



European Trail
Orienteering
Championship
29.07- 3.08 2026

Team Official Meeting - Pre0

1st August 2026 (Saturday)

09:15	PreO Quarantine closes	Stanica Harcerska „Bukowina” GPS 53.31637505036099,
09:20	First shuttle departure to the start	14.635020470751693
10:00	PreO1	

2nd August 2026 (Sunday)

9:00	PreO Quarantine closes	Stanica Harcerska „Bukowina” GPS 53.31637505036099, 14.635020470751693
9:05	First shuttle departure to the start	
10:00	PreO2	
16:45	Flower ceremony	Stanica Harcerska „Bukowina” GPS 53.31637505036099, 14.635020470751693
18:00	Relay Competition entry deadline	
19:00	PreO prize giving ceremony	Fontanna Bartłomiejka GPS 53.43876735586223, 14.541840868904849
20:30	Team Officials' Meeting	Hotel Vulcan

TERRAINS

PreO

The terrain of a typical moraine presents a fascinating landscape where

visibility ranges from very good to limited, creating diverse navigational

challenges. This area is characterized by significant elevation changes, introducing dynamism and variability to the competition route.

The morainic topography captivates with its interesting glacial microrelief, featuring numerous hills, valleys, and irregular forms that testify to the power of

glaciers from centuries past. These natural formations create a variety of navigational challenges typical for Trail Orienteering.

The challenge lies in the ability to adapt to changing conditions and utilize the terrain's microrelief for effective navigation, making this moraine an ideal location for enthusiasts of orienteering.



Event	length t	Climb	Contr ols	TC	Time limit	Wate r/Toil tes
PreO 1	500m	8m	31	2x3	O/J- 108' P- 128'	5/2
PreO 2	690m	2m	34	2x3	O/J – 123' P – 143'	3/2

CEREMONIES & SOCIAL EVENTS

Prize-Giving Ceremonies

- Medals and prizes for the PreO competitions will be awarded at Fontanna Bartłomiejka

PUBLIC RACE

PreO Day 1 – Part I of the PreO course, followed by the Time Controls,
and then Part II of the PreO course.
PreO Day 2 – Part I of the PreO course.

SHUTTLE BUSES

Shuttle transport will be provided between the Event Centre and the competition venues.

The organisers will operate:

- 4 accessible shuttle buses adapted for wheelchair users and competitors with reduced mobility,
- 4 standard shuttle buses (8 seats each).

Shuttle buses will depart as soon as they are full, ensuring continuous transport throughout the competition.

Estimated travel times are:

PreO Day 1 – approximately 5 minutes,

PreO Day 2 – approximately 15 minutes.

For PreO Day 2, competitors are strongly recommended to take a shuttle bus at least one hour before their scheduled start time. This will ensure sufficient time for transport, boarding procedures and arrival at the start without unnecessary stress.

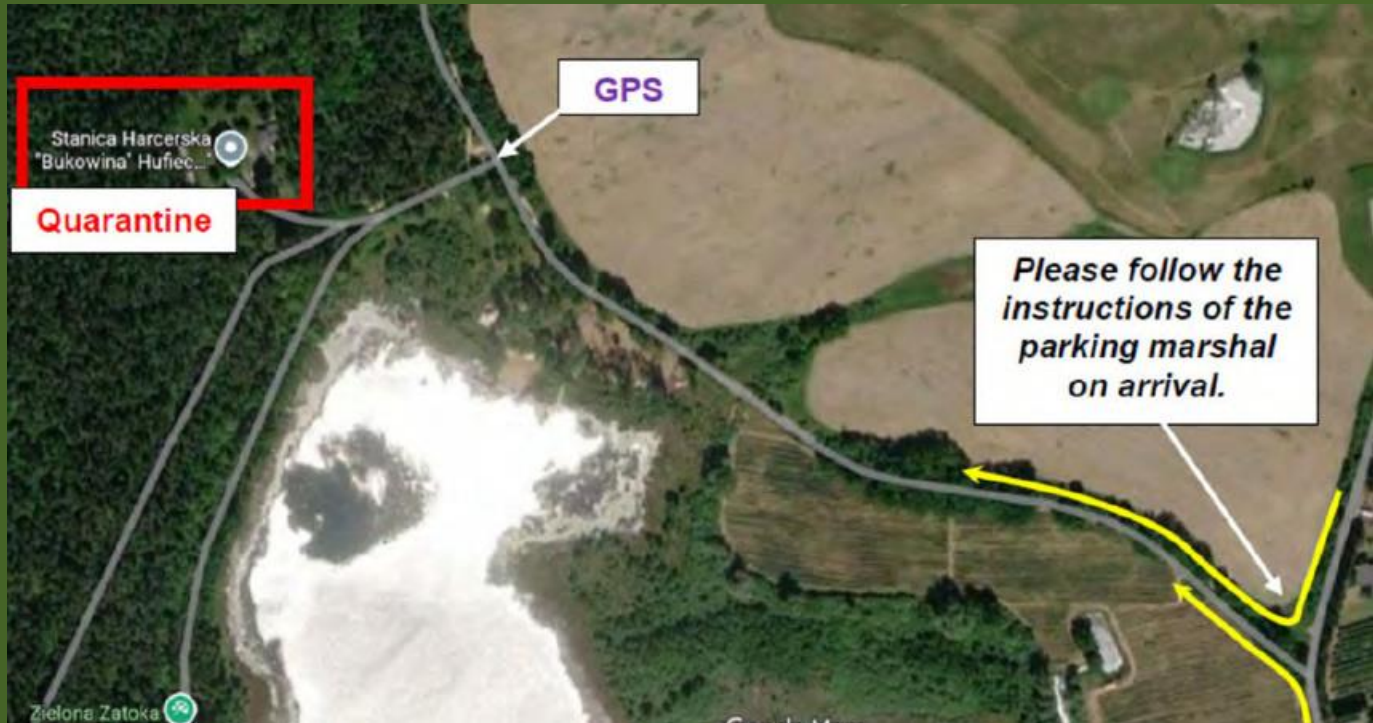
Competitors are kindly requested to follow the instructions of the transport volunteers and allow extra time before their scheduled start. During peak periods, a short waiting

time may occur before boarding the next shuttle

PREO

1 August (Saturday) – PreO 1 Day & 2 August (Sunday) – PreO 2 Day

Location: Bukowa Forest <https://maps.app.goo.gl/3AgQbQ1q2fiLqAxk8> (GPS 53.316289, 14.637820)



PreO 1

The course is divided into three parts with two Time Controls between them. Competitors will be transported from the Quarantine to the start according to a timetable that will be published before the competition. After finishing the course, competitors will proceed directly to the designated pick-up point, where shuttle vehicles will return them to the Event Centre.

Competitors must remain at the pick-up point until instructed by the organisers. This procedure is in place to ensure that no information about the course can be passed to competitors who have not yet started. Detailed information regarding the Quarantine procedure, shuttle transport and competitor flow will be explained during the PreO Team Officials Meeting (TOM).

PreO 2

Competitors will complete the two Time Controls before starting the PreO course.

Competitors will be picked from quarantine by cars using a given timetable provided later. After completing the course competitors are heading straight to pick-up point and are driven back to the arena. More specific info will be delivered at the TOM.

Parking – P-Class

For the convenience of P-Class competitors, vehicles may stop briefly at the Bus to START drop-off point to allow competitors to get out safely.

After unloading, drivers must immediately proceed to the designated parking area and follow the instructions of the parking marshals. Parking or waiting at the drop-off point is not permitted, as this area must remain clear for shuttle buses and other competitors.

P-Class competitors may then make their way to the Event Centre.

Quarantine before closing



Quarantine after closing



GENERAL MAPPING AND COURSE SETTING INFORMATION

Vegetation is mapped according to canopies and not trunks

Vegetation is mapped according to visibility, not runability

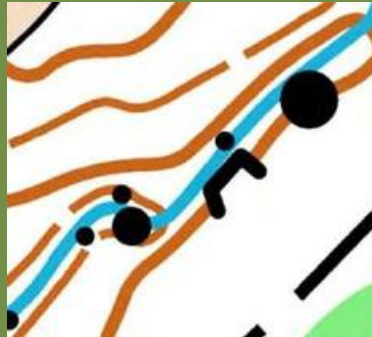
Rocks will be presented by THREE different symbols:

204 - "Boulder"

205 - "Large Boulder"

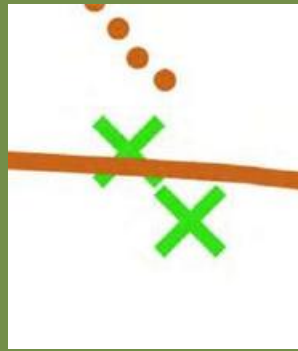
Those above will precisely represent stones in the terrain. Additionally we used the symbol 210.002 "Stony ground 0.3 mm (single dot)".

Those will show other smaller stones or groups of smaller stones that are quite prominent in the terrain but they may not be drawn as accurately due to minimum distance between symbols.



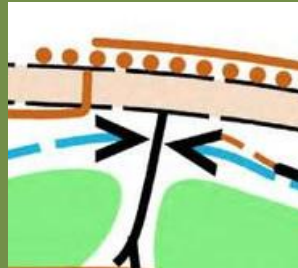
Symbol 419 - "Prominent vegetation feature"

represents a fallen tree rootstock and not a cut tree stump. The middle of the symbol represents the middle of the rootstock, not the fallen trunk.



Symbol 203.001 - "Cave"

is used to show culverts under paths.



Symbol 115 - "Prominent landform feature"

refers to animal holes (likely fox holes or badger setts). See example photo below. There will be no task asking about them but there might be some nearby.



OVERPRINT DETAILS

All One-Ways in ETOC 2026 will be One-Way Gates (i.e. a single line on the ground that you may cross, but not cross back again - not even to punch - so please be careful). The line on the ground will be spray painted with signs on both sides of the track labelled "One-Way" (they should have "no entry" on the other side)

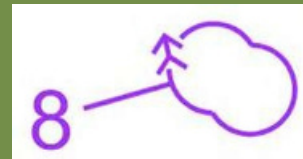
The one-way gate will be marked on the map in overprint colour using the double arrow symbol below (0.35mm line width; total length 1.4mm, remember that 1.4mm is 5.6m in the terrain so have that in mind while solving tasks).

Control description for One-Way:



In some places a few tasks may be close to each other and to show fuller circles we have copied a small map segment adjacent to the main map.

For a few controls to avoid covering important details on the map we have also added a helper line to indicate which control circle goes with which control number (like control 8 in the example below). The number is connected to the correct circle with a line (0.35mm width).

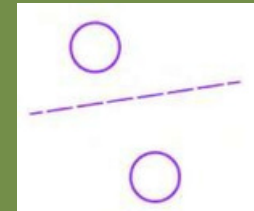
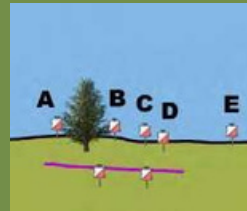


If the path is closed for competitors, it will be marked in the terrain with tape and on the map with symbol 708 - "Out-of-bounds boundary".



In one particular situation the kites from two different groups of tasks can be seen underneath each other. To distinguish them we will use tape in the terrain, a line on the map (marked just to divide controls, not mapped in the same spot as in the terrain) and a picture at the decision point.

Also in the last column of controls description we will use description „upper” to remind you of that.



On PreO and Relay courses, start and finish symbols might be reduced to 75% or 50% due to map readability.

On the TrailO Relay, competitors will not be on a path, but in class-specific taped boxes: one for Open and one for Junior and P-Class. These two areas will both be marked on all maps - an area bounded by a line for where you can go, where your viewing points and ToePunch boxes will be; and a “709 - “Out-of-bounds area” which will represent the area used by the other class(es). The exact extent of these areas on the map are representative and not precise, so, like overprint features such as one-way-gates, they shouldn’t be used for accurate line-ups or bearings.



You must make sure you enter the correct box and stay within it until you have finished your PreO course and punched the finish.

QUARANTINE

Quarantine areas will be used for all competitions.

For the PreO competition, competitors will be quarantined at Harcówka Binowo.

All competitors are required to comply with quarantine regulations and follow the instructions of the organisers and officials. Failure to comply with quarantine procedures may

Result in disqualification in accordance with the IOF Trail Orienteering Competition Rules.

PUNCHING AND RESULTS SYSTEMS

The Toe Punch system (toe.yq.cz) will be used for punching and time keeping in PreO competitions and on PreO-part of the Relay.

The ANT system (ant.yq.cz) will be used at timed controls and Tempo stations

ZERO TOLERANCE AND DOUBLE CONTROL FLAGS

The standard Zero Tolerance (ZT) for all competitions is 4 metres.

For some distant controls (marked with double control flags), the Zero Tolerance is increased to 8 metres.



WATER POINTS AND TOILETS

PreO Day 1

5 water points will be available:

one near the start

one after first part

one after second part

one after third part

one near the finish

1 toilet is located near the start and bus stop

1 toilet is located after the finish in pick up place

PreO Day 2

3 water points will be available:

one near the start,

one on the middle of course,

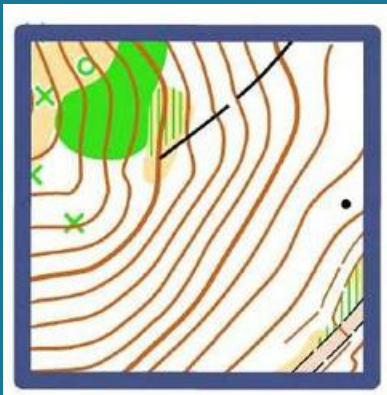
one near the finish.

1 toilet is located near the start
and bus stop for P-Class

1 toilet is located after the finish in pick up place

SAMPLE MAP OF COMPETITION TERRAIN

Pre01



Pre02



LIVE STREAM UPDATE

We sincerely apologize that today's live stream is unavailable.

Unfortunately, the TV crew suffered **heat-related illness** and has been receiving medical treatment at the Emergency Department since this morning.

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APOLOGY FOR TODAY'S START DELAYS

- We sincerely apologize for today's delays.
- We underestimated the time needed to ensure a fair competition for every competitor.
- We know that this caused frustration and disrupted your plans.
- Although an apology cannot make up for the lost time, we take full responsibility and will do everything possible to ensure the remaining competitions run more smoothly.
- Thank you for your patience and understanding.