

**Subject:** New IOF World Ranking system

Dear member federations,

As you know, we have launched the new IOF World Ranking system a few days ago at <http://iofranking.osport.ee/>. In conjunction with the new World Ranking Scheme, we have also published new IOF Athlete IDs (consisting of numbers only), rewritten all athlete names using the Latin alphabet from a to z, and released a number of new templates and instructions in a new World Ranking instructions section of the IOF website at <http://orienteering.org/foot-orienteering/event-organizing/world-ranking-instructions/>. It is important that all organizers also familiarize themselves with the recently updated Guidelines for World Ranking Events.

### **IOF Athlete IDs**

New IOF IDs for each athlete can be found here: <http://iofranking.osport.ee/iofranking/Athletes>

### **All runners should check their data**

We would like to ask you to advertise to your athletes that they check their details in the new IOF World Ranking system and report any corrections to [changes\\_AthleteData@orienteering.org](mailto:changes_AthleteData@orienteering.org).

Athletes that are planning to take part in a World Ranking Event but do not yet have an WR ID, should request for an IOF ID as soon as possible from [new\\_AthleteID@orienteering.org](mailto:new_AthleteID@orienteering.org) using the IOF template available at <http://orienteering.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/IOF-Athlete-ID-request-template.xls>.

Notice that Junior World Championships participants will also need IOF IDs as the (A) Finals now have World Ranking status!

## **New World Ranking Scheme**

The new IOF World Ranking Scheme is valid from 1 January 2014 and this is also the date for which the first IOF World Ranking was calculated based on the historic data from the period 1 July 2012 to 31 December 2013 as well as some earlier IOF Regional Orienteering Championships according to the new rules. The ranking does not take into account any former World Ranking points, i.e. the calculations for the 1 January 2014 ranking have been started with zero points for all athletes. This makes the points lower than in the previous ranking.

All World Ranking Event results from the period 2001–2013 were imported to the new system but historic rankings prior to 1 January 2014 are currently not available in the new system.

In the beginning, the rankings will only include the Orienteering (=Middle/Long) and Sprint Orienteering Rankings and World Cup. After a consultation organized by the IOF MTB Orienteering Commission in April, the MTB Orienteering Rankings will be published on the same site as well. Ski Orienteering Rankings will be moved to this site also in good time before the next season starts.