

World Orienteering Championships 2003
Bulletin





Welcome to OL WM 2003 in Rapperswil/Jona

The Organising Committee, the cities of Rapperswil and Jona, the organising orienteering clubs and the Swiss Orienteering Federation are delighted to be the hosts for the 2003 World Orienteering Championships in Switzerland.

Rapperswil/Jona are two almost completely merged communities, covering a small area. They represent a romantic old town combined with the pulse of a small city and rural charm. Their attractive location at the lake of Zurich with close proximity to forests and mountains is the ideal venue for the next World Orienteering Championships in continental Europe.

Orienteering in Switzerland offers a variety of European terrains combined in one country. All the elements that make up the fascination of orienteering can be found here. And Switzerland offers an excellent infrastructure, world-famous tourist attractions and a good transportation network.

Rapperswil/Jona is situated about 30 kilometer SE of the International Airport Zurich and can easily be reached by public transportation and by car.

We are looking forward to welcome all the friends of orienteering in Rapperswil/Jona in 2003.

Heinz Tschudin Chairman OL WM 2003

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Program of OL WM 2003

(subject to changes following the outcome of the IOF extraordinary general assembly in August 2001)

	July 27 – August 2	Tour O Swiss (Public Event)	
Saturday	August 2	Opening of Event Center Rapperswil/Jona Arrival of teams	
Sunday	August 3	Opening Ceremony Sprint Final Swiss O Week day 1 (Public Event)	
Monday	August 4	Classic Qualification Swiss O Week day 2 (Public Event)	
Tuesday	August 5	Swiss O Week day 3 (Public Event)	
Wednesday	August 6	Classic Final Banquet	
Thursday	August 7	IOF and Media race Swiss O Week day 4 (Public Event)	
Friday	August 8	Short Qualification and Final Swiss O Week day 5 (Public Event)	
Saturday	August 9	Relay Swiss O Week day 6 (Public Event) Closing Ceremony and Lake Festival	
Sunday	August 10	Closure of Event Center in Rapperswil/Jona Departure of teams	

Classes and entry regulations

The Competition Rules for IOF Foot Orienteering Events (edition of June 1, 2000) include the following rules relating to participation in World Orienteering Championships:

- 5.7 There is one class for women and one for men. There are no age restrictions.
- 6.1 A competitor may represent only one Federation during any one calendar year.
- 6.2 Competitors who are representing a Federation shall have full passport-holding citizenship of the country of that Federation.
- 6.3 Each participating Federation shall appoint a team manager to act as a contact person between the team and the organiser. It is the team manager's duty to see that the team receives all necessary information.
- 6.4 Competitors participate at their own risk. Insurance against accidents shall be the responsibility of their Federation or themselves, according to national regulations.
- 6.5 All competitors represent a Federation. Each Federation may enter a team of up to 14 competitors up to 7 women and 7 men and a number of team

- officials. The organiser shall fix the maximum number of officials per team, in accordance with the available facilities. This maximum number shall be the same for each team and shall be at least 5.
- 6.6 In the short distance qualification race, each Federation may enter up to 4 women and 4 men and, in addition, the current short distance World Champions may be entered by their Federation(s). In the final, only the competitors placed number 15 and better in each qualification race heat may participate.
- 6.7 In the qualification race for the classic distance, each Federation may enter up to 4 women and 4 men and, in addition, the current classic distance World Champions may be entered by their Federation(s). In the classic distance final, only the competitors placed number 30 and better in each qualification race heat may participate.
- 6.8 In the relay, each Federation may enter one women's team and one men's team, each consisting of 4 team members. Incomplete teams and teams with runners from more than one Federation are not allowed.

6 Training Opportunities

Training Camp 1	June 4 – 6, 2002 in Fribourg (170 km to Rapperswil). Between World Cup Belgium and World Cup Switzerland, same accommodation for training camp and World Cup.
Training Camp 2	August 18 – 25, 2002 in Richterswil (10 km to Rapperswil). Accommodation in the local youth hostel.
Training Camp 3	End of July 2003 in Winterthur (40 km to Rapperswil).

Beginning of 2002 several training packages containing maps and controls will be available. Individual training stages can be arranged in addition. For any information on training please contact:

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Please consult www.olwm2003.ch for updated information about the official training opportunities.

Embargoed Areas

According to the SOLV Competition Roules (article 49) and the IOF Competition Roules (article 26.5), it is prohibited to enter these areas for any potential member of an official WOC 2003 team (heads of delegation, athletes, coaches, medical staff) and others, who – through knowledge of the terrains and the competitions – may influence the results of the WOC 2003 competitions.

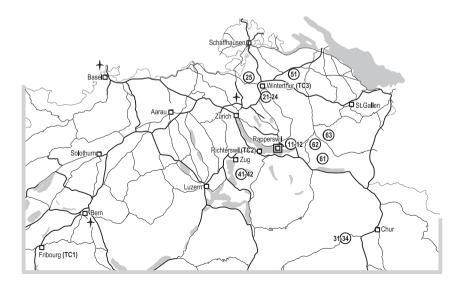
Exception: The passage through them is allowed on paved main roads.

Offenses must be reported to the technical director of the organizing committee of OL WM 2003, Hansueli Steinmann, Im Freien 5, CH-8712 Stäfa, Switzerland, hsteinmann@olwm2003.ch.

The following areas, also indicated in the map below, are embargoed until further notice.

11	Chlosterwald	O map 501	1:15'000
12	Töltsch-Burgerwald	O map 481	1:15'000
21	Eschenberg/	O map 1218	1:15'000
	Rossberg	O map 1081	1:15'000
22	Weisslingen-Kyburg	O map 1034	1:15'000
23	Homberg/Kemptthal	Topo map 1072	1:25'000
24	Dettenriederwald	Topo map 1072	1:25'000
25	Irchel	O map 748	1:15'000
31	La Mutta	O map 1113	1:10'000
32	Uaul Grond Flims	O map 920	1:10'000
33	Trin/Digg	Topo map 1195	1:25'000
34	Uaul la Runca	Topo map 1194	1:25'000
41	Zugerberg	O map 890	1:15'000
42	Hürital	Topo map 1131/1151	1:25'000
51	Wellenberg	Topo map 1053	1:25'000
61	Amden	Topo map 1134	1:25'000
62	Regelstein-Ricken	O map 854	1:15'000
63	Hemberg	Topo map 1114	1:25'000

One copy of the most recent version of the previous orienteering maps or a Topo map 1: 25'000 – if there doesn't exist any previous orienteering map – of the embargoed areas is included with Bulletin 1 sent to each member Federation.



Event center and accommodation

The region of Rapperswil/Jona offers a lot of accommodation options, from camping grounds through to four star hotels.

The official event and media center of OL WM 2003 will be the Seedamm Plaza Hotel, one of Switzerlands largest congress centers located 2 km south of Rapperswil/Jona at the Lake of Zurich. All national teams, invited guests and IOF officials will be offered reasonable priced accommodation at Seedamm Plaza Hotel within the closer region of Rapperswil/Jona.

Reservation forms for accommodation will be included in Bulletin 2.

Please note that all requests for accommodation must be directed to Rapperswil Zürichsee Tourismus office directly:

Rapperswil Zürichsee Tourismus PO Box 1001 Fischmarktplatz 1 CH-8640 Rapperswil Switzerland

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Peculiarities of OL WM 2003

Let us keep our sport and the OL WM 2003 free of doping! We, the organisers are fully committed to support the endeavours of the anti-doping authorities with highest priority. We will also keep the participants, through their member federations, informed about the current developments of the applicable anti-doping laws and regulations in Switzerland.

10 Further information

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