



EUROPEAN DEAF SPORT ORGANISATION



Technical Regulations

9th European Deaf Orienteering Championships 2021

03th to 08st September 2021 in Vilnius, Lithuania

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1. EVENTS

Orienteering competitions will comprise the following events:

Organisational matters such as start draws, team officials' meetings and ceremonies. Event may include more than one competition.

EDOC 1.1 The European Deaf Orienteering Championships (EDOC) is the official event to award the titles of European Deaf Champions in Orienteering.

1.2. Orienteering competitions will comprise the following events:

- Sprint
- Middle Distance
- Long Distance
- Sprint Relay

2. PARTICIPANTS

2.1. Age Eligibility.

2.1.1. All orienteering athletes must be at least twenty-one (21) years old in the same year as the Competition.

2.1.2. Orienteering athletes aged between 16 (sixteen) and 20 (twenty) years old can take part in the adults competitions

2.2. Number of Athletes

Each National Federation may enter a maximum number of twelve (12) competitors – six (6) men and six (6) women.

- Sprint - each nation may enter three (3) women and three (3) men.
- Sprint Relay – each nation may enter one (1) team (two (2) women + two (2) men). Incomplete teams and teams with runners from more than one nation are not allowed.
- Middle Distance - each nation may enter three (3) women and three (3) men.
- Long Distance - each nation may enter three (3) women and three (3) men.

2.3. Any non-competing athlete shall be fined in accordance with the EDSO guidelines, except for those who submit a statement to the physician that they should not be allowed to start.

3. REGISTRATION

3.1. Preliminary Registration

The preliminary registrations with an indication of the probable number of athletes in each event must be submitted to the EDSO representative and to the EDSO Technical Director no later than **03.04.2021***. [Not less than five (5) months before the competition.]

3.2. Final Entry

The final entries with number of athletes for each program and officials entered must be submitted to EDSO representative and to the EDSO Technical Director no later than **03.07.2021***. [Not less than two (2) months before the competition] Such submissions will

be made via official online registration form or telefax followed by the official registration form.

3.3. Name Registration

The name Registration with the names of each athlete indicating event entered must be submitted to the EDSO representative and to the EDSO Technical Director no later than **03.08.2021***. [Not less than one (1) month before the competitions.] Such submissions will be made via official online registration form or telefax followed by the official registration form.

3.4. No changes or additional entries will be accepted after **03.08.2021***.

.....* - possible changes from the coronavirus; as an exception, EDSO decides not to penalize the non-arrival of countries from the quarantine conditions of the Covid-19 pandemic.

4. COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

4.1. Technical Organisation

EDSO is responsible for the technical organisation of the Orienteering competitions.

4.2. Committees

4.2.1 Technical Committee:

The technical committee will be composed of the EDSO Representative and EDSO Technical Director and members appointed by the Organising Committee:

XXX	EDSO Representative
Oleg Lavryk	EDSO Orienteering Technical Director
Gytis Šumskas	IOF Representative (Event Adviser)
Vytautas Ralys	Competition Director
Arūnas Kubaitis	OC Deaf Representative

4.2.2 Protest Committee:

The Championship Protest Committee shall consist of:

XXX	EDSO Representative (Chair - NO VOTING RIGHT)
Oleg Lavryk	EDSO Orienteering Technical Director
Gytis Šumskas	IOF Representative (Event Adviser)
Vytautas Ralys	Competition Director

4.3. Competition Rules

The Orienteering competitions will be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the IOF version 1 January 2021. Subsequent amendments will be published on the official IOF web site at <http://www.orienteeing.org/>. In case of disagreement in the interpretation of the Rules and Regulations, the English text shall prevail. Unforeseen incidents not covered by the Rules and Regulations shall be dealt with as follows:

4.3.1. Cases of a general nature will be resolved in accordance with EDSO Regulations, EDSO General Technical Rules and this Orienteering Technical Regulations.

4.3.2. Technical questions related to competition rules shall be resolved according to the IOF Rules and Regulations.

4.3.3. Only athletes who comply with the EDSO Regulations are entitled to take part in the EDSO Orienteering competitions.

4.4. Competition Equipment

4.4.1. All equipment and maps implement used during competitions must comply with the IOF Rules and Regulations.

4.4.2. The punching system during the competitions will be SPORTIdent. The Organising Committee will provide SPORTIdent cards.

4.5. Competition Clothing

The choice of clothing is free at the city sprint distances, but by IOF regulation long clothing is mandatory for athletes at forest distances. Start number bibs shall be clearly visible and worn as prescribed by the EDSO Regulations.

4.6. Draw

The draw for all events will be conducted in accordance with IOF Rules and Regulations.

4.7. Competition Classes

Competitors are divided into classes according to their gender. There is one class for women and one for men (except in the Sprint Relay). Women may compete in men's classes.

4.8. Officials

4.8.1. Competition Director

The Competition Director shall work in close cooperation with the EDSO Technical Director. In matters concerning the interpretation of the Rules of Orienteering, the referee's decision shall be final.

4.8.2. Appointment

The Organising Committee shall appoint a Competition Director and an appropriate number of officials to conduct each event.

5. VENUES

5.1. Competition Venue

The Orienteering competitions will take place as follows;

- Sprint and Sprint Relay event in Vilnius
- Long distance and Middle distance event is Outside Vilnius

5.2. Training Venue

The training venue is the same as the competition venue.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Competition Schedule

Refer to the competition schedule on the hosting competitions website.
(Website URL address)

6.2. Training Schedule

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6.3. Technical Meeting

6.3.1. Date and Location

The technical meeting will be held every day at 18:00 at the hotel in Vilnius.

6.3.2. Attendance

Each participating National Federation may be represented by two (2) officials, of whom at least one (1) must be deaf and, if necessary, an interpreter.

7. CONTROL AND SANCTIONS

7.1. Hearing Devices

The use of any hearing devices(s)/amplification or external cochlear implant parts is strictly forbidden from the restricted zone area.

7.1.1. Restricted Zone Area

The restricted zone area is in effect from the time athletes enter on the competitive terrain during the warm-up and competition period.

7.1.2. Violation and Penalty

If a competitor in an individual sport wears a hearing aid(s)/amplification or external cochlear implant parts he/she will be taken out of competition immediately. If the violation was done in the relay the whole team will be disqualified from that race. Refer to ICSD [Audiogram Regulations](#), 8: Violations and Penalties.

8. PROTESTS

8.1. Procedure for lodging a protest

All sport related protests will be resolved in accordance to the IOF Rules and Regulations and will be managed by the Orienteering Protest Committee. Any official protest must be submitted in writing in English on the Official EDSO Protest Form. The form must be given to the EDSO Technical Director with EURO €100 within sixty (60) minutes after official posted results.

8.1.1. The EDSO Technical Director will decide whether the protest is sport related or eligibility related. The Orienteering Protest Committee will review all sport related protests, and the EDSO Executive Committee will review all eligibility protests. The deposit of EURO €100 will be returned to the appellant only if the protest is considered valid.

8.2. Procedures for reviewing a protest

The Orienteering Protest Committee will meet in the Technical Director's office in Vilnius at a time decided upon by the chairperson of the committee.

- The EDSO Representative will be the chairperson of the committee.
- The OC Deaf Representative will be responsible to book the meeting room and interpreters.
- The Competition Director will contact all committee members to inform them of the meeting time and location.
- The EDSO Technical Director will be responsible for liaising with the State Sports Association's Competition Manager.
- The EDSO Technical Director will be responsible for informing the hosting Deaf Sport Federation and the EDSO Representative will be responsible for informing EDSO Executive Committee about the protest and also the outcome of the protest.