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WELCOME

Dear participants, supporters, visitors and lovers of orienteering.

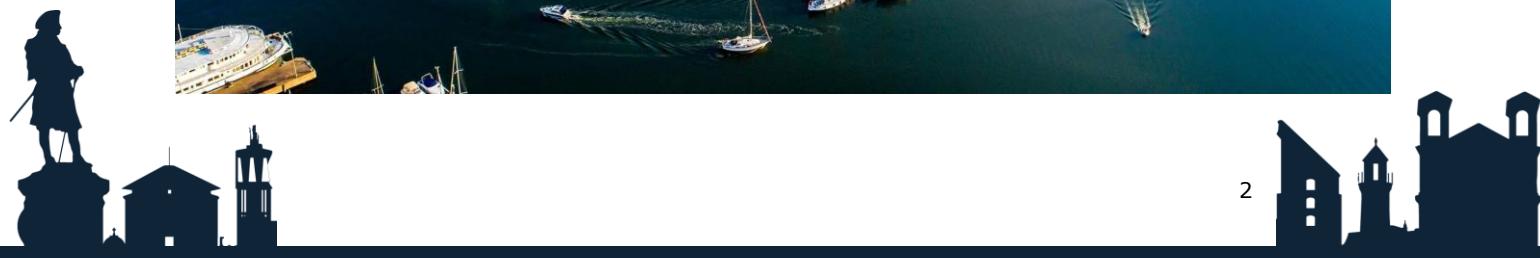
It is with great pleasure that we, the municipality of Karlskrona, would like to welcome all of you for the Junior World Orienteering Championships 2026. Together with the Swedish Orienteering Federation as well as our local club OK Orion we are proud to be hosting this championship and make it the best experience possible together with all of you.

We look forward to welcoming you to our UNESCO World Heritage city during your stay. We would also like to wish the best of luck for all the competitors – may the best athletes win!

Emma Swahn Nilsson
Mayor, Municipality of Karlskrona



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Dear participants and visitors,

It is with great pride and joy that we welcome you to Karlskrona for the Junior World Orienteering Championships 2026! Karlskrona, a city rich with history and surrounded by beautiful archipelagos is the perfect place for this prestigious event. We are proud to host an event that brings together young orienteers from around the world.

Karlskrona not only offers challenging and varied terrain and forests for the competitions but also, with its charming streets, beautiful parks, and historic buildings, provides a fantastic environment to explore and enjoy. Whether you are here to compete, support your teammates, or simply enjoy the atmosphere, we hope that this will be an unforgettable experience for everyone.

Welcome to Karlskrona and good luck in the competitions!

Anders Sahlén
President of the Swedish Orienteering Federation



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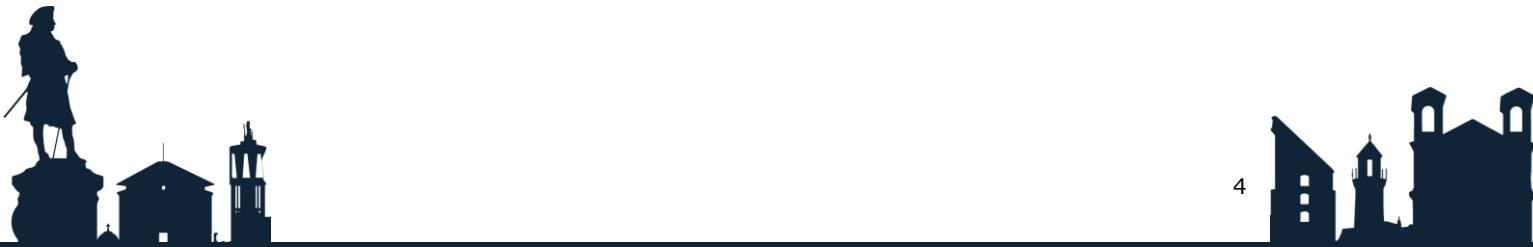
On behalf of OK Orion, I welcome you to exciting visits in the most south-east part of Blekinge, Sweden.

The regional Blekinge Orienteering Federation clubs have over the years held several major orienteering events in various terrains providing a diverse range of orienteering challenges. This knowledge and competence will be used when preparing the JWOC 2026 event.

For OK Orion it is a privilege inviting you to JWOC 2026 and we are committed to enable athletes and coaches to prepare as efficiently as possible in collaboration with clubs in Blekinge.

We look forward to meeting you all, athletes, coaches, supporters, and families creating memories during a fantastic JWOC week of experiences in Karlskrona county the summer 2026.

Martin Johansson
Event Director



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1. ORGANISATION AND CONTACT

1.1 ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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1.2 CONTACT INFORMATION

Official information

Competition site: [IOF Eventor](#)
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Event Contact

General contact
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Phone : +46 73 349 58 33 (Event Director)

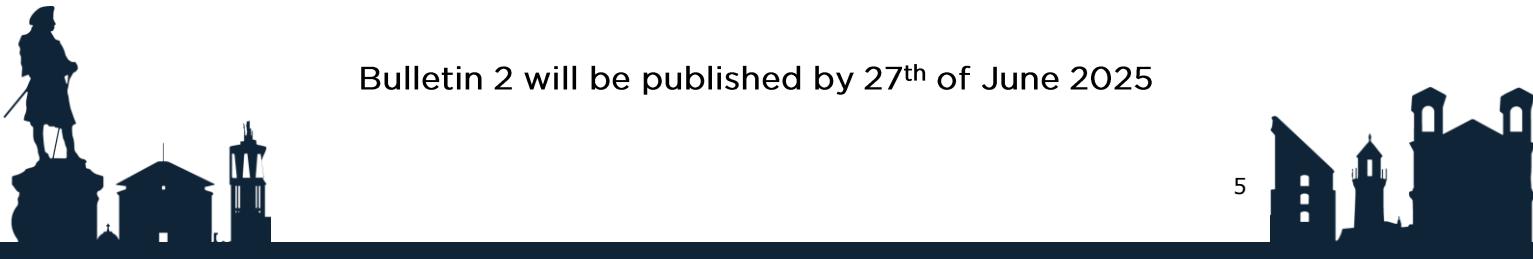
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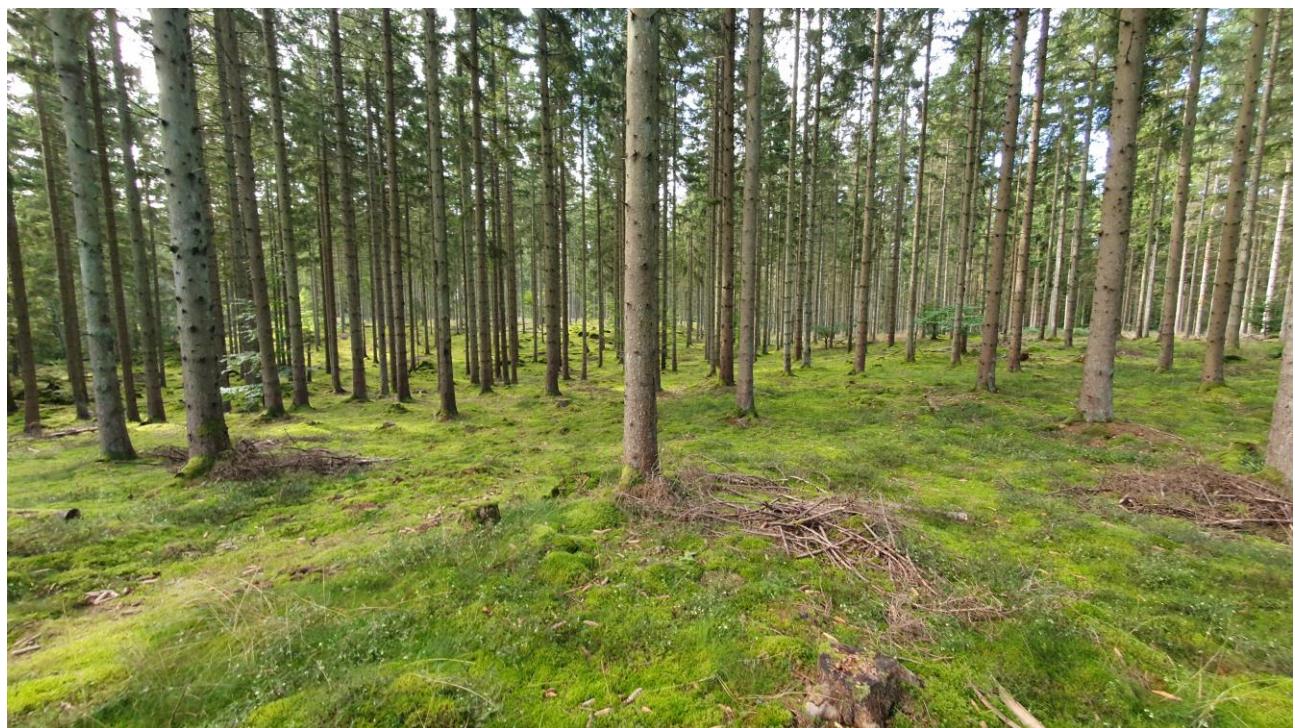
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2. EVENT PROGRAMME

Day	Date	Event
Saturday	27 th June	Arrival, Model Events
Sunday	28 th June	Model Events
Monday	29 th June	Sprint, Opening Ceremony
Tuesday	30 th June	Sprint Relay
Wednesday	1 st July	Long
Thursday	2 nd July	Rest day
Friday	3 ^d July	Middle
Saturday	4 th July	Forest Relay, Closing Ceremony
Sunday	5 th July	Departure



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3. VENUES, ACCESS AND TRANSPORT

3.1 VENUE

Karlskrona

Karlskrona, is a municipality and city in the region of Blekinge, located in the south-east corner of Sweden, right by the Baltic Sea archipelago.

Karlskrona was founded back in 1680 as Sweden's new primary naval base, which it still serves as today. The naval base is a major part of the Karlskrona central island Trossö and its marine history and culture, as well as historical features are visible all over the area and the archipelago. For this reason, Karlskrona is listed on the Unesco World Heritage site since 1998.

The region of Blekinge is well known in the Swedish orienteering community for providing unusually many varying terrain types, all high quality, which is one of the reasons why the region has fostered several national and international top orienteers, as well as a very strong orienteering community, including the JWOC organizing club OK Orion.

Come visit the wonderful and challenging orienteering terrains and World Heritage City of Karlskrona and Blekinge in 2026!



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3.2 ACCESS AND TRANSPORT

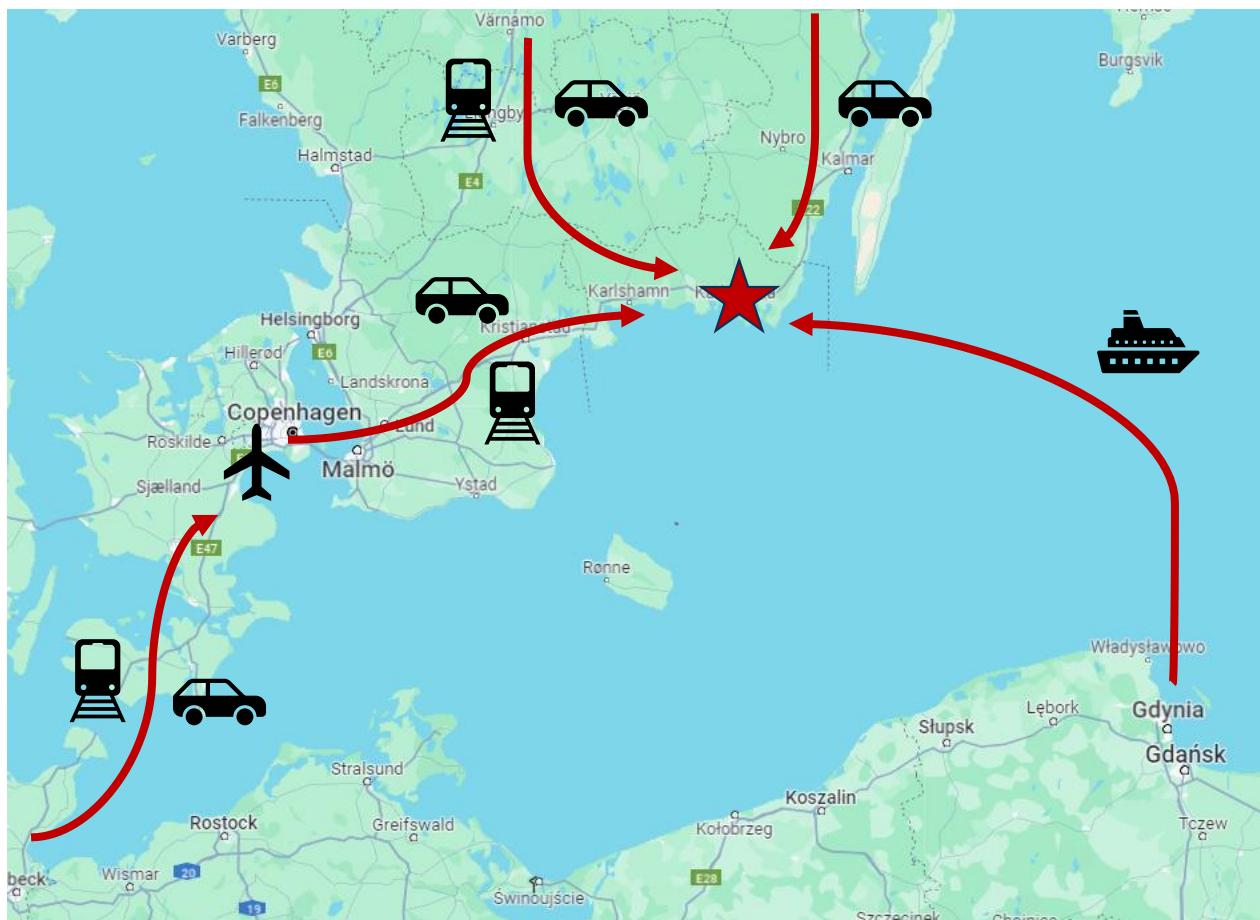
Nearest major airport is [Kastrup Airport](#), Copenhagen, Denmark (235 km from the Event Centre). Transport to and from the Event Centre from Kastrup is recommended by train (3 h).

Nearest railway station is [Karlskrona Centralstation](#) (1 km from the Event Centre).

Nearest ferry dock is [Stena Line Karlskrona Färjeterminal](#). (11 km from the Event Centre) Ferry traffic is operated from Gdynia, Poland by [Stena Line](#).

Teams are encouraged to use their own transport throughout the whole of JWOC. We recommend transport by car/minibus during the event.

Teams who need assistance with transport during the event can contact the Event Office.



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4. Event Centre (Event Office)

The Event Centre and Event Office will be located in the Brinova Arena Karlskrona, a sports, restaurant and conference arena in the western part of central Karlskrona.

Address: Björkholmskajen 3, 371 36 Karlskrona

[GPS Coordinates](#): 56.1629, 15.5759

At the Event Centre there will be:

- JWOC Event Office
- Team Official Meetings
- Ceremonies
- Social gathering areas
- Sports arena available for Teams
- JWOC Party



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5. Entry

5.1 ENTRIES AND ENTRY DEADLINES

Entry for JWOC 2026 in Karlskrona, Sweden will be available from 1st January 2026. All entries are only to be made in IOF Eventor. More information of entry deadlines is presented in Bulletin 2.

5.2 ENTRY FEES

Entry Fees and Payment details is presented in Bulletin 2



6. ACCOMMODATION

Athletes' accommodation will be available in the surroundings within 1,5 km of the Event Centre.

Different type of accommodations are targeted to be made available, A (hotel), B (hostel), C (cabin/cottage), or D ("hard surface") and booking will be handled separately from the event entry.

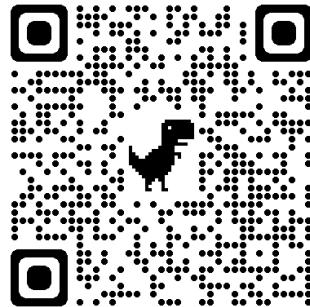
But before publishing alternatives we request your feedback to be able to offer as cost-efficient options as possible. Request each Country team to send an indicative request on what accommodation type that are of interest including number of team members. You can find examples of accommodation options in Karlskrona surrounding via the [Tourist Information Centre](#). See also QR-code below.



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Please send request to martin.johansson@jwoc2026.se before end of November 2024.

The recommended accommodation A, B, C, and D options will be published on the website in January 2025. More information of accommodation will be presented in Bulletin 2.



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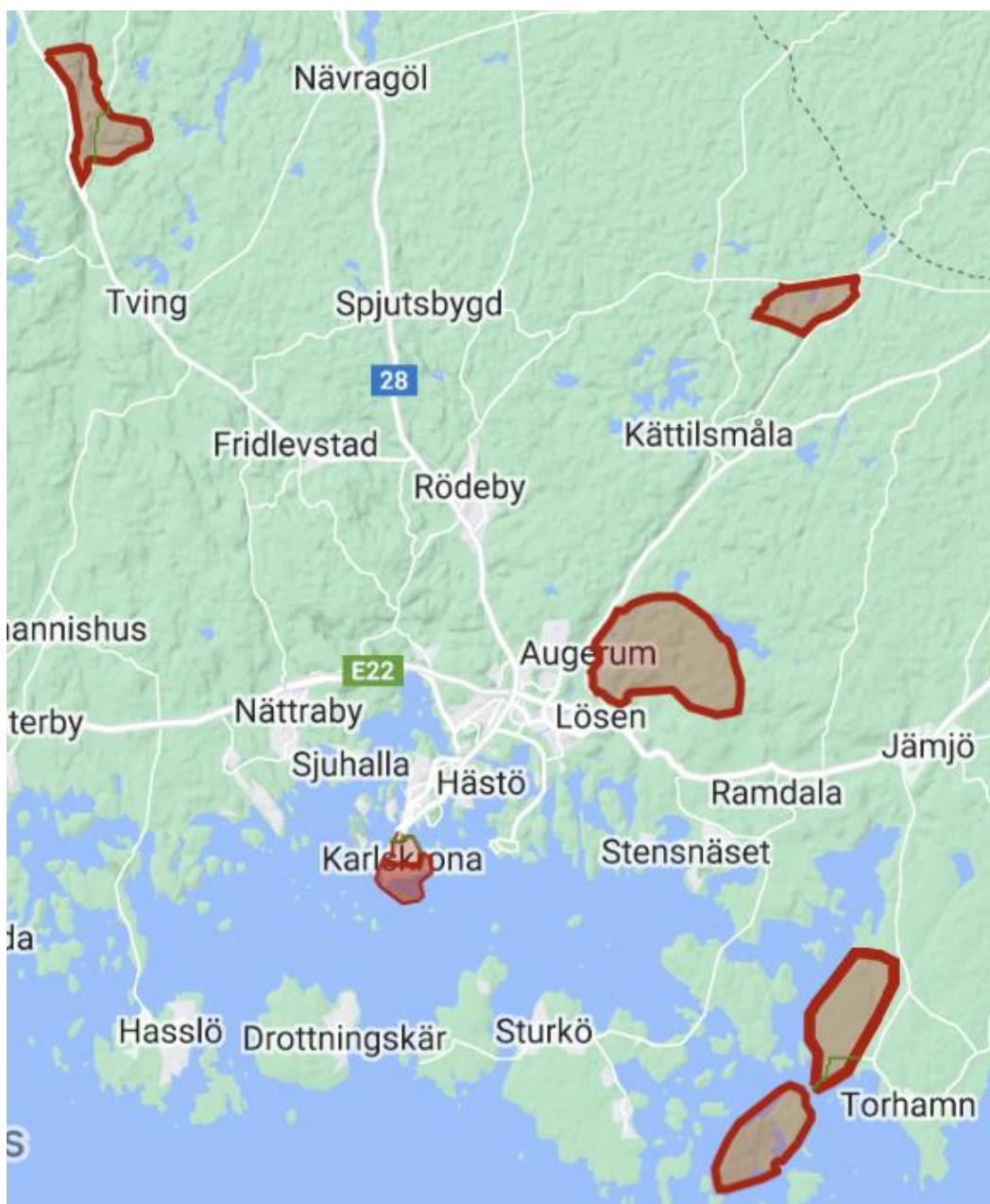
7. EMBARGOED AREAS

7.1 EMBARGOED AREAS INFORMATION

According to the IOF Competition Rules (§ 26.5), embargoed areas are forbidden for all potential JWOC 2026 athletes, team officials and other persons, who, through knowledge of the terrain, may influence the results of the competitions. Forest embargoed areas are ‘strict embargo’, sprint embargo has special restrictions to make accommodation available within parts of the embargoed area.

More information and maps are available on the [IOF Eventor](#).

[Direct link](#) to detailed map of the embargoed areas.



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Sprint areas

- Trossö (Central Karlskrona)

Forest areas

- Alnaryd
- Lösen
- Måsegölen
- Bussevik
- Ytterön

Previous orienteering maps are available for embargoed areas Trossö (sprint), Alnaryd, Lösen and Bussevik and are found on [IOF Eventor](#).

8. TRAINING

8.1 TRAINING CAMPS

Two official training camps will be held before JWOC 2026 including both relevant training maps with marked controls as well as JWOC-relevant competitions. The first official training camp will be organised in Karlskrona in the period 29th October to 2nd November 2025.

Day	Training / Race
Wednesday 29/10	2 trainings
Thursday 30/10	2 trainings
Friday 31/10	2 trainings
Saturday 1/11	Race long - Sibbamåla
Sunday 2/11	Race middle - Sibbamåla

The second official training camp will be organized in Karlskrona in the period 11th to 15th March 2026.

Day	Training / Race
Wednesday 11/3	2 trainings
Thursday 12/3	2 trainings
Friday 13/3	2 trainings
Saturday 14/3	Race middle - (Vårracet) - Stärkelsefabriken
Sunday 15/3	Race long - (Vårracet) - Stärkelsefabriken

More information about the training camps and competitions is presented in Bulletin 2.



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8.2 TRAINING MAPS AND AREAS

Training maps will be available also outside the official training camps. There will be a separate Training Camp bulletin describing available areas and exercises on the website published in December 2024. Then it will be clear which period each training area is available and how ordering of training materials can be done. See table below for example of planned available training areas.

Area	Mapper	Relevant to
1 - Lyckeåborg	Perola Olsson	Long
2 - Tornby	Perola Olsson	Long
3 - Färskesjön	Kenneth Kajsajunti	Middle/Relay
4 - Tvisten	Kenneth Kajsajunti	Middle/Relay
5 - Hallarum	Perola Olsson	Middle/Relay
6 - Trossö V	Pontus Petersson	Sprint



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9. RULES AND GENERAL INFORMATIONS

9.1 COMPETITION RULES

The Competition Rules for the Junior World Orienteering Championships 2026 consist of:

- Orienteering competitions rules 2026
- JWOC special rules 2026

Latest versions of the rules are found on the [IOF webpage](#).

9.2 CLASSES AND PARTICIPATION RESTRICTIONS

There are two classes; Women and Men. Participation restrictions, classes and qualification system will follow the JWOC Special Rules for 2026.

All competitors must be born in 2006 or after and must be full passport-holding citizens of the country they are representing.

9.3 ANTI-DOPING

Doping is strictly forbidden, and the organizers of the JWOC 2026 are dedicated to supporting the Anti-Doping authorities in their work. Doping controls are always carried out in accordance with the procedures described in the WADA International Standard of Testing and Investigations. The IOF Anti-Doping rules and the World Anti-Doping Code 2021 apply. 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 [IOF Anti-Doping](#)

9.4 INSURANCE

The organisers decline any liability that might occur through participation in the JWOC Events and trainings. Each person participates at her/his own risk and is responsible for her/his own insurance coverage (illness and accident).

There are no other peculiarities of the event.

9.5 CLIMATE & HAZARDS

The average temperature in Karlskrona for the Event week is 17 degrees Celsius with the temperature varying from 15 – 20 degrees during the day on average, which is ideal conditions for orienteering during summer in Sweden.

In extreme conditions, a dry and hot climate with temperatures reaching slightly over 30 degrees Celsius or unnaturally cold and wet climate with temperatures between 10-15 degrees could be reached.

The average precipitation in Karlskrona during the Event Week in Karlskrona is 50 mm and you can expect 15,5 hours of sunlight each day.



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Ticks, carrying Tick-borne encephalitis and Lyme-disease, are present in the forest.

9.6 VISA

According to the current regulations, citizens of some countries must obtain a visa in order to enter Sweden. Please note that conditions of entry to Sweden can change and all potential JWOC participants are advised to keep up to date with the current situation. Please visit [Migrationsverket](#).

10. COMPETITION INFORMATIONS

Details of each competition is presented in Bulletin 2.

11. PUBLIC RACES

We would like to invite fans, spectators, JWOC participant families and the sporting public to participate in the accompanying JWOC O-Tour races. We will offer competitions with full class categories (competition classes for Men and Women from ages 10-85) as well as open classes with varying length and difficulty each day.

Four races will be available from Tuesday the 30th June to Saturday the 4th July, including a rest day on the 2nd July. All races will be in the JWOC-terrains or directly nearby the JWOC terrains, so everybody can experience the beautiful and challenging Blekinge-terrains. Planning of the spectator races will be made so there is suitable both regarding transports and times to both run spectator races and be a spectator at the JWOC races.

More detailed information will be published during 2025 on the website www.jwoc2026.se and in Bulletin 2.

Date	Events
Tue. 30 th June	Sprint distance
Wed. 1 st July	Long distance
Thu. 2 nd July	Rest day
Fri 3 ^d July	Long middle distance
Sat. 4 th July	Middle distance



