

Annual report, July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Summary

The Biathlon Orienteering is growing as a sport. The number of participants in competitions has increased somewhat over the years. In recent years, the number of IBOF member countries has also gone up, and more countries are showing interest in the sport. In August, Finland hosted the Biathlon Orienteering World Championships, WBOC, for the fourth time, with a record number of registered participants.

The composition of the board

Chairman	Hans Mandahl
Vice chairman	Antti Iivari
Secretary	Christian Bertel Andersen
Treasurer	Niko Latva
Member of the board	Dominique Lazanski

Number of IBOF nations

The number of member nations of June 30, 2025, was 15 nations.

Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Great Britain, Iraq, Israel, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden and Ukraine.

Biathlon Orienteering World Cup 2025

A total of twelve individual competitions were held in the Biathlon Orienteering World Cup 2025. Of the twelve competitions, a maximum of eight competitions could be counted by the competitors in the Men 21 and the Women 21 classes.

World Cup competitions

#1 and #2	May 17-18	Finland	Larsmo	Sprint and Mass start
#3 and #4	May 24-25	Sweden	Gothenburg	Classic distance and Sprint
#5 and #6	June 28-29	Denmark	Aalborg	Classic distance and Sprint
#7 and #8	August 22-23	Finland	Keuruu	Sprint and Classic distance (both in WBOC)
#9 and #10	October 4-5	Sweden	Nyköping	Classic distance and Sprint
#11 and #12	November 1-2	Denmark	Vingsted	Classic distance and Sprint

Total results, Biathlon Orienteering World Cup 2025:

Men

1.	Gustav Hindér	Sweden	234 points
2.	Felix Persson	Sweden	195 points
3.	Pontus Fred	Finland	171 points
Total competitors: 59			

Women

1.	Karin Stenback	Sweden	231 points
2.	Marie Fred	Finland	217 points
3.	Mari Tuokko	Finland	184 points
Total competitors: 39			

World Biathlon Orienteering Championships (WBOC) 2025 in Finland

On August 21-24, 2025, the 20th World Biathlon Orienteering Championships were held in Keuruu, in mid Finland west of Jyväskylä. The classic distance competition was also the Finnish Championships in classic distance.

Competitors from seven nations participated; Estonia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Great Britain, Poland and Sweden.

On Thursday the training day, with shooting at the shooting range and model orienteering on a map nearby the competition area. In the evening the opening ceremony for the championships was held at the entrance of Hotel Keuruselkä.

In the opening competition on Friday, the Sprint distance, had a total of 187 registered participants in the different classes.

The classic distance on Saturday had 182 registered competitors, and at the relay the total number was 136.

On Friday and Saturday, the award ceremonies for the sprint and classic distances were held in the yard at the back of Hotel Keuruselkä, in sunny and warm weather. On Sunday, the award ceremony for the relay and the closing of the championships were held at the arena.

The championships in Keuruu, Finland, were so far the largest in terms of the number of registered competitors.

Results for Men 21 and Women 21:

Sprint distance

Men 21 (26 reg.)	Gold	Petja Ylikylä	Finland
	Silver	Gustav Hindér	Sweden
	Bronze	Antti Iivari	Finland
Women 21 (21 reg.)	Gold	Karin Stenback	Sweden
	Silver	Hilda Kukkonlehto	Finland
	Bronze	Nina Falck Najbjerg	Denmark

Classic distance

Men 21 (28 reg.)	Gold	Gustav Hindér	Sweden
	Silver	Martin Jansson	Sweden
	Bronze	Jonas Falck Najbjerg	Denmark
Women 21 (22 reg.)	Gold	Karin Stenback	Sweden
	Silver	Nella Keskinen	Finland
	Bronze	Hilda Kukkonlehto	Finland

Relay

Men 21 (10 reg.)	Gold	Sweden 1	Loke Hedberg, Martin Jansson, Gustav Hindér
	Silver	Finland 1	Samu Heiska, Petja Ylikylä, Antti Iivari
	Bronze	Denmark 1	Jacob Seerup Kirkeby, Lasse Falck Weber, Jonas Falck Najbjerg
Women 21 (10 reg.)	Gold	Sweden 1	Julia Davidsson, Karin Stenback
	Silver	Finland 4	Katariina Nurmo, Satu Rautiainen
	Bronze	Finland 1	Marie Fred, Hilda Kukkonlehto

Number of registered participants at competitions in 2025

The total number of registered participants, counted for all classes, at the competitions in the Biathlon Orienteering World Cup competitions in 2025 (twelve competitions) and at the World Biathlon Orienteering Championships 2025 in Finland, was 1.307. Including the relay at the WBOC, the total number was 1.443.

Finance

The IBOF has during the fiscal year 2025-2026 turned over 11 kSEK, costs were 2 kSEK, and the result 9 kSEK. The balance in the bank account on June 30, 2026, was close to 20 kSEK.

Upcoming events

The WBOC 2027 will be held in Jilemnice, in the northeastern part of the Czech Republic, September 30 – October 3. The competition center is at the same arena, as it was for WBOC 2021, October 28-31.

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