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1. ORGANISATION AND CONTACT

1.1. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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Technical Director	Alessio Tenani
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1.2. EVENT ADVISORS

IOF WOC Project Manager	Áron Less (IOF)
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1.3. CONTACT INFORMATION

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1.4. BULLETINS

Bulletin 2 will be published in July 2025.

Bulletin 3 will be published in April 2026.

Final details will be released in Bulletin 4 on 3rd July 2026.

2. EVENT PROGRAMME

Provisional programme:

Monday 6th July	Model Event
Tuesday 7 th July	Sprint Qualification and Final
Wednesday 8 th July	rest day
Thursday 9 th July	Knock-Out Qualification
Friday 10 th July	Knock-Out Finals
Saturday 11 th July	Sprint Relay

The final programme will be presented in Bulletin 3 and on the website.

3. VENUE, ACCESS AND TRANSPORT

The event will be organised in Genova, located in the North-West of Italy by the Mediterranean Sea.

The preferred airport Genova City Airport Cristoforo Colombo (GOA) is 15 km away from the Event Centre.

Other travel options include Milano Malpensa Airport (MXP-190 km), Milano Linate Airport (LIN-160 km), Milano Bergamo Airport (BGY-200 km), Pisa airport (PSA-170 km) and Nice airport (NCE-200 km).

We recommend using your own transport or a rental car/minibus. All arenas can be reached by public transport.

4. EMBARGOED AREA

At this link on Google Maps it is possible to find the overview of the embargoed area: https://bit.ly/embargo-trainings_WC24_WOC26_Genova

This embargo applies to all potential WOC 2026 team members and those who intentionally or unintentionally could provide an unfair advantage to competitors at WOC 2026.

- Access is not allowed within the embargoed areas (marked in red on the map).
- It is allowed to use “Permissive routes” (marked in green on the map) and enter certain permitted areas as tourist (marked in yellow on the map).
- It is allowed to take trains through the embargoed area. Other (public) transport is only allowed along the “Permissive route”.
- It is allowed to enter buildings directly from “Permissive routes” (marked in green on the map), so long as that building is directly adjacent to the "Permissive route". It is not allowed to exit the building into an embargoed area.
- No orienteering of any kind may take place in the embargoed areas until after WOC 2026. This also applies to the special permitted areas (marked in green on the map).
- Final details about embargoed areas will be published in Bulletin 4.

Notes about the embargo rules: based on the IOF Rule 14.4 «Permission for access into embargoed terrain shall be requested from the organizer if needed» you can email the Technical Director at alessio.tenani@woc2026.it

4.1. PREVIOUS ORIENTEERING MAPS

A complete list of all the previous orienteering maps in the embargoed areas is it published on IOF Eventor and on the website.

Maps can be downloaded from this folder on Dropbox: https://bit.ly/WOC2026_oldmaps

5. TRAINING AND COMPETITION POSSIBILITIES

We offer a package of several training in the region (Liguria): all the opportunities are published [here](#).

The program of official training camps and competitions leading up to Sprint WOC 2026 is:

25th -28th March 2025: training
29th/30th March 2025: Italian Sprint Cup
29th September - 3rd October 2025: training
4th/5th October 2025: Pre WOC

March 2026: training
May 2026: training

6. RULES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

6.1. IOF COMPETITION RULES

The IOF Competition Rules valid as of 1st January 2026 will be used.

6.2. ANTI-DOPING

Doping is strictly forbidden, and the organisers of the World Cup are dedicated to supporting the Anti-Doping authorities in their work. Doping controls may be carried out any time during the competitions in accordance with the procedures described in the WADA International Standard of Testing and Investigations. The latest IOF Anti-Doping rules and the World Anti-Doping Code applies. Athletes who are selected for doping control must bring an official identification (with photo) to the doping test area. The athlete should also present the personal therapeutic use exemption (TUE) if applicable. In general, it is advisable that athletes take their ID to all competitions and events. For more information, please consult <https://orienteering.sport/iof/anti-doping/>

6.3. INSURANCE AND LIABILITIES

The organisers decline any liability that might occur through participation in the IOF World Cup Events and training. Each person participates at their own risk and is responsible for their own insurance coverage (illness and accident).

6.4. VISA PERMITS

The prerequisite for immigration into Italy is a valid passport. For travellers from certain countries, a visa or further documents are required.

Please check [this page](#) for further information.

6.5. ATHLETE'S LICENCE

All athletes need to have [an IOF athlete's licence](#) to participate in the World Cup races.

7. COMPETITION INFORMATION

7.1. CLASSES AND PARTICIPATION RESTRICTIONS

Competition classes are Women and Men with no age restrictions (Rule 5.7). All competitors represent a Federation (6.5). Requests for change of Federation representation will be checked by the IOF Office and will come into effect on 15th April or 15th November. A competitor may not change their Federation representation more frequently than once every four years (6.2). They must be a citizen of the country of that Federation (6.1).

In the Sprint and Knock-out Sprint competitions, every Federation may enter up to 3 women and 3 men and, in addition, the current World Champions for each format and the current Regional Champions for each format may be entered into the respective competitions by their Federation(s) (6.6). The full list of extra allocations will be published in Bulletin 3.

In the Sprint Relay, each Federation may enter one team consisting of 4 team members of whom at least 2 must be women (6.9).

All competitors require an IOF athlete licence to participate at Sprint WOC 2026.

8. SPECTATOR RACES

The “Five Days of the Apennines” will be organised during the days of the World Championships, with three forest races and two sprint races.

The timing and the locations will then allow you to follow Sprint WOC live.

For further information check www.woc2026.it

9. BULLETIN VERSION HISTORY

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