Championships participants are advised to keep up to date with the current situation. For more information, visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>.

## SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

The whole of WOC2024/WOC Tour is accessible by public transport and this is both the preferred and best method of moving around the city once here.

## CLASSES AND ENTRY REGULATIONS

Classes are Women and Men with no age restrictions (Rule 5.7). All competitors represent a Federation (6.5). All athletes must be citizens of the country of the Federation they are representing (6.2). Athletes being citizens of more than one country may represent only one Federation during any one calendar year (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 the formats and the current Regional Champions for the formats and the current World Cup leader may be entered by their Federation(s) (6.6).

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





## COMPETITION RULES

The 2024 edition of the Competition Rules for IOF Foot Orienteering Events will be applicable to the 2024 World Orienteering Championships. The Competition Rules can be found on the IOF website:

<https://orienteering.sport/orienteering/competition-rules/>

## ANTI-DOPING CODE

The organisers will apply the IOF Anti-Doping Rules valid at the time of WOC 2024. Doping is strictly forbidden, and the organisers of the World Championships are dedicated to supporting the anti-doping authorities in their work. Doping controls may be carried out any time during the competition period in accordance with the procedures described in the WADA International Standard of testing. The IOF Anti-Doping Code and rules and the World Anti-Doping Code 2021 apply as of 1 January 2021.

## EDINBURGH 2024 WOC tour

As part of WOC 2024 we are welcoming clubs, families and individuals to participate in a diverse range of orienteering races and activities which are fully integrated with the official programme.

### Take part

WOC 2024 also offers a series of international events for juniors, masters and non-elites. These use the same areas as WOC wherever possible and feature an awayday to a major tourist destination outside Edinburgh. This multi-day event is fully integrated with WOC 2024, and you also have the opportunity to run some of the WOC courses. We have made the whole event accessible by public transport and encourage you to travel this way as the best and most sustainable option. All race venues will be accessible by public transport and/or transport offered by the organisers.

The WOC Tour open races are an integrated part of the organisation and staging of WOC 2024. We welcome clubs, families and individuals from around the world, both to support their national teams and to enjoy their own races in some outstanding locations. There will be a full range of courses for all ages (normal competitive classes from 10-85) with courses also suitable for novices and beginners who want to give orienteering a try. If possible we will try and incorporate some Trail O (Pre O) competitions.



## RACE SCHEDULE

The race schedule is likely to be as follows  
(all details to be confirmed):

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

AM Sprint Qualification / PM Sprint Final

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Rest Day

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Sprint Relay

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Rest Day

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

AM Knock-Out Sprint Qualification / PM Knock-Out Sprint Finals

## MAP



All queries regarding embargoed areas should be sent to Jon Hollingdale [technicaldirector@woc2024.org](mailto:technicaldirector@woc2024.org).

## EMBARGOED AREAS

- Several areas in and around Edinburgh are embargoed for WOC 2024.
- Note that the embargoed areas and permitted routes were updated in June 2022 and some significant changes were made.
- Details of embargoed areas can be accessed at: <https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/6106>.
- Embargoed areas and permitted routes may change at short notice. Potential competitors and other interested parties should always check Eventor for the most up-to-date information.

All queries regarding embargoed areas should be sent to Jon Hollingdale: [technicaldirector@woc2024.org](mailto:technicaldirector@woc2024.org).

## PREVIOUS ORIENTEERING MAPS

Previous orienteering maps of the areas and public-access data information can be found under *Previous Maps* on the website: <https://www.woc2024.org/for-teams/>.

- [Edinburgh University Orienteering Club Routegadget](#) features many of the possible race locations including King's Buildings (2018-01-19), Central Edinburgh (2018-01-20) and Riccarton (2017-11-19). Note these are all embargoed.
- [Routegadget](#) includes the Race the Castles 2014 World Ranking Event.
- Ordnance Survey OpenData can be downloaded for free [here](#) as ESRI Shapefiles or GML3 with the most detailed information including OS Open Greenspace and OS Open Map Local. OS Terrain 50 is available either as a 50m gridded digital terrain model or 10m contours and spot heights.
- OS MasterMap is the definitive source of highly detailed geographic data and can be purchased from various sources including [getmapping.com](#) and [emapsite.com](#). Note that licence restrictions will apply to this data.
- There is LIDAR data availability (circa 2010) for Edinburgh available in the public domain [here](#). Note that the LiDAR data will require specialist knowledge and software for input into packages such as OCAD or OpenOrienteering Mapper.

## WHO WE ARE

**Organiser:** The event is being staged under the auspices of the British Orienteering Federation by the Scottish Orienteering 6-Day Event Co Ltd (S6D)

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We can't wait to see you in Scotland in 2024