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## WELCOME

The **Bulgarian Orienteering Federation** and **SKO Variant 5 Targovishte** are pleased to welcome the participants of the MTB Orienteering World Cup, round 3 and U23 World MTB Orienteering Championships to Kazanlak and Stara Zagora in Bulgaria - well known areas for MTBO and foot orienteering races.



Dear Participants, Officials, and Orienteering Enthusiasts,

On behalf of the Bulgarian Orienteering Federation, it is my great honor and pleasure to invite you to the **MTB Orienteering World Cup and the Under 23 World Championships**, to be held in the breathtaking landscapes near Kazanlak and Stara Zagora.

This prestigious event represents the pinnacle of athleticism, strategy, and passion for orienteering. It is a unique opportunity for the world's best competitors to challenge themselves in the heart of Bulgaria's natural beauty, where rolling hills, dense forests, and the historic Valley of the Roses provide the perfect backdrop for a world-class competition.

We are proud to host this event and are committed to offering you an unforgettable experience. Our dedicated team is working tirelessly to ensure fair, exciting courses and a warm, welcoming atmosphere for all. Beyond the competition, we encourage you to explore the rich cultural and historical heritage of the region, from the ancient Thracian tombs to the vibrant traditions of the Bulgarian people.

Whether you are an elite competitor, a young athlete aspiring for greatness, or a supporter cheering from the sidelines, we are thrilled to share this incredible journey with you.

We look forward to welcoming you to Bulgaria in September 2025 and wish all participants success, determination, and unforgettable memories.

Warm regards,

**Krasimir Danailov**

President of the Bulgarian Orienteering Federation

# 1 ORGANISATION

## 1.1 Organisers

Bulgarian Orienteering Federation  
Variant 5 Orienteering Club Targovishte  
Stara Zagora Municipality  
Maglizh Municipality  
Kazanlak Municipality



## 1.2 Organising team

Event Director:	Ivan Sirakov
Event Secretary:	Petranka Angelova
Technical Director:	Dian Bonev
Course setters:	
Sprint	Ivan Sirakov
Long	Dian Bonev
Mixed Relay	Dian Bonev
IT/time keeping:	Milen Marinov



## 1.3 Event advising / event control

IOF Senior Event Adviser:	Nermin Fenmen (GBR)
National Controller:	Ilian Dyankov

## 1.4 Jury members

Thomas Hnilica (AUT)  
Laura Scaravonati (ITA)  
Jiri Vransky (CZE)  
Reserve: Ursula Häusermann (SUI) (remote)

## 1.5 Information and contact

Website:	<a href="http://www.mtbo2025.com">www.mtbo2025.com</a>
Email address of organiser:	<a href="mailto:teamcontact@variant5.org">teamcontact@variant5.org</a>
Telephone number:	+359 878561166

The MTB Orienteering World Cup, Round 3 and U23 World MTB Orienteering Championships are organised under the authority of the International Orienteering Federation (IOF) [www.orienteering.sport](http://www.orienteering.sport).

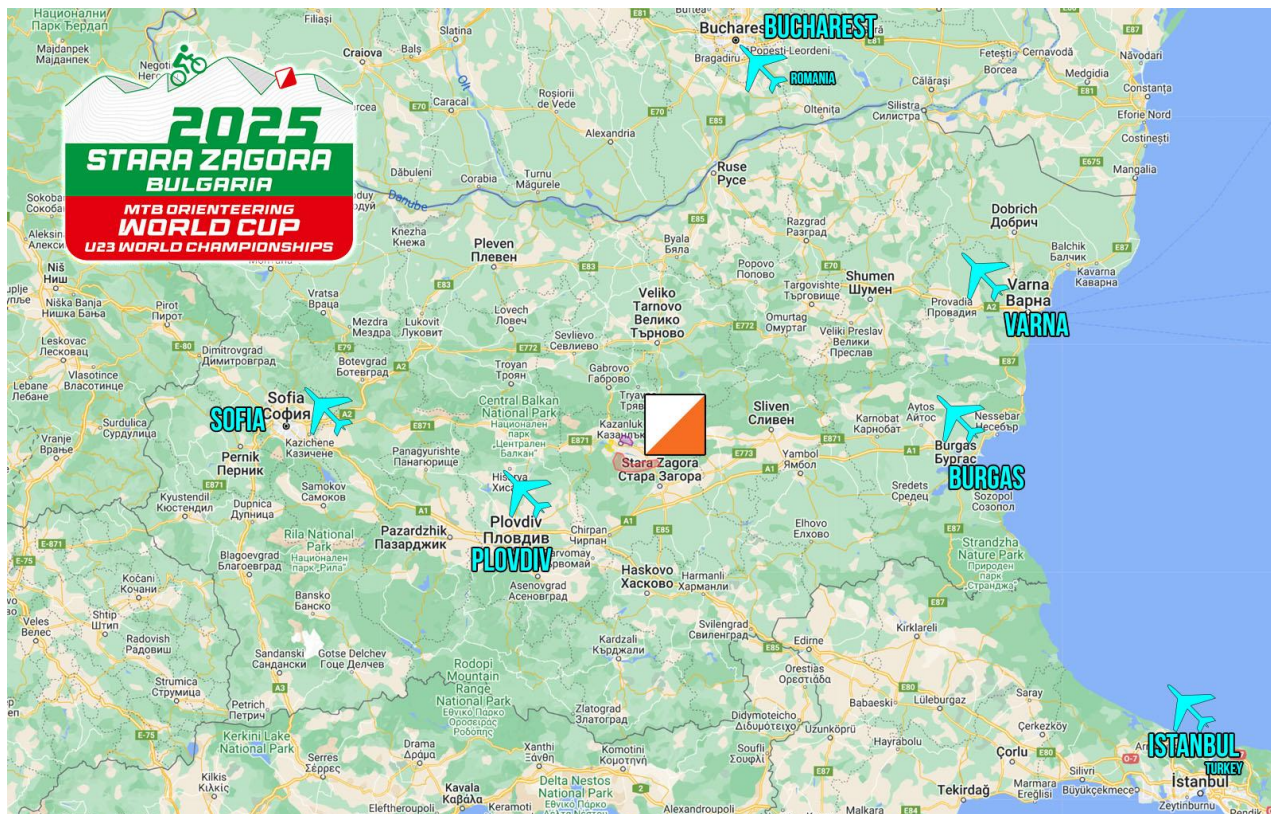




## 2 VENUE

### 2.1 Overview map

Check the detailed interactive map of embargoed areas, EC, arena locations etc at [LINK](#).



### 2.2 Event Center (EC)

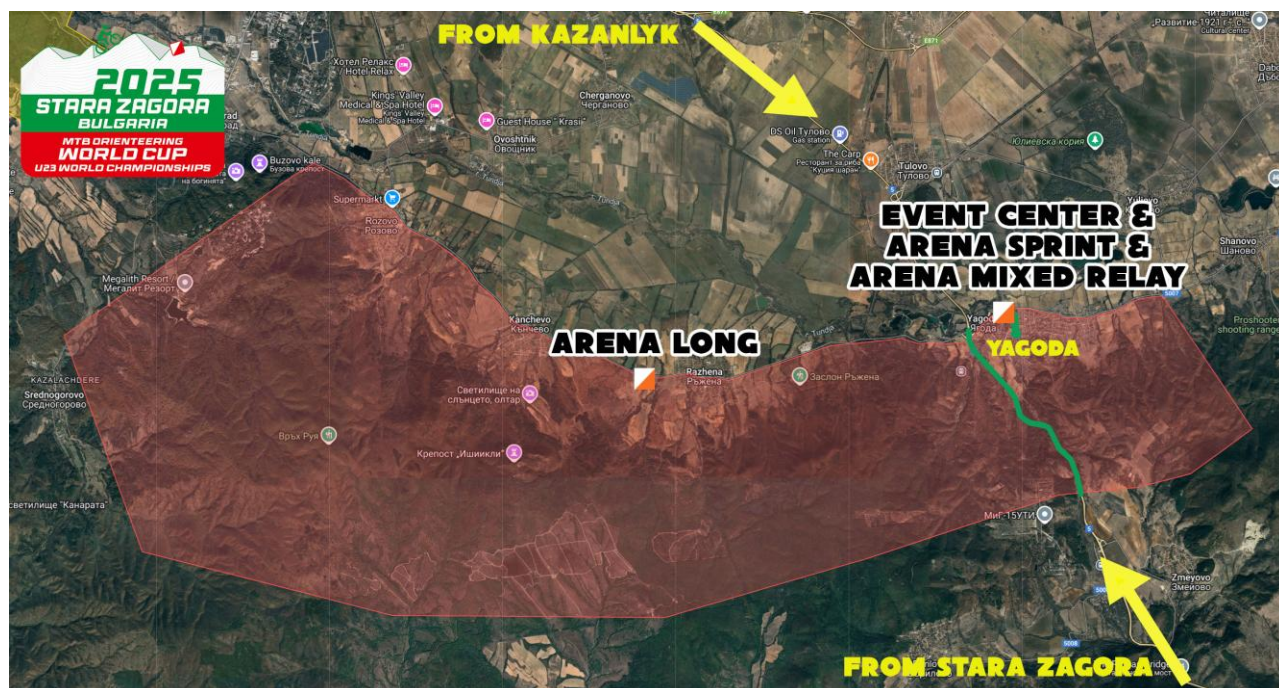
#### Information about the EC

- The EC will be located in [Spa Hotel MINERAL](#), Yagoda village, Stara Zagora
- Address: Str. Banenska 13, 6167 Yagoda, Stara Zagora, Bulgaria;
- GPS coordinates: [42.546029, 25.571920](#) (google maps).

### 2.3 Competition venues

	ARENA LOCATION	PARKING Quarantine	QUARANTINE Check-in	Approximate distance from EC
<b>Sprint</b>	<a href="#">42.544728, 25.573334</a>	<a href="#">42.546373, 25.571015</a>	Marked route from EC	0 km
<b>Long</b>	<a href="#">42.534158, 25.477862</a>	<a href="#">42.533594, 25.502983</a>	<a href="#">42.532660, 25.503090</a>	8 km
<b>Mixed Relay</b>	<a href="#">42.544728, 25.573334</a>	<a href="#">42.546373, 25.571015</a>	<a href="#">42.545031, 25.572433</a>	0 km

### 3 EMBARGOED AREAS



You may click on the link to google maps of the [embargoed areas and overall scheme](#).

The areas marked in red on the map above are **fully** embargoed for all potential participants and team members, including competitors, team leaders, coaches, doctors, escorts, and any other person who through their knowledge of the terrain may influence the result of the competitions.

This means:

- no one with potential connection to a team (athletes or others) may visit the areas,
- no organised orienteering activity may take place in the areas,
- no training sessions may take place in the areas.
- Driving on the main road E85 (Stara Zagora – Kazanlak) is allowed.
- There is a “green” road from the Event Center to the main shop in Yagoda village which is allowed for walking only without any map. Check the [interactive map](#) for more details.

## 4 EVENT PROGRAMME

Day	Time	Event	Place
16.09. TUE	16:00-17:30	Kazanlashka autumn Cup <b>Training race – Sprint distance</b>	Koprinka
17.09. WED	10:00 – 12:00	Kazanlashka autumn Cup <b>Training race – Middle distance</b>	Koprinka
	18:00-20:00	Event Center Opens	Event Center
18.09. THU		MTBO World Cup #3 & U23 World Champs Model event	Koprinka
	10:00 – 12:00	Event Center Opens	Event Center
	<b>14:00</b>	Deadline for name entries <b>Sprint</b>	<b>IOF Eventor</b>
	19:00 – 20:00	Event Center Opens	Event Center
	14:00 – 16:00	Model event	Koprinka
	<b>18:00</b>	<b>Opening ceremony</b>	<b>Yagoda village</b>
	19:00 – 20:00	Technical model event	Yagoda
	19:00	Team leaders' meeting (Sprint)	Event Center
19.09. FRI		MTBO World Cup #3 & U23 World Champs <b>Sprint</b>	<b>Yagoda</b>
	11:20	Quarantine closes	Yagoda
	<b>11:30</b>	<b>First START Sprint</b>	<b>Yagoda</b>
		Flower ceremony	Arena Sprint
	<b>14:00</b>	Deadline for name entries <b>Long distance</b>	IOF Eventor
	18:30	<b>Prize giving ceremony</b>	Event Center
	19:00	Team leaders' meeting (Long)	Event Center
20.09. SAT		MTBO World Cup #3 & U23 World Champs <b>Long distance</b>	<b>Razhena</b>
	10:50	Quarantine closes	Razhena
	<b>11:00</b>	<b>First START Long distance</b>	<b>Razhena</b>
		Flower ceremony	Arena Long
	<b>16:00</b>	Deadline for name entries <b>Mixed Relay</b>	IOF Eventor
	18:30	Prize giving ceremony	Event Center
	19:00	Team leaders' meeting (Mixed Relay)	Event Center
21.09. SUN		MTBO World Cup #3 & U23 World Champs <b>Mixed Relay</b>	<b>Yagoda</b>
	9:00	Quarantine closes	Yagoda
	<b>9:30</b>	<b>Mass start First leg Mixed Relay</b>	<b>Yagoda</b>
	12:00	Prize giving and closing ceremony	Event Center
	20:00	Banquet	Event Center



## 5 CLASSES AND PARTICIPATION

### World Cup round

















- There is one class for women (called Women) and one for men (called Men). There are no age restrictions.
- All competitors must be citizens of the country of the federation they are representing.
- All competitors represent a federation. Each federation may enter up to 6 women and 6 men for all individual competitions plus the current World Champions for the distance. Additionally, each federation may enter up to a further 2 women and 2 men, who qualify for the Women U23 and Men U23 classes respectively, in each individual competition.
- In the Mixed Relay each federation may enter a maximum of 4 teams of 3 riders. Each team must include at least 1 woman.
- Each federation may enter a maximum of 10 team officials.
- Each competitor must have a valid IOF Athlete Licence.

### U23 World Championships

- There is one class for women (Women U23) and one for men (Men U23). Women and men belong to the U23 classes up to the end of the calendar year in which they have their 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday.
- Every federation may enter up to 2 Women U23 and 2 Men U23 for each of the two individual competitions. Only competitors who are entitled to compete in the U23 classes may be entered.
- The additional U23 competitors are entered for the classes Women or Men. The entry procedure is the same as for Women and Men.
- All competitors entered in Women or Men who are aged 23 or younger will automatically also be ranked in Women U23 or Men U23.
- In 2025 the titles of Women U23 World Champion and Men U23 World Champion are awarded in Sprint and Long distance.

## 6 ENTRY

### 6.1 Entries Summary

Federation	Men	Women	Team Officials	Total
 Austria	5	2	2	9
 Bulgaria	6	6	1	13
 Czechia	5	5	2	12
 Denmark	2	3	2	7
 Estonia	2	1		3
 Finland	4	4	2	10
 France	7	5	2	14
 Germany	2			2
 Italy	5	2	1	8
 Lithuania	3	3		6
 Poland	4	2	1	7
 Portugal	2	1		3
 Spain	2	1		3
 Sweden		1	1	2
 Switzerland	2	3	1	6
 United States	1			1
Sum	52	39	15	106

## 7 FEES AND PAYMENT

### 7.1 Participation fees

All fees are in Euros and – except for the Relay – per person.

	World Cup & U23	Team officials
Sprint	45	-
Long	60	-
Relay (per team)	135	-
Accreditation (incl. Model event)	60	60

### 7.2 Late entries and changes

No changes are accepted after **14<sup>th</sup> September 2025**.

### 7.3 Payment

- **If there are still unpaid entries and other services and orders you will be able to pay that at the Event Center during accreditation process in cash only.**
- **Participation in the event is only possible with full payment from the teams.**

We remind that all charges and bank fees are to be paid by the payer so some teams will have to pay a bit of extra during the accreditation process to complement the bank transfer.

## 7.4 Cancellation of the event

If the event must be cancelled after **31st July**, the organiser will retain 15 € per participant (competitor or team official) in order to partly cover committed costs.

## 7.5 Withdrawals

**No refund is possible after 14<sup>th</sup> September.**

# 8 FOOD and BANQUET

### Meals at arenas

It is possible to order lunch for the Long distance arena which will be delivered in boxes. Cost is **12 Euro** per meal, but order is possible only **until Thursday 18th at 15 o'clock** at the Event Office or by email.

### Banquet

A banquet at **€ 20** per person will be offered. Booking during accreditation in Event Center is possible. There will be a DJ music in the outside part of the restaurant in Event Center. All participants will get a voucher for two drinks and appetizers. No dinner included.

# 9 COMPETITION RULES

## 9.1 Information about rules

The MTB Orienteering World Cup, round 3 and the U23 World MTB Orienteering Championships will be organised in accordance with the following rules valid at the time of the event:

- IOF MTBO Competition Rules
- Special Rules MTBO World Cup

All the rules can be found at <https://orienteering.sport/mtbo/competition-rules>.

Further general MTBO rules:

- Competitors must get to all control points with their bikes.
- The bicycle must be with the competitor at all times.
- Wearing a rigid safety helmet is compulsory during competitions and training sessions.
- It is forbidden to use roads or tracks marked with purple crosses or a purple zigzag line on the map.
- Riding outside the mapped area is not allowed.
- In Bulgaria one drives on the right side of the road. Competitors must therefore ride on the right side on all roads and tracks.
- National traffic rules must be followed.

Non-compliant competitors or competitors who break any rule may be disqualified.

## 9.2 Info about off-track riding

Riding off the track, trail or path is generally allowed, but it is forbidden in cultivated land such as orchards, vineyards and similar. Off-track riding speed may vary a lot.

## 9.3 Controls not situated on paths

On some courses there may be off-track controls in rideable open areas. They will be set so as not to require control descriptions.

## 9.4 Anti-Doping

Doping is strictly forbidden and the organisers of the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the CX80 MTB Orienteering World Cup are dedicated to supporting the anti-doping authorities in their work. Doping tests are always carried out in accordance with the procedures described in the WADA International Standard for Testing. The IOF Anti-Doping Rules and the World Anti-Doping Code apply. Athletes who are selected for the doping tests must bring an official identification (with photo) to the doping test area. The athlete should also bring along their therapeutic use exemption (TUE) if applicable. In general, it is advisable that the athletes bring along their ID to all the competitions and events.

For more information and anti-doping documents, please consult:

<https://orienteering.sport/iof/anti-doping>

## 9.5 Starting order

For the competitions with an interval start (Sprint and Long distance), there are four starting groups that remain the same for both races. They are based on the World Ranking list as published on 7th September 2025. Starting group 1 starts first, followed by starting group 2, 3 and at the end starting group 4. The groups with competitor names have been uploaded in Eventor in [separate file](#).

In relays, the order of competitors in the start rows (and their start numbers) is determined by the results of the last relay of the same type in the previous event of the same level. Where more than one team per nation is allowed to start, the order is first determined by order of teams within the same nation, then by the order of nations. (e.g. CZE-1, FRA-1, FIN-1, etc, CZE-2, FRA-2, etc.). Those not being placed in the last respective event are given the subsequent start numbers in alphabetical order of Federation abbreviation.

## 9.6 Complaints and Protests

Complaints may only be made by accredited team officials or competitors. A complaint must be made in writing to the Event Director or other representative from the organising committee at the finish as soon as possible after the incident or at the latest within 15 minutes of the publication of the full preliminary results for the class (this includes on-line results). Complaints received after this time limit will only be considered, if there are valid exceptional circumstances, which must be explained in the complaint. There is no fee for a complaint.



A protest may be made against the organiser's decision about a complaint and may only be made by team officials or competitors. Any protest must be made in writing to the organiser no later than 15 minutes after the organiser has informed the complainant of the decision about the complaint. Protests received after this time limit may be considered at the discretion of the jury if there are valid exceptional circumstances which must be explained in the protest. A protest fee of 50 EUR (or the equivalent in local currency) must be paid when making a protest. It is possible to pay the fee electronically directly to the IOF Office via the IOF website <https://orienteering.sport/iof/governance-and-organisation/iof-office/> (by credit card or via a PayPal account). If the protest is accepted by the jury, the fee will be returned.

## 10 COMPETITION INFORMATION

### 10.1 Punching system

SPORTident Air+ (system for contactless punching with SI Active Cards SIAC) with a working range of 150 – 180 cm will be used. Competitors may use their own SIAC.

Rental SIACs will be available at **€ 3 per day** – deposit **€ 80**.

**IMPORTANT:** All competitors have to check up their SIAC battery age on the following link: <https://www.sportident.com/siacservice/>. All SIACs with battery older than 3 years have to be replaced with "fresh" ones. We strongly recommend hiring SIACs for these cases.

There will be a battery check SI-station at the technical model event. It is strongly recommended to check your SIAC there as well. If it is not OK then you must use another SIAC for the following races.

In case of contactless failure, there will be a backup SI station at all controls and the finish which will work in contact mode.

**Backup SIACs:** It is possible to use backup SIACs. All backup SIAC numbers must be handed over to the organizer with the corresponding name and IOF ID either by email or in the Event office during the accreditation process at latest. If you want to use backup SIAC but you don't have – rental is possible.

Participants are advised to study the Guidelines SPORTident AIR+ in MTBO, which are available at <https://orienteering.sport/mtbo/internal/event-organising/organise-mtbo-events/>.

### 10.2 Team leaders meeting

Team leaders' meetings will be held in Event Center conference room according to the schedule:

18.09. – 19:00 – TOM for Sprint

19.09. – 19:00 – TOM for Long

20.09. – 19:00 – TOM for Mixed Relay

We'd like to get all the questions towards the respective team leaders meeting in advance so please send yours at [teamcontact@variant5.org](mailto:teamcontact@variant5.org) at least one hour before the start of the meeting.

### 10.3 Bike maintenance

Bike maintenance and a bike-shop ([Re-cycle bike shop](#)) will also be available. There will be bike wash possibilities at the arena. More information is given in sections 10.7 and 10.9 – 10.11.



### 10.4 GPS Tracking

GPS devices by [www.tracksport.eu](http://www.tracksport.eu) will be used for all competitors in all World Cup races. Please be prepared to put the device in your jersey when entering the start area. If needed, we can distribute some GPS harnesses but please ask by email or at the Event Office during the accreditation process (as early as possible).

### 10.5 Marked routes and forbidden areas

**White tape (with Variant 5 logo)** will be used for all kind of marked routes. If there are any areas marked with *symbol 709*. *Out-of-bounds area with solid line boundary*, they will also be bordered in the terrain with **red and white tape**.



### 10.6 Course details

Class	Sprint 16.09.			Long 17.09.			Mixed Relay 18.09.		
	km	climb	cp	km	climb	cp	km	climb	cp
Men Elite	10,2	160	14	38,4	700 m	23	17,0	350	16
Women Elite	8,2	110	13	33,5	550 m	16			

**Winning times in minutes** (according to the IOF MTBO Competition Rules)

<i>Format (distance)</i>	<i>Times</i>
Sprint	20 – 25
Long	105 – 115
Relay: average for each leg	40 – 45
total winning time	120 – 135

## MODEL EVENTS

### 10.7 TECHNICAL MODEL EVENT – EVENT CENTER

Examples of control site construction (flag, control code, SI station, SIAC Battery Check, reserve punching station) will be displayed in the Technical Model Event in front of the Event Centre during hours indicated on the programme.

During the technical model event, in front of the Event Center there will be **bike maintenance** possibilities.

## 10.8 MODEL EVENT – KOPRINKA

Location & GPS coordinates: [42.628920, 25.332119](#)

Map: 1:7500 / 5 m and 1:15000 / 5m, ISMTBOM2022, made by Dian Bonev in 2024.

Hilly to moderately hilly forested area with a track network of different rideability. Terrain also includes some open areas and a village area with good rideability.

No timekeeping. Only flags in the terrain between 14:00 and 16:00 on 18th September.  
Maps printed on water-resistant paper.

Map pick up: At Event Office with accreditation or upon request at the start of Model Event.

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## SPRINT (CX80 World Cup & U23 World Champs) – YAGODA

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### 10.9 SPRINT - YAGODA

#### LOCATIONS:

- ARENA: [42.544728, 25.573334](#)
- PARKING: [42.546373, 25.571015](#) (Near the Event Center)
- QUARANTINE Check-in: Follow the marked route from the Event Center (Parking). Approximately 1km away.

#### **Competitors are not allowed to visit the arena before their race.**

A marked route from the parking (EC) must be followed to the Quarantine check-in.  
Quarantine Opens at 10:00, Latest check-in 11:00.

MAP: 1:7500 / 5m, ISMTBOM2022

Maps are printed on water-resistant paper. Size is A4.  
No map change. Power lines are not mapped.



MAP MAKER: Dian Bonev

COURSE SETTER: Ivan Sirakov

TERRAIN: Rather flat to hilly terrain with lots of roads and tracks of very good rideability in the village of Yagoda and nearby open and forested areas.

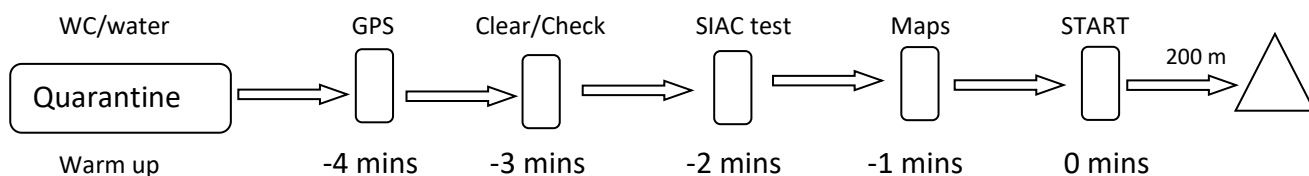
TRAFFIC: Courses go through the village of Yagoda, traffic is generally very light. There will be officials in some places to ensure way is given to competitors.

START: Interval start. First start is at 11:30.

START INTERVAL: 2 minutes.

## STARTING PROCEDURE:

There is a Pre-start at -4 minutes, located at the edge of the quarantine (the same place as check-in). GPS devices will be handed out at pre-start.



## QUARANTINE:

Limited shelter and toilets available. 0.5 L of water will be handed out to every competitor at Check-in to Quarantine.

Deadline for entering the Quarantine: **11:20 o'clock.**

It will be possible to warm up on a track/road.

## AFTER FINISH:

Competitors are not allowed to enter the terrain. After their finish, they can return to the parking or hotel without entering the embargoed area. The village of Yagoda continues to be part of the Embargoed areas.

REFRESHMENT POINT: None on course.

BAG TRANSPORTATION: There will be a BAG TO ARENA point close to the pre-start for all competitors. It will be clearly marked in the terrain. Bags will be transported to the arena.

BIKE MAINTENANCE: From 10:00 to 11:30 at Quarantine zone. After 12:00 at the Arena.

## DISTANCES:

Parking to Arena: 200-300 m, respect the embargoed areas.  
Parking to Quarantine: 1km approximately, following a marked route.  
Start to Triangle: 200 m  
Bike wash: At the arena

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# LONG (CX80 World Cup & U23 World Champs) – RAZHENA

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## 10.10 LONG DISTANCE - RAZHENA

### LOCATIONS:

- PARKING Quarantine: [42.533594, 25.502983](#)
- QUARANTINE Check-in: [42.532660, 25.503090](#)
- ARENA: [42.534158, 25.477862](#)
- There is parking at the arena.



MAP: 1:15000 / 5m, ISMTBOM2022

Maps are printed on water-resistant paper.

There is a **map flip and map change for both classes**. Size is A3 for Part 1&2 and A4 for Part 3. Part 2 is on the reverse side of the first map. The last control of Part 1 is the Triangle (Symbol 715 "Continuing point after map exchange") of Part 2. The numbers of the controls continue in order. The last control of Part 2 is the Triangle (Symbol 715) of Part 3 which you'll have to pick up at the control point. No marked route. Maps 1&2 that are dropped will be collected by an official. The control where you have the map change is not the same for Men and Women.



**NB!** Be careful to start with PART 1 and not to destroy your map on the other side of the sheet when attaching it to the map holder. "Part 1" and "Part 2" are printed with big purple letters. Power lines are not mapped.

MAP MAKER: Dian Bonev

COURSE SETTER: Dian Bonev

TERRAIN: Moderate to very hilly forested and open areas with tracks of different rideability. There are some controls in village area.

There is a water canal going through the terrain which is impassable and dangerous if one tries to cross it. It's more than 3 meters deep so please be cautious and use the bridges to cross it. The canal will be visible at the Quarantine and before the start.

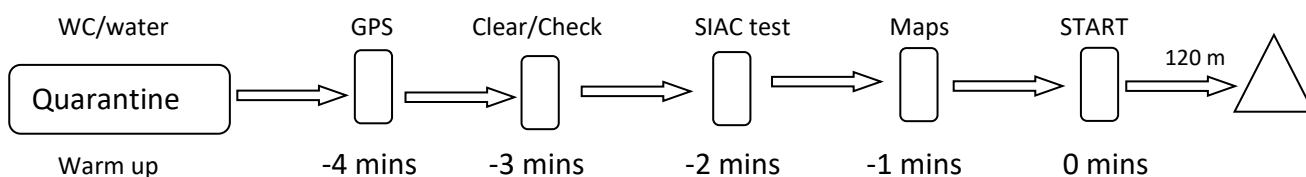


START: Interval start. First start is at 11:00.

START INTERVAL: 3 minutes.

STARTING PROCEDURE:

There is a Pre-start at -4 minutes, located at the edge of the quarantine. GPS devices are handed out at pre-start.



QUARANTINE:

It is located on an open field and a track to be used for warm up. Limited shelter and toilets available. 0.5 L of water will be handed out to every competitor at Check-in to Quarantine.

Deadline for entering the Start Quarantine: **10:50 o'clock**

AFTER FINISH:

The embargo over the terrain on the long distance map will only be released once the last competitor finishes his race. It is therefore not allowed to enter the terrain before.

REFRESHMENT POINT: There are 2 refreshment points on the course, marked on the map with symbol 713, both of them are at a control site. There is no possibility for personal drinks to be

transported by the organizer. Water and high energy-isotonic sports drink (Gold Nutrition) will be available at the refreshment points.

BAG TRANSPORTATION: There will be a BAG TO ARENA point at the edge of the Quarantine. It will be clearly marked in the terrain. Bags will be transported to the arena.

BIKE MAINTENANCE: From 10:00 to 11:30 at the Quarantine and after 12:00 at the Arena.

DISTANCES:

Parking to Arena:	There is separate parking at the arena.
Parking to Quarantine:	100 m
Start to Triangle:	120 m
Bike wash:	At the arena

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## MIXED RELAY (CX80 World Cup) - YAGODA

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### 10.11 MIXED RELAY – YAGODA

LOCATIONS:

- PARKING: [42.546373, 25.571015](#)
- ARENA: [42.544728, 25.573334](#)
- QUARANTINE Check-in: [42.545031, 25.572433](#)

MAP: 1:12500 / 5m

Maps are printed on water-resistant paper. Size is A3.  
Power lines are not mapped.

MAP MAKER: Dian Bonev

COURSE SETTER: Dian Bonev

TERRAIN: Moderate to hilly forested and open areas with tracks of different rideability. There are some controls in village area.



REFRESHMENT POINT: None on course.

AFTER FINISH: Entering the terrain is not allowed until the last competitor finishes his race. After that the embargo over the terrain is released.

BIKE MAINTENANCE: From 8:30-10:00 at the Quarantine. After 10:30 at the arena.

DISTANCES:

Parking to Arena:	200-300 m
Parking to Quarantine:	200 m
Start to Triangle:	170 m
Bike wash:	At the arena

### QUARANTINE:

It is located near the arena with space for warm up. Limited shelter and toilets available. 0.5 L of water will be handed out to every competitor at Check-in to Quarantine.

Deadline for entering the Quarantine: **09:00 o'clock**

START: Mass start for the first leg at 9:30.

### STARTING PROCEDURE:

**First leg:** All first legs will be lined up in rows and their start numbers, determined by the results of the last relay of the same type in the previous event of the same level, i.e. WMTBOC 2025.

The riders enter the starting area 5 minutes before their start. When entering, they clear, check/activate and test their SIAC. 2 minutes to the start the maps will be given by hand from the organizer to the rider, rolled and sealed with a rubber band. 1 minute to the start will be announced. It is not allowed to remove the rubber band before the signal "MAPS" by the referee 15 seconds before the start. A 5-second warning will be announced and then the start signal.

SPECTATOR CONTROL: There is a spectator control at the arena towards the last part of the course, approximately 4-5 minutes to the finish. The rider of the next leg clears and checks his/her SIAC and enters the Changeover zone immediately.

CHANGEOVER: Entering the changeover zone he/she is given his/her map, rolled and sealed with a rubber band, by an official. The competitor has the responsibility to check the start number of the map received which is clearly visible. The finishing leg touches the hand of the outgoing rider and only then he/she is allowed to remove the rubber band and start.



FINAL PLACING: The finishing time will be recorded by the SIAC of the competitor. There will be finish judges to rule on the final placings of the 3rd leg based on the time when the competitors's front tyre crosses the finish line. The finish line will be filmed.

## 11 MISCELLANEOUS

### 11.1 Prizes and awards

The best 3 Men and Women in the OVERALL World Cup standings will be awarded prize money from the sponsor **CX80**:

	MEN	WOMEN
1 <sup>st</sup>	700€	700€
2 <sup>nd</sup>	500€	500€
3 <sup>rd</sup>	300€	300€



### 11.2 Opening ceremony

The Opening ceremony will be held in the village of Yagoda near the Event Center on 18<sup>th</sup> of September at 18:00. We are inviting all teams and their companions to the square in front of the Mineral bath to enjoy a short but lively occasion with local traditional groups etc.

## 11.3 Climate and hazards

### Climate

September usually offers great weather for MTBO although there is no bad weather for orienteering. Usual precipitation during that period in Stara Zagora area is 51mm but there is no rain forecast until the end of the week. The temperatures that we can expect this week are between 12° and 26° Celsius with a wind of 3 to 4 m/s. So the chances are quite good that the weather will be ideal for mountain bike riding during the event.

### Hazards

Wild animals like deer, wild boars etc. might be present in the forests of the competition areas.

## 11.4 Media

We welcome all media representatives to cover the competitions of MTB Orienteering World Cup, round 3 and the U23 World MTB Orienteering Championships in Bulgaria. For media accreditation and related requests, please contact [teamcontact@variant5.org](mailto:teamcontact@variant5.org).

- Media representatives and team officials are encouraged to bring their own Internet-enabled devices, as neither computers nor Wi-Fi services can be offered by the organisers.
- Accredited media representatives are given the opportunity to take part in the Model Event and access to some controls in the competition areas.
- If desired, the organisers will assist media representatives with hotel accommodation booking.

## 11.5 Competition clothing

Competitors must wear the team clothing of their federation during all official events.

It is not allowed to use cycling shoes in the accommodation.

## 11.6 Insurance and liability

The organisers decline any liability that might occur through participation in MTB Orienteering World Cup-Round 3 and U23 World MTB Orienteering Championships and training. Everybody participates at their own risk and is responsible for their own insurance coverage (illness/accident and third party insurance). Organisers are not responsible for theft or similar incidents. Participants are encouraged to take necessary precautions.

## 11.7 LIVE SERVICES

During the CX80 World Cup a GPS tracking, live results with radio controls and a Live TV coverage with English commentary is planned.

Be aware that a camera man or a drone may follow you during your course.



## 12 MTBO Tour

### 12.1 Programme

<i>Date</i>	<b>Competition</b> <i>Scale / contours interval</i>	<i>First start (apprx.)</i>	<i>Map</i>
<b>19-09</b> (Friday)	<b>Sprint</b> 1:7500 / 5 m	<b>13:45</b>	Yagoda
<b>20-09</b> (Saturday)	<b>Shortened Long</b> 1:15 000 / 5 m	<b>15:30</b>	Razhena
<b>21-09</b> (Sunday)	<b>Middle distance</b> 1:12 500 / 5 m	<b>12:30</b>	Yagoda

### 12.2 Classes

Men and Women

- Youth (up to 17)
- Elite (20-21-35-40)
- Masters (45+).

### 12.3 Course details

Class	Sprint 19.09.			Shortened Long 20.09.			Middle 21.09.		
	M 1:7500 / 5m A4 size			M 1:15000 / 5m A3 size			M 1:12500 / 5m A3 size		
	km	climb	cp	km	climb	cp	km	climb	cp
Youth	6,5	90	10	12	170	12	10,5	150	12
Elite	10,2	160	14	22	330	19	17	350	21
Masters	8,2	110	13	15	190	15	14,5	300	16

### 12.4 Entry fees

Entry fee for all classes is **10 Euro per race**. Entry deadline has passed but if you like to ride ask at the EC if we have free spots available.

### 12.5 Additional information

The races will use the same infrastructure as the World Cup #3 – timekeeping, punching system, start, arena etc.

If there is sufficient number of participants there will be prize giving ceremony for MTBO Tour as well.

