



*EUROPEAN DEAF SPORT ORGANISATION*



## Technical Regulations

### 11th European Deaf Orienteering Championships 2024 4th European Deaf Junior Orienteering Championships 2024

**06<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>st</sup> June 2024 in Riga, Latvia**

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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.

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

1.2 The European Junior Deaf Orienteering Championships (**EDJOC**) is the official event to award the titles of Junior European Deaf Champions in Orienteering.

1.3 Orienteering competitions will comprise the following events (the organizers choose the options - every two years alternately in the city and in the forest) - competition program 2024 in the city:

- Sprint distance (single-race);
- Sprint Relay;
- Short distance (single-race).

#### 2. PARTICIPANTS

##### 2.1. Age Eligibility.

###### EDOC

- 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.

###### EDJOC

- 2.1.3. All orienteering athletes must reach the age of twenty (20) years old in the same year as the Competition. (Example: Competition in 2024 the athletes must be born in 2004 or after).
- 2.1.4. Any participants who is a minors (age of 18 and under) is required to submit the Underage Athlete Form with parents' and/or guardians' signature to EDSO in order to participate in the competition.

##### 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 distance- 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.
- Short 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 Orienteering Director no later than **30/11/2023**.

Such submissions will be made via the official online registration form or via email on the official Entry Registration Form.

#### **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 Orienteering Director no later than **05.02.2024**. [Not less than four months before the competition]. Such submissions will be made via the official online registration form or via email on the official Entry 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 Orienteering Director no later than **05.05.2024**. [Not less than one month before the competitions.]. Such submissions will be made via the official online registration form or via email on the official Entry Registration Form.

- 3.4.** No changes or additional entries will be accepted after **05.05.2024**.

### **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 Orienteering Director and members appointed by the Organising Committee:

TBA**	EDSO Representative
Oleg LAVRYK	EDSO Orienteering Director
TBA	Event Adviser (IOS National Controller)
Matiss RATNIEKS	Competition Director
TBA	OC Deaf Representative

**Note\*\*** - TBA - To Be Announced

##### **4.2.2 Protest Committee:**

The Championship Protest Committee shall consist of:

TBA	EDSO Representative (Chair - NO VOTING RIGHT)
Oleg LAVRYK	EDSO Orienteering Director
TBA	Event Adviser (IOS National Controller)
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#### **4.3. Competition Rules**

The latest rules, especially the "Competition Rules for IOF Foot Orienteering Events" of the IOF apply in principle. Subsequent amendments will be published on the official IOF web site at <http://www.orienteering.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, except for the provisions included in these regulations (art. 4.9).

**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 Orienteering 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.

#### **4.9. Set special (SPECIFIC) rules**

##### **4.9.1. Respect for deaf visually impaired athletes**

The EDSO provides an opportunity for deaf visually impaired athletes to compete with a specially adapted map in the class of competitions sanctioned by the EDSO. National teams that have such athletes himself arranges requests for the map's special adaptation and the organizer decides whether the allocation of the adapted map should take place and, in that case, if and how much National teams should be charged for the work the adaptation entails. This means that the organizer also has the right to refuse a special adaptation of the map.

##### **4.9.2. Courses are developed based on the next expected time of winning over a Short distance**

Men and Women – 25-30 minutes.

### **5. VENUES**

#### **5.1. Competition Venue**

The Orienteering competitions will take place as follows;

- Sprint distance and Sprint Relay event is Outside Riga;
- Short Distance event in Riga;

#### **5.2. Training Venue**

The training venue is the same as the competition venue (TBA).

## **6. SCHEDULE**

### **6.1 Competition Schedule**

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

### **6.2. Training Schedule**

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

### **6.3. Technical Meeting**

#### **6.3.1. Date and Location**

The technical meeting will be held on June 7 and June 9 at 18:00 in a hotel in Riga (Event center).

#### **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 Orienteering Director with EURO €100 within sixty (60) minutes after official posted results.

**8.1.1.** The EDSO Orienteering 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 at a place and 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 Orienteering Director will be responsible for liaising with the State Sports Association's Competition Manager.
- The EDSO Orienteering 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.