

Bulletin 1

INTERNATIONAL ORIENTEERING IN
STIRLING (INCORPORATING OPEN WRE)

13-15TH OCTOBER 2023

HOSTED BY FORTH VALLEY ORIENTEERS



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WELCOME

On behalf of the International Orienteering Federation, and in conjunction with WOC 2024, Forth Valley Orienteers is delighted to invite elite orienteers from around the world for international sprint orienteering in and around Stirling.

The weekend programme offers elite races in all three WOC disciplines, with two World Ranking Events on offer:

- » Friday 13 October: Euromeeeting Mixed Sprint Relay for national teams
- » Saturday 14 October: Euromeeeting KO Sprint (incorporating Open WRE)
- » Sunday 15 October: Euromeeeting Individual Sprint (incorporating Open WRE)

All races are on courses set by WOC2024 planners, on maps made by a WOC 2024 mapper.

We are also offering a full set of races for non-elite participants, with our Stirling City Race weekend.

This has a prologue race on the evening of Friday 13th (after the Euromeeeting Mixed Sprint Relay), and then an overall competition which combines two individual races on Saturday 14 October and a longer urban race (the Stirling City Race) on Sunday October. Further details about the Stirling City Race weekend details are at www.fvo.org.uk/events

We hope you enjoy visiting our part of Scotland and we look forward to welcoming you!





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PROGRAMME

(timings are provisional and final timings will be confirmed in Bulletin 2)

FRIDAY OCTOBER 13

1500hrs - Mixed Sprint Relay , Queen Victoria School, Dunblane

Entry via National Teams. We will accept non-competitive teams where national teams need to combine their runners to make a complete team.

If numbers entered by the deadline permit, we will allow a small number of guest club teams of an appropriate elite standard.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14

All day - Knock Out Sprint World Ranking Event, University of Stirling

Qualification (in three heats) will be in the morning.

QuarterFinal, SemiFinal and Final will be in the afternoon.

Participants who do not qualify for the QuarterFinal will be offered the chance to run an Individual Sprint alongside the afternoon public races, held after the KO Finals.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 15

0900hrs first start – Individual Sprint World Ranking Event, Stirling Old Town

GENERAL INFORMATION

ORGANISATION

Event Director - Jon Cross

Enquiries - euromeeting@fvo.org.uk

Training enquiries - Ian Maxwell, WOC 2024 Training Coordinator (training@woc2024.org)

Website - www.fvo.org.uk

Mapping - Graham Gristwood

Day Organisers - Jon Cross, Andy Llewellyn, Colin Matheson

Course Setters - Graeme Ackland, Jon Cross, Ross McLennan

National Controller - Rob Hickling

IOF Adviser - Tony Thornley

VENUES & EMBARGO AREAS

The embargoed terrain for all races remains as specified alongside the WOC 2024 embargoes (at <https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/6106>) or can be seen directly at <https://shorturl.at/qCGRX>

Competitors should follow the IOF rules on embargo areas. No orienteering of any kind should take place within the embargoed areas until the competition date. Furthermore, competitors should not gain familiarity by walking around the area, with or without a map. If a competitor has unfair familiarity with the terrain, for example through living within the embargoed area, it is their responsibility to declare



themselves non-competitive.

Anyone who believes another competitor has gained an unfair advantage can make a complaint to the Organiser, at euromeeting2023@fvo.org.uk.

There will be registration/enquiries at the event arena each day. There is no separate event centre.

ACCESS & TRANSPORT

All three competition venues are near to train stations (Dunblane, Bridge of Allan, Stirling). All of these stations have direct train services from Glasgow and Edinburgh (both of these have airports).

Stirling bus station also provides a variety of local and national connections.

Stirling and Bridge of Allan also have a range of locations for picking up and dropping hire bikes using the 'Nextbike' service which is £1 for each 20mins of hire (see <https://www.nextbike.co.uk/en/stirling/locations/>)

More information on how to reach the competition areas from the train stations and by car will be presented in bulletin 2.

Friday 13 October - Mixed Sprint Relay, Queen Victoria School, Dunblane

Parking will be in Dunblane outside the embargo area, and all participants will arrive in the competition area using a specified walking route. More information will be provided in Bulletin 2. There is no catering at the event arena.

Saturday 14 October - Knock Out Sprint, University of Stirling

The event arena will be at the University. There will be no competitor access to the event arena before the qualification races, and arrangements for parking and quarantine/pre-start will be in Bulletin 2. There will be cafes at the event arena and also cafes and a supermarket accessible near the event arena. There will be a quarantine near the event arena before the QF/SF/F rounds. Details on the arrangements for bringing kit to the event arena after qualification will be in Bulletin 2.

Sunday 15 October - Stirling Old Town

The event arena will be in Stirling. There will be no competitor access to the event arena before the races. There will be a quarantine with parking and a warm up/pre-start area. Kit will be transferred from quarantine to the event arena.

There will be a coffee stall open at the event arena, and also a coffee stall outside the event quarantine (accessible from 8am until quarantine closure). Stirling city centre with shops, cafes and restaurants is nearby.



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ACCOMMODATION

There are a lot of hotel and BnB options available near Stirling. Unfortunately some hostels closed during Covid and have not reopened, and we are sorry that Stirling youth hostel is in the embargo area!

The Premier Inn and Travelodge chains both have several hotels within easy reach of the competitions.

ENTRIES

COMPETITIONS AND CLASSES

Euromeeeting Mixed Sprint Relay

Entries are made via national teams. There is one class "Elite".

Please email euromeeeting2023@fvo.org.uk and we will provide you with an entry form. We will also use this form to ask you for the names of any team officials requiring access to quarantine for any of the Euromeeeting races.

(If entry numbers permit, we will allow some entries by teams of elite standard that are not representing national teams. If you wish to register interest in this then please email euromeeeting2023@fvo.org.uk and we will let you know at entry closing date whether we can offer your team a space in the relay)

Euromeeeting KO Sprint and Individual Sprint

Euromeeeting is for national teams and there are two classes, Men Elite and Women Elite.

Entries are made via national teams, and should be made via IOF Eventor with payment by bank transfer as specified below. Teams may make payment by one single bank transfer for all races including Mixed Sprint Relay.

KO Sprint: <https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/7889>

Individual Sprint: <https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/7890>

Open WREs for KO Sprint and Individual Sprint

There are two classes, Men Elite and Women Elite.

Entries for athletes who are not representing national teams should be made individually at

https://www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?event_id=12247

We hope to provide one single class of "Euromeeeting including Open WRE" for each of Men WRE and Women WRE. However if the entry numbers are too large, the races may be divided into "WRE Euromeeeting" and "WRE Open".

FEES

Mixed Sprint Relay: £80 per team

KO Sprint £30 per competitor

Individual Sprint £25 per competitor

SIAC Hire £3 per race



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PAYMENT AND DEADLINE

Entries must be paid for NO LATER than Sunday 8th October. There will be a 20% surcharge for entries where payment is not received by the deadline. National team entries should be paid by bank transfer using the following details.

Account name: Forth Valley Orienteers
Bank: Bank of Scotland
Account number: 003711118
Sort code: 80-05-28
BIC: BOFSGB21332

TRAINING

Any national teams who are interested in additional training opportunities during their time in Scotland should contact Ian Maxwell via training@woc2024.org

ADDITIONAL COMPETITION INFO

MAPS

All maps are at 1:4000 with 2.5m contour interval, updated and drawn using ISSprOM 2019-2 in 2023 by Graham Gristwood

PREVIOUS ORIENTEERING MAPS

Queen Victoria School was last used in 2011. The southern part of the embargoed area was visited by the longest courses at the FVO

urban race in 2017, see <https://routegadget.fvo.org.uk/rg2/index.php#42&course=1>

A composite map of the most recent maps can be seen at https://fvo.org.uk/media/events/2023/oct/13/euromeeting-mixed-sprint-relay-public-sprint/Euromeeting_MSR_old_maps.PDF

Stirling University was used for JEC 2016 (the map/courses are at <https://www.soa.routegadget.co.uk/rg2/#58>). A blank map of the wider area as used in 2018 can be seen on the Eventor page at <https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/7889>

Stirling Old Town was used for Race The Castles in 2014 and the map/courses are at <https://www.soa.routegadget.co.uk/rg2/#43>

TERRAIN

The embargo area for the Mixed Sprint Relay has two parts: there is a school campus with tarmac areas, areas of parkland, and small areas of woodland, and there is a residential area with quiet public roads and pedestrian alleyways.

The embargo area for the Knock Out Sprint is a university campus: it has a variety of residential and teaching buildings, with some quiet campus roads, as well as some areas of parkland and small areas of woodland. There is a large loch in the centre of the campus. It is mainly typical British university campus terrain.

The embargo area for the Individual Sprint is made up of Stirling Old Town (sometimes called the 'Top of the Town') this is the area surrounding Stirling Castle and as well as quiet roads and residential



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building, this includes a number of historical buildings with their own grounds, as well as a number of paved pathways around the castle and through nearby graveyards and woodland. The embargo area extends towards the city centre which is a mix of residential and retail buildings.

Cross all roads and deal with traffic safely - take the time to be safe and aware. Respect other participants and the general public.

WINNING TIMES

The winning times will follow the IOF guidelines

Mixed Sprint Relay: 55-60 minutes

Knock Out Sprint: Qualification: 8-10 minutes; QuarterFinal / SemiFinal / Final: all 6-8 minutes

Individual Sprint: 12-15 minutes

PUNCHING SYSTEM

The punching system used will be SportIdent with AIR/touch free enabled. All competitors must use a SIAC card, this can be rented at time of entry if the competitor does not have their own.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CLIMATE

The average temperature in the Stirling area during October has a maximum of 14°C and a minimum of 6°C. During the competition days, sunrise is at around 0745 and sunset is at around 1815.

VISAS

Overseas visitors may need a visa to enter the United Kingdom, and the Government's visa information website provides details of when visas are required. Competitors who require visas are advised to contact the Organisers at euomeeting2023@fvo.org.uk for the required reference information and are advised to submit their form to the United Kingdom Embassy or Consulate as soon as possible.

CLOTHING

Shoes with metal spikes (including dobbs) are not permitted at any of the races. No other restrictions.

RULES

The races will be held under British Orienteering Federation and International Orienteering Federation rules. In any case of conflict between them, IOF rules will take precedence. All competitors must follow British Orienteering's Participant Code of Conduct.

Competitors must not attend the event if they have been advised to self-isolate / quarantine.