



INTERNATIONAL ORIENTEERING FEDERATION



IOF FAMILY INVITATION

World Orienteering Championships 2026, Genova

Dear IOF Family Member

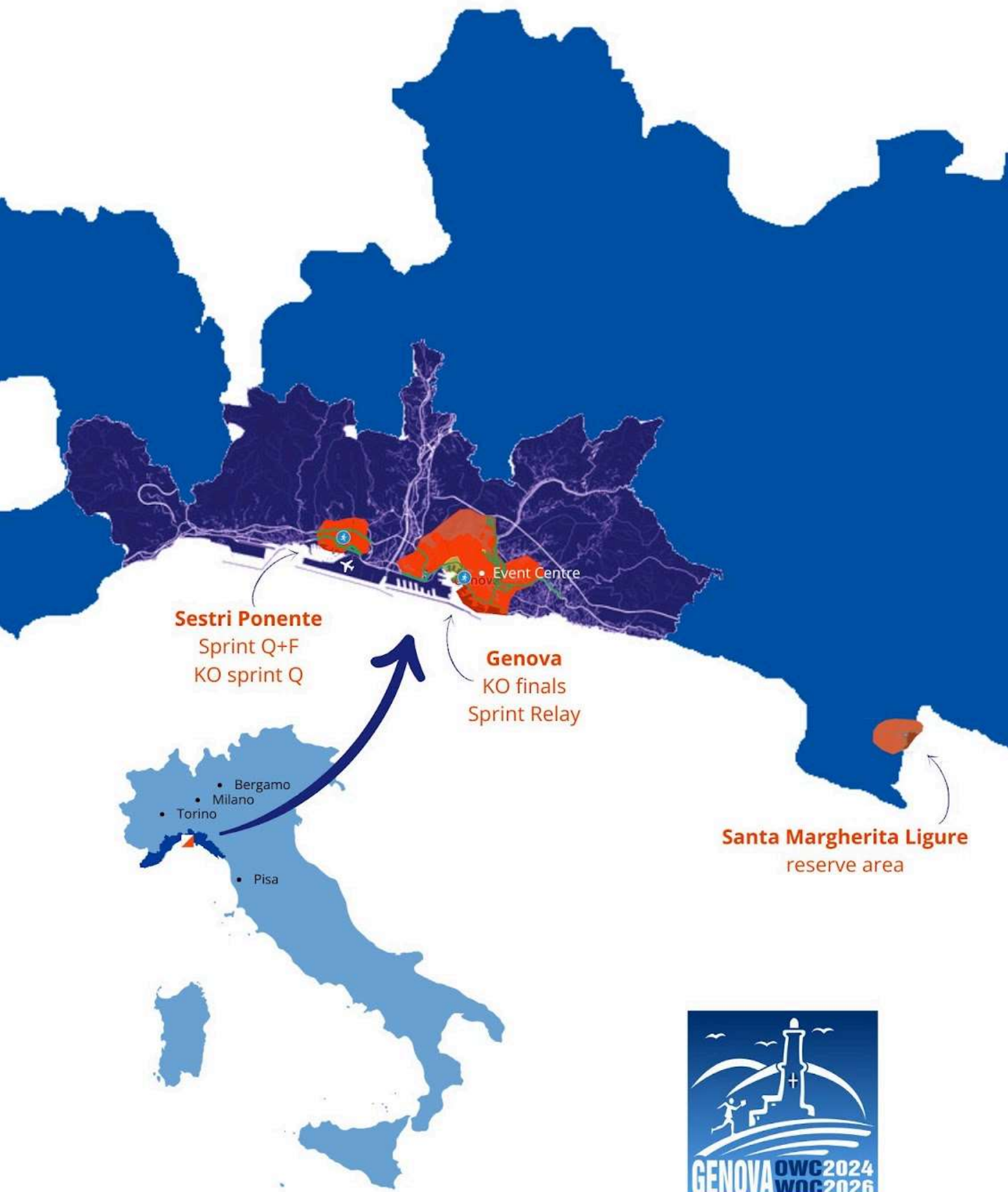
We welcome you to a fantastic week of world class orienteering, IOF meetings and lots of other activities in Genova, Italy in the period 4-11 July 2026.

The “IOF Family” is defined as all that are (or were) involved with IOF activities:

- National Federation Presidents & Secretary Generals
- National Federation Personnel & other Officials
- Organisers of IOF Events (previous years and coming years)
- IOF Event Advisers & Senior Event Advisers
- IOF Council & Commission members
- IOF Personnel & others like Medical Experts
- Honorary President & Honorary Member

The WOC program is as follows:

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| Sunday 5th July | Event office open | 09:00-12:00 16:00-20:00 | Sala Quadrivium |
| Monday 6th July | Model Event | 10:00-17:00 | Pegli |
| Tuesday 7th July | Sprint Qualification (M first, W afterwards) | 09:00-11:30 | Sestri Ponente |
| | Opening Ceremony | 13:30-14:00 | Race Arena |
| | Sprint Final men | 14:05-15:25 | Sestri Ponente |
| | Sprint Final women | 15:30-16:50 | Sestri Ponente |
| | Medal Ceremony | 17:10 | Race Arena |
| Wednesday 8th July | IOF General Assembly | 12:00-16:00 | Former Stock Exchange |
| | IOF Family Dinner | 19:30 | Former Stock Exchange |
| Thursday 9th July | Knock-Out Sprint Qualification women | 09:00-10:15 | Sestri Ponente |
| | Knock-Out Sprint Qualification men | 10:45-12:00 | Sestri Ponente |
| Friday 10th July | K-O Quarter-finals first start women | 13:00 | Genova |
| | K-O Quarter-finals first start men | 13:36 | Genova |
| | K-O Semi-finals first start women | 14:58 | Genova |
| | K-O Semi-finals first start men | 15:35 | Genova |
| | K-O Final start women | 16:22 | Genova |
| | K-O Final start men | 16:37 | Genova |
| | Medal Ceremony | 17:05 | Race Arena |
| Saturday 11th July | IOF Family and Media Race | 10:00-12:00 | 5 Days Arena |
| | Sprint Relay | 15:40-16:45 | Genova |
| | Medal Ceremony | 17:20 | Race Arena |
| | Closing Ceremony | 17:30-17:50 | Race Arena |
| Sunday 12th July | Event office open | 09:00-12:00 | Sala Quadrivium |



Sestri Ponente
Sprint Q+F
KO sprint Q

Genova
KO finals
Sprint Relay

Santa Margherita Ligure
reserve area

- Bergamo
- Milano
- Torino
- Pisa



Genoa boasts a rich maritime history, evident in its impressive port, historic center (the widest in Europe), and the fascinating Galata Museo del Mare. Its winding caruggi (narrow alleys) lead to hidden piazzas and stunning architecture, including palaces that are now UNESCO World Heritage sites.

The city is a culinary delight, famous for pesto, focaccia, and fresh seafood. Thanks to its position, Genoa also serves as an excellent base for exploring the beautiful Ligurian coastline and towns like Portofino. But also the surrounding hills could be a paradise for mountain biking or trail running.

Finally, it offers an authentic Italian experience, often less crowded and more budget-friendly than other major cities.

All of Liguria, including Genoa and the numerous small villages characterized by complex and irregular urban fabrics, serves as an ideal venue for Sprint Orienteering. The region's parks also offer stunning scenery alongside intricate path networks, while its diverse urban spaces provide a constantly fresh and engaging experience.

The event centre will be located at “Sala Quadrivium”, via XII Ottobre 14, 16121 Genova. On the competition days the Event Office will be located at the arena. The event centre is inside the embargoed area, which will be adjusted in June 2026 to allow access to the EC: athletes and team officials may only use permitted routes to pass through the embargoed area. More details at [IOF Eventor](#).

Accreditation

Your accreditation fee as **IOF Family Member** is 40 EUR. This includes:

- Admission to the IOF Family area with services at the event arenas
- Drinks and snacks at the arena
- Competition maps
- Participation in IOF Family and Media Race

IOF Family Dinner on Wednesday, July 8th at 7:30 pm, at the prestigious former Stock Exchange Palace in Genoa.

Price: 40 EUR. This includes:

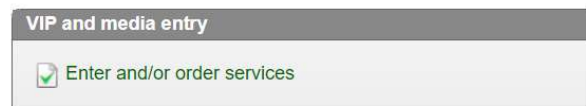
- Dinner buffet (starter, main course, dessert), one welcome drink and tap water (other beverages and drinks must be paid separately)

IOF Family and Media Race on Saturday, July 11th, during the 5 Days of Italy with dedicated classes.

Registration and payment

All registrations for IOF Family Accreditation, IOF Family Dinner and IOF Family Race must be done in IOF Eventor. Which group to enter and how to get an IOF Eventor account is described in separate chapters later in the document.

Follow this link and enter under “VIP and media entry” in the top of the right column:



<https://eventor.orienteering.sport/Events/Show/7383>

Normal deadline for registration is 31 May 2026.

The organiser of WOC 2026 will invoice you in advance of WOC (if your costs are not covered by the IOF).

Late registration is possible until 20 June 2026 with a 50% addition to the fees.

IOF Meetings

The following IOF meetings are scheduled during WOC (local time):

| | July 6 | July 7 | July 8 | July 9 |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| IOF General Assembly | | | 12:00-16:00 | |
| IOF Council | 17:00-19:30 | | 09:00-11:00 | 15:00-18:00 |
| IOF SkiO Commission | | 17:00-21:00 | | |
| IOF Map Commission | 09:00-19:30 | | | |

IOF Family and Media Race

The race will take place on Saturday morning, during the 5th stage of the 5 Days of Italy, featuring two dedicated categories: Short and Long. The format of the race is a sprint, the arena will be in Genova (area metropolitana).

WOC Tour and other activities

WOC and WOC Tour (5 Days of Italy 2026) will be organized during the same week. It is therefore possible to combine the two events, both as a spectator and as a runner in the 5 Days.

The 5 Days will kick off on Monday, July 6th, with the first stage in the Forest of Monte Beigua (SV), and will continue by alternating sprint races (close to the WOC events) with forest races.

On Wednesday, July 8th, a special Orienteering & Tourism day in Cinque Terre – Riomaggiore (SP).

We offer a special discounted entry fee of €60 for members of the 'IOF Family'. To activate this option, please send an email to spectator.races@woc2026.it.

For any inquiries please contact

daniele.immovilli@woc2026.it

Hotel accommodation

Find suggested accommodation on this [webpage](#) managed by the Convention Bureau Genova and please contact them for any further information; alternatively, you can email accommodations@woc2026.it

Car rental

We are pleased to announce a significant partnership with [Hertz](#), designed to facilitate travel for all activities related to the World Orienteering Championships 2026 in Genova! Unlock exclusive travel savings: enjoy up to 10% off, global rental access, and fast-track service using our dedicated CDP code 954734.

IOF Eventor Account and Photo

To enter as an IOF Family Member, you need an IOF Eventor Account with an added photo. If you do not have an IOF Eventor account, please create one by choosing «Create account» on the IOF Eventor page: <https://eventor.orienteering.org/>

To be able to produce accreditation cards, the organiser needs your photo. When you have created your account, you can find the “upload/edit photo” link under “My Pages”. Read more in this guide on the photo requirements: https://eventor.orienteering.org/Documents/IOF_Eventor_Photo_Guide_v1.0.pdf

If you have problems with the account, please contact eventor@orienteering.sport.

What group shall you enter and what title shall you write?

See table below which group to enter. Please always state your formal role or title in the entry and sometimes your 'Federation'.

| Entry group in IOF Family Category | Your role | What to enter in the Title field? |
|--|---|---|
| IOF Family IOF Family +1 Partner | IOF Commission Member / Chairperson | Write 'IOF FootO Commission Member' or similar. |
| | IOF Experts / Working Group /Ethics Panel etc. | Write 'IOF Medical Expert or similar. |
| | IOF Event Advisers & Senior Event Advisers | Write "IOF Event Adviser" + Federation |
| | National Federation President/ Secretary General | Write Role + Federation |
| | National Federation Secretary General | Write Role + Federation |
| | National Federation Personnel/ Other official | Write Role + Federation |
| Future WOC organiser Future WOC organiser + Partner | Representatives of future organisers of WOC that want to have access to the IOF Family Services | Write 'WOC 2024 Event director' or similar |
| IOF Officials at this years WOC | IOF WOC Project Manager | Write Role |
| | IOF SEA + National Controller | Write Role |
| | IOF Jury Member | Write Role |
| | IOF President | Write Role |
| | IOF Council Member | Write Role |
| | IOF Office Personnel | Write Role |

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*we're waiting
for you*



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