

**IOF RULES COMMISSION MEETING Warsaw POLAND 19-20 January 2018  
MINUTES**

1. **Present:** David Rosen GBR (Chair), Felix Büchi SUI, Unni Strand Karlsen FootO NOR, Ursula Häusermann MTBO SUI, Martin Fredholm TrailO SWE  
**Apologies:** Barry McCrae AUS, Roland Hellberg SkiO SWE

2. **FootO**

2.1 **Rules**

New FootO rules were published in November valid from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018

For the next rules version, it is proposed to rename Guidelines to Guidelines/Manuals.

- 2.2 **Jury appointments** Work began on selecting jury members for the major IOF FootO events in 2018.

2.3 **Event Adviser education**

A successful clinic was held in Milan Italy on 16-17 December 2017.

The leader was David Rosen (GBR) and there were 16 participants: ITA (7), BEL (2), LTU (3), SUI, CZE, BLR, Greece

A clinic will be held at Sarpsborg, Norway 10-11 March 2018.

The leaders will be Unni Strand Karlsen, Øivind Holt and Jan Arild Johnsen

2.4 **Proposal to remove one-tenth of a second timing**

The IT Commission will prepare a short document proposing removal of 1/10 second timing; it is costly and labour intensive and possibly unfair. There would be only a very small number of ties for medal places. To go to IOF Council after input from the FootO and Rules Commissions.

2.5 **Newsletter to IOF FootO Event Advisers**

The Rules Commission prepared a newsletter in conjunction with the FootO Commission . It was sent out in early December.

3. **SkiO**

3.1 **Rules**

New SkiO rules were published in October valid from 1st November 2017. For the next rules version, add new rules

ROC 3.10 Regional Orienteering Championships take place at least every two years.

ROC 8.14 Bulletins for the European Orienteering Championships shall follow the rules for World Ski Orienteering Championships bulletins.

A suggestion to move ESOC rules into the main body of the SkiO rules was discussed but it was agreed that this would not be implemented because it will not be in line with the practice in the other disciplines and would not be practical when further Regions start to hold SkiO Championships.

3.2 **Event Adviser Education**

Clinics have been advertised in:  
Velingrad, Bulgaria 4-6 February 2018.  
Craftsbury Vermont, USA. 6-8 March 2018

#### 4. **TrailO**

##### 4.1 **Rules**

New TrailO rules were published in November valid from 1st January 2018

For the next rules version, a rule clarification is required to state that when the control order is specified, omitted controls are immediately marked as incorrect.

Rules for AsTOC are being developed based on ETOC.

##### 4.2 **Event Adviser Education**

A Clinic was held during WTOC in Lithuania with about 15 participants. Owe and Martin Fredholm were the leaders

##### 4.3 **Control Descriptions**

TrailO would like

- To change the Hill on Page 30 to a boulder because (in TrailO) a hill cannot have a side
- The examples to be modified so that they are mainly correct from a TrailO perspective. In most cases it is best to move the flag in the picture. In some cases a location can be added in column G

Martin Fredholm will send a list of proposed changes to David Rosen, and after they've been agreed, they will be sent to Tom Hollowell.

TrailO would also like extra options for TrailO to specify more exactly the position on top of a cliff (e.g. Top NW part) and along the side of a building. At the moment Rules Commission (and Tom Hollowell) feel that TrailO should try to continue to use the same descriptions as FootO without any special enhancements.

#### 5. **MTBO**

##### 5.1 **Rules**

New MTBO rules were published in November valid from 1st January 2018

#### 6. **Mapping**

##### 6.1 **ISSOM 2018 revision**

The Map Commission will send the final draft to the Rules Commission for review, before submitting it to IOF Council.

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6.3 **New procedure for major IOF events** "The actual ocad files shall be sent to the Map Commission at the latest 6 months before the competition". Agreed that it does not need to go in the rules. But the various Guidelines need to include it.

#### **6.4 Non-offset printing at WREs.**

The 2016 WRE Guidelines say “Maps should be printed using offset printing methods. If non-offset printing is to be used, the printing will have to be approved by the IOF Event Adviser after consulting the IOF Map Commission.” The IOF Map Commission say that they no longer need to be consulted every time so “after consulting the IOF Map Commission” will be deleted for the 2018 version.

### **7. Control Descriptions**

The 2018 IOF Control Descriptions were published on 27<sup>th</sup> November. Thanks are due to Barry Elkington who edited the new document.

### **8. Punching**

**8.1 Advice for Organisers and Competitors** Emit and SI are preparing new documentation on their website

**8.2 Learnjoy preliminary approval expires April 2019.** David Rosen has sent details of how to obtain final approval to Thomas Tan and Jaroslav Kacmarcik.

### **9. IT matters**

#### **9.1 Use of two contactless cards**

A discussion was had with the IT Commission about using two contactless cards. We obtained comments from Emit and SPORTident on this matter. We agreed that no rule change is required. The use of two contactless cards is not encouraged, but if the supplier insists that it is necessary for a High Level event, then that is OK. However, the experience is that in a relatively large number of cases (10%?) the records from the two cards will need to be merged to provide a complete record. The vendor or the organiser should provide a software method of doing the merge; doing it manually is too much extra work and there is the risk of errors.

#### **9.2 Time compensation if backup punching has to be used**

SPORTident raised a concern that when a competitor has to use the backup punching, they may try to claim a time adjustment for the lost time. He suggested a rule to say that there is no time compensation if the backup punching is used. We agreed that we should not make such a rule change at the moment. It has not been an issue up to now. More important is that the organisers try to ensure that competitors do not need to use the backup by (for example) checking that cards are working and have sufficient battery.

### **10. Jury matters**

**10.1 Rule 28.4** “Where a protest is signed by more than one Federation, each of these Federations will pay the protest fee.” This needs rewording because it is team officials or competitors who make the protest, not Federations.

**10.2** In Jury Guidelines The Jury Meeting point 7 *The jury’s decision (including reasons) should be written on the complaint/protest form.* Change “should” to “shall”.

**10.3** TrailO feel that it is unfair that the Organiser’s representative is allowed to be present at jury meetings, but the protester does not have the right to be present.

10.4 TrailO are also concerned that the time limits might be used too harshly. For example, a complainant may be in the middle of writing a complaint (perhaps in English which might be difficult for them) when the time limit expires. The Rules Commission feel that organisers should observe sporting fairness in such cases.

**11 Rules Commission Remit for 2018**

The Rules Commission met with Mikko Salonen to review and update the 2017-18 Remit

**12 Future meetings**

The next Rules Commission meeting will be at WOC in Latvia 4-11 August.