

# World Ranking Events (WRE)

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World Ranking Events (WRE) are international events staged by member federations on behalf of the IOF and are used for the World Ranking Scheme.

They are aimed at the elite, in that World Ranking points are only awarded on the M/W21E (or equivalent) classes, but can be hosted at any event, which meet the requirements set out by the IOF.

Each federation may hold up to 3 WRE events a year. The NGB nominates events for the following season.

Any event organiser who wishes their event to be nominated as one of Britain's events should contact the British Orienteering Major Events Group which determines which British events will be put forward to the IOF for nomination.

The following is taken from the IOF website for 2012 applications:

1. The definitive version of the IOF Competition Rules is to be found on the IOF website <http://www.orienteering.org>.
2. WREs must also abide by the WRE Guidelines sections in bold. Other content refers to material provided for guidance and for information. Organiser and (IOF Event Adviser) Guidelines for World Ranking Events are available on the IOF website, [www.orienteering.org](http://www.orienteering.org), under the Foot Orienteering menu.
3. WREs are normally Sprint, Middle or Long races, defined in accordance with the IOF Competition Rules, Appendix 6. For example, a Long WRE course shall have a winning time of 70 – 80 minutes for women and 90 – 100 minutes for men, and a map scale of 1:15000. IOF Competition Rules 2.11 and 2.12 apply if any other race format is proposed as a WRE and any application for a rule deviation should accompany this WRE application form.
4. The event entry form must ask competitors to supply details of their IOF Ranking ID along with their names, etc; each Ranking ID can be found on the IOF website. Where Ranking IDs are not supplied by competitors, organisers shall look them up instead, unless the competitor has not yet been ranked.
5. Details of the World Ranking scheme are also to be found on the IOF website.
6. Federations should complete this application form and return it to the IOF Secretariat by 30 September 2011. Late applications may also be accepted in extraordinary circumstances, but **NOT** if they are received less than 6 months before the date of the event. A late fee of EUR 50 / event will be charged for applications received later than 31 December 2011 provided that the application is approved.
7. Any changes must be forwarded to the IOF Secretariat ([riikka.tolkki@orienteering.org](mailto:riikka.tolkki@orienteering.org)) immediately.

8. It is acceptable that one day in a multi-day competition may be proposed as a WRE, subject to the conditions mentioned in note 3 above. In cases such as this, it **must** be made possible for competitors to enter the WRE only (and not the whole competition) and also to pay the entry fee appropriate for one day (and not the fee for the whole competition).
9. World Cup events (both A and B Finals), World Games and World Orienteering Championships (both Qualification Races and Finals) count also for World Ranking points.
10. Arranging one or more World Cup events does not prevent a Federation from hosting in addition its normal allocation of three WREs.
11. Regional Championships which rotate on an annual basis between two or more Federations can be WREs without affecting the host Federation's normal allocation of three WREs.
12. In a year where an IOF Region has no Regional Championships the Region as a whole is allowed to stage three extra WREs over and above the normal allocation. Bids for all such extra events should be made by the officially recognised Regional co-ordinating body. There is no restriction on whether the events are staged by different Federations or not.
13. The service fee for the IOF World Ranking Events in FootO for the year 2012 is EUR 250 / event. The total sum of WREs in all disciplines will be invoiced along with the IOF membership fee 2012 (invoices are sent to national Federations at the beginning of the year).
14. Note that the **IOF Event Adviser must be independent from the organising team**. The Event Adviser cannot be the contact person or the results contact person of the event.

## Allocation of Events per Federation for 2012

All Federations are allowed up to **three** WREs, **none** of which may be closed events. See also notes 9 to 12 above.

## WRE Handbook

Organiser (and IOF Event Adviser) Guidelines for World Ranking Events are available from the IOF website [www.orienteering.org](http://www.orienteering.org).

Organisers can find the Guidelines and Rules for WRE's quite daunting as they use terminology which is unfamiliar to many orienteers.

Whilst the appointed IOF Event Advisers can provide assistance, the British Orienteering Event Manager can help the organiser to understand the exact requirements of these Rules and Guidelines.

It is worth remembering that any British event awarded WRE status is more than likely to meet the standards of a WRE so the additional work required is not as much as one may think.