

IBOF Newsletter #1, 2026

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Here you have the first IBOF Newsletter for 2026. I hope you'll enjoy reading it.

The intention is to inform what is going on in the sport of biathlon orienteering, some times now and then during the year. The newsletter will be published on ibof.org, so check in there from time to time, so you are updated.

The [ibof](http://ibof.org) website is being updated, and the intention is to find all the information for the World Cup competitions and the World Biathlon Orienteering Championships. The focus will be on the men's and women's 21 classes, but results for all classes can of course be seen.

- World Biathlon Orienteering Championships WBOC 2026 in Borås, Sweden, August 6-9.

Entry/registration, latest Sunday July 5.

Invitation at ibof.org (Competition Calendar)

I hope to see many of you in Borås at the World Championships.



- The Biathlon Orienteering World Cup season 2026 has started and so far four competitions have been held.

On May 23-24, in Seinäjoki, Finland, with a Classic distance and a Sprint competition. Especially tough conditions at Sunday's Sprint competition, with strong wind and rain. The M21 winners were Lasse Falck Weber and Jonas Falck Najbjerg, both Denmark. The W21 winner was Karin Stenback, Sweden, both days.

On June 27-28, in Holstebro, at Jutland in Denmark, with a Classic distance and a Sprint competition. On Friday a relay was also organised by the Danish organisers.

The weekend was extremely hot, with 37 degrees Celsius on Saturday, which was a new heat record for Denmark!

All the competitors fought well in the heat!

The M21 winner was Jonas Falck Najbjerg, Denmark, both days.

The W21 winner was Karin Stenback, Sweden, both days.



Photos above from biathlon.dk.

Actual standings in the World Cup (eight of twelve competitions can be counted in the total):
Men 21

Place	Name	Country	Finland Classic 23/5	Finland Sprint 24/5	Danmark Classic 27/6	Danmark Sprint 28/6	Finland Sprint 11/7	Finland Massestart 12/7	Sverige Classic 07/8	Sverige Sprint 08/8	Sverige Classic 03/10	Sverige Sprint 04/10	Danmark Classic 31/10	Danmark Sprint 01/11	Total
1	Jonas Falck Najbjerg	DEN	23	30	30	30									113
2	Lasse Falck Weber	DEN	27	27	27	27									108
3	Felix Persson	SWE	24	23	24	20									91
4	Robert Johansson	SWE	21	18	23	21									83
5	Pontus Fred	FIN	18	20	21	22									81
6	Petja Ylikylä	FIN	30	21											51
7	Thomas Greve Jensen	DEN			25	24									49
8	Aleksi Hauhia	FIN	22	25											47
9	Mikko Holsö	FIN	25	22											47
10	Allan Hedberg	SWE			20	25									45

Women 21

Place	Name	Country	Finland Classic 23/5	Finland Sprint 24/5	Danmark Classic 27/6	Danmark Sprint 28/6	Finland Sprint 11/7	Finland Massestart 12/7	Sverige Classic 07/8	Sverige Sprint 08/8	Sverige Classic 03/10	Sverige Sprint 04/10	Danmark Classic 31/10	Danmark Sprint 01/11	Total
1	Karin Stenback	SWE	30	30	30	30									120
2	Linda Lönneberg	SWE	15	18	21	19									73
3	Anne Qvortrup Frederiksen	DEN	12	12	19	23									66
4	Charlotte Agrell	SWE	17	19		25									61
5	Maja Mærkedahl Lilleøre	DEN	11	10	18	18									57
6	Nina Falck Najbjerg	DEN			27	27									54
7	Emilie Bæk Christiansen	DEN			23	24									47
8	Astrid Ishøi	DEN			25	22									47
9	Rafaela von Frenckell	FIN	25	22											47
10	Nella Keskinen	FIN	23	24											47

➤ IBOF nations' meeting May 27

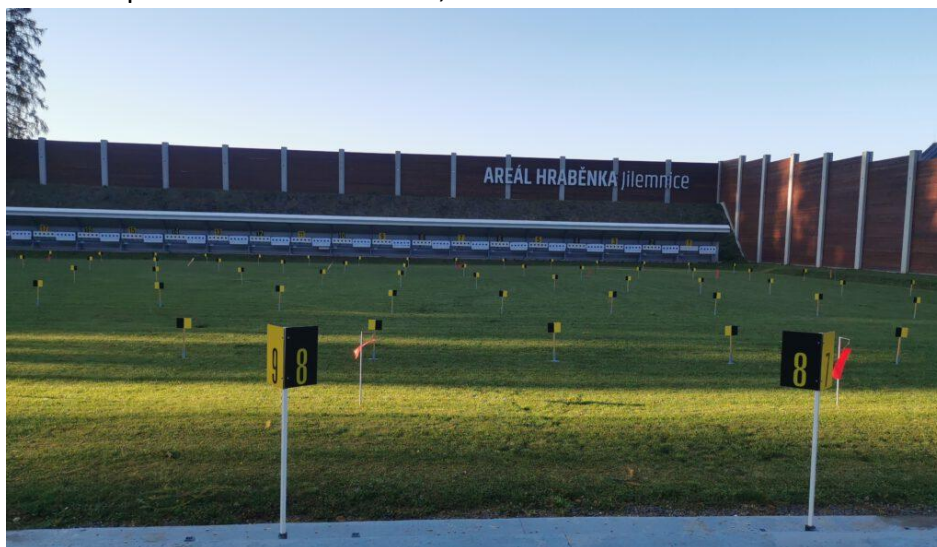
Decision: No change in the number of legs in the relays for M21 and W21 at the World Biathlon Orienteering Championships.

The M21 relay with three legs as before, and the W21 relay with two legs as before.

The minutes from the meeting can be seen at ibof.org in the news. Please feel free to check it out.

➤ The 22nd World Biathlon Orienteering Championships, WBOC 2027, will be organised in the Czech Republic, in Jilemnice.

Dates: September 30 – October 3, 2027.



We are looking forward to returning to the charming town of Jilemnice in the northeastern part of the Czech Republic, and to the nice biathlon arena just outside the town. Last time was in 2021, October 28-31, when WBOC 2021 took place here.

I hope to see you at the biathlon orienteering events in 2026!

And remember to make your entry/registration to the WBOC 2026, latest July 5.

Yours,

Hans Mandahl, IBOF Chairman