

**JUNIOR WORLD
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CHAMPIONSHIPS**
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WELCOME

Welcome to the Junior World Orienteering Championships 2026 in Karlskrona, Sweden. Thank you for your accreditation. This bulletin contains the practical information you need to plan and carry out your work during the event.

From 29 June to 4 July, the world's best junior orienteers will compete across five championship races, in a city in the middle of the archipelago. Karlskrona was founded in 1680, when Karl XI decided to build Sweden's new naval base here. More than 340 years later, the naval base remains, and the well-preserved architecture and city plan that impressed UNESCO gave the city World Heritage status in 1998. And all this on a number of islands, in an archipelago that UNESCO has separately designated a Biosphere Reserve. Nowhere else in the world can you paddle around a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve while enjoying the fortifications and buildings of a World Heritage city.

Blekinge is also well known in the Swedish orienteering community for its unusually many varying terrain types, which have fostered several national and international top orienteers. For tips and highlights on what to see and do during your stay, see the Karlskrona [visitors guide](#).

EVENT PROGRAMME

Day	Date	JWOC 2026
Sunday	28 June	Opening Ceremony
Monday	29 June	Sprint
Tuesday	30 June	Sprint Relay
Wednesday	1 July	Long
Thursday	2 July	Rest day
Friday	3 July	Middle
Saturday	4 July	Forest Relay, Closing Ceremony

Detailed media program for JWOC 2026.

Date	Time	Event	Location
Saturday 27 June	11:00 – 21:00	Event Office Open	Event Centre
Sunday 28 June	09:00 – 21:00	Event Office Open	Event Centre
	17:00	Opening Ceremony	Arena Stortorget
Monday 29 June	09:00 – 15:00	Event Office Open	Arena Stortorget
	09:45	Pre-race briefing	Arena Stortorget
	10:00	First start Sprint	Trossö
	12:58	Estimated last start Sprint	Trossö
	13:25	Flower Ceremony Sprint	Arena Stortorget
	15:00 – 21:00	Event Office Open	Event Centre
Tuesday 30 June	09:00 – 17:00	Event Office Open	Arena Stortorget
	09:45	Pre-race briefing	Arena Stortorget
	10:10	Start Sprint Relay	Arena Stortorget
	11:08	Estimated first finish	Arena Stortorget
	11:25	Flower Ceremony Sprint Relay	Arena Stortorget
	17:00 – 21:00	Event Office Open	Event Centre
	17:30	Prize-giving Ceremony Sprint Relay + Sprint	Stortorget
Wednesday 1 July	09:00	First start Long	Augerum
	09:00 – 17:00	Event Office Open	Arena Augerum
	11:00	Pre-race briefing	Arena Augerum

Date	Time	Event	Location
	14:56	Estimated last start Long	Augerum
	16:20	Flower Ceremony Long	Arena Augerum
	17:00 – 21:00	Event Office Open	Event Centre
Thursday 2 July	10:00 – 21:00	Event Office Open	Event Centre
	17:30	Prize-giving Ceremony Long	Stortorget
Friday 3 July	08:00 – 17:00	Event Office Open	Arena Bussevik
	08:45	Pre-race briefing	Arena Bussevik
	09:00	First start Middle	Bussevik
	14:56	Estimated last start Middle	Bussevik
	15:30	Flower Ceremony Middle	Arena Bussevik
	17:00 – 21:00	Event Office Open	Event Centre
	17:30	Prize-giving Ceremony Middle	Stortorget
Saturday 4 July	08:00 – 17:00	Event Office Open	Arena Bussevik
	08:45	Pre-race briefing	Arena Bussevik
	09:00	Start Relay Men	Arena Bussevik
	10:45	Estimated first finish men	Arena Bussevik
	10:55	Flower Ceremony Relay - men	Arena Bussevik
	11:10	Start Relay Women	Arena Bussevik
	12:55	Estimated first finish women	Arena Bussevik
	13:00	Registration for the Coach and VIP/Media race closes	Arena Bussevik
	13:05	Flower Ceremony Relay - women	Arena Bussevik
	13:45	Prize-giving Relay/Closing Ceremony	Arena Bussevik
	14:15	Coach and VIP/Media race (mass start)	Arena Bussevik
	17:00 – 21:00	Event Office Open	Event Centre

JWOC ARENAS

The finish area and the media tent are always situated in the arena of the respective race. There will be no dedicated transportation for the media to any arena. Media is expected to use their own transportation. We do not have designated media parking, but there are public parking spaces near our arenas within a short walk.

See all important locations for JWOC 2026 in an [interactive map](#).

Arena Stortorget

Sprint and Sprint Relay

Arena Stortorget will be situated in Trossö in Karlskrona, 750 meters (8 min walk) from the Event Centre.

GPS Coordinates: [56.161219, 15.586581](#)

Arena Augerum

Long Distance

Arena Augerum will be situated on a field in Augerum, 11 km (15 min drive) from the Event Centre in Karlskrona. Signposted from road 725 in Karlskrona.

GPS Coordinates: [56.220695, 15.684462](#)

Arena Bussevik

Middle Distance and Relay

Arena Bussevik will be situated on a field in Bussevik, 29 km (30 min drive) from the Event Centre in Karlskrona. Signposted from road 743 in Jämjö.

GPS Coordinates: [56.125490, 15.801781](#)

EVENT CENTRE

The Event Centre and Event Office will be in the Brinova Arena Karlskrona, a sports and conference arena in the western part of central Karlskrona. During the events, the Event Office will be located at the arena.

Address: Björkholmskajen 3, 371 36 Karlskrona

GPS Coordinates: [56.1629, 15.5759](#)

Opening hours of the Event Office		
Date	Brinova Arena	Event Arena
Saturday 27 June	11:00 – 21:00	
Sunday 28 June	09:00 – 21:00	
Monday 29 June	15:00 – 21:00	09:00 - 15:00
Tuesday 30 June	17:00 – 21:00	09:00 - 17:00
Wednesday 1 July	17:00 – 21:00	09:00 – 17:00
Thursday 2 July	10:00 – 21:00	
Friday 3 July	17:00 – 21:00	08:00 – 17:00
Saturday 4 July	17:00 – 21:00	08:00 – 17:00
Sunday 5 July		09:00 – 15:00

Local staff from Karlskrona Tourism Information will be available in the Event Centre on Saturday 27 June and Sunday 28 June.

MEDIA SERVICES

Services for accredited media include:

- Access to the media tent with working space (computers will not be provided).
- Wi-Fi, electricity (Type F plug) and printer. Please also bring an extra cord (grounded), if possible.
- Start list and printed maps.
- Live services (live-stream on TV screen, results and GPS easily accessible).
- Controlled access to photo control/zones and mixed zone – information will be given at the media briefing each day.
- Assistance with athlete interviews.
- Official media photo kits from each day.
- Coffee/tea, water, non-carbonated fruit drinks and traditional Swedish “fika” of the day. We will also serve a selection of fruits.

Media accreditation

Media accreditation can be collected at the Event Office in Brinova Arena until the Event Office closes on 28 June 2026. After that, it is available at the Event Office in the arena on all competition days. Bring a photo ID to collect your accreditation card and wear it at all times during the event.

Media vests are handed out and returned at the media tent each competition day. Show your accreditation card whenever you enter the media tent or any authorized zone.

Media tent

A media tent with workspaces for accredited media representatives will be available at the arena. Opening times are shown in the schedule below. The media tent will remain open until two hours after the day's competition has finished.

Competition	Opens
Monday 29 June - Sprint	09.00
Tuesday 30 June - Sprint Relay	09.00
Wednesday 1 July - Long	09.00
Friday 3 July - Middle	08.00
Saturday 4 July - Relay	08.00

Wi-Fi

The network assigned to the media (at the arenas): **Press**
Password: **press4jwoc**

Guided access to photo control points

During the forest races there may be designated photo controls, to which accredited photographers will be accompanied by our guides. The departure time for guided access will be announced during the pre-race briefing.

During the sprint events, our guides will assist and control the photographers in the finish area. While photography is not prohibited within the competition area, please consult with the Media Manager during the pre-race briefing for specific guidelines.

Mixed zone

A mixed zone is set up after the finish at each race for interviews and photography. Please do **always follow** instructions from mixed zone officials. The interview speaker for the competition and the interview speaker of the TV broadcast has priority to interview when athlete enters into the mixed zone.

Live production

All JWOC competitions will be covered live on IOF TV. Live GPS tracking and live results are available throughout all races.

IOF TV, Live results & GPS:

<https://orienteering.sport/event/junior-world-orienteering-championship-2026/welcome/>

Broadcast schedule	
Competition	Time (prel.)
Monday 29 June - Sprint	10.30 – 13.35
Tuesday 30 June - Sprint Relay	09.50 – 11.30
Wednesday 1 July - Long	10.30 – 16.20
Friday 3 July - Middle	10.00 – 15.35
Saturday 4 July - Relay	08.50 – 13.30

Official photos

The official photographers of the organizers will upload photos from each competition day to <https://mediebank.tt.se/p/svenskorientering>. These photos can be used free of charge, but please always remember to credit the author. The photos cannot be used for commercial purposes.

Press releases

Official press releases will be distributed to accredited media after each competition day.

Food at the arenas

Please note that lunch is not provided as part of your accreditation. However, each competition venue has a well-stocked cafeteria where food and refreshments are available for purchase during competition hours.

VIP/Media race

Coaches, VIP and Media are welcome to participate in the VIP/Media race on Saturday 4 July, after the Relay competition in Bussevik.

- Registration will take place in the Event Office until 13:00
- Mass start at 14:15
- Free entry
- VIP/Media race will use the controls of the relay.

MEDIA BRIEFINGS

A pre-race media briefing is held at the media tent in the arena before every competition. **Attending the briefing is mandatory for access to the race area.** The briefing covers any specific instructions for the day.

Pre-race briefing	
Competition	Time
Monday 29 June - Sprint	09:45
Tuesday 30 June - Sprint Relay	09:45
Wednesday 1 July - Long	11:00
Friday 3 July - Middle	08:45
Saturday 4 July - Relay	08:45

PHOTO & VIDEO GUIDELINES

- During competitions, all photographers and video operators must wear a media vest and their accreditation card visible at all times.
- Specific guidelines on permitted areas are given at each pre-race briefing. Ask the Media Manager if you are unsure.
- No drones are allowed in the competition area without written permission from the organizers.
- All participants have been informed, through the Photo and Video Disclaimer in Bulletin 4, that photographs and footage will be taken throughout the event and may be used by the organization for marketing and publicity in publications, on the website, on social media, and in third-party publications during and after the event.
- By registering for accreditation, you confirm that you have read and agreed to the [IOF Fair Play Principles for Media](#).

To keep things running smoothly, the points below build on the IOF Fair Play Principles for Media with a few practical reminders.

Working together

The principles ask media to work with the organizers to maximize coverage. In practice, this means:

- Never block TV cameras or other photographers during a live broadcast.
- The first photographer in a position keeps it; those arriving later should not obstruct them.
- Show consideration for athletes, spectators, officials and fellow media.
- Respect designated photo and interview zones, and the priority system in the mixed zone and finish area.

Not influencing the competition

Under the principles, entry to the competition terrain is only allowed with the organizer's permission, and media must not pass any information to athletes. Please also:

- Respect restricted areas, barriers and the organizer's instructions.
- Do not enter the course or any area where your presence could affect the race.
- Do not publish photos or information that could reveal route choices or map details until the start has taken place and the quarantine has been lifted.

Reporting on young athletes

JWOC competitors are juniors. Please take extra care:

- Interviews after a disappointing run call for sensitivity. Ask open questions rather than judging the performance.
- Avoid building excessive expectations around individual athletes.
- Do not disturb athletes before the start, during the race, or immediately after they finish, and do not use flash where it could distract them.
- Obtain consent before taking close-up photos of minors outside the competition setting.

CEREMONIES

Ceremonies		
Competition	Flower ceremony	Prize-giving ceremony
Sprint	Monday 29 June, 13:25, Arena Stortorget	Tuesday 30 June, 17:30, Stortorget
Sprint Relay	Tuesday 30 June, 11:25, Arena Stortorget	Tuesday 30 June, 17:30, Stortorget
Long	Wednesday 1 July, 16:20, Arena Augerum	Thursday 2 July, 17:30, Stortorget
Middle	Friday 3 July, 15:30, Arena Bussevik	Friday 3 July, 17:30, Stortorget
Relay	Saturday 4 July 10:55 - men 13:05 - women Arena Bussevik	Saturday 4 July, 13:45, Arena Bussevik

Opening ceremony

All accredited media are invited to attend the Opening Ceremony. Starting Sunday 28 June 2026, 17:00 at Arena Stortorget. The ceremony includes the parade of nations from Arena Stortorget to Brinova Arena and the official opening of JWOC 2026. Meet up at the Event Office in Brinova to be guided to media seating and photo zone during the opening ceremony.

Flower ceremonies

The flower ceremony for each race takes place at that race's arena, shortly after the finish. The top three in both the men's and women's classes are announced and will receive flowers.

Prize-giving ceremonies

Prize-giving ceremonies are held at Stortorget, in front of the town hall, except for the Relay, whose ceremony is held at Arena Bussevik. Medals, diplomas and prizes are awarded to the top three, with diplomas and prizes for places four to six.

Closing ceremony

The Closing ceremony will take place in the arena for the Relay race. Competitors will be briefly greeted by guests and JWOC 2026 partners. The short ceremony will include handing over the IOF flag to the JWOC 2027 organizers from Poland, Dolny Śląsk.

MEDIA CONTACT

For all media enquiries, accreditation questions and press releases, please contact the JWOC 2026 Media Director:

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Useful links

JWOC 2026 website: www.jwoc2026.se

Facebook: www.facebook.com/share/1LfkWA5huA/?mibextid=wwXlfr

Instagram: www.instagram.com/jwoc2026/

Official photos: <https://mediebank.tt.se/p/svenskorientering>

IOF TV: <https://orienteering.sport/event/junior-world-orienteering-championship-2026/welcome/>

IOF Eventor: <https://eventor.orienteering.sport/Events/Show/7922>

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