Orienteering - The World Games 2021 Qualification Rules


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Participation and qualification procedure

The International World Games Association (IWGA) has agreed to include three orienteering competitions in the programme of The World Games 2021 in Birmingham, USA. There will be two individual competitions for men and women, a Sprint and a Middle Distance competition, as well as a mixed gender Team Relay competition.

1. The IWGA has allocated spaces for a total of 40 male and 40 female runners to the IOF.
2. The USA and Canada, as the hosting region’s two largest Federations shall have the right to enter 2 + 2 runners.
3. The thirteen (13) Federations with the highest World Games qualification points, USA and Canada excluded, shall have the right to enter up to 2 + 2 runners.

A Federation’s World Games qualification points are the sum of points for:

- the Federation’s two best men and two best women in the WOC 2020 (Individual) Sprint competition
- the Federation’s two best men and two best women in the Orienteering World Ranking (Middle/Long) on 31st October 2020
- the Federation’s placing in the WOC 2020 Sprint Relay competition

For the individual placings, 1st place is awarded 100 points, 2nd is awarded 80 points, 3rd is awarded 60 points, 4th is awarded 50 points, 5th is awarded 45 points, 6th is awarded 40 points, 7th is awarded 37 points, 8th is awarded 35 points, 9th is awarded 33 points, 10th is awarded 31 points, 11th place 30 points and subsequent places are reduced by one. For the team competition, 1st place is awarded 200 points, 2nd is awarded 160 points, 3rd is awarded 120 points, 4th is awarded 100 points, 5th is awarded 90 points, 6th is awarded 80 points, 7th is awarded 74 points, 8th is awarded 70 points, 9th is awarded 66 points, 10th is awarded 62 points, 11th place 60 points and subsequent places reduced by two.

4. The 2019 World Champions in Middle Distance and Long Distance and the 2020 World Champions in Sprint and Knock-Out Sprint, shall have a personal place in addition to their Federation’s allocation.

5. The IOF is authorised to allocate the remaining places up to the total of 40 + 40 runners. The IOF aims to allocate a place for a minimum of 1 man or woman from each of the IOF regions (Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, Oceania, and South America) not having qualified a runner for the World Games by means of points 2, 3 or 4 of these qualification rules and may allocate any remaining places at its discretion by 31st December 2020.

6. As a principle, the list for the remaining places stated in the above section 5 and reserves will be based upon the rankings among individual athletes from non-qualified nations in the IOF Sprint World Rankings as of 31st October 2020.