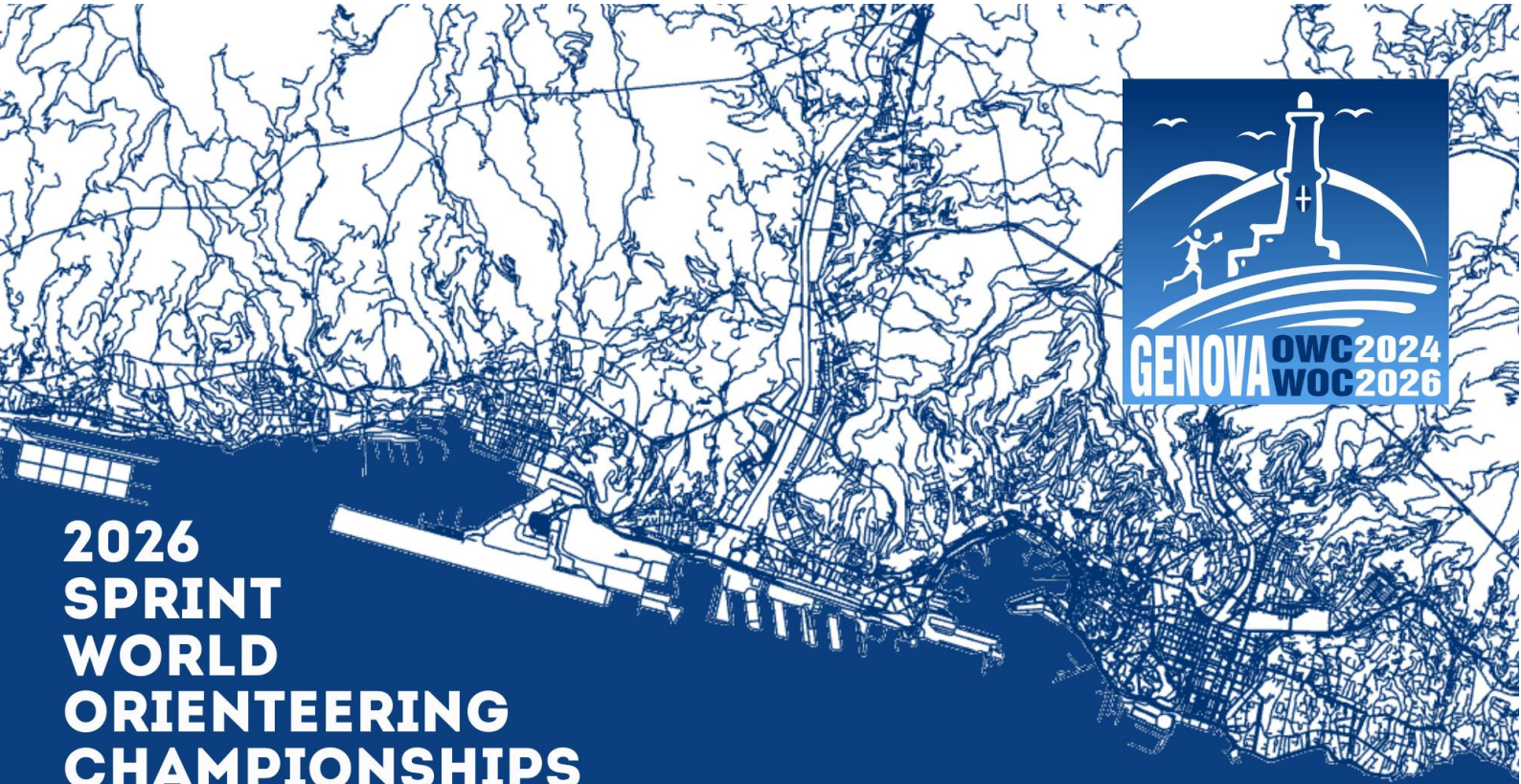

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2.EVENT PROGRAMME

Tuesday 7th July	Sprint Qualification (men first, women afterwards)	09:00-11:30	Sestri Ponente
	5 days Race	9:00-13:00	Genova Pegli
	Opening Ceremony	13:30-14:00	Sestri Ponente, Piazza Baracca
	Sprint Final men	14:05-15:25	Sestri Ponente
	Sprint Final women	15:30-16:50	Sestri Ponente
	Medal Ceremony	17:10	Sestri Ponente, Piazza Baracca
Thursday 9th July	Knock-Out Sprint Qualification women	09:00-10:15	Sestri Ponente
	Knock-Out Sprint Qualification men	10:15-11:30	Sestri Ponente
	5 days Race	13:00-17:00	Passo del Faiallo
Friday 10th July	5 days Race	8:00-13:00	Piani di Praglia
	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	16:38	Genova
	Medal Ceremony	17:05	Genova, Piazza Matteotti
Saturday 11th July	5 days Race	9:00-13:00	Genova, Piazza Caricamento
	Sprint Relay	15:40-17:10	Genova
	Medal Ceremony	17:20	Genova, Piazza Matteotti
	Closing Ceremony	17:30-17:50	Genova, Piazza Matteotti

3.SAFETY

3.1. EMERGENCY SERVICES

First-aid services, including a doctor of the organization will be provided at the competition arenas. You may use the emergency and health services of the city. The phone number for emergency calls is 112.

The nearest hospital from Sprint and KO Sprint Qual is Ospedale Micone, largo Nevio Rosso 2, Genova; from KO Sprint Rounds and Sprint Relay is Ospedali Galliera, via Alessandro Volta 6, Genova.

3.2. CLIMATE AND HAZARDS

Average temperature in Genova in July is between 21° and 27° C with a humidity of 70% and low probability of raining.

Summer thunderstorms may occur.

Please make sure that you are always properly hydrated.

3.3. SAFETY INFORMATION

Weather Information

Weather conditions in Genova may vary throughout the day, especially in July. Spectators are encouraged to take these updates into account when planning warm-up routines and hydration.

Overall behaviours

The competitions take place in a complex urban environment characterised by narrow alleys, stairways, irregular pavements and blind corners. Spectators must remain attentive, respect pedestrians and local activities, and reduce speed in crowded or sensitive areas. The instructions of volunteers must be always followed. Some areas are open to the traffic; athletes must take care to the vehicles.

Personal safety

Personal safety is paramount. In case of injury, whether involving oneself or others. Please stay in the areas assigned for spectators and don't go into the competition area. Any behaviour that may create unnecessary risk is to be avoided.

Environment

Participants are also reminded to respect the environment and the urban setting hosting the Championships. Waste must not be left in the arenas, in the terrain, private property must not be entered, and all public spaces must be treated with care to ensure that the event leaves no impact on the city beyond the competition itself.

3.4. FAIR PLAY

The International Orienteering Federation produced a Fair Play Guidelines for Spectators, which we kindly ask you to follow:

When we attend an orienteering event we will behave with fairness, honesty and a spirit of friendship. We will respect each other, athletes, team officials, media, event organisers, and volunteers who make the event possible.

Before coming to the event we will:

- Be familiar with the latest information for spectators and the location of competition (embargoed) areas.

During the event competitions we will:

- Follow all instructions from the event organisers.
- Stay in the areas designated for spectators.

- Not attempt to communicate with athletes who haven't finished the race such as in a quarantine zone or during the event.
- Cheer the competing athletes with positive encouragement.
- Not visually or physically block controls, paths, roads etc. if the competition terrain is open to public access.
- Not disturb competitors nor communicate any visual or oral race information at all to competitors while they are competing that can impact on race fairness.

Thank you for abiding by these guidelines!

4.GENERAL SPECTATOR SERVICES

In the arena the spectators can follow the race on a maxi screen (except for Sprint KO qual), with commentators in both English and Italian.

WCs, several bars/restaurants, and some shops selling orienteering equipment will also be available.

Maps will be available for purchase at the Information Point (only by cash).

Please take care of your belongings, as we are sharing all finish areas with the locals and other tourists – none of the areas are only for us.

5.SPRINT QUALIFICATION, Tuesday 7th July 2026

Arena
Sestri Ponente – Piazza Baracca
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The access to the arena is from south (Largo Fausto Coppi)
https://maps.app.goo.gl/LbD5WYGt9RVEBJzX6

Arena opens at 8.30.

Parking
Suggested parking is in the surroundings of "Marina Aeroporto" https://maps.app.goo.gl/8fv1M86MmJzXgxPe9 (2 km from the arena). Please avoid attempting to park within the race area (embargoed area), as the area will be subject to road closures. Access roads to the closest underground parking, Park Oriani will be closed. Additional vehicles could interfere with the safe and smooth operation of the event.

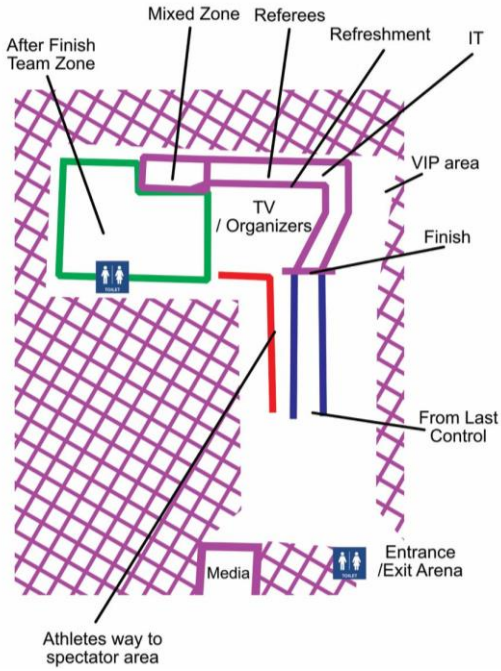
Public transport
For participants in the 5 Days in Pegli race, travelling by train is strongly recommended. Sestri Ponente railway station is located approximately 300 m from the arena.
Bus #1 also passes Sestri Ponente and can be an option to use.

Format
Sprint competition with individual start. Both men's and women's classes have three heats. The best runners in the Sprint World Ranking in each heat start first. The top 15 runners in each heat qualify for the final in the afternoon.

First start
9.00 Men – 10.15 Women. Start interval: 90 seconds.

Live
Live results and GPS tracking available here.

Services
WCs, bar, pizzeria, gelateria, orienteering shops, WOC info point, maxi screen with live IOF TV.



6.SPRINT FINAL, Tuesday 7th July 2026

Arena
Sestri Ponente – Piazza Baracca
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Parking
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Public transport
For participants in the 5 Days in Pegli race, travelling by train is strongly recommended. Sestri Ponente railway station is located approximately 300 m from the arena.
Bus #1 also passes Sestri Ponente and can be an option to use.

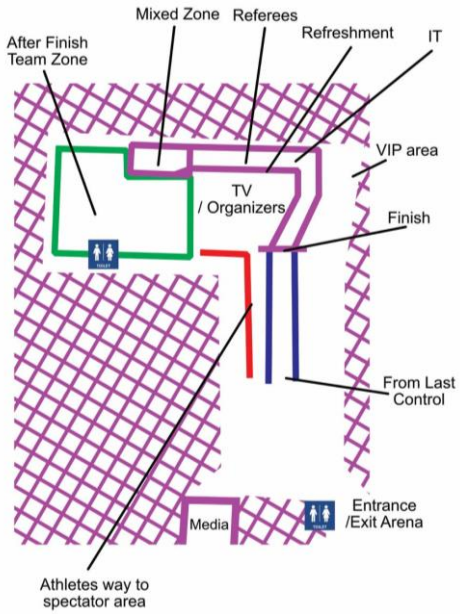
WOC 2026 Opening Ceremony
The WOC 2026 Sprint final race will be preceded by a band performance, which starts at 13.00 and the WOC Opening Ceremony starting at 13.30. The Opening Ceremony will comprise of a parade, opening speeches and a short cultural programme. You are more than welcome to participate!

Format
This race is the final race of the Sprint competition, the first medal race of this championship. The best 15 runners from each qualification heat qualify for the finals, with the best ranked runners from the morning starting last.

First start (planned)
14.05 Men – 15.27 Women. Start interval: 90 seconds.

Live
Live results and GPS tracking available here.

Services
WCs, bar, pizzeria, gelateria, orienteering shops, WOC info point, maxi screen with live IOF TV.



7.KNOCK-OUT SPRINT QUALIFICATION, Thursday 9th July 2026

Arena
Sestri Ponente – Campo sportivo ex Corderia
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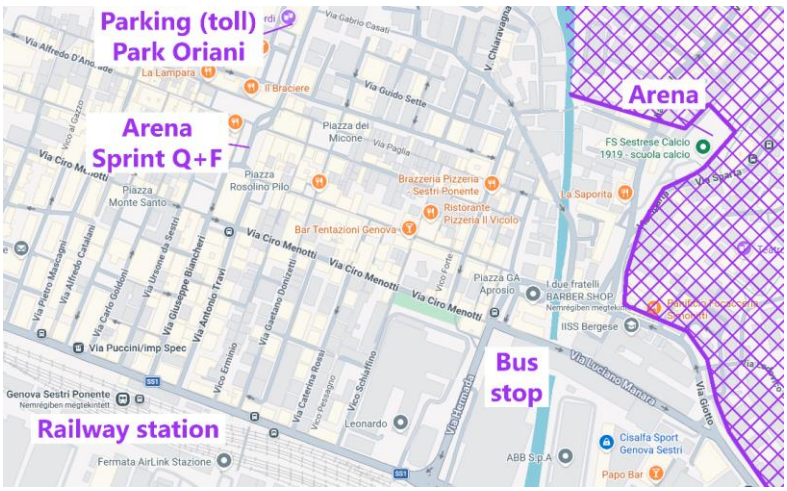
Arena opens at 8.45.

Parking
Parking is possible in all the west part of the city. Please avoid attempting to park within the race area (embargoed area), as the area will be subject to road closures. Additional vehicles could interfere with the safe and smooth operation of the event.



Public transport
Travelling by train is strongly recommended. Sestri Ponente railway station is located approximately 1 km from the arena.

Bus #1 also passes Sestri Ponente and can be an option to use.

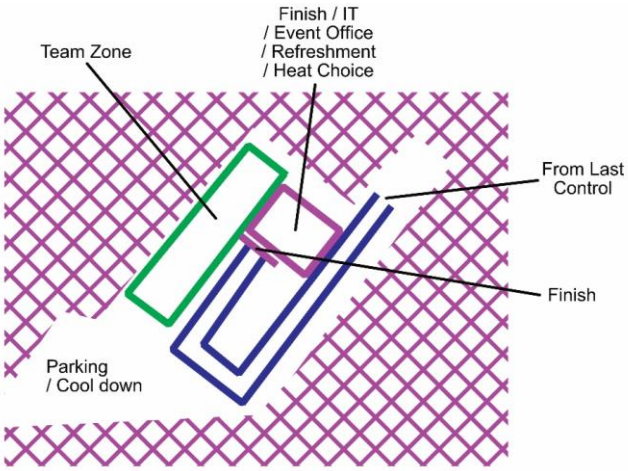
Format
Sprint competition with individual start. Both men's and women's classes have three heats. The best runners in the Sprint World Ranking in each heat start first. The top 12 runners in each heat qualify for the final on Friday.

First start
9.00 Women – 10.15 Men. Start interval: 90 seconds

Live
Live results and GPS tracking available here.

Services
WCs, WOC info point and speakers in both English and Italian. No big screen will be operated at the arena, but a basic live TV-stream from the competition will be available on IOF TV between 09.00 and 11.30.

Heat selection
An interesting event, the heat selection for tomorrow's competitionwill take place in the arena right after the men's event, so if you can, please stay and watch!



8.KNOCK-OUT SPRINT ROUNDS, Friday 10th July 2026

Arena
Genova – Piazza Matteotti
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Access to the arena from Via San Lorenzo https://maps.app.goo.gl/v8vHSHMjKkvghv217

The arena opens at 12.15.

Parking
Suggested parking is in the surroundings of "Porto Antico" and "Acquario di Genova"

https://maps.app.goo.gl/1oXNgXPj9CaXk54X9 (500 m from the arena). Please avoid attempting to park within the race area (embargoed area), as the area will be subject to road closures. Additional vehicles could interfere with the safe and smooth operation of the event.

Public transport
Travelling by metro is strongly recommended. "San Giorgio" metro station is located approximately 300 m from the arena.

Format
The elimination rounds consist of 6 quarter finals, 3 semi-finals and 1 final per class with normally 6 runners in each heat. The top 3 from each heat of the quarter final and the top 2 from each heat of the semi-final qualify for the following round.

Concert
The WOC 2026 Knock-Out Sprint elimination races will be preceded by a band performance, which starts at 12.30. You are more than welcome to participate!

First starts
13.00 QF1 Women, further QFs every 6 minutes
13.36 QF1 Men, further QFs every 6 minutes
14.58 SF1 Women, further SFs every 12,5 minutes
15.36 SF1 Men, further SFs every 12 minutes
16.22 F Women
16.38 F Men

Live
Live results and GPS tracking available here.

Services
WCs, bar, street food, pasticceria, orienteering shops, WOC info point, maxi screen with live IOF TV.

9.SPRINT RELAY, Saturday 11th July 2026

Arena
Genova – Piazza Matteotti
https://maps.app.goo.gl/kAwLydVf5BHyFrut7

Access to the arena from Via San Lorenzo https://maps.app.goo.gl/v8vHSHMjKkvghv217

Arena opens at 14.40.

Parking
Suggested parking is in the surroundings of "Porto Antico" and "Acquario di Genova"

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Public transport
Travelling by metro is strongly recommended. "San Giorgio" metro station is located approximately 300 m from the arena.

Format
Sprint competition with mass start, relay format. One team consists of 4 team members, who run consecutively.

Mass Start
15.38

Live
Live results and GPS tracking available here.

Services
WCs, bar, street food, pasticceria, orienteering shops, WOC info point, maxi screen with live IOF TV.

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