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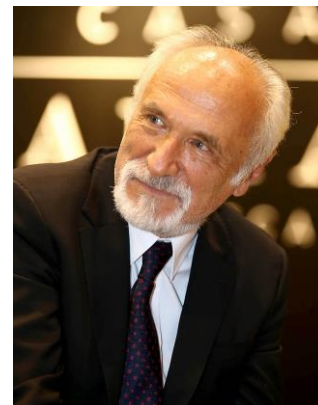


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WELCOME

It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome, on behalf of the Italian Orienteering Federation, all the nations, athletes, coaches, and team officials who will take part in the 2026 Sprint World Orienteering Championships.

This WOC arrives in a city that already hosted a World Cup round in 2024, proving its organizational capabilities and genuine passion. It is, therefore, also a confirmation: Genova is ready, once again, to welcome the global Orienteering community and transform itself into a competition arena.



Genova is a symbolic city: born to look beyond the horizon, overlooking the sea, shaped by steep alleys, squares filled with stories, and a port that for centuries served as a bridge between continents.

It is the birthplace of Christopher Columbus, an emblem of the drive to cross known boundaries and seek out new horizons.

In the same way, you orienteers are modern explorers: you chart your courses through the maps, guided by the rhythm of your run and the strategy of your decisions, always ready to chase new goals, not only on the course, but also within yourselves.

Another iconic figure from Genova that makes the spirit of these championships even more symbolic is the Mayor Silvia Salis, who has dedicated her life to athletics. Ten-time national champion, Olympic athlete in Beijing and London, and winner of the Mediterranean Games, she has continued her commitment after retiring, becoming Vice President of CONI (Italian Olympic Committee). A woman who has truly lived the sports experience and who now, with values of dedication, courage, and vision, leads the city hosting the World Orienteering Championships.

Beyond the competition, Liguria will surprise you: sea and mountains just a step away, the perched villages, the culture, and the flavours of a land suspended between sky and rock.

I invite you to discover it beyond the courses, to experience it and be inspired.

Welcome to Italy,

Welcome to Liguria,

Welcome to Genova: the city where the horizon always invites you to push further!

Enjoy WOC 2026!

Alfio Giomi
President of the Italian Orienteering Federation

For our city, it is a source of great pride to host the World Orienteering Championships, one of the most prestigious events on the international sports calendar.

Welcoming athletes from all over the world means placing Genoa at the heart of an event that brings together sport, culture, and the discovery of the territory. Orienteering is a discipline that values the intelligence of movement, the ability to find one's way, respect for the environment, and an authentic relationship with places, values that we deeply identify with and that perfectly reflect the identity of our city.

For me, having dedicated my life to sport, first as an athlete and then as Deputy Vice President of the Italian National Olympic Committee, this event also holds personal significance: it represents the highest expression of a sport that educates, includes, and builds relationships, both on and off the field.

The urban and natural routes that will host the competitions will offer a unique experience, crossing through the historic heart of Genoa and its extraordinary landscape, where the sea, hills, and cultural heritage coexist in a truly unique way.

On behalf of the City Council and the entire city, I warmly welcome the athletes, technical staff, volunteers, and fans who will take part in this major event. Genoa is ready to welcome you with its energy, its history, and its ability to look to the future through sport. We look forward to seeing you!



Silvia Salis
Mayor of Genoa



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1. ORGANISATION AND CONTACT

1.1. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Event Director	Gianluca Carbone
Technical Director	Alessio Tenani
Race Director	Aaron Gaio
Event Office	Karin Sanna
Bulletins	Lucia Curzio
IT Coordinator	Daniele Guardini
Start Director	Daniele Pagliari
Communication	Enrico Carmagnani
Materials	Carlo Carenini
Volunteers	Melania Tinelli
Media	Matteo Ferri
Spectator Races	Andrea Immovilli

1.2. EVENT ADVISERS

IOF WOC Project Manager	Áron Less (IOF)
IOF Senior Event Adviser	Péter Molnár (HUN)
National controller	Simone Grassi (ITA)

1.3. CONTACT INFORMATION

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Technical Director & Training	alessio.tenani@woc2026.it
IOF WOC Project Manager	aron.less@orienteering.sport
Volunteers	volunteers@woc2026.it

1.4. BULLETINS

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

Our partners:



2.EVENT PROGRAMME

Sunday 5th July	Event office open	09:00-12:00 16:00-20:00	Sala Quadrivium
Monday 6th July	Event office open	09:00-19:00	Sala Quadrivium
	Model Event	10:00-17:00	Pegli
	Technical Model Event	10:00-12:00	Pegli
	Sprint entry deadline	12:00	via IOF eventor
	Deadline for late entries, changes and payment	12:00	
	Team Officials' Meeting 1 (Sprint)	18:00-19:00	Sala Quadrivium and online
Tuesday 7th July	Event office open	08:00-19:00	Race Arena
	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	Event office open	09:00-12:00 16:00-19:00	Sala Quadrivium
	Knock-Out Sprint entry deadline	12:00	via IOF eventor
	Team Officials' Meeting 2 (Sprint KO Qual)	18:00-18:30	online
	IOF General Assembly	12:00-16:00	Former Stock Exchange
	IOF Family Dinner	19:30	Former Stock Exchange
Thursday 9th July	Event office open	08:30-12:30	Race Arena
	Knock-Out Sprint Qualification women	09:00-10:15	Sestri Ponente
	Knock-Out Sprint Qualification men	10:45-12:00	Sestri Ponente
	Heat selection	12:05	Race Arena
	Event office open	16:00-19:00	Sala Quadrivium
	Team Officials' Meeting 3 (KO rounds+ Sprint Relay)	18:00-19:00	Sala Quadrivium and online
Friday 10th July	Event office open	11:30-18:00	Race Arena
	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
	Sprint Relay entry deadline	18:00	via IOF eventor

Saturday 11th July	Event office open	10:00-11:00	Sala Quadrivium
	IOF Family and Media Race	10:00-12:00	5 Days Arena
	Event office open	15:00-18:00	Race Arena
	Sprint Relay	15:40-16:45	Genova
	Medal Ceremony	17:20	Race Arena
	Closing Ceremony	17:30-17:50	Race Arena
	Farewell Party	20:30-01:00	Porto Antico
Sunday 12th July	Event office open	09:00-12:00	Sala Quadrivium

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 the quarantines have parking for team; the quarantines for the Knock-Out Sprint rounds and the Sprint Relay are subject to payment. Same applies for the Event Centre.

Rent a car



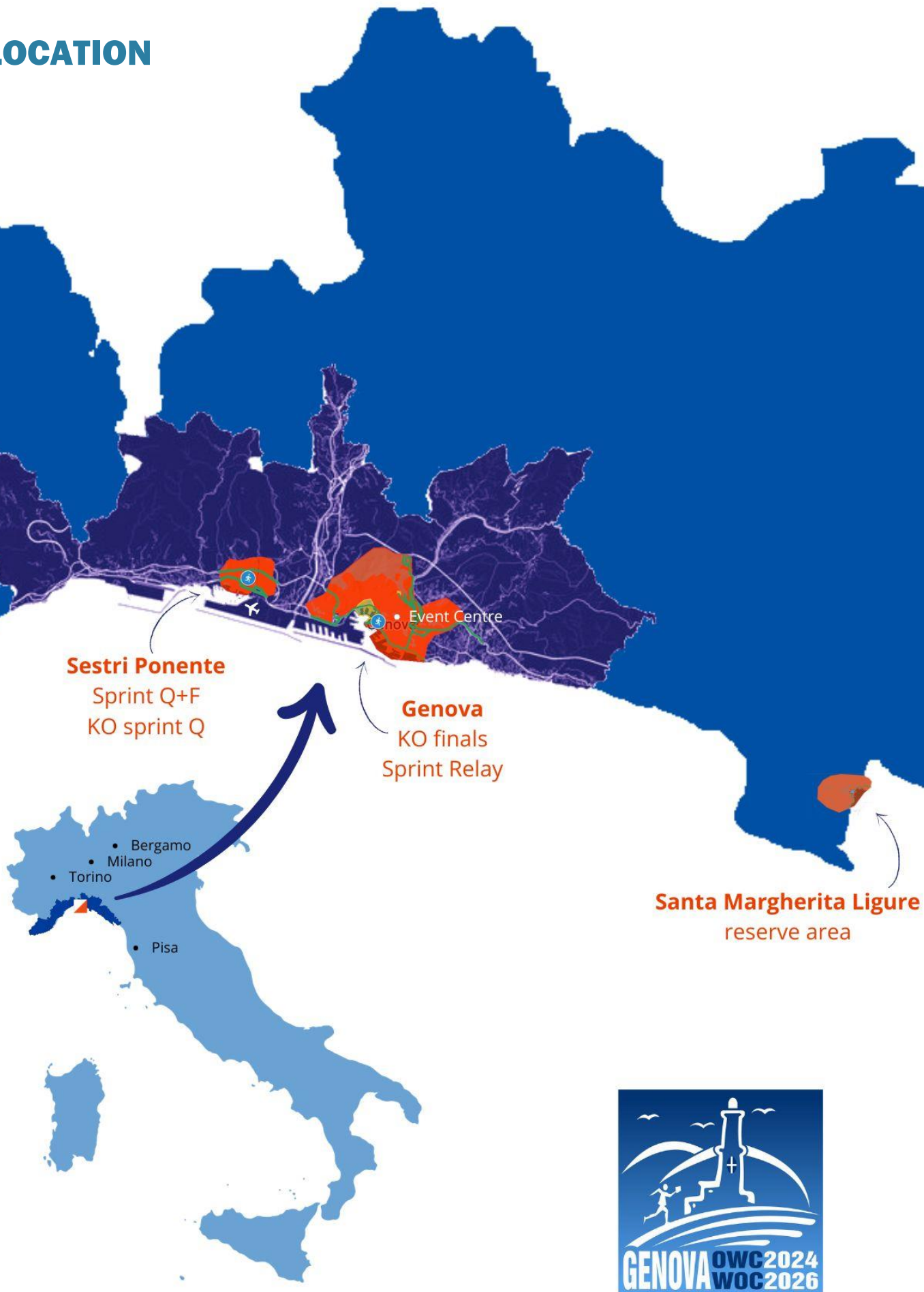
We are pleased to announce a significant partnership with [Hertz](#), designed to facilitate travel for all activities related to the World Orienteering Championships 2026 in Genova!

Unlock exclusive travel savings: enjoy up to 10% off, global rental access, and fast-track service using our dedicated CDP code 954734.



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LOCATION



4. EVENT CENTRE

The event centre will be located at “Sala Quadrivium”, [via XII Ottobre 14, 16121 Genova](#). On the competitions days the Event Office will be located at the arena.

The event centre is inside the embargoed area, that 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](#).

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5. ENTRIES AND FEES

5.1. ENTRIES AND ENTRY DEADLINES

All entries are only to be made in IOF Eventor from 1st of January 2026 on: <https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/7383>

As the event start date is Monday 6th of July 2026:

- The deadline for Team Size Entry is 6th of May 2026 (-2 months)
- The deadline for Entries Payment is 25th of May 2026 (-6 weeks)
- The deadline for Team Names Entry is 28th of June 2026 (-8 days)
- The deadline for late entries, changes of Team Size or Team Names is 6th of July 2026 12:00 (noon)

	1 January	6 May	25 May	28 June	6 July
					7 July
Team size entry periods	Team size	+ 20% (80% refund)		+ 50% (50% refund)	Event
Team names entry periods		Team names		+ 10 €	
Payment schedule		Payment			Pay/refund changes

Team Size Entry (deadline 6th of May 2026) details:

- The Team manager (chosen from list in IOF Eventor)
- The Team manager’s email address and mobile phone
- The number of Team Athletes (men and women)
- The number of Team Officials
- The number of Team Athletes in the individual races. There is no maximum number of officials per team
- The number of sprint relay teams (0 or 1)
- Ordering of rental SIAC cards

Team Names Entry (deadline 28th of June 2026) details:

- The name of each Team Athlete by selecting from federation members in IOF Eventor

- The name of each Team Officials by selecting from federation members in IOF Eventor

Competition entries

Names of the competitors shall be entered in IOF Eventor for each race before:

- 12:00 of the 6th July, for Sprint
- 12:00 of the 8th July, for KO Sprint
- 18:00 of the 10th July, for Sprint Relay

5.2. ENTRY FEES

Accreditation fee for athletes	100 €
Accreditation fee for team officials	100 €
Individual race	145 €
Sprint Relay (per team)	360 €
SIAC card rent	15 €

Accreditation fee covers model event, parking (partially) and competition maps.

For Teams where the function of the Team Official is performed by an athlete, there will be no extra charge for a team official.

The rental of the SIAC card is considered per person per week. The pre-ordered rental SIAC cards will be handed out in the Event Office as a part of the accreditation. A team manager shall return all rented SIAC cards at the Event office after the last race. Any missing or lost SIAC-card will be charged with a fee of 70 €. SIAC cards must be ordered with team size entry (6th of May 2026). See more information about SIACs in chapter 11.2.

5.3. LATE ENTRIES

Changes of Team Size or Team Names Late Entries and changes will be accepted, if possible, up to Event start date, 6th of July 2026. No late entries or changes will be accepted after that date. Late entries and changes will always have a defined extra cost (surcharge). Late entries and changes will always be treated equally and must be communicated directly to the organiser at info@woc2026.it. The organiser makes the changes in IOF Eventor after deadlines.

Extra fee for changes of team size until 28 th of June 2026	20% (80% refund)
Extra fee for changes of team size until 6 th of July 2026	50% (50% refund)
Extra fee for changes of team names until 6 th of July 2026	surcharge 10 €

5.4. PAYMENT

After the Team Size deadline (6th of May 2026, 2 months before), the organiser will invoice the federation for entries and services. The invoices should be paid before 25th of May 2026 (6 weeks before the event). If the Federation has done changes after that date, needs to be paid/refunded at the Event Office at the latest.

Please note that we will accept payments only in euro currency.

Payee	COMITATO GENOVA 2026 A.S.D.
Currency	Euro
IBAN	IT55E0538701411000003861810
BIC	BPMOIT22XXX
Bank	BPER Banca
Address of the bank	Agenzia 11 - GENOVA

6.ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

There isn't any official accommodation, teams can book by themselves everywhere in Genova's area, outside of the embargoed area.

We are pleased to offer a partnership with the agency Tre Emme, with different solutions of accommodation in Genova.



For booking and information please contact
Gianmarco: +39 3899120376 /
accommodations@woc2026.it

In the quarantine and the team zone in the arenas, we offer refreshments and water. Hot and cold food and drinks will be for sale in the arenas.

Most hotels, restaurants and grocery stores have a variety of food options, also for special diets, vegetarians, and allergy sufferers.



SMART OFFERS

Tower Genova Airport Hotel ****

Large 4-star hotel located near Genoa Airport, ideal for easy arrivals and departures. Offers spacious rooms and services tailored for groups and events. A practical and convenient solution for teams, combining accessibility, capacity, and competitive rates.

Double Single Use: 130€ **Double Room: 75€** **Multiple on request**
Early Breakfast Included **Half-Board with buffet dinner: 35€**

All prices are per person per day



Apartment solutions available on request for groups



COMFORT OFFERS

Mercure Genova San Biagio ****



Modern 4-star hotel located in a quiet area just outside Genoa, with easy access to highways and transport links.

Offers comfortable, spacious rooms, a restaurant, fitness facilities, and free parking. Ideal for teams seeking a relaxing stay with convenient connections to the event venues.

Double Single Use: 165€ **Double Room: 95€** **Multiple on request**
Early Breakfast Included **Half-Board with served dinner: 35€**

All prices are per person per day

Hotel Mediterranee ***

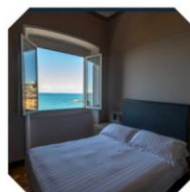
Elegant historic hotel located on the seafront in Pegli, just a short distance from Genoa city center.

Features spacious rooms, many with sea views, and a restaurant offering traditional Italian cuisine.

Ideal for teams looking for a relaxing stay by the sea with easy access to the event area.

Double Single Use: 160€ **Double Room: 95€** **Multiple on request**
Early Breakfast Included **Half-Board with served dinner: 35€**

All prices are per person per day



PREMIUM OFFERS

Novotel Genova ****

Modern 4-star hotel located near Genoa's port and city center, offering easy access to main venues.

Features spacious rooms, an outdoor pool, fitness area, and on-site restaurant.

Combining comfort, convenience, and dedicated services for athletes.

Double Single Use: 200€ **Double Room: 110€** **Multiple on request**
Early Breakfast Included **Half-Board with buffet dinner: 40€**

All prices are per person per day



AC Hotel Genova by Marriot****

Modern 4-star hotel located in the eastern part of Genoa, well connected to the city center and main event areas.

Offers stylish rooms, a fitness center, and a contemporary restaurant focused on Mediterranean cuisine.

Comfort, functionality, and a quiet environment.

Double Single Use: 205€ **Double Room: 115€** **Multiple on request**
Early Breakfast Included **Half-Board with served dinner: 45€**

All prices are per person per day



7. 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 yellow on the map).
- The embargo of Genova will be reduced within the end of April.
- 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

7.1. PREVIOUS ORIENTEERING MAPS

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

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

8. 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 WOC 2026 is:

- 11th -22nd May 2026: training in Genova area
- 16th-17th May 2026: test races in Genova Sestri Levante and Campomorone
- 22nd-26th June 2026: WOC simulation week

9. RULES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

9.1. IOF COMPETITION RULES

The [Competition Rules for IOF Foot Orienteering Events 2026](#) valid from 1 January 2026 apply.

9.2. ANTI-DOPING

Doping is strictly forbidden, and the organisers of the WOC 2026 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/>

9.3. INSURANCE AND LIABILITIES

The organisers decline any liability that might occur through participation in the IOF WOC 2026 Events and training. Each person participates at their own risk and is responsible for their own insurance coverage (illness and accident).

9.4. 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.

9.5. ATHLETE'S LICENCE

All athletes need to have [a valid IOF athlete's licence](#) to participate in the WOC 2026 races.

10. MEDIA, VIP & IOF FAMILY

We welcome all media representatives as our partners to cover the exciting competitions of World Orienteering Championships in Genova.

More information on www.woc2026.com/media/. For any requests, please contact media@woc2026.it.

Accreditation of IOF Family must be done on Eventor <https://eventor.orienteering.sport/Events/Show/7383>; more information can be found in the "IOF Family invitation".

11. GENERAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

11.1. CLASSES AND PARTICIPATION RESTRICTIONS

Competition classes are Women and Men with no age restrictions (Rule 5.7). All competitors represent a Federation (6.6). 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) (6.7). In the Sprint Relay, each Federation may enter one team consisting of 4 team members of whom at least 2 must be women (6.10). All competitors require an IOF athlete licence to participate at WOC 2026.

Extra allocations:

Sprint Men

current World Champion (2024): Martin Regborn (SWE)
current Asian Champion (2024): Yuichi Honjo (JPN)
current European Champion (2025): Mathias Barros Vallet (FRA)
current North American Champion (2024): Damian Konotopetz (CAN)
current Oceania Champion (2026): Joseph Lynch (NZL)
current South American Champion (2024): Leandro Nascimento (BRA)

Sprint Women

current World Champion (2024): Tove Alexandersson (SWE)
current Asian Champion (2024): Ying Yau Chu (HKG)
current European Champion (2025): Pia Young Vik (NOR)
current North American Champion (2024): Emma Waddington (CAN)
current Oceania Champion (2026): Erika Enderby (AUS)
current South American Champion (2024): Mariana Ostetto (BRA)

Knock-Out Sprint Women

current World Champion (2024): Tove Alexandersson (SWE)
current highest ranked Asian competitor in Sprint WR: to be determined on 6th May
current European Champion (2025): Cecile Calandry (FRA)
current North American Champion (2024): Emma Waddington (CAN)
current Oceania Champion (2026): Nea Shingler (AUS)
current highest ranked South American competitor in Sprint WR: to be determined on 6th May

Knock-Out Sprint Men

current World Champion (2024): Riccardo Rancan (SUI)
current highest ranked Asian competitor in Sprint WR: to be determined on 6th May
current European Champion (2025): August Mollen (SWE)
current North American Champion (2024): Christian Michelsen (CAN)
current Oceania Champion (2026): Joseph Lynch (NZL)
current highest ranked South American competitor in Sprint WR: to be determined on 6th May

11.2. PUNCHING SYSTEM

The punching system used is SPORTident SIAC Air+. Each participant will use two SIAC cards. The primary card will be provided by the organizers free of charge; participants are requested to use their own as backup. The organizer will offer SIAC cards for rent,

they can be booked through IOF Eventor as a service with team size entry (6th of May 2026).

11.3. GPS TRACKING

In every race, competitors may be asked to carry a GPS tracking device. It has to be carried on the back of the competitor in an elastic harness. GPS tracking will be used for live TV production, arena production on the big video screen and live on-line transmission.

11.4. CLOTHING

No restrictions.

11.5. 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. Further details will be published in Bulletin 4.



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12. RACE INFORMATION

12.1. SPRINT QUALIFICATION, Tuesday 7th July 2026

Arena	Sestri Ponente – Piazza Baracca https://maps.app.goo.gl/FL5kObBxyBpqio037
Map	1:4000, 2.5 m, June 2026 (ISSprOM 2019-2 version 2024)
Mapper	Samuele Curzio
Course Setter	Alessio Tenani
Controller	Marcello Lambertini
Women	13 minutes; preliminary length on shortest possible route: 3,0 km
Men	13 minutes; preliminary length on shortest possible route: 3,5 km

Terrain: Sestri Ponente is a varied urban terrain extending from flat coastal areas to steeper hillside sections, combining pedestrian shopping streets, narrow alleys and open squares, complemented by urban parks, green areas and residential zones; the area features a complex street network with generally high runnability and reduced visibility in narrower sections, and includes hazards such as pedestrians, street furniture, limited-visibility corners, possible traffic, paved surfaces that may be slippery when wet, and uncrossable urban features that must be strictly respected.



12.2. SPRINT FINAL, Tuesday 7th July 2026

Arena	Sestri Ponente – Piazza Baracca https://maps.app.goo.gl/FL5kQbBxyBpqioQ37
Map	1:4000, 2.5 m, June 2026 (ISSprOM 2019-2 version 2024)
Mapper	Samuele Curzio
Course Setter	Alessio Tenani
Controller	Marcello Lambertini
Women	14 minutes; preliminary length on shortest possible route: 3,2 km
Men	14 minutes; preliminary length on shortest possible route: 3,7 km

Terrain: Sestri Ponente is a varied urban terrain extending from flat coastal areas to steeper hillside sections, combining pedestrian shopping streets, narrow alleys and open squares, complemented by urban parks, green areas and residential zones; the area features a complex street network with generally high runnability and reduced visibility in narrower sections, and includes hazards such as pedestrians, street furniture, limited-visibility corners, possible traffic, paved surfaces that may be slippery when wet, and uncrossable urban features that must be strictly respected.



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12.3. KNOCK-OUT SPRINT QUAL, Thursday 9th July 2026

Arena	Sestri Ponente – Campo sportivo ex Corderia https://maps.app.goo.gl/Vdpvs2wTK7fwp97y6
Map	1:4000, 2.5 m, June 2026 (ISSprOM 2019-2 version 2024)
Mapper	Samuele Curzio
Course Setter	Alessio Tenani
Controller	Marcello Lambertini
Women	9 minutes; preliminary length on shortest possible route: 2,2 km
Men	9 minutes; preliminary length on shortest possible route: 2,4 km

Terrain: The area is located on a hillside and is characterized by residential zones, open spaces and a complex structure with terraces, ramps and stairways, complemented by green areas; it features good visibility and generally high runnability, combined with significant climb and route choice both horizontally and vertically. Hazards include stairs and steep ramps, level changes, limited-visibility corners in multi-level sections, possible traffic on adjacent roads, paved surfaces that may be slippery when wet, and uncrossable features that must be strictly respected.



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

Arena Genova – Piazza Matteotti
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/kAwLydVf5BHyFrut7>
Map 1:4000, 2.5 m, June 2026 (ISSprOM 2019-2 version 2024)
Mapper Samuele Curzio
Course Setter Alessio Tenani
Controller Marcello Lambertini
Preliminary length on shortest possible route: QF 1,8 km (7'30" men, 8' women) / SF 2,0 km (7'30" men, 8' women) / F 1,9 km (7'30" men, 8' women)

Terrain: Genova city centre is a dense and intricate historic urban terrain extending from the waterfront to steep hillside areas, characterized by narrow alleys, irregular street patterns and open squares, complemented by some larger streets and limited green areas; the terrain includes steep sections with stairways, ramps and significant level changes, adding a vertical dimension to route choice, and features very high route choice complexity, frequent changes of direction and variable visibility, with generally high runnability in open sections but reduced speed in the narrowest and steepest parts, and includes hazards such as pedestrians, street furniture, limited-visibility corners, possible traffic, paved and stone surfaces that may be slippery when wet, and numerous uncrossable features that must be strictly respected.



12.5. SPRINT RELAY, Saturday 11th July 2026

Arena	Genova – Piazza Matteotti https://maps.app.goo.gl/kAwLydVf5BHyFrut7
Map	1:4000, 2.5 m, June 2026 (ISSprOM 2019-2 version 2024)
Mapper	Samuele Curzio
Course Setter	Alessio Tenani
Controller	Marcello Lambertini
Time	60' (15' per leg)
Preliminary length on shortest possible route: 3,1 km leg 1-4 W, 3,5 km leg 2-3 M	

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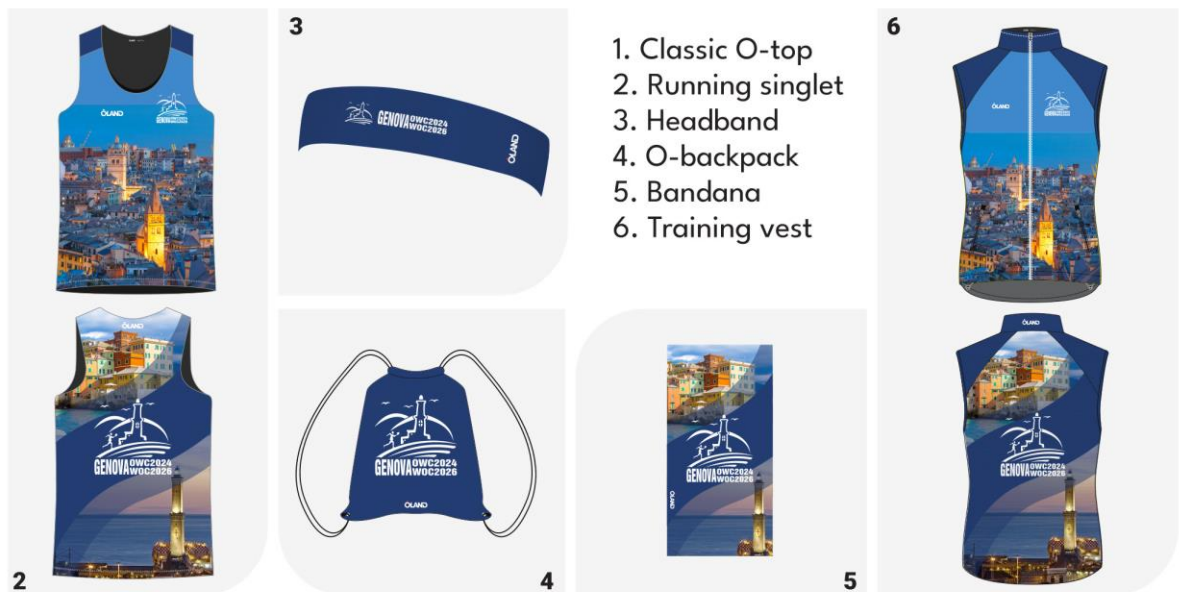
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13. SPECTATOR RACES

The “Five Days of Italy” 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 WOC live.



From Saturday, July 4th to Sunday, July 12th – Self Training (Campo Ligure GE)
 Sunday, July 5th – Prologue Sprint (Sassello SV) – Model Event forest (Monte Beigua SV)
 Monday, July 6th – 1st Stage Long distance (Monte Beigua SV)
 Tuesday, July 7th – 2nd Stage Sprint distance (Urban area Genova or surroundings – CLOSE TO WOC)
 Wednesday, July 8th – Orienteering & Tourism (La Spezia area)
 Thursday, July 9th – 3rd Stage Middle distance (Passo del Faiallo GE and Urbe SV)
 Friday, July 10th – 4th Stage Middle distance (Piani di Praglia – Ceranesi GE)
 Saturday, July 11th – 5th Stage Sprint distance (Urban area Genova or surroundings - CLOSE TO WOC)
 Sunday, July 12th – Extra Race Sprint or Middle distance (Genova or surroundings)

For further information check woc2026.com/2026-5-giorni-italia-orienteering-five-days-of-apennines-3rd-edition/ / e-mail spectator.races@woc2026.it

14. BULLETIN VERSION HISTORY

Version	Date	Comment
1	5.4.2026	Initial version



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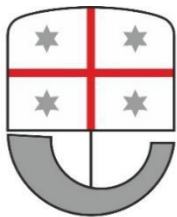
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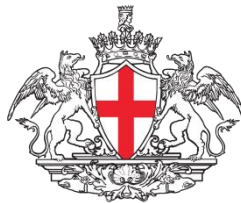
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