

# Rules Revision

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# Major Revisions 2017

- Rule 5: Competition Officials
- Introduced new categories of Event Coordinators, and Senior Certified Event Controllers, and detailed more fully the responsibilities of all officials.
- Established the principle that the responsibility for event safety is shared between the Organiser and Planner.

# Major Revisions 2017 (Cont)

- Rule 10: Competitions
- Partly revised with new sections on Entries, Start Times and Starting Order.
- Guideline 1 for Long Distance and 'Classic' events.

# Major Revisions 2017 (Cont)

- Rule 11: Fair Play, Rule 12: Complaints, Rule 13: Protests, Rule 14: The Jury, Rule 15, Complaints, Guideline 9: Complaints, Protests, the Jury, and Appeals.
- Revised to bring it into line with international practice and to define more clearly the process for dealing with complaints, etc.

# Minor Revisions 2017

- Rule 3: Age classes for competitions
- Guidelines for Long Distance, Middle Distance, Sprint, and Relays (revision of responsibilities of Organiser and Planner, and the need to complete a risk assessment)
- Guideline 10: Subvention for Major Events (Qualifying events must now be controlled by a Senior Certified Event Controller)

# Policy on Rules Revision

- To follow and adopt where appropriate IOF Rules. They are revised annually and are reflective of current international practice.
- However they are geared to championship class competitions and our Rules must reflect our different levels of competitions and local practices. The BOF Rules provide guidance on some of these matters.

# Shall and Should

- In the Rules (R1.2.4), *shall* is a command i.e. it must be done
- In the Rules (R1.2.5), *should* is a recommendation

# Proposed Rule R8.1: Courses

- R8.1.4 The course length for cross-country competitions shall be given as the length of the straight line from the start, via the controls to the finish deviating for, and only for, physically impassable obstructions (high fences, lakes, impassable cliffs etc., prohibited areas and marked routes).
- R8.1.5 For Urban and Sprint competitions, the course length shall be given as the straight line from the start, via the controls to the finish as shown by the line on the map.



# Proposed Rule R8.1: Courses (Cont)

- R8.1.6 The total climb shall be given as the climb in metres along the shortest sensible route. The total climb of a course should normally not exceed 4% of the length of the shortest sensible route.

# Proposed Rule R8.1: Courses (Cont)

- R8.1.7 In individual competitions, the controls may be combined differently for the competitors, but all competitors shall run in the same direction all of the legs of the overall course.

# Proposed Rule R8.1: Courses (Cont)

- R8.1.11 Course drawing for level C1, C2, and C3 competitions shall be in accordance with the current version of the IOF *International Specification for Orienteering Maps* (ISOM) or the IOF *International Specification for Sprint Maps* (ISSOM). The general requirements are detailed in Appendix AE.2.1. Any variation from these shall be advised to competitors in the competition details

## Proposed Rule R8.2: Out-Of-Bounds, Crossing Points, and Compulsory Routes

- R8.2.4 Course lines on competitors' maps at all competitions other than sprint and urban events shall not cross un-crossable features, and they should be diverted around the feature or to a compulsory crossing point when used.

# Proposed Rule 8.3 Control set-up and equipment

- R8.3.4 The flag shall be hung at the feature indicated on the map in accordance with the control description. The flag shall be visible to competitors when they can see the described position.
- R8.3.5 Controls shall not be sited within 30 metres of each other (15 metres for competitions with a map scale of 1:5,000 or 1:4,000).
- R8.3.6 Controls on the same or similar feature shall not be sited within 60 metres of each other (30 metres for competitions with a map scale of 1:5,000 or 1:4,000). The distance between controls is measured in a straight line.

# Proposed Rule 8.4:Punching Systems

- R8.4.4 A competitor with a missing record of punching a control station, or an unidentifiable record shall not be placed in the results unless it can be established with certainty that the punch missing or unidentifiable is not the competitor's fault. It is recommended for level C1 and C2 competitions that a back-up needle punch be provided at the control.

# Proposed Rule 8.5 Control Descriptions

- R8.5.2 The control descriptions for level C1, C2, and C3 competitions shall be in the form of symbols and in accordance with the current version of the IOF *International Specification for Control Descriptions*. This is available on the IOA website. Control descriptions for junior classes (age 10, 12, and 14) and beginners' classes should be in English.

# Proposed Rule 8.5 Control Descriptions (Cont)

- R8.5.4 For interval start competitions of C1 and C2 status, separate control description lists for each competitor on each course shall be available in the minus 3 box of the start lane, and shall not be available before that point.



# Proposed Rule 9.1: Conduct

- R9.1.1 Competitors are bound by these Rules when they are competing in any orienteering event that is registered with the Irish Orienteering Association.
- R9.1.2 Competitors are required to adhere to the principles of Fairness as detailed in Rule R1.3.2 and Fair Play as detailed in Rule 11.
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# Proposed Rule 9.2: Clothing and Equipment

- R9.2.1 Competitors must wear clothing that fully covers their torso and legs unless the Organiser has stated otherwise.
- R9.2.2 At competitions where the weather conditions are, or are expected to be inclement, the Organiser should give either a mandatory instruction that all competitors shall carry a waterproof jacket, or a recommendation that one should be carried. Where it is mandatory the jacket must be carried throughout the competition and anyone not carrying it at the finish will be disqualified. A notice giving instructions on the clothing policy should be provided in the competition details, and at the exit to the parking and/or assembly areas.

# Proposed Rule 9.2: Clothing and Equipment (Cont)

- R9.2.3 Other than at Sprint or Urban competitions, a whistle shall be carried by all competitors.
- R9.2.4 Competitors shall not be allowed to start a competition if they do not conform to the clothing and whistle Rules.
- R9.2.5 During a competition the only navigation aids that may be used or carried by a competitor are the map, the control descriptions, and a compass. Other equipment that may be carried are a watch or other timekeeping device, a mobile phone only for use in an emergency, and a torch for night events

# Proposed Rule 9: The Competitor

- R9.2.6 The use of any other navigational aid, other than a compass is not permitted.
- R9.2.7 GPS -enabled devices may be carried provided they are only used to record data for use in post-race analysis. However the competition Organiser has the right to specifically forbid the use of such equipment.
- R9.2.8 Where start number bibs are provided they shall be clearly visible on the competitor, and worn as prescribed by the Organiser.
- R9.2.9 Competitors with their own e-card are permitted to use them unless a particular e-card is required, or unless they are provided by the Organiser.

# Proposed Rule 10.3: Start

- R10.3.1 The start at individual competitions may be organised with a pre-start before the -3, -2, and -1 minute start boxes. This will usually be at pre-entry competitions where a clock showing the call-up time for competitors, should be on display at the entrance to the pre-start area. Competitors' names should be called at that point.
- R10.3.2 For individual competitions of C1 and C2 status, only starting competitors and officials shall be allowed beyond the pre-start area.
- R10.3.3 Close to the start line at individual competitions a clock showing the competition time shall be displayed.
- R10.3.4 At pre-entry individual competitions with no pre-start, competitors' names should be called at the entrance to the -3 minute start box.

# Proposed Rule 10.3: Start (Cont)

- R10.3.5 The start location should be arranged so that later competitors or spectators cannot see the map, courses, route choices, or the direction to the first controls. If necessary, a marked route shall be used from the start line to the start control.
- R10.3.6 Copies of the map showing no information other than any map corrections essential to the event, should be displayed and be available for study before the start line. (Usually on display in the -2 Minute start box).
- R10.3.7 At C1 and C2 status competitions, control description sheets shall be available in the -3 minute start box. For C3 and C4 status events, the policy for the supply of control description sheets shall be at the discretion of the Organiser

# Proposed Rule 10.3: Start (Cont)

- R10.3.8 Competitors shall take their map at or after their start time. Competitors are responsible for taking the right map. Course numbers shall be clearly indicated on or near the map boxes so as to be clearly visible to the starting competitor.
- R10.3.9 The point where orienteering begins shall be shown on the map with the start triangle, and marked in the terrain by a control flag with no marking device. Where a map exchange is used, the position of the start of the next section of the course must be marked on the ground by a control flag, if it is a significant distance away from the previous control site.
- R10.3.10 Start times of competitors in pre-entry competitions shall be pre-determined in accordance with start time allocation as detailed in Rule R10.2. Start times may be recorded by either operating a 'timed start', by competitors punching the start SI or EMIT station at their allocated start time, or by triggering an electronic starting gate..

# Proposed Rule 10.3: (Cont)

- R10.3.11 At competitions where entry is on the day, the allocation of start times is at the discretion of the Organiser. Start times shall be determined by competitors punching the start SI or EMIT station.
- R10.3.12 At mass-start competitions all competitors start together with a 'timed start'.
- R10.3.13 At relay competitions, competitors shall not examine their pre-marked maps until they have actually started.



# Proposed Rule R10.4 Finish and Timekeeping

- R10.4.1 The run-in to the finish shall be bounded by tape, rope, or fence. The last 20m shall be straight.
- R10.4.2 For C1 and C2 interval start competitions the finish line shall be at least 1.5m wide, and at least 3.0wide for relay, mass-start, or chasing start races. The finish line shall be at right angles to the direction of the run-in, and its exact position shall be obvious to approaching competitors.
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- R10.4.3 A competitor's finishing time shall be measured when their chest crosses the finish line, when the competitor punches an SI or EMIT station at the finish line, or when a transponder carried by the competitor, crosses the finish line. Where SI or EMIT stations are used to record finish times, sufficient devices shall be available in order to prevent queuing by competitors.

# Proposed Rule R10.4 Finish and Timekeeping (Cont)

- R10.4.4 When a competitor has crossed the finish line, they shall download the recorded data from their SI or EMIT card at the results point. If required by the Organiser, they shall also hand in their competition map.
- R10.4.5 Finish times shall be rounded down to whole seconds. Times shall be given in hours minutes and seconds, or in minutes and seconds only.
- R10.4.6 In sprint competitions of C1 and C2 status, times shall be rounded down to whole tenths of a second.
- R10.4.7 The timekeeping system shall measure the times of competitors with an accuracy of 0.5 seconds or better, and for C1 and C2 sprint competitions with an accuracy of 0.05 seconds.

# Proposed Rule R10.4 Finish and Timekeeping (Cont)

- R10.4.7 For events of C1 or C2 status with mass or chasing starts, a finish judge shall rule on the final placing of competitors.
- R10.4.8 For events of C1 and C2 status, there shall be medical facilities and personnel at the finish, who are also equipped to work in the competition terrain.
- R10.4.9 With the approval of the Controller, the Organiser should set a course closing time for the competition.

# Proposed Rule R10.5: Results

- R10.5.1 Provisional results shall be published in the finish area during the competition.
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- R10.5.2 The official results shall be published no more than four hours after the courses closing time. They shall include all participating competitors. In relay competitions, the results shall include the competitors' names and times for their legs, as well as the accumulated times of each team.
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- R10.5.3 If an interval start is used, two or more competitors having the same time shall be given the same placing in the results list. The position following the tie shall remain vacant.
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- R10.5.4 Competitors who finish their course after the course closing time shall be treated as disqualified.
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# Proposed Rule R10.5: Results (Cont)

- R10.5.5 If a mass start or chasing start is used, the placing of competitors in the results shall be determined by the order in which competitors finish. In relays this will be the team member running the last relay leg.
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- R10.5.6 In relay competitions where there are mass starts for later legs, the sum of the individual times of the team members shall determine the placings of those teams in the results.
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# Proposed Rule R10.5: Results (Cont)

- R10.5.7 If a serious problem, such as a missing or incorrectly placed control has been identified that has affected the outcome of the competition, then appropriate action shall be taken. At C1 and C2 championship competitions where a serious problem has been identified, no adjustment to times using leg split times shall be permitted, and the class or course shall be voided. At all other competitions, results adjustments are permitted.
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- R10.5.8 If a serious problem has been identified but is not considered to have significantly affected the outcome of the competition, the results should be published without adjustment.

## Proposed Rule R10.5: Results (Cont)

- R10.5.9 The Results of events of C1, C2, and C3 status should include the competition title, venue, date of the competition, the name of the organising club, Organiser, Planner, and Controller, and the length and climb of each course.

# Proposed Rule 10.6: Prizes

- R10.6.1 For C1 and C2 championship competitions, the Organiser shall arrange a dignified prize-giving ceremony.
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- R10.6.2 If two or more competitors have the same placing in the results , they shall each receive the same prize.
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- R10.6.3 In relay competitions, each individual member of a team shall receive the same prize.
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- R10.6.2 Prizes for male and female competitors shall be equivalent.
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