

Orienteering

The sport of orienteering involves finding and executing the quickest way around an orienteering course. The course is marked on a detailed topographical map and the competitor must pass a number of checkpoints on their way from start to finish. Competitors must have strong skills at map reading and understanding, quick and correct decision making and must be physically capable of running at high speed and with high endurance. The combination of physical and mental capabilities working together is a unique feature of the sport.

Mastering orienteering is a life skill and anyone can experience the joy of finding your way.

International Orienteering Federation

Vision

- Orienteering is the most attractive adventure-based sport for all ages

Mission

- We promote the global growth of orienteering and develop competitive and recreational orienteering

72 Member Federations

- Africa(5), Americas (12), Asia (14), Europe (39), Oceania (2)

Supported activity in over 100 countries



Orienteering in France

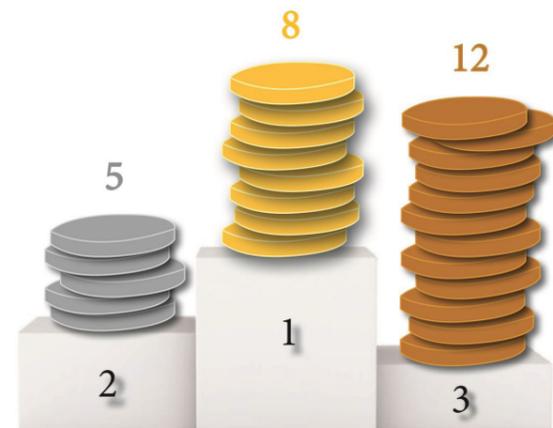
- FFCO founded in 1970
- Take an active role in IOF governance
- French Orienteering Team among the world's best
- 10 000 licensed competitive members
- 500 000 recreational participants
- Discipline in the school curriculum
- Sport for all and at all ages

IOF events

World Orienteering Championships

- 50 nations
- 9 nations with a top 10 placing
- 16 nations with a top 20 placing
- 27 nations with a top 45 placing

Regional Championships in 5 regions



Medals won by French athletes at World and European Orienteering Championships 2010–2018.

Orienteering and Paris 2024



A good fit with the Paris 2024 Concept Our concept in brief

Orienteering can provide exciting and attractive competitions for spectators and TV viewers featuring world class athletes.

Orienteering provides an opportunity to show off the beauty of Paris' landmarks and environs as an integral part of the competition.

The strong values of Orienteering can really reinforce the Global Sports Concept of Paris 2024. We have identified activities to engage with the French, and global, population in the context of Paris 2024.

We also believe that Orienteering can be added as an additional event at the Games at minimum cost since; we are able to use existing venues, suggest a limited number of athletes, have no need of any permanent facilities and will leave only a positive legacy after the Games.

Use existing venues

- We have identified 5 potential venues

2 urban competition formats

- Individual Event format
An Individual Sprint for Women and Men respectively
- Team Event format
A mixed gender Sprint Relay with teams of 1 Woman/1 Man

30 Female and 30 Male athletes

- The Worlds best orienteering athletes present
- All continents represented

Positive legacy

No need for any remaining physical infrastructure Orienteering maps provide a positive legacy. Projects before, during and after Paris 2024 to activate the public in France and globally.

A Sport evolved - Creating exciting and attractive competitions

Orienteering is a sport with a strong tradition and history. The first orienteering competition was held already in 1897.

From being primarily held in forest venues orienteering has evolved with exciting and attractive urban formats while staying true to its values and tradition. Particularly youths are attracted by the urban formats.

Innovative use of technology has made the sport more **Visible and Accessible**.

Visibility - The use of GPS tracking, new camera technology and electronic timing systems have revolutionised the presentation of orienteering events to spectators and TV viewers.

Orienteering values

Inclusive - Orienteering is gender-balanced, is a participation sport for all ages and capabilities and has low social and economic barriers for entry.

Sustainable - The environment is our arena and care for the environment and effective use of resources is integral to the sport of Orienteering.

Ethical - Orienteering is progressive in our work with good governance. We have an excellent track record in our work with anti-doping.

Accessibility

Advances in mapping technology and the use of mobile platforms have reduced costs and improved access to the sport. Urban formats have opened up the sport to more locations and participants.



Sport for all & Sport for life

High Performance sport

Orienteering athletes are World Class in their approach to training and competing. The top orienteers are full-time athletes and orienteers are leaders in endurance training development.

Popular academic and school sport

Orienteering as a sport with high status in the academic community. The IOF has MoUs with FISU and ISF and their orienteering championships are among the most appreciated.



World Orienteering Day

An annual event which goal is to increase the visibility and accessibility of orienteering to young people, increasing the number of participants both in the schools' activities, as well as in clubs' activities in all

countries of National Federations, helping teachers to implement orienteering in a fun and educational

way and and to get more new countries to take part in orienteering. In 2018 over 360 000 participants in 80 countries did an activity on World Orienteering Day, 86% were under the age of 23.



Life long Recreational Sport

Orienteering is a sport for everyone, young and old, with participants from 5 to 100 years old.

Consistently orienteering is one of largest sports at World Masters Games and World Masters Orienteering Championships are organized annually.

Added value at minimum cost

Potential existing venues

- Esplanade des Invalides*
- Eiffel Tower/Champ-de-Mars*
- Bercy Arena 2
- Velodrome National/BMX Track*
- Arena 92 (La Défense*)

* Existing orienteering maps



Venue requirements in general

Venues can be Temporary or permanent. Competitions can be partly Indoor with possibility to exit/enter.

The competition area will be approximately a 0,5 to 1 sq km area around the arena, and usually there will be about 3000 – 8000 spectators in arena.

The IOF and FFCO will support the organiser with Large video screen and arena production, sport specific timing equipment, GPS tracking equipment, and Orienteering Maps.

Formats

Individual Event - Sprint

- Time trial or First-to-finish
- 12 minute running time
- Existing format at IOF World Championships since 2001
- Existing Format at The World Games since 2001
- Can use the same or different venues as Team Event

Team Event - Sprint Relay

- 1 male/1 female
- Running 2 legs each, 4 legs total
- Total competition time 40 min
- Existing format at World Orienteering Championships since 2014
- Existing format at The World Games since 2001
- Can use the same or different venues as Individual Event



Athletes

- 30 men and 30 women
- Approximately 25 nations
- All continents represented
- Qualifications based upon:
 - World Rankings
 - World Orienteering Championships
 - Regional Championships

Legacy

Physical

No need for any remaining physical infrastructure Orienteering maps provide positive legacy

Social

Projects are already started to activate the public in France and globally, focusing around World Orienteering Day and with the support of sporting goods supplier Decathlon. These projects could become legacy projects for Paris 2024.

