

Start Procedures

WRE Courses (Middle and Long):

While competitors on non-WRE courses will be starting at the same time from the same location, there will be a separate warm-up area designated for WRE competitors only and a separate chute through the start lanes. There is no quarantine.

Start times for Middle and Long WRE courses will be assigned according to IOF rules. We will use World Ranking Points as of September 23, 2024. For the Middle, competitors will start in reverse order of their IOF Ranking; unranked competitors will start in a random order at the beginning of the start window. For the Long, competitors will be grouped into three groups and start times will be randomized within each group. The WRE starts will be the first starts each day.

All Competitors except those on White, Yellow and Recreational Courses (Sprint, Middle and Long):

Starts will be “on the clock”, i.e. there is no Start box to punch. If a competitor misses their start time, they will be escorted through the start lanes and started according to IOF rules:

- If the competitor is at the start line less than half the start interval after their start time, they must start immediately.
- If the competitor is at the start line more than half the start interval after their start time, they must start at the next available half start interval.
- Competitors who are late for their start time through their own fault will be timed as if they had started at their original start time. Competitors who are late for their start time through the fault of the organizer will be timed from their new start time.
- Competitors who are late for their start time will have their new start time recorded, either written down by the start official or by punching a Start box.

White, Yellow and Recreational Courses:

No start times will be assigned to anyone on the White, Yellow or Recreational courses.

Competitors on these courses need to be at the start at least 15 minutes prior to the start window closing time, and preferably earlier. Once at the start, they should alert someone at the first callup line that they are ready to start. They will be escorted through the start lanes as soon as is feasible and will use a start box to record their start time. Competitors on these courses will be given up to one minute to look at their map before starting and may ask start officials for clarification on map symbols and control descriptions.

Start Windows

Sprint: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Middle: 10:00am – 12:00pm

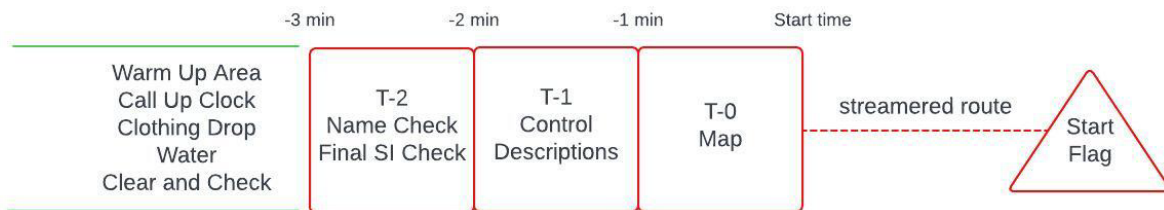
Long: 9:30am – 11:30am

Shadowing:

For some young newcomers to orienteering, parents, or youngsters, feel more comfortable being shadowed. A parent or other person may shadow a child provided the shadower does not go out on course as a competitor after shadowing the child. Shadowing is permitted in the F-10 and M-10 classes only. For the child to be eligible for awards, the shadower may not help the child on course. If the child needs help, we ask that the shadower let the timing team at the finish know and we will move the child to the M/F-White class.

All Competitors:

The starts each day will have three (3) stages. A clock showing event time plus 3 minutes will be visible at the call up line. Thus, when a competitor's start time shows on the clock, they will have 3 minutes until they actually start. During the first minute, their name will be verified, and they will be asked to punch a Check unit. During the second minute, they will be able to take a control description. During the final minute, they will either get their map, which they will hold face down or, in the case of a course with a map flip, they will be able to stand by their map which will be on a table partly covered. The control descriptions for Part 1 will be visible to ensure that the correct map is being taken. At the start time, competitors will have a streamered route to the actual start triangle where there will be a flag but no punch. This is summarized in the following diagram:



The lengths of the streamered routes to start are as follows:

Sprint - all courses: 55 meters

Middle - White, Yellow, Recreational, BrownX and BrownY: 55 meters

Middle – GreenX, GreenY, Red, Blue, W21E and M21E: 70 meters

Long – all courses: 90 meters

A streamered route to start is shown in the control descriptions with a line below the start information that looks like:

----- 55 m ---->△

A streamered route to start is shown on the map as:



It is required to follow the streamered route to the start flag; not following the streamered route to start will result in disqualification.