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European Trail
Orienteering
Championship
29.07- 3.08 2026

Bulletin 2



Dear Competitors,

It is my great pleasure to already invite you to Szczecin for the European Trail Orienteering Championships 2026. As the Technical Director and PreO course planner, I have the honour of preparing the sporting part of this event. Our aim is to design challenging yet fair courses, based on precise maps and diverse terrain, so that each of you can fully demonstrate your skills and enjoy the competition.

This edition will be truly unique – it will be the **last European Trail Orienteering Championships** in history, as from the next cycle onwards only World Championships will be held. We want this farewell edition to stand out with top-quality courses, maps and organisation, leaving you with memories worthy of such a milestone.

Trail Orienteering is a discipline where observation, focus and strategy all matter. When creating the tasks, I strive to ensure they provide not only an intellectual and sporting challenge, but also satisfaction from the decisions you make and the results you achieve. Together with the whole team, we are working to ensure that the organisation and the quality of the maps meet the highest European standards.

I warmly encourage you to take part in our preparatory events, such as the **Bukowa Cup**. It is an excellent opportunity to familiarise yourself with the terrain and atmosphere awaiting you in 2026, to test your skills in a friendly environment and for us to refine the organisational details.

Already now, I would like to thank all competitors, coaches and volunteers for their future commitment and passion, which will allow us to create an exceptional event at the highest level. I also invite you to discover Szczecin – a city full of greenery, riverside views and a unique charm, often referred to as “the city scented with chocolate”. I believe that the European Trail Orienteering Championships 2026 in Szczecin will be an unforgettable sporting and social experience. See you at the start!

Bartłomiej Mazan
Technical Director & PreO Course Setter
chairman of KOS BnO Szczecin

Dear Competitors,

As the map maker for the European Trail Orienteering Championships 2026, I feel honoured to contribute to this unique event. My main goal is to provide you with **maps of the highest possible quality**, so that each control, feature and detail is presented clearly and reliably.

All maps are being produced according to the latest ISSPrOM-2 specifications and in close cooperation with the course setters. They are drawn and updated in the same season as the competitions, which allows us to capture the **most accurate picture of vegetation and terrain conditions** at the time you will compete. This means that the contours, paths, vegetation boundaries and man-made objects will reflect the reality you find in the field as precisely as possible.

I believe that good maps are the foundation of fair and enjoyable competition. Together with the organising team, I am committed to making sure that your navigation decisions are based on trustworthy information and that the maps meet the highest International standards.

I wish you successful preparations and look forward to welcoming you on the ETOC 2026 courses.
Thank you and good luck!

Krystian Petersburski
Map Maker

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ORGANISERS

Klub Orientacji Sportowej BnO Szczecin
Polish Orienteering Federation
Zachodniopomorski Okręgowy Związek Orientacji Sportowej

CO-ORGANISERS

The City of Szczecin
Western Pomerania
Nadleśnictwo Gryfino

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CX 80
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Szczecin Floating Garden
Zazu Sports
Hitmark = Robotics
Vulcan Hotel
Forystek i Partnerzy
SP47

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EVENT DATES

Wednesday, 29th July – Monday, 3rd August 2026

EVENT VENUE

The capital and largest city of the West Pomeranian Voivodeship in northwestern Poland. Located near the Baltic Sea and the German border, it is a major seaport and Poland's seventh-largest city.

Szczecin is located between the broads of the Oder River with an open perspective on the Szczecin Reservoir and Lake Dąbie, and the sailing route to the Baltic Sea. There are many monuments worth visiting in Szczecin.

EVENT CENTRE

Hotel Vulcan
Franciszka Ksawerego Druckiego-Lubeckiego 6A street
71-643 Szczecin

Accreditation of the teams and team officials meetings will be held in the Event Centre.





DISTANCES AND OVERVIEW MAP

Nearest international airports
Szczecin/Goleniów - 0,5 h drive time
(45 km)
Berlin - 2 h drive time (190 km)
Poznań - 2,5 h drive time (260 km)

CLIMATE

July is an agreeable month in Szczecin, Poland, with an average temperature fluctuating between 22°C and 12°C while maximum temperatures up to 30°C is possible. July is one of the雨iest months of the year with an average of 13 rainy days and an average monthly rainfall amount of 543 mm in Szczecin.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME:

29th July 2026 (Wednesday)

Teams Arrival

Accreditation

Opening ceremony

30th July 2026 (Thursday)

Model Events

Team Official Meeting Temp0

31th July 2026 (Friday)

Temp0

Team Official Meeting Pre0 1

1st August 2026 (Saturday)

Pre0 1

Team Official Meeting Pre0 2

2nd August 2026 (Sunday)

Pre0 2

Team Official Meeting Relay

3rd August 2026 (Monday)

Relay

Banquet

4th August 2026 (Tuesday)

Team departure



CLASSES AND COMPETITIONS RULES

ETOC 2026 will conform to the Competition Rules for IOF Trail

Orienteering Events.

Rules specific to the European Trail Orienteering Championships are contained in Appendix 4.

The rules are available for download on the IOF website:

<https://orienteering.sport/trailo/competition-rules>

These rules introduce significant changes compared to previous European Trail Orienteering Championships, in particular regarding the number of classes available in each competition.

Competitors representing member Federations of the IOF, defined by the International Paralympic Committee as belonging to the European continent, may compete in ETOC. Competitors representing other IOF member Federations may participate but will not be eligible for European titles, medals or diplomas.

In the individual PreO and TempO competitions and in the Trail Orienteering Relay there is one Open class, one Junior class and one P (Physically Challenged) class.

In the individual PreO and TempO competitions, a Federation may enter a maximum of 6 competitors in each class. In addition, the current European Champions may be entered by their Federation in their respective classes.

In the Trail Orienteering Relay, a Federation may enter up to 2 teams in each class, each consisting of 3 competitors. Only the better-placed team will count in the prize list.

All ETOC 2026 maps will conform to the International Specification for Sprint Orienteering Maps ISSprOM2019-2 Revision 6 and IOF Control Descriptions 2024.



TERRAINS

Temp0 Qualification

Scenic, open area with scattered trees and diverse microrelief.

Part of the course runs through an urbanized park, and part through a moraine beech forest. Excellent runnability and visibility, with interesting elevation changes.

Temp0 Final

Open military training area with distinct microrelief, many single trees, depressions, ditches, and pits. Three forest types: semi-open mixed, dense, and beech forest with excellent visibility. A varied, technical, and navigationally interesting terrain.

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.



TERRAINS

Relay - The relays will take place on a picturesque golf course, providing an excellent backdrop for the competition. This unique setting features carefully designed terrain that combines open spaces with gentle elevations and natural obstacles.

The golf course, with its well-maintained lawns and scenic ponds, offers diverse navigational opportunities, requiring precise decision-making and the ability to move quickly across the terrain. The high-quality surface and aesthetic surroundings create a pleasant atmosphere for both competitors and spectators.

MAPS

PreO 1: scale 1:4 000, contour interval 2m

PreO 2: scale 1:4 000, contour interval 2m

TempO: scale 1:3 000, contour interval 2m

Relay: scale 1:3 000, contour interval 2m

according to ISSprOM2019

MAPMAKER

Krystian Petersburski

OLD MAPS

Mistrzostwa-Polski-w-Dlugodystansowym-BnO

Bukowa-Cup-X-E2

Bukowa-Cup-X-E3

Bukowa-Cup-X-E5

Bukowa-Cup-X-E6

Bukowa-Cup-12-E1-Sredni

Bukowa-Cup-12-E3-Klasyk

Bukowa-Cup-12-E4-Sredni

Bukowa-Cup-12-E5-Sredni

Bukowa-Cup-12-E6-Klasyk

PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION



Event	"Length [km]"	Controls	Timed controls	Road Surface	climb
Model	0,4	7	2-3x5 Temp0	loose gravel forest road	10 m
Pre01	0,9	approx. 30	2x3 tasks	loose gravel forest road	0 m
Pre02	0,8	approx. 30	2x3 tasks	loose gravel forest road	8 m
Relay	0,3	3x16	7x5 tasks	Asphalt	5 m
Temp0 Q	2	-	6-7 x 5 tasks	loose gravel forest road	10 m
Temp0 F	1,8	-	8-10 x 5 tasks	loose gravel forest road	10 m

PUNCHING AND RESULTS SYSTEMS

Punching system

The ToePunch system (toe.yq.cz) will be used for punching and time keeping in Pre0 competitions and on Pre0-part of the Relay.

The ANT system (ant.yq.cz) will be used at timed controls and Temp0 stations

CEREMONIES & SOCIAL EVENTS

Opening Ceremony

All teams are kindly asked to line up on the Szczecin Boulevards – Bulwary Szczecińskie (GPS: 53.42218996562524, 14.56190822759157) at 18:25. Each team will be represented by its flag. Together we will proceed to the opening site on the boulevard, where the European Trail Orienteering Championships 2026 will be officially declared open.

Prize-Giving Ceremonies

- TempO & PreO: Medals and prizes for the TempO and PreO competitions will be awarded at Jasne Błonia Park in Szczecin (GPS: 53.440205, 14.534846) – a spacious, green landmark of the city, perfect for a public celebration.
- Relays: The relay award ceremony will take place at the Binowo Park Golf Club (GPS: 53.258290, 14.576110) immediately after the competition.

Banquet & Boat Cruise

The official banquet will take place on board one of the passenger boats operated by statek.pl

. Boarding will be at ul. Jana z Kolna 7, Szczecin (next to Porto Grande Restaurant – GPS: 53.424850, 14.564700).

It will be a scenic four-hour cruise on the Oder River. During the first two hours you will be served a meal while enjoying music played by our DJ. After two hours the boat will make a stop at Łasztownia waterfront (GPS: 53.422620, 14.569700) to allow all guests to use accessible restrooms on land (the on-board facilities are too narrow for wheelchairs). The cruise then continues with music, dancing and an informal atmosphere. This evening is free of charge for all accredited participants and is designed to be a special moment of integration and friendship.

Entry: <https://forms.gle/NXvzS46H2xFVsFjF9>

More detailed information about the banquet will be provided in the next bulletin.

Closing Ceremony

The closing ceremony of the Championships will be held during the boat cruise, turning the banquet into an unforgettable farewell event. This unique setting, combining Szczecin's waterfront scenery with the spirit of our community, will make the final moments of the European Trail Orienteering Championships 2026 truly memorable.

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ENTRIES

The entries will be open on 1st June 2025.
All entries have to be made through IOF Eventor.

The team size deadline is 29 th May 2026.
The team names deadline is 15th July 2026

Late entries will be surcharged as stated in the IOF rules (7.4).

Entries will not be valid until the entry fee has been paid.
The payment must be made by 15 th June 2026.

ENTRY FEE

Fee type	Fee in PLN per competitor
Accreditation fee Athletes (including model event)	580 PLN
Accreditation fee Team Officials	495 PLN
Accreditation fee Accompanying person, Escort	170 PLN
Entry fee for PreO Competition	600 PLN
Entry fee for TempO Competition	430 PLN
Entry fee for Relay Competition (per Team)	730 PLN
Participation fee for banquet	0 PLN
Fee per training map	30 PLN

Entries shall be made exclusively through IOF Eventor.

If you encounter any problems with the online entry system, please contact the Event Office immediately at kontakt@bno.szczecin.pl

If a team has problems with internet connection, please ask for assistance at the Event Office at the Event Centre (Hotel Vulcan) or at the Arena Info Desk.

Changes to relay team compositions will be accepted only for valid reasons (such as illness or injury) and must be approved by the Event Office.

Please also submit the **Banquet Form** to book banquet.

Entry fees must be transferred to the following bank account (entries are not valid until payment has been received):

Stowarzyszenie Klub Orientacji Sportowej BnO Szczecin
IBAN PL27 1090 2806 0000 0001 4992 9495
SWIFT WBKPPLPP
Santander Bank Polska

In the transfer title please enter:
ETOC 2026 and the name of Federation

ACCOMODATION AND MEALS

We recommend booking accommodation at Hotel Vulcan, where the Event Center and Team Officials' Meeting will take place. We have pre-booked the entire Hotel Vulcan until 31 July 2025; after this date, we will release the rooms, and bookings can only be made individually without any guarantee of room availability. Please note that making a reservation is not the same as making a payment — payment can be arranged closer to the reservation date. When booking, please mention the code ETOC 2026.

Here are the recommended hotels in Szczecin:

Hotel Vulcan ***
ul. Druckiego-Lubeckiego 6A, 71-043 Szczecin

Ibis Styles Szczecin Stare Miasto ***
ul. Panienska 10, 70-535 Szczecin

Ibis Szczecin Centrum ***
ul. Dworcowa 16, 70-206 Szczecin

Novotel Szczecin Centrum ****
ul. 3 Maja 31, 70-215 Szczecin

Accommodation: cost per room and night	Cost per type of accommodation in PLN			
	Hotel Vulcan	Novotel	Ibis Styles	Ibis
Single room	239	340	300	230
Double room	289	380	340	270
Triple room	329	-	-	-
extra bed in the room	85	-	-	-
Cost for meals				
Is breakfast included in the rate above?	YES	YES	YES	YES
Lunch per person	60	120	120	120
Dinner per person	60	140	140	140

Accessibility at the Event Centre (Hotel Vulcan)

The Event Centre for ETOC 2026 will be located at Hotel Vulcan, ul. Franciszka Ksawerego Druckiego-Lubeckiego 6A, 71-643 Szczecin.

The venue has been selected to ensure comfort and accessibility for all participants, including those with reduced mobility.

- Entrance halls and public rooms: Hotel Vulcan offers step-free access from the street and car park to the main entrance. All public areas, including the reception, conference rooms, dining rooms and meeting halls, are located on accessible routes and served by wide corridors and lifts.

- Bedrooms: A limited number of rooms adapted for guests with physical disabilities are available. These rooms feature wider doorways, roll-in showers and bathrooms with grab bars to facilitate independent use.

- Sanitary facilities: Accessible toilets are located both in the lobby area and near the conference/meeting rooms.

- Charging of electric wheelchairs: Dedicated power outlets will be available in the Event Centre's public areas for charging electric wheelchairs. Competitors staying at the hotel may also charge their wheelchairs in their rooms; additional extension cords can be provided on request at the reception.

The organising committee will be on hand at the Event Centre to assist with any accessibility needs and to coordinate the charging of electric wheelchairs.



TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

- For the Opening Ceremony, the TempO competition and the prize-giving ceremonies held in Szczecin (e.g. Jasne Błonia), we recommend using public transport. Szczecin has a dense network of trams and buses with low-floor, wheelchair-accessible vehicles and stops close to the venues.
- For the PreO competitions and the Relay (Binowo Park Golf Club) teams are advised to use their own private transport, as public transport connections to these venues are very limited.
- The organisers will provide transport between the quarantine and the start, and from the finish back to the quarantine area for all competitors where applicable.
- If a team cannot arrange private transport on its own, the organisers can support and organise transportation during ETOC after a preliminary request.

ESCORT INFORMATION

Escorts are not provided by the organiser and must be arranged individually by each team.

If a competitor requires an escort and cannot provide one themselves, the team must inform the organiser in advance at kontakt@bno.szczecin.pl or at the Event Centre reception desk. The organising committee will do its best to assist in finding a solution, but only upon prior notification.

EMBARGOED AND TRAINING AREAS

All embargoed and training areas for the European Trail Orienteering Championships 2026 are shown on a dedicated Google Map. Please respect the embargo until the end of the event – access to these areas is strictly forbidden for competitors, team officials and anyone who may influence the competition.

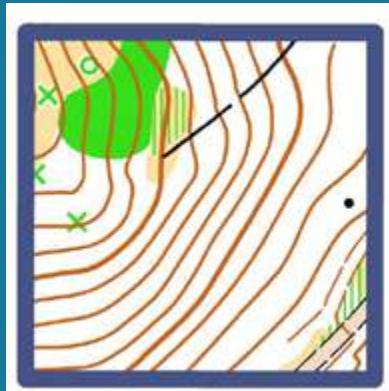
Map of embargoed and training areas:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/embed?mid=1Q4DYPxWTeDxpHClVL5eThA8qTfcGpHk&ehbc=2E312F>



SAMPLE MAP OF COMPETITION TERRAIN

Pre01



Pre02



Temp0



Model Temp0



TRAINING

Training competitions will be organised in the year leading up to ETOC on relevant terrains and maps.

Bukowa Cup 2026 will take place on 1-3 May 2026.

<http://bukowacup.pl>

PreETOC 27-28.07.2026

Prices for individual training maps:

Laser printed maps: 7 €/piece

OCAD file - If you are interested please contact us

Contact: Bartłomiej Mazan

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EVENTS

Public events will be organised during ETOC 2026. All information about the public event will be published at the ETOC 2026 website and more information will be available in Bulletin 3.

COMPETITION CLOTHING

Competitors are requested to wear **clothing appropriate for the season and prevailing weather conditions**. At the end of July and beginning of August in Szczecin, the weather can vary from sunny and hot to rainy and cooler.

We recommend light and breathable clothing for warm days, a waterproof jacket for possible rain, and comfortable footwear suitable for moving along paths.

In some forested areas insects such as mosquitoes may be present, so long sleeves or insect repellent may be useful.

National uniforms and club colours are encouraged for ceremonies and prize-givings.



VISA

Please check the following link with a list of citizens of countries, who need visa to enter Poland:

<https://www.gov.pl/web/diplomacy/visas>

HEALTH INSURANCE

The Event Organiser will not bear any responsibility related to the cost of medical services for the participants. Each Federation is responsible for the health insurance of all their delegates.

MEDIA

Media representatives are welcome to cover the ETOC 2026 competitions. Media representatives will receive a special "Press" ID card at the Event Center.

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NEXT BULLETINS

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