

Rules documents information

If the Event team find that for whatever reason they are unable to comply with one or more of the rules for the competition they must apply to the relevant authority for permission to vary the rule in this instance. The procedure and timescales are listed in the relevant document.

There are also a number of documents that contain guidance. These are not mandatory but they contain the accumulated experience and knowledge from competitions and events over the years.

- Partnership Agreement is the document that is agreed between British Orienteering and the body that is organising the event.
- Rules of the Sport – these are the definitive rules for Officials and competitors to refer to.
- The latest Rules of Orienteering were approved by the Board of British Orienteering for implementation from January 2011.
- Appendices shall be considered as extensions of, and have the same authority as, the rules.
- Event Guidelines are intended to provide advice to organisers and planners based on experience at many other similar events. These documents are for guidance only and there will be instances when departing from the guidance is the most practical course of action.
- Competition Rules shall be considered as extensions of, and have the same authority as, the rules. There is one rule for each level A competition and these should be read at the start of the organising and planning process so that the team can identify exactly what is expected for the competition.
- IOF website for rules on World Ranking events and other IOF requirements. These will be relevant if the event is nominated and accepted as a World Ranking event.

IOF Event Adviser

- The IOF adviser for a WRE will usually be appointed by the host federation.
- The IOF adviser will need to visit the location to approve the competition area, mapping arrangements and other facilities as well as to meet with Event Officials.
- The IOF adviser must check and approve the content of each bulletin before it is published.
- The IOF adviser must inform the organisers in advance of the objectives for each visit.

- Between visits the organiser must keep the IOF adviser informed of ongoing developments.
- The Event plan should be drawn up by the Event Organiser and IOF adviser at the first visit. It should be updated regularly.
- On the competition day in conjunction with the organiser, the IOF adviser should draw up a detailed timetable of their activities and locations. The IOF event adviser must be contactable at all times.
- A jury must be appointed in advance. The IOF adviser leads the jury but they have no vote
- The IOF adviser must ensure that the results are submitted to the IOF on the day of the event in the correct format.
- The IOF adviser must submit a report after each visit and after the event.

Grade A Controller

- Controlling an event at this level requires a broad knowledge of all the processes involved in the organising and planning events and ensuring the standards required for the event are delivered during the planning, delivery and reviewing of the event
- Knowledge and understanding of the Leibnitz convention and its vision for events.
- Communicating with other event officials using tact to influence the decisions the event officials take regarding the event.
- Advising the event officials regarding the potential pitfalls that should be guarded against
- Checking and advising on all aspects of the organisation of the event in conjunction with the Co-ordinator, Race day organiser, Race day planner, mapper, IOF adviser, Elite Adviser and others.
- Ratifying the final paperwork for the event (Event entry form, event flyer, event programme, seeding & start times, final courses; course lengths and climbs; map corrections; control codes, course description sheets, overprinted maps)
- Providing feedback on all aspects of the event to organisers and planner