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25 – 27 June 2026, Nova Gorica, Slovenia



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1 HELLO, EYOC 2026!



WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SLOVENIAN ORIENTEERING FEDERATION

Dear athletes, coaches, team officials and friends of orienteering,

it is a great honour for me to welcome you, on behalf of the Slovenian Orienteering Federation, to one of the most important youth sporting events on the old continent. Slovenia is a country where nature is deeply embedded in our genetic code, which is why

we are proud to host the best young orienteers right here in Nova Gorica. Slovenia is hosting this championship for the second time; the first was organised exactly 20 years ago in the surroundings of Škofja Loka.

For you, young talents, this championship is not only a test of physical strength and speed, but above all a kind of rite of passage, as for many of you this is the first international competition at the highest level and the beginning of your sporting career. Orienteering teaches us how to remain calm under the greatest pressure and to trust our own abilities. I believe you will carry these valuable experiences with you into life beyond forests and city streets, even without an orienteering map in your hand.

Nova Gorica, whose cross-border position symbolises a *Europe without borders*, is the perfect venue for an event that connects nations. Our goal is not only to organise a top-level competition, but also to create a community in which lasting friendships are formed and respect for the environment in which we compete is fostered.

I wish that, in Slovenia, alongside control points you will also find inspiration for your future sporting journey. May you be guided by sporting spirit, unwavering determination, and the joy of movement.

Welcome home in nature — welcome to Slovenia!

Blaž Kölner

President of the Slovenian Orienteering Federation



WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE EVENT DIRECTOR

Dear participants and guests!

After long months of intensive work, thousands of metres walked while mapping, and careful planning of every detail, EYOC 2026 is finally just around the corner. As head of the organising team, I look back on the work accomplished with great satisfaction and eagerly await the start of the competition.

Our team set itself a clear challenge: to prepare courses that will demand maximum concentration. We have prepared terrain featuring all the types of challenges that orienteering can offer — from technically demanding karst sinkholes, where precise reading of every contour line will be crucial, to a dynamic sprint that will require lightning-fast decisions in the urban maze of the city. Every second will count, and every mistake will be part of the game we all love so much.

The organisation of such a championship is the result of the immense dedication of volunteers who have invested their knowledge and their hearts to ensure that you feel welcome and safe. My sincere thanks go to all members of the team, all Slovenian orienteering clubs, and the Municipality of Nova Gorica, who understood our vision and stood by us in this logistical undertaking.

Dear competitors, the courses and maps are ready, and the forests and streets of Nova Gorica are waiting for your step. I wish you fast legs, clear minds, and just the right amount of adrenaline that separates good performances from outstanding ones. Results are, of course, important at a championship, but above all I hope that when you reach the finish you will feel satisfied because you have given your very best.

Good luck on the course and enjoy every moment of the competition!

Gregor Raj

Head of the EYOC 2026 Organising Committee

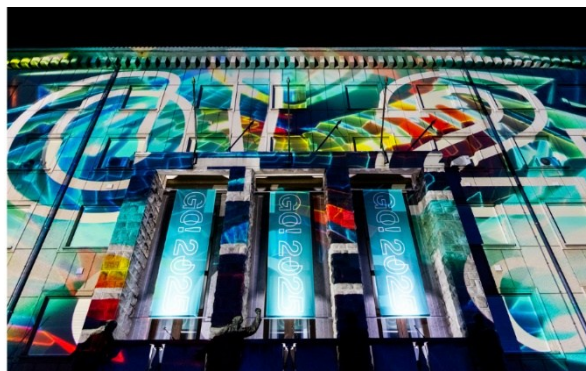


WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE MAYOR OF NOVA GORICA

Dear athletes, coaches, team officials, organisers, volunteers, guests from Slovenia and abroad, and dear sports fans,

The European Youth Orienteering Championship is among the most important international competitions for young orienteers. Therefore, we are proud to make Nova Gorica and its surrounding areas the European centre of this interesting, demanding, and extremely beautiful sport for a few days. More than 500 young athletes from 34 countries are expected to participate. In addition to coaches, team officials, and fans, the event will bring the wider international sporting community to our region. Orienteering is not merely a speed competition. It also includes thinking, concentration, determination and self-confidence. Athletes must be able to navigate their surroundings, make quick decisions, and respect nature. This is why Nova Gorica and its surrounding areas are perfect for such a championship. The landscape of our region is remarkably diverse, from the forests of the Trnovo and Banjšice plateaus to green valleys, scenic trails, natural features, and rich cultural heritage.

The year 2025 marked a historic milestone for Nova Gorica and neighbouring Gorizia. Together, we held the title of the *European Capital of Culture* and showed the world that places along the border can be places of connection, creativity, and cooperation. We are committed to continuing this legacy through events such as the European Youth Orienteering Championship.



Sport, like culture, brings people together.

It exceeds borders, languages, and differences, and creates ties that remain long after the competition has finished.

I would like to sincerely thank the Slovenian Orienteering Federation that was selected to host the championship, all clubs, experts, volunteers, and partners, who participate in the preparation of this challenging project. The Municipality of Nova Gorica is thrilled to take part as a co-organisier, as we believe that such events enhance the recognisability of our region, promote sport among young people, and spread the good reputation of Slovenia as a host of major international events.

I wish all young athletes' great success, focus on the courses, fair play, and many memorable moments. Let Nova Gorica and its surrounding areas be remembered not only for the results, but also for the people, nature, hospitality, and experiences. We hope you feel welcome, safe, and at home here, and that you will return to our region again in the future.

I wish you a successful championship and an unforgettable experience.

Samo Turel

Mayor of Municipality of Nova Gorica



2 ORGANIZATION

EYOC 2026 is being organised by the Slovenian Orienteering Federation and Municipality of Nova Gorica.

2.1 Organising committee

Event Director: Grega Raj (info@eyoc2026.si)

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Long distance: Matic Blaž

Relay: Peter Tušar

2.4 Jury

Laura Diener (Switzerland)

Matija Razum (Croatia)

Dave Masterson (Ireland)

Jan Fiala (Czech Republic)

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WHATSAPP GROUP FOR KEY TEAM OFFICIALS

There is a WhatsApp group for EYOC 2026 coaches that will be used for prompt communication with organisers during the event. A link for joining the WhatsApp group will be available at the Event Office.

OTHER CONTACTS

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3 SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY - 24 JUNE 2026

	Arrival/training	Nova Gorica
10:00 – 19:00	Accreditation in Event Office	Event Centre
10:00 – 16:00	Forest Model Event	Lokve
14:00 – 18:00	Sprint Model Event	Nova Gorica
15:00	Deadline for Sprint distance start groups and entries	IOF Eventor
17:00 – 18:00	Technical Model Event	Nova Gorica
18:00 – 19:00	Team Officials Meeting – Sprint	Event Centre & Online
18:00 – 20:00	Dinner	Student dormitory
19:00	Deadline for accreditation	Event Centre

THURSDAY - 25 JUNE 2026

7:00-9:00	Breakfast for teams	Accommodations
8:30-9:30	Event office is open	Event center
9:00	Sprint Quarantine Entrance opens	Nova Gorica
9:45	Quarantine deadline, Arena opens for teams	Nova Gorica
10:00	First start - Sprint distance	Nova Gorica
10:00-14:00	Event office is open	Arena Nova Gorica
11:53	Estimated last start Sprint	Nova Gorica
12:20	Flower ceremony	Arena Nova Gorica

12:30-14:30	Lunch for teams	Student dormitory
12:30	First start EYOC tour	Nova Gorica
13:00	Deadline for Long distance start groups and entries	IOF Eventor
16:00-17:30	Event office is open	Event center
16:30-17:30	Team Officials Meeting – Long	Event Centre & Online
18:00–18:40	Opening Ceremony & Prize-giving Ceremony	Nova Gorica - Bevkov trg
18:40-19:00	Price-giving ceremony - Sprint	Nova Gorica - Bevkov trg
19:00–21:00	Dinner for teams	Student dormitory

FRIDAY - 26 JUNE 2026

7:00-9:00	Breakfast for teams	Accommodations
8:45	Quarantine opening	Lokve
9:25	Quarantine deadline, Arena opened for teams	Lokve
9:30	First Quarantine check-out	Lokve
10:00	First start Long distance	Lokve
10:00-15:30	Event office is open	Arena Lokve
12:00-15:30	Lunch for teams	Arena Lokve
13:46	Estimated last start Long	Lokve
15:00	Price-giving ceremony - Long	Arena Lokve
15:00	First start EYOC tour	Lokve
16:00	Deadline for team entries & legs for Relay	IOF Eventor

18:00-19:30	Event office is open	Event center
17:30-19:30	Dinner for teams	Student dormitory
18:45-19:30	Team Officials Meeting – Relay	Event Centre & Online
20:00–22:00	Friendship Party & Official cocktail for Team Officials	Nova Gorica

SATURDAY - 27 JUNE 2026

7:00-9:00	Breakfast for teams	Accommodations
8:30	Arena opening for teams & Quarantine opening	Arena Nemci
9:10	Last bus for coaches leaves parking at Lokve	Parking Lokve
9:30	Quarantine deadline	Arena Nemci
9:50	Start procedure simulation	Arena Nemci
10:00	First start Relay	Arena Nemci
10:00-13:30	Event office is open	Arena Nemci
12:00	Mass start for not started 2nd and 3rd legs	Arena Nemci
12:00-14:00	Lunch for teams	Arena Nemci
12:30	Prize-giving Ceremony & Team Score Ceremony & Closing Ceremony	Arena Nemci
13:15	Mass start - Team officials race	Arena Nemci
13:15	First start - EYOC tour	Vratarski hrib
14:00	Team departure	Arena Nemci

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SCHEDULE



EMBARGOED AREAS



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4 VENUE, ACCESS AND TRANSPORT

4.1 Venue

European Youth Orienteering Championships 2026 will be held in Nova Gorica, in western part of Slovenia. A city with a rose in its coat of arms and rose plantations everywhere.

Nova Gorica is a town in western Slovenia, located right on the border with Italy, near the city of Gorizia. It was established after World War II and is known as a symbol of postwar rebuilding and cooperation. Surrounded by scenic hills and vineyards, it offers a mix of modern urban life and natural beauty. The town is also a cultural hub, with a university, casinos, and frequent events that reflect its vibrant cross-border identity.

In 2025 Nova Gorica was the *European Capital of Culture*.

4.2 Competition arenas

THE FINISH AREA IS ALWAYS SITUATED IN THE ARENA OF THE RESPECTIVE RACE.

SPRINT DISTANCE: ARENA NOVA GORICA

Arena Nova Gorica will be situated on Bevkov square in Nova Gorica, 1,0km (15 min walk or 5 min drive) from the Event Centre.

GPS Coordinates:
45°57'26.7"N
13°38'50.2"E

LONG DISTANCE: ARENA LOKVE

Arena Lokve will be situated on a meadow at the edge of Lokve village situated 24 km (35 min drive) from Event Centre in Nova Gorica.

GPS Coordinates:
46°01'41.8"N
13°78'87.7"E

RELAY: ARENA NEMCI

Arena Nemci will be situated on a meadow at the edge of Nemci village situated 21 km (30 min drive) from Event Centre in Nova Gorica.

GPS Coordinates:
45°98'45.2"N
13°76'87.6"E

4.3 Access and transport

Airports near Nova Gorica are accessible by public transportation or car.

- Trieste – Friuli Venezia Giulia Airport (Italy): about 35 km
- Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport (Slovenia): about 125 km
- Treviso Airport (Italy): about 130 km
- Venice Marco Polo Airport (Italy): about 140 km
- Zagreb Franjo Tuđman Airport (Croatia): 240 km

We suggest renting minibuses or cars to get to your accommodation.



Teams needing transport assistance from the organizers should contact the Event Office by 1 May 2026 - office@eyoc2026.si.

5 EVENT CENTRE - OFFICE

Dijaški dom Nova Gorica
(Student Dormitory)

GPS Coordinates:
45.9507414N, 13.6448861E

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



Parking – PINK & BLUE parking permits:



PINK permits: those staying in the Student dormitory you can park around the student dormitory.



Blue permits: visitors to the Student dormitory for lunch, dinner or TOM, please park on northern parking around kindergarten and primary school.



Event Centre is outside the embargo. Please ensure you do not cross the embargoed area to reach the EC, even by car.

OPENING HOURS OF THE EVENT OFFICE

WEDNESDAY - 24 JUNE 2026

10:00-19:00 Event Center

THURSDAY - 25 JUNE 2026

8:30 – 9:30 Event Center

10:00 – 14:00 Nova Gorica - sprint arena

16:00 – 17:30 Event Center

FRIDAY - 26 JUNE 2026

10:00 – 15:30 Lokve – long arena

18:00 – 19:30 Event Center

SATURDAY - 27 JUNE 2026

10:00 – 13:30 Nemci – relay arena

OVERVIEW MAP WITH ALL LOCATIONS

An overview map of all key EYOC venues, including accommodation, Event Centre, competition arenas, catering locations and other important event facilities.

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1wZJc89cQXUn0iACIEl6uXiMmrXZkNQA&usp=sharing>



5.1 Accreditation



All registered participants, both athletes and team officials, must go through the **accreditation process** in person at the EYOC Event Office, presenting their official ID. Accreditations will be possible **on Wednesday 24 June from 10:00 until 19:00**.

- The official ID card must have a photo. If any team or team member is late, please send an email to the Event Office at office@eyoc2026.si.
- A personal ID card will be handed out. All accredited persons must wear it at all relevant times and present it for access to authorised zones. An athlete without an accreditation will not be allowed to run a race.
- At accreditation, every athlete receives a package with the ID card, model event maps, meal vouchers and a small present. Also rented SIAC cards will be handed over.

- **Blue** and **pink** parking permits for team cars are also handed out at accreditation.
- Accreditation for the EYOC is only possible if all payments are fully settled. In case of emergency/discrepancies, e.g. bank charges, paying with a bank/credit card will be possible at the Event Centre.
- Teams need to provide a contact person (e-mail and phone number) so that the organisers can quickly contact the team officials if necessary

6 REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION

All entries can only be made in [IOF Eventor / European Youth Orienteering Championships 2026](#). The entry form will be available from January 1st, 2026

- The event **start date** is 24 June 2026
- The deadline for **Team Size Entry** is 24 April 2026
- The deadline for **Team Names Entry** is 14 June 2026
- The deadline for **Late Entries, Changes of Team Size or Team Names** for accreditation is 23 June 2026 at 12:00

COMPETITION ENTRIES

Names of the competitors and, if required, their starting group, shall be entered in IOF Eventor by the following times at the latest:

COMPETITION	DEADLINE
Sprint distance	Wednesday 24 June, 15:00
Long distance	Thursday 25 June, 13:00
Relay	Friday 26 June, 16:00

LATE ENTRIES, CHANGES OF TEAM SIZE OR TEAM NAMES

Late Entries and changes will be accepted, if possible, **until 23 June 2026 at 12:00**. No late entries or changes will be accepted after that date. Late entries and changes will always have a defined extra cost (surcharge).

Late entries and changes will always be treated equally and must be communicated directly to the organiser on office@eyoc2026.si. The organiser makes the changes in IOF Eventor after deadlines.

TEAM SIZE ENTRY

The following information shall be given:

- Team manager (chosen from list in IOF Eventor)
- Number of Team athletes (max 4 person per class)
- Number of Team officials
- Number of Team for the Relays (1 per class, there will be mixed relays allowed)
- Ordering of rental SIAC cards

There is *no* maximum number of officials per team.

TEAM NAMES ENTRY

The following information shall be given:

- Name of each Team athlete by selecting from federation members in IOF Eventor
- Names of team officials
- SIAC card number of each athlete (see section 10.1 Punching)

COMPETITION ENTRIES

Names of the competitors and, if required, their starting group, shall be entered in IOF Eventor on the day before an individual or relay competition.

Late entries, changes of team size or team names.

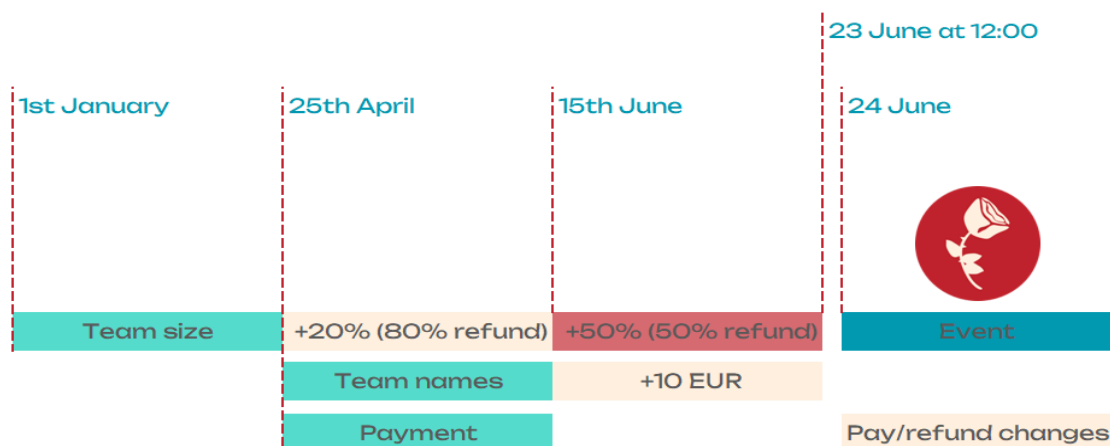
Late Entries and changes will be accepted, if possible until 23rd June 2026 at 12:00. No late entries or changes will be accepted after that date. Late entries and changes will always have a defined extra cost (surcharge).

ENTRY CHANGES

- 25 April – 14 June 2026: surcharge 20% on new entries, withdrawals receive an 80% refund.
- 15 June – 23 June 2026: surcharge 50% on new entries, withdrawals receive a 50% refund.
- After 23 June 2026, 12:00 CET: no other entries or changes will be accepted, and no refunds are possible.

NAME CHANGES

- 15 June – 23 June 2026, 12:00 CET: surcharge 10 EUR.
- Late entries and changes will always be treated equally and must be communicated directly to the organiser on office@eyoc2026.si.
- The organiser makes the changes in IOF Eventor after deadlines.



6.1 Entry fee description

Accommodations will be provided at the Student Dormitory, Hostel, Youth house or hard floor at Student dormitory. These accommodations are in Nova Gorica or reachable by car in 15 to 30 minutes.

All types of accommodation also include:

- Start fee for three competitions of EYOC and a model event
- Friendship party
- Full board from dinner on June 24 until lunch on June 27

Bookings requirements:

When submitting your entries to Eventor, select the type of accommodation you have chosen as a service. The number of bookings must match the number of registered athletes and team officials.

Early arrival, including accommodation, is only possible for a limited number of teams. If you plan to arrive at EYOC before June 24, please send an email at accommodation@eyoc2026.si.

ACCOMMODATION TYPE A

Rooms with private bathrooms 300 EUR / participant

Note: A limited number of Accommodations Type A will be available. Each room features at least two beds. In case of high demand, rooms will be allocated on a *first-come, first-served* basis. All teams will be notified via email.

ACCOMMODATION TYPE B

Rooms with shared bathrooms 240 EUR / participant

ACCOMMODATION TYPE C

Hard floor at Students dormitory with athletes own sleeping equipment and shared bathrooms. 200 EUR / participant



Note: Teams preferring to arrange their own accommodation and meals must register and pay the required fee for Accommodation C

MEDIA & IOF GUESTS

There is no entry fee.

OTHER SERVICES

SIAC card rental: 20 EUR

Note: in case of lost rented SIAC, payment of EUR 70 will be requested.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

We have prepared several interesting and free of charge photo opportunities in the arena and in Nova Gorica. Feel free to take pictures and share them on social media. Just make sure to use **#eyoc2026** when sharing!



OFFICIAL RACE JERSEY

Custom-made race jersey with a breathable mesh back by Bryzos — in the official EYOC 2026 design.

LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE

€35 · info desk, event office



made by **BRYZOS**

6.2 Accommodations

Participants will be accommodated in several accommodation facilities across the EYOC 2026 host region. Accommodation locations are situated in Nova Gorica, Sveta Gora, Čepovan, Ajdovščina and Gorizia (Italy).

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ATHLETES

- Student Dormitory Dijaški dom Nova Gorica
- Center Mir in Dobro
- Gostišče Rajski Okusi
- Mladinski center TAU
- Čepovanka
- Hostel Ajdovščina Pale
- Hostel Point Nova Gorica
- Hostel Point Nova Gorica – Premium B&B
- Urban Homy – Gorizia
- Hotel Siesta

See all locations on the

**OVERVIEW MAP OF ALL
KEY EYOC 2026 VENUES**



GENERAL INFORMATION

All rooms are equipped with bedding. Participants should bring their own towels. Most rooms have at least two beds. Some facilities have a shared kitchenette. Teams have received individual information about this via email.

Every team received information about their accommodation a few days before the championships. Teams staying at accommodation other than the student dormitory received information about the check-in and check-out procedure individually. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us at accommodation@eyoc2026.si.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR TEAMS STAYING IN THE STUDENT DORMITORY

- Accommodation type A: rooms have their own bathroom.
- Accommodation type B: rooms have a shared bathroom. There is a women's bathroom and a men's bathroom on each floor.
- Keys will be issued at reception after accreditation at the Event Office. You are responsible for your key during your stay, and a fee of €80 applies if it is lost or not returned.
- Every time you leave the dormitory, you must put your key in the designated box for your team at reception.
- Reception is open 24/7.
- Since other residents may be present in the dormitory, you should always lock your room and take care of your belongings.
- If you are arriving outside of the Event Office's official opening hours, please contact the organisers in advance to arrange key collection.
- There are two water pipes outside the dormitory that you can use to clean your equipment free of charge. You can also hang your wet clothes on the ropes to dry, but this is at your own risk.

6.3 Catering & important meal info



To ensure a smooth dining experience for all participants,

PLEASE FOLLOW THE MEAL SCHEDULES AND VENUE INFORMATION provided below.

Teams are kindly requested to attend meals during their allocated time slots.

VENUE LOCATIONS

Participants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the venue locations before travelling to competitions and official event activities.

See all locations on the
**OVERVIEW MAP OF ALL
KEY EYOC 2026 VENUES**



BREAKFAST

Breakfast is served daily from 07:00 to 09:00.

Please refer to the table below for your designated breakfast venue. If breakfast is not available directly at your accommodation, a nearby catering location has been arranged.

ACCOMMODATION		BREAKFAST VENUE
Dijaški dom Nova Gorica	→	Dijaški dom Nova Gorica
Center Mir in Dobro	→	Gostišče Rajski Okusi
Gostišče Rajski Okusi	→	Gostišče Rajski Okusi
Mladinski center TAU	→	Mladinski center TAU
Čepovanka	→	Čepovanka
Hostel Ajdovščina Pale	→	Hostel Ajdovščina Pale
Hostel Point Nova Gorica	→	The Garden Bar - near Hostel Point
Hostel Point Nova Gorica – Premium B&B	→	The Garden Bar - near Hostel Point
Urban Homy – Gorizia	→	Dijaški dom Nova Gorica
Hotel Siesta	→	Hotel Siesta

LUNCH & DINNER

Lunch and dinner will be served at the Event Centre (Dijaški dom Nova Gorica) and at selected competition arenas for all teams.



Team officials will receive MEAL VAUCHERS during registration. Vouchers are **required only for meals served at competition arenas**.

At the Event Centre, accreditation is sufficient for meal access.

Meal vouchers for meals served at competition arenas - one for Friday 26.6., one for Saturday 27.6.. It doesn't matter which one you use which day.



MEAL OPTIONS & DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

Two meal options will be available at all catering locations:

- Standard and
- Vegetarian – will be indicated on your accreditation.

All national teams have been asked to report any dietary restrictions. The food provider will be able to **accommodate most dietary restrictions**. Each team will be notified individually regarding this matter. Dietary requirements will be marked on the back of the accreditation card, and each participant must show this mark to the food provider in order to receive the appropriate meal. The organizer assumes no responsibility for ensuring that participants receive the correct meal; ultimately, participants must decide for themselves whether to eat or not.

MEAL TIMESLOTS FOR LUNCH & DINNER

Meals served at the Event Centre (Dijaški dom Nova Gorica) will be served at different times.

Please **follow the designated time slot for your team and arrive on time** to ensure smooth and fast service. Each team can get meal in an allocated team timeslots for this meal.

<https://www.eyoc2026.si/meal-timeslots>



WEDNESDAY - 24 JUNE 2026 - DINNER

Event Centre, Dijaški dom Nova Gorica | **18:00–20:00**

18:00–18:20	Sweden, Switzerland, Canada, Ukraine, Czechia, Slovakia
18:20–18:40	Serbia, Romania, Great Britain, Australia, Belgium, Croatia, Norway
18:40–19:00	Israel, France, Bulgaria, Poland, Estonia
19:00–19:20	Ireland, Moldova, New Zealand, Finland, Germany
19:20–19:40	Italy, Latvia, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain
19:40–20:00	Austria, Hungary, Denmark, Lithuania, United States

THURSDAY - 25 JUNE 2026 - LUNCH

Event centre, Dijaški dom Nova Gorica | **12:30–14:30**

12:30–12:50	Sweden, Switzerland, Canada, Ukraine, Czechia, Slovakia
12:50–13:10	Serbia, Romania, Great Britain, Australia, Belgium, Croatia, Norway
13:10–13:30	Israel, France, Bulgaria, Poland, Estonia
13:30–13:50	Ireland, Moldova, New Zealand, Finland, Germany
13:50–14:10	Italy, Latvia, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain
14:10–14:30	Austria, Hungary, Denmark, Lithuania, United States

THURSDAY - 25 JUNE 2026 - DINNER

Event centre, Dijaški dom Nova Gorica | **19:00–21:00**

19:00–19:20	Sweden, Switzerland, Canada, Ukraine, Czechia, Slovakia
19:20–19:40	Serbia, Romania, Great Britain, Australia, Belgium, Croatia, Norway

19:40–20:00	Israel, France, Bulgaria, Poland, Estonia
20:00–20:20	Ireland, Moldova, New Zealand, Finland, Germany
20:20–20:40	Italy, Latvia, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain
20:40–21:00	Austria, Hungary, Denmark, Lithuania, United States

FRIDAY - 26 JUNE 2026 - LUNCH

Lokve - Long Distance Arena, Serving Time | **12:00–15:30**

Lunch will be available directly at the competition arena. There are no allocated team timeslots for this meal. Athletes and team officials may collect their lunch at any time during the serving period. Please note that meal vouchers are required to collect lunch.

FRIDAY - 26 JUNE 2026 - DINNER

Event centre, Dijaški dom Nova Gorica | **17:30–19:30**

17:30–17:50	Denmark, Italy, Latvia, Portugal, Spain
17:50–18:10	Austria, Finland, Lithuania, Slovenia, United States
18:10–18:30	Germany, Hungary, Israel, Bulgaria, Estonia
18:30–18:50	France, Ireland, Moldova, New Zealand, Poland
18:50–19:10	Great Britain, Australia, Belgium, Croatia, Norway, Ukraine
19:10–19:30	Sweden, Switzerland, Canada, Serbia, Czechia, Romania, Slovakia

SATURDAY - 27 JUNE 2026 - LUNCH

Nemci - Relay Arena, Serving Time | **12:00–14:00**

Lunch will be available directly at the competition arena. There are no allocated team timeslots for this meal, and athletes and team officials may collect their lunch at any time during the serving period. Please note that meal vouchers are required to collect lunch. To ensure everyone is served on time, lunch service will close promptly at 14:00.

A SWEET SURPRISE

Team officials will receive complimentary ice-cream vouchers at registration. These vouchers can be redeemed after the Sprint Race. We hope you enjoy this small token of appreciation and wish you a successful and memorable EYOC experience.

MEAL MENUS

Date	Meal	MEAT menu	VEGETARIAN menu
24 June	Dinner	Chicken skewers (2 pieces), Djuvec rice	Cauliflower patties, Djuvec rice
25 June	Lunch	Steak in natural gravy, potatoes	Vegetable pastitsio with tomato sauce
	Dinner	Gnocchi with cream sauce and pieces of chicken, fruit	Gnocchi with vegetable sauce, fruit
26 June	Lunch	Pasta with meat sauce, Parmesan cheese	Sauce with zucchini, tomatoes and chickpeas
	Dinner	Chicken fillet in sauce, roasted potatoes, stewed vegetables	Grilled cheese, roasted potatoes, stewed vegetables
27 June	Lunch	Chicken fingers with potato salad	Vegetable rolls with potato salad

Note: The food provider reserves the right to change the menu.

6.4 Payments

Invoices were issued from April 2026 on. Payment must be credited to the organiser's account no later than 13 May 2026 - full payment is required to consider an entry as valid. All bank fees and charges must be covered by the payer.

Bank:	Intesa Sanpaolo d.d. Pristaniška ulica 14 6000 Koper, Slovenia	SWIFT-BIC: SWIFT-BIC: BAKOSI2X IBAN: SI56 1010 0005 2357 588
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Account owner:	Orientacijska zveza Slovenije Gosposka ulica 6 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia	VAT: 95033793 PIC: 942007741
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Invoice reference:	Invoice number
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6.5 Summary of Entries

Entry summary

Federation	Men 18	Women 18	Men 16	Women 16	Team Officials	Total
Australia	2	2	4	3	4	15
Austria	4	4	4	4	3	19
Belgium	3	3	4	1	2	13
Bulgaria	2	1	4	4	2	13
Canada		1	1		1	3
Croatia		1	1	4	1	7
Czechia	4	4	4	4	4	20
Denmark	4	3	4	4	2	17
Estonia	4	4	3	4	2	17
Finland	4	4	4	4	3	19
France	4	4	4	4	4	20
Germany	4	4	4	4	4	20
Great Britain	4	4	4	4	4	20
Hungary	4	4	4	4	4	20
Ireland	4	4	4	4	5	21
Israel	4	3	4	4	2	17
Italy	3	3	4	4	2	16
Latvia	4	4	4	4	3	19
Lithuania	4	4	4	4	2	18
Moldova, Republic of		3			1	4
New Zealand	4	4	4	4	4	20
Norway	4	4			2	10
Poland	4	4	4	4	2	18
Portugal	3	3	3	3	3	15
Romania	3	4	1	4	1	13
Serbia	1	2		1	1	5
Slovakia	3	3	4		2	12
Slovenia	3	4	4	4	3	18
Spain	4	4	4	4	3	19
Sweden	4	4			2	10
Switzerland	4	4	4	4	4	20
Turkiye	5	4	4	4	4	21
Ukraine	4	4	4	4	2	18
United States	3	1	2	3	4	13
Sum	111	113	107	107	92	530

7 EMBARGOED AREAS

7.1 Embargoed areas information

According to the IOF Competition rules (§ 26.5), embargoed areas are forbidden for all potential EYOC 2026 athletes, team officials and other persons, who, through knowledge of the terrain, may influence the results of the competitions. All embargoed areas are a »strict embargo«.

More information and maps are available on

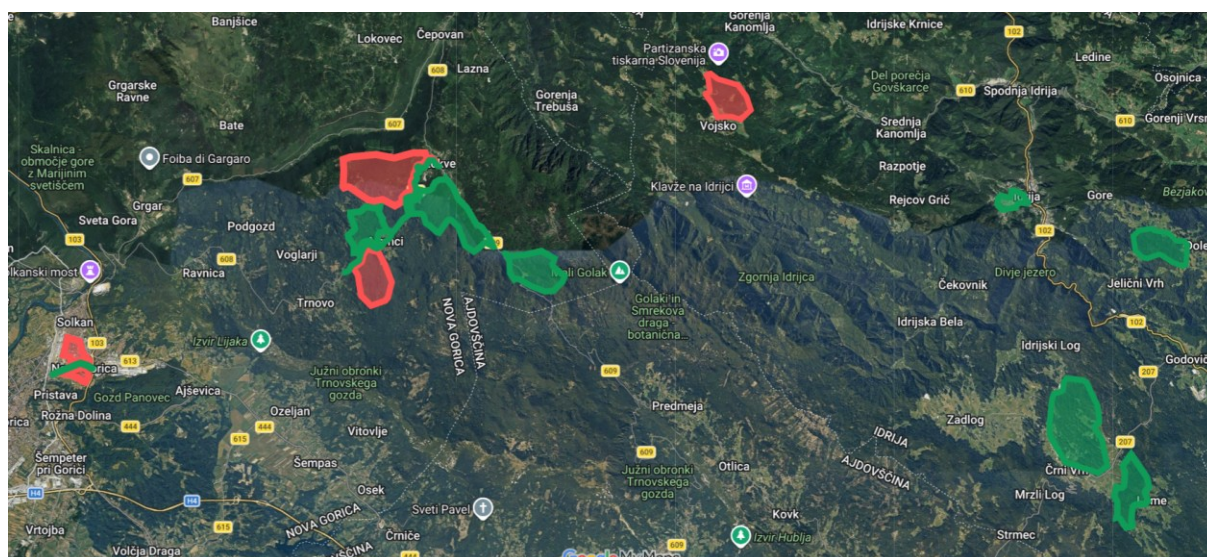
- [IOF Eventor / European Youth Orienteering Championships 2026](#)
- and [EYOC 2026 website](#).

7.2 Interactive map

DETAILED MAP OF THE EMBARGOED AREAS

New overview map as from 22 June 2026:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1wZJc89cQXUn0iACIEl6uXiMmrXZkNQA&usp=sharing>



7.3 Old maps

Online folder with the most recent version of any previous orienteering maps:

[Old maps](#)

8 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

For any information and to organize your personalized training camp, contact trainings@eyoc2026.si.

9 CLASSES AND PARTICIPATION RESTRICTION

9.1 Competition rules

The EYOC 2026 will be conducted according to the valid IOF Competition Rules 2026. The latest version of the rules is available on the IOF webpage - <https://orienteering.sport/orienteering/competition-rules/>.

M16	Men born in 2010 or later	Each country may enter a maximum number of 4 competitors in each class and one relay team/class . There is no maximum number of officials per team. All participants must be full passport holding citizens of the country they are representing.
W16	Women born in 2010 or later	
M18	Men born in 2008 or later	
W18	Women born in 2008 or later	

9.2 Anti-doping code

Doping is strictly forbidden, and the organisers of the EYOC 2026 are dedicated to supporting the anti-doping authorities in their work. Doping tests are always carried out in accordance with the procedures described in the WADA International Standard for Testing. The IOF Anti-Doping Code and rules, and the World Anti-Doping Code 2021, apply as of 1st January 2021. Athletes who are selected for the doping tests must bring an official identification (with photo) to the doping test area. The athlete should also bring along their therapeutic use exemption (TUE) if applicable. In general, it is advisable that the athletes bring along their ID to all the competitions and events.

Please note, that as per the WADA International standards for Testing, Minors are to be accompanied by 2 adults (one is a chaperone and the other can be an athlete's representative). In case there is no representative, 2 chaperones per Minor are assigned.

For more information, please consult: <https://orienteering.sport/iof/anti-doping/>.

9.3 Insurance

The organisers decline any liability that might occur through participation in the IOF EYOC Events and training opportunities. Each person participates at their own risk and is responsible for their own insurance coverage (illness and accident). There are no other peculiarities of the event.

9.4 Climate and hazards

NOVA GORICA

Nova Gorica lies at around 100 metres above sea level. The climate is transitional between sub-Mediterranean and moderately continental, with mild winters and warm to hot summers.

In late June, average daytime temperatures range between 28 °C and 32 °C, while nighttime temperatures typically stay around 17 °C to 20 °C. Heatwaves can occur, with temperatures exceeding 33 °C, especially during calm and sunny periods.

Precipitation for late June is moderate, with occasional thunderstorms in the afternoons or evenings. The average total precipitation for the entire month is around 70–90 mm, with the second half of June often seeing more instability. You can expect around 10 to 11 hours of sunshine per day, and conditions are generally suitable for outdoor activities, though it's wise to prepare for short summer storms.

LOKVE

Lokve, a mountain village on the Trnovo Plateau in southwestern Slovenia, is located at about 965 metres above sea level. The climate is moderately continental with alpine influences—summers are cool and fresh compared to the lowlands.

In late June, average daytime temperatures are around 19 °C to 23 °C, with night-time lows between 10 °C and 13 °C. Temperatures rarely exceed 25 °C, and evenings can feel quite cool.

Rain is common in the form of afternoon thunderstorms, and the area receives about 90–110 mm of rain on average in June. Moisture and fog are not unusual in this forested, elevated terrain. Sunshine averages 8 to 9 hours per day during this period, although passing clouds and storms may briefly reduce visibility.



The forests around Lokve are home to ticks that may carry tick borne encephalitis and Lyme disease.

9.5 Visas

According to current regulations, citizens of some countries must obtain a visa to enter Slovenia (Schengen Area). Entry requirements may change, so all potential EYOC participants are advised to keep up to date with the latest information. Please visit: [Republic of Slovenia / Policies / Foreign affairs](#).

9.6 Emergency and health services

First-aid services will be provided at the competition arenas. At other times you may use the emergency and health services of the region.

THE PHONE NUMBERS FOR EMERGENCY CALLS IN SLOVENIA

General emergency 112	Medical 112	Police 113	Fire 112
Hospital	Dr. Franca Derganca, Ulica padlih borcev 13 A, 5290 Šempeter pri Gorici, +3865 330 1000		
Professional emergency person in arena		Timotej Šuc +386 40 729 282	

9.7 Photo and video disclaimer

By taking part in EYOC 2026, all participants and spectators acknowledge that the event shall be recorded, videographed, photographed and streamed or televised in an extensive fashion. Photographic cameras, video cameras, drones and robotic cameras will be used. The participants and spectators, by their participation, give a full consent to their person being recorded or subjected to live broadcasts in such manner and agree to the use of such recordings and materials without limitations and for no remuneration for any legal purposes, including but not limited to news, articles, web presentations, social media, TV and similar broadcasts, live streams, partners' and affiliates' presentation, organiser's promotional materials, personal use of the participants, and promotional or news related purposes pertaining to the participating federations or clubs of the respective racers.

No private drones are allowed in the competition area due to the urban zone (sprint) and a nature protected area (long distance, relay).

9.8 Fairness rules

1. It is not allowed (and not fair) to gain any unofficial information about the race, especially about courses, maps, location of pre-starts etc.
2. Team members heading to pre-starts are not allowed to visit the arenas before their respective competitions. It is also not allowed (and not fair) to gain any unofficial information about the arenas from other persons.
3. When staying in the quarantine, mobile phones and all other devices with internet access must be completely turned off. Random checks may be made.
4. It is allowed to use music players without any built-in connectivity. Inside the quarantine, athletes wearing headphones may be randomly asked to display their players for checking.
5. All tents inside the quarantine must stay open so that it is possible to see inside.
6. It is strictly forbidden to bring any electronic devices (except for watches) into closed quarantine areas (toilets), warm-up map areas and pre-start routes – no matter if the device is turned on or not.
7. GPS-enabled devices (watches etc.) can be carried provided that they are not used for communication or navigation.
8. It is not allowed to use any old maps of the competition areas after having left the accommodation on competition day.
9. It is strictly forbidden for team members to re-enter the competition area until the last EYOC athlete of the last EYOC competition in the area has arrived at the finish.
10. Violations of these rules should be immediately reported to any member of staff, in order to preserve fairness.
11. Violation of these rules may result in the disqualification of the whole team.

10 MEDIA

We are honoured to welcome journalists, photographers, camera personnel and social media content creators from all over the world in all our EYOC arenas.

10.1 Media accreditation

Media accreditations can be collected in the Event Office (see chapter 4) until the end of opening hours of the Event Office on 24 June 2026. After this time, accreditations will be available for pick-up in the Event office Tent in the race Arena on all competition days.

10.2 Media facilities

A dedicated media workspace will be available at the EYOC Info Center, located at Dijaški dom Nova Gorica.

Media support will be provided in Eyoc Office and competition venues.

- Wi-Fi, electricity
- Maps and start lists
- Working tables and seating
- Printing facilities (sharing)
- Light refreshments in the arena
- Dedicated area at other venues
- Participation in VIP race (27 June 2026, Nemci)

The Sprint competition will take place in the city centre of Nova Gorica, within easy reach of the EYOC Info Office (1 km, 10 minutes walk). For the Long Distance (Lokve) and Relay (Nemci) competitions, event centres will be in natural outdoor settings with limited infrastructure. At both venues, a dedicated area for media representatives will be provided in the event tent, including tables and seating. Please note that internet access will not be available at these locations.



More information:

Tanja Mezga - phone, WhatsApp: +386 41 762 522, e-mail: pr@eyoc2026.si

10.3 Access to photo spots in arenas

There may also be opportunities for photographers and media representatives to access selected photo points along the courses. This will be possible only with the approval of the Race Director and in full compliance with quarantine and

competition rules. Access arrangements will be made on site and assessed according to the circumstances on the day of the event.

10.4 Access restrictions

Media representatives may be restricted from accessing parts of the competition area at certain times. Mandatory photo controls or points may be designated. Participating media personnel are expected to inquire about these restrictions before each competition in the Event office tent. Race maps shall not be available to the media before the quarantine closes on the respective race day. Media personnel are strongly advised that no kind of interaction with or assistance to the racers is permitted during the race itself. They should always position themselves and act in a manner that is unobtrusive for the runners, respectful to other media crews, and that does not in any way disclose or suggest control locations or locations of other significant race elements.

Please note that the official organizer's media personnel may have a broader scope of access.

10.5 Drone operations

The competition area for the forest disciplines is located in a protected natural zone, the competition area for sprint is located within an urban area. It is therefore **prohibited to fly private drones of any class**, including those operated by accredited media personnel, in these locations. Please note that official drone operators holding a special license will be active in the area.

10.6 Livestream

There will be live-stream production during the sprint race. The broadcast will be shown via our webpage with commentary from the arena only, and will be available free of charge. The broadcast will focus mostly on categories W18 and M18.

BROADCAST SCHEDULE

- Thursday, 25 June Sprint distance 10:00 – 12:15
- For long and relay, there will be a live camera from the finish arena. Stream will be available on our webpage.

10.7 VIP/media race

PARTICIPATE IN OUR EYOC VIP RACE

Welcome to participate in the EYOC Coaches and VIP race on Saturday 27 June 2026 - mass start at 13:15.

Race will start after the Relay competition in Nemci.

Registrations in the event Office. No registration fee applies.
SI cards will be available in the Event office.

11 RACE INFORMATION

11.1 Punching

! SPORTident Air+ punching will be used for all competitions. Stations will be set to contactless punching mode with a **range up to 50 cm**.

- EYOC participants are requested to use their own SIAC cards as primary SIAC during the event.
- The organisers will offer SIAC cards for rent (price EUR 20 - when rented SIAC is lost, payment of EUR 70 will be requested); they can be booked through IOF Eventor as a service along with Team Size Entry (24th April 2026).
- Competitors are allowed to use 2 SIAC cards (one as a backup). If two contactless cards are used, then both must be carried on the same arm (IOF rule 20.7).
- The second SIAC will be used as a backup in case your primary stops punching for any reason. Before every race, please check that you have both SIACs with a number assigned to you. SIAC numbers will be checked before start.
- The starting, punching and finish procedures will be presented at the technical model event. Prior to the start, it is requested that you:
- Perform SIAC BATTERY TEST for card(s); available in quarantine zones
 - CLEAR card(s)
 - CHECK card(s)
 - TEST card(s) that they are working in contactless mode
- Remember that the punching range is up to 50 cm
- When punching, it is the competitor's responsibility to receive feedback signals. It is not important whether both cards give the feedback or just

one card; only in the case where neither of them receives the feedback should the competitors try to punch in a contact way (put one of the cards into the hole), and if this does not work, punch manually (backup needle punch).

- Finish is “punched” by crossing the finish line (except 3rd Relay leg). In case of SIAC failure the finish camera will be used as a backup.
- After crossing the finish line, the primary SIAC card will be read out. If any punch is missing, the secondary/backup SIAC card will be read out too, and punches from both cards will be merged to form the punching record.
- Any SIAC card changes must be communicated directly to the organiser by email, office@eyoc2026.si as early as possible.

11.2 GPS tracking

In every race, competitors may be asked to carry a GPS tracking device. It must be carried on the arm of the competitor in an elastic harness. GPS tracking will be used for live stream production, arena production on the TV screens and live online transmission. We expect to prepare GPS devices for all runners in MW18 classes.

All competitors will receive the GPS device at the quarantine exit (Long, Sprint) or in the quarantine zone (Relay). The GPS devices are to be returned at the finish.

11.3 Clothing and footwear

Clothing:

No specific regulations. Full leg cover and taping are strongly advised for forest races due to rocky ground.

Footwear:



Shoes with metal dobbs and spikes are forbidden for sprint race and sprint training sessions!



11.4 Team official meetings (TOM)

Three TOMs will be held during EYOC, all taking place at the Event Centre and streamed online.

DATE	TIME	MEETING
Wednesday - 24 June 2026	18:00	TOM Sprint distance
Thursday - 25 June 2026	16:30	TOM Long distance
Friday - 26 June 2026	18:45	TOM Relay

- The TOMs will be held in a hybrid format where the participants may choose whether to be present in person or attend the TOM online using the ZOOM conference platform.
- The same information will be communicated via both channels and equal participation opportunities will be guaranteed.
- Participants using ZOOM will be able to ask questions during the meeting using voice or chat.
- It is highly preferable that teams having **questions** pass these onto the organisers using the e-mail office@eyoc2026.si until **2 hours before TOM** on the respective day which makes answering the questions during the TOM considerably more efficient.
- TOM presentation slides will be uploaded to IOF Eventor after the meeting.
- Technical information and ZOOM access links: www.eyoc2026.si/tom

11.5 New competition maps

New maps will be handed out to the team leaders at the Event Office in the arena after quarantine closing. On the last day of the event, the teams will receive maps when handing over all borrowed items to the organisers (SI cards, GPS harness,...).

11.6 Start number bibs

All number bibs will be distributed at the quarantine zone of each race. Competitors must wear the number bib on their chest and it must not be folded or cut. Check that the bib is fixed properly, so that you don't lose it during the competition. **Safety pins** will be distributed together accreditations so we kindly ask athletes to reuse the safety pins in Sprint, Long and Relay races (spare safety pins are always available in quarantine).

11.7 Control descriptions

Control descriptions are in accordance with the IOF standard. The control descriptions will be available in the start corridor. The control descriptions are also printed on the competition maps. At the Relay, control descriptions are only printed on the map.

11.8 Late starts

According to the IOF Rules 22.9. - 22.10.

11.9 Quarantine zone

- Upon arrival at the quarantine, all competitors and team officials must check in by presenting their accreditation card and signing the attendance list before the quarantine closes.
- After the closing time, no one will be allowed to enter the quarantine area.

11.9.1 Leaving the Quarantine

SPRINT

- Competitors may leave the quarantine only at their designated departure time.
- Coaches may leave the quarantine at any time.
- Once they have left the quarantine, neither competitors nor coaches may return.

LONG DISTANCE

- Competitors and coaches may leave the quarantine at any time.
- Competitors may not return to the quarantine after leaving.
- Coaches may return to the quarantine from the pre-start area.

RELAY

- First-leg runners may leave the quarantine only at the designated departure time (see section 11.4 Relay).
- Competitors in subsequent legs may leave the quarantine after their incoming teammate has passed through the arena on the course.
- Coaches may leave the quarantine at any time.
- Once they have left the quarantine, neither competitors nor coaches may return.

11.9.2 Facilities in the Quarantine

The quarantine area provides:

- Toilets
- Drinking water → please refill your own bottles and avoid using disposable plastic cups
- Number bibs for self-pick-up, prepared and packed by countries
- An official competition clock
- GPS units for selected competitors

 At the Sprint competition, the clock in the quarantine will display official competition time minus 10 minutes.

11.9.3 Bag Transport

- Transportation of bags from the quarantine to the team zone in the arena will be provided.
- Please leave your bag in the marked quarantine tent and clearly identify it with your accreditation card.
- To ensure smooth transport, please limit the size and weight of your bag.
- To guarantee that your bag is available in the team zone when you finish, it must be deposited in the marked tent at least 30 minutes before your start time.

11.9.4 SIAC Battery Check

- All competitors are strongly advised to perform the SIAC battery test before their start.
- If a low-battery indication is shown, competitors should request an SIAC replacement at the quarantine check-in desk.

11.9.5 Team Tents and Shaded Areas

- Setting up own team tents is permitted only in the Long Distance quarantine.
- Shaded areas (tents or buildings) will be available in all quarantines. All tents and rooms must remain open and visible from the outside so that officials can always see inside.

Please be fair and remember the following important things:

- The use of mobile phones, computers or any communication device inside the quarantine is strictly forbidden. Random checks are possible

- It is forbidden to bring any electronic devices (except watches) to the toilets or to the warm-up map area – no matter if the device is turned on or not.
- It is not allowed to bring any maps into the quarantine zones.

11.10 Pre-start and start

Only competitors registered for that race have access beyond the prestart. Coaches are not allowed to follow the athletes beyond the prestart. Toilets are available at the prestart or near the prestart. It is the competitor's responsibility to watch for her/his start time.

Call-up at the prestart is 3 minutes before the runner's start time for all individual races.

There is also a clock showing the call-up time in the prestart area. Special rules apply for the relay.

DETAILED START PROCEDURE FOR INDIVIDUAL RACES

- 3 min	Call up • Signing in by punching designated SI unit (works as SIAC number check, punching with primary SIAC) • Check start bib • Clear SIAC
- 2 min	Check SIAC • Pick up the control description sheet
- 1 min	SIAC test to verify proper functioning of SIAC touch-free punching mode
Start Time	At the start beep, the competitor will be released by an official by removing a hand from the map. It is the competitor's responsibility to start at the correct time. The competitor takes the map by him/herself.

Runners are responsible for getting the correct control descriptions and map.

The start triangle is marked in the terrain by a control flag. The route to this flag is marked and is compulsory for the competitors to follow all the way to the start point. For specific details, see descriptions in each competition section.

11.11 Coaching zone

There will be no marked coaching zone at any races.

11.12 Refreshment points

LONG DISTANCE

Refreshment points within Long distance courses will offer

- water = **transparent cups**
- and sport drink from 4Endurance = **white cups**.

RELAY

Only water will be available for the Relay.

11.13 Finish

- The marked route from the last control to the finish must be followed.
- The finishing time will be measured:
 - when the competitor's chest crosses the finish line (only last Relay leg),
 - when the competitor's SIAC crosses the finish line (the rest).
- After crossing the finish line, the athletes read out their primary SIAC card (in case of problem backup SIAC will be read), return the map and the GPS.
- Refreshments will be provided as well as access to first aid if needed.
- Two accredited coaches per team are allowed inside this finish zone.
- Athletes selected for anti-doping testing will be met here by their chaperones.
- Athletes then access the mixed (media) zone on the way to the team zone.

11.14 Cool down and team zones

COOLING DOWN

- Cooling down is allowed in the public part of the respective competition arena and the team zone.
- Cooling down is also possible along the access road to the arena outside the embargoed area.

TEAM ZONES & TEAM TENTS

- Fair play: It is strictly forbidden for team members to reenter the competition area until the competition is finished. Please stay inside the team zone or in the public part of the arena.

- Own team tents will be allowed in the team zone at the finish of forest races.

11.15 Abandoning a race

Athletes who are forced to abandon a race must report to the finish staff and read out SIAC if possible. A retiring athlete may not influence any other competitor.

11.16 Media presence, Photo controls

- During the competitions, athletes may encounter camera crews and media representatives in the terrain.
- Camera controls and intermediate time controls are not marked on the control descriptions.
- Athletes may also be followed by a running camera or by camera drones during the race.
- The organizers / official media drones will keep a proper distance from the athletes.
- There can be commercial signs in the terrain; these are not marked on the map.

11.17 Spectator race (Eyoc Tour) controls

- In some areas, there will be controls for the spectator competition “EYOC TOUR”.
- The control numbers for the EYOC tour will be from 200 to 250.
- For EYOC control numbers will be from 31-100.
- All of the controls will be placed in distances according to the IOF rules.

11.18 Complaints and protests

COMPLAINTS

- Complaints may only be made by team officials or competitors.
- A Complaint must be made in writing as soon as possible and handed in at the Event Office.
- There is no fee for a complaint.
- Complaints concerning results must be made no later than 15 minutes after the full preliminary results have been announced by the Speaker.
- An IOF Complaint form should be used, forms are available at the Event Office.

PROTESTS

- A Protest may be made against the organiser's decision about a Complaint.
- A protest may only be made by the team official or competitor who made the Complaint.
- Any Protest must be made in writing and handed in at the Event Office no later than 15 minutes after the organiser has informed the complainant of the decision about the Complaint.
- A Protest fee of 50 EUR must be paid when making a Protest. The fee will be returned if the Protest is accepted by the jury.
- When a Protest is signed by more than one Federation, each Federation shall pay the Protest fee.

11.19 Ceremonies

11.19.1 Opening ceremony

The Opening ceremony will take place on **Thursday, June 25 at Bevkov Square in Nova Gorica at 18:00**. All national teams will be introduced during the opening ceremony. It is recommended to wear **national team dress**.



All participants are requested to gather on the lawn in front of the Nova Gorica Town Hall (45.9567 N, 13.6491 E), from where they will proceed together in a ceremonial walk to Bevkov Square.

Competitors will be briefly greeted and welcomed by guests and EYOC partners.

11.19.2 Prize-giving ceremony

Locations and times for prize-giving ceremonies are given in the bulletin schedule.

PROCEDURE

- As soon as the Top-10 is decided, provisional results will be displayed on a results board at the Event Office, and the speaker will announce the start of the 15-minute complaint time.
- After the end of the complaint time, the prize-giving ceremony timing will be announced by the speaker.
- Athletes or teams ranked 1st to 6th shall be present at the prize-giving meeting point (entrance/exit of the team area) 10 minutes prior to the beginning of the respective ceremony.
- Athletes must be wearing their official National team dress and must not wear sunglasses or hats, or take with them water bottles or similar items.

Final instructions to the participants will be given on site prior to the ceremony.

- The organizers kindly ask the National team members to be on site until the end of each prize-giving ceremony.
- We also kindly ask team members not to go to the stage for delivering flowers, bows and/or kisses to the podium athletes until after both ceremonies (men and women) have been completed.
- At the prize-giving ceremony the first three in the results will receive medals, diplomas and prizes. Athletes placed 4th, 5th and 6th will receive diplomas.

11.19.3 Closing ceremony

The Closing ceremony will take place **in the arena for the Relay race**.

Competitors will be briefly greeted by guests and EYOC partners. The short ceremony will include handing over the IOF flag to the EYOC 2027 organizers from Latvia.

11.19.4 Friendship party and Team Officials cocktail

The Friendship Party and Team Officials cocktail will take place **at the EPICenter, Nova Gorica**, providing participants with an opportunity to meet fellow competitors, exchange experiences and enjoy an evening in a welcoming international atmosphere.



Venue: EPICenter, Nova Gorica (45.9576 N, 13.6362 E)

Time: 20:00–22:00

Participants are welcome to arrive a little earlier and **take advantage of the photo area**, where you can capture memories with teammates and new friends before and during the party.

A light refreshment will be provided for all accredited participants. Please note that refreshments may only be collected upon presentation of a valid event accreditation.

Throughout the evening, the main hall will come alive with **music and entertainment** provided by a DJ.

A **dedicated hospitality area** will be available for Team Leaders, where refreshments and beverages will be served.

11.20 Transport

- The area is **within walking distance** from some accommodations and we therefore strongly recommend for teams to walk into the area if that is possible.
- **By car:** Participants arriving by car are advised to use the parking area located on the opposite side of the railway line. From the parking area, the venue can be reached via the pedestrian underpass in approximately 5 minutes.

12 EVENT INFORMATION

12.1 Model Event

12.1.1 Sprint Model event + Technical Model event

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 24

between Frana Erjavca and Kozara - primary school Nova Gorica
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/BrvXPA1SmyX1rpp4A>

14:00 – 18:00 SPRINT Model event

17:00 – 18:00 TECHNICAL Model event

PARKING

There is parking around school and kindergarten for this model event (see overview map). You can walk there from the Event Centre. The distance is 300 m (4 min).

MAP & EQUIPMENT

Map: 1 : 4 000. contour interval 2 m. ISSprOM 2019-2 Rev. 6. Size: A5, laser print. Mapped by Remo Madella, 2025. Last field check Peter Tušar, 2026.

There will be orienteering flags at sprint model and SI unit on the technical model.

Bring your SIAC with you.

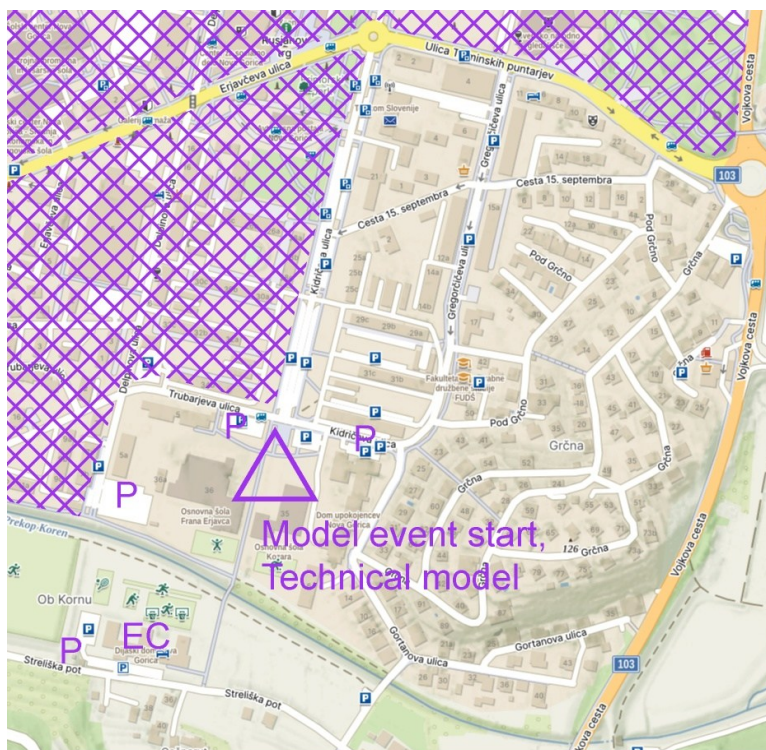
TESTING

The purpose of this technical model event is to provide an example of the EYOC start and finish procedure, examples of the punching system as well as the refreshment controls. You can try the sport drink from 4Endurance.

During the Technical Model event there will be examples of marking artificial barriers and uncrossable objects in terrain.

AFTER DEDICATED TIME PERIOD

It is possible to visit the model event area outside the dedicated time period, but no controls, barriers, refreshment and start and finish procedures will be set out, and some private and fenced areas may be closed.



12.2 Forest model event

THURSDAY - JUNE 24

Vratarški hrib

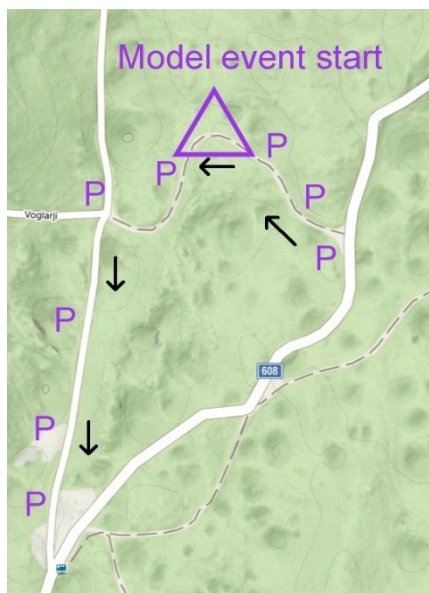
start: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/v9FEDwGfe5Ltu9ZU9>

10:00 – 16:00 FOREST Model event

MAP & EQUIPMENT

Map: 1 : 10 000. Contour interval 5 m. ISOM 2017-2 Rev. 6. Size A5, laser print, mapped by Ivan Nagy and István Földi, 2023. Last survey by Nejc Turk and Matic Blaž, 2026.

There will be orienteering flags on the controls only.



PARKING

Please follow the parking procedure and respect the one way road as on the following scheme:

12.3 SPRINT distance Thursday 25 June 2026

FORMAT

Individual race with a 1-minute start interval.

MAP – NOVA GORICA

Scale	Contour interval	Spec	Size & Print	Map makers
1:4 000	2m	ISSprOM 2017-2 rev 6	A4. laser print by Kopitim, paper: pretex® - 150 g/m2 .	Mapped by Remo Madella 2025. Last survey by Peter Tušar 2026.



Note: map samples are not in correct scale

SPECIAL SYMBOLS

ISSprOM 531	Prominent man-made feature (carpet rack, ...)	✕
ISSprOM 531	Prominent man-made feature (playground)	○
ISSprOM 533	Area with obstacles (parking)	◼◼◼◼◼◼◼◼◼◼

COURSE LENGTHS, RUNNING TIME

Maximum running time: 30 minutes.

Class	Winning time (min)	Course length (km)	Climb (m)	No. controls
M16	12:00	3,2	10	17
M18	12:30	3,5	10	19
W16	12:00	3,0	10	16
W18	12:30	3,1	10	17

CONTROL DESCRIPTIONS

Separate control descriptions are **handed out in the -2 start box**.

Maximum size 170 x 60 mm.

Control descriptions are printed on the competition map as well.

Pay attention to the order of controls.

TERRAIN

The main part of the terrain consists of urban development of various types – apartment buildings, sports fields and a park. The terrain is mostly flat.

VISIBILITY AND RUNNABILITY are varying from very good to medium in park parts.

SURFACE: 80 % asphalt or other hard surface, 20 % grass

ARTIFICIAL BARRIERS, UNCROSSABLE OBJECTS

Any objects drawn in the map by symbols listed in IOF Competition Rules, 17.2. are forbidden to cross. There are also some artificial barriers built in the area.

SYMBOL 708 (Out-of-bounds barrier) in darker purple colour will be used to depict artificial barriers with respect to the maximal legibility of the map.

THE SYMBOL 411 Uncrossable vegetation is also used on the map.

Metal fences with red-white tape cross or at least two horizontal red-white tapes are used.

At some places the **metal fences may be arranged** to enable local inhabitants to pass through. These are not ways through for competitors.

MULTI-LEVEL STRUCTURES

Both complex and simple multilevel structures are present in the area.

- In the case of **COMPLEX STRUCTURES**, a simplified mapping approach was applied, representing only the ground level, and access to lower levels will be restricted by tape or marshals.
- **SIMPLE STRUCTURES** (e.g., bridges allowing passage both over and under) are mapped according to the ISSprOM 2019-2 specification.

Example of complex multilayer structure in the competition area:



TRAFFIC

Traffic is **infrequent and partially limited for the race time** in most parts of the terrain, but there can be cars, bicycles and pedestrians passing through the terrain. **Take care.**

In the competition area will be a road marked with symbol 709 Out-of-bounds area.

QUARANTINE

Nova Gorica

Primary school Frana Erjavca,

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/m8LYqgVdSc6pVStZ7>

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| Parking | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park car at Kindergarten parking place at Trubarjeva street: https://maps.app.goo.gl/6qSCTqVylkjlqaRF9, then 250 m walk to quarantine. • Parking at Student dormitory (only for those staying there): https://maps.app.goo.gl/Lk2d9SpDCRs357Qo7, then 300 m walk. |
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Opening & Check-in	Open from 9:00. Check-in at 9:45 at the latest.
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Facilities	It is an indoor and outdoor quarantine. Inside you will find toilets, water and snacks.
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Coaches	Coaches can leave quarantine at any time, but once they have left, they are not allowed to return. Coaches follow signs for the arena when leaving the quarantine.
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WARM-UP MAP

There will be **no warm up map** at sprint distance competition

PRE-START

Distance from quarantine check-out to the pre-start: **850 m**.

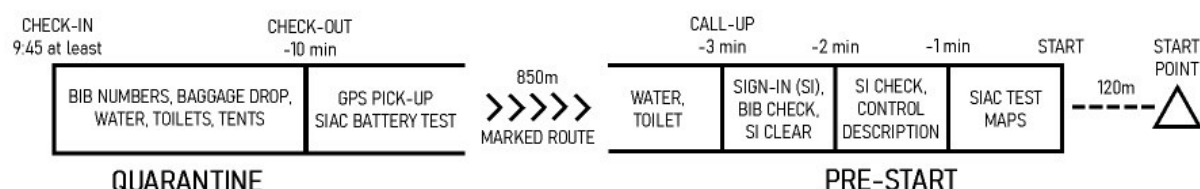
The **route from quarantine check-out** to the pre-start will be marked with blue and white tapes. There is quarantine **check-out at -10 minutes** before athletes start time. It is strictly forbidden to leave a marked route from quarantine checkout to pre-start!

Coaches are not allowed to follow the athletes beyond the quarantine checkout.

START

First start: 10:00	Estimated last start: 11:53	Distance from the start line to the start point: 120 m
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Organisation of the pre-start procedure:



COACHING ZONE

There is **no coaching zone** at the Sprint race

FINISH/ARENA

The Bevkov square in Nova Gorica:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/gxHZmM5TAPseUZt68>.

Coaches and non-competing runners can travel by team cars to the arena using the spectator parking (300-600 m walk to the arena - see overview map).

The same applies to coaches who travel from quarantine to the arena, but we recommend that coaches go from quarantine to arena by foot.

It is possible to enter the arena after the Arena opens at 9:45.

There is an indoor team zone with toilets. It is allowed to cool-down in the team zone, the arena and on the marked path to the parking area.



12.4 LONG distance Friday 26 June 2026

FORMAT

Individual race with a 2-minute start interval.

MAP – LOKVE

Scale	Contour interval	Spec	Size & Print	Map makers
1:10 000	5m	ISOM 2017-2 rev 6	A4. laser print by Kopitim, paper: pretext® - 150 g/m2 .	Mapped by Mile Stevanović and Daniel Lebar 2023, last survey by Matic Blaž 2026

Note: map samples are not in correct scale

SPECIAL SYMBOLS

ISOM 531	Prominent man-made feature	✕
ISOM 115	Prominent landform feature (small platform)	△

CONTROL DESCRIPTIONS

Separate control descriptions are handed out in the second start box.

Maximum size 160 x 60 mm. Control descriptions are printed on the competition map as well.

COURSE LENGTHS, RUNNING TIME

Maximum running time: 110 minutes.

Class	Winning time (min)	Course length (km)	Climb (m)	No. Controls (refreshments)
M16	45	5.5	310	14 (2)
M18	55	6.7	360	20 (2)
W16	45	4.5	285	13 (2)
W18	55	5.7	345	16 (2)

The refreshments are placed according to the IOF competition rules. Refreshment points will offer water (transparent cups) and sport drink from 4Endurance (white cup). Drinks can be tested at the technical model event.

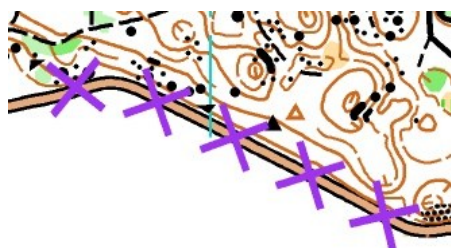
TERRAIN

Physically demanding, hilly, with deep depressions. Altitude 820 - 1070 m above sea level.

Many local terrain details (karst features - depressions, stony ground). Mixed forest, in some parts with clearings. Visibility and runnability are mostly very good. There are paths as well as “green” areas in the forest.

UNCROSSABLE OBJECTS

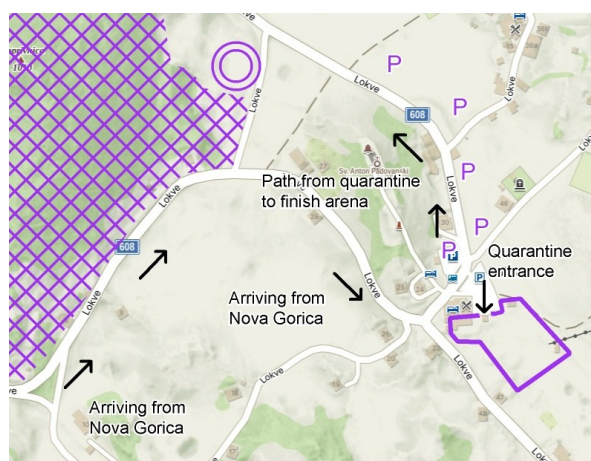
Map symbol 711 Out-of-bounds route will be used. A route which is out of bounds. Competitors are allowed to cross directly over a forbidden route, but it is forbidden to go along it.



QUARANTINE

Lokve,
Restaurant Lokve,
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/BgMaG3NQ4aYEndYP9>

Arrival & Parking	Arrival from Nova Gorica through Trnovo. When parking please follow the organizer's instructions.
Opening & Check-in	The quarantine is open from 8:45. Quarantine Check-in at 9:25 at the latest.
Facilities	An outdoor yard (with tents).
Coaches	Entry to the Arena after 9:25. Coaches are free to move between the quarantine zone and the pre-start area at any time. Coaches use the way to the arena according to the map (walk).



WARM-UP MAP

You can use a warm-up map with controls - only flags (handed out at quarantine check-out) on the way from quarantine to pre-start. Leaving the area marked on the warm-up map is strictly forbidden.

PRE-START

Quarantine check-out will be clearly marked in the quarantine area.

Distance from quarantine check-out to the pre-start: 1000 m, 30 m climb.
Marked with blue and white tapes. You can leave the marked route only on the Warm-up map.

Competitors can check-out from the quarantine at any time. It is possible to **enter the quarantine again once you leave it**. First competitors and coaches can check-out towards pre-start from 9:30.

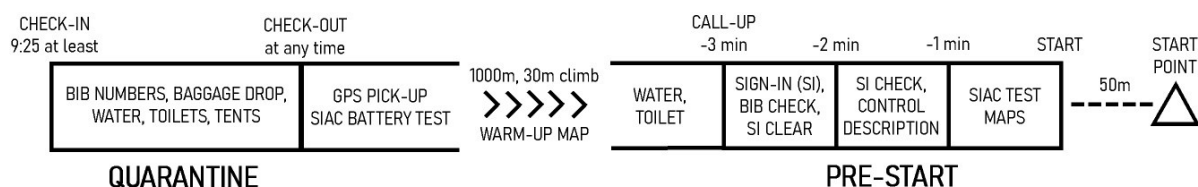
Drinking water and emergency toilets (2x) are available at pre-start.

You can take your warm-up clothes to pre-start and leave them in a marked place for the **baggage drop-off**, they will be transported to the arena after the last competitors start. For backpacks etc., please use baggage drop-off in the quarantine (baggage transport from quarantine to arena will operate at regular intervals).

START

First start: 10:00	Estimated last start: 11:46	Distance from the start line to the start point: 50 m
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Organisation of the pre-start procedure:



COACHING ZONE

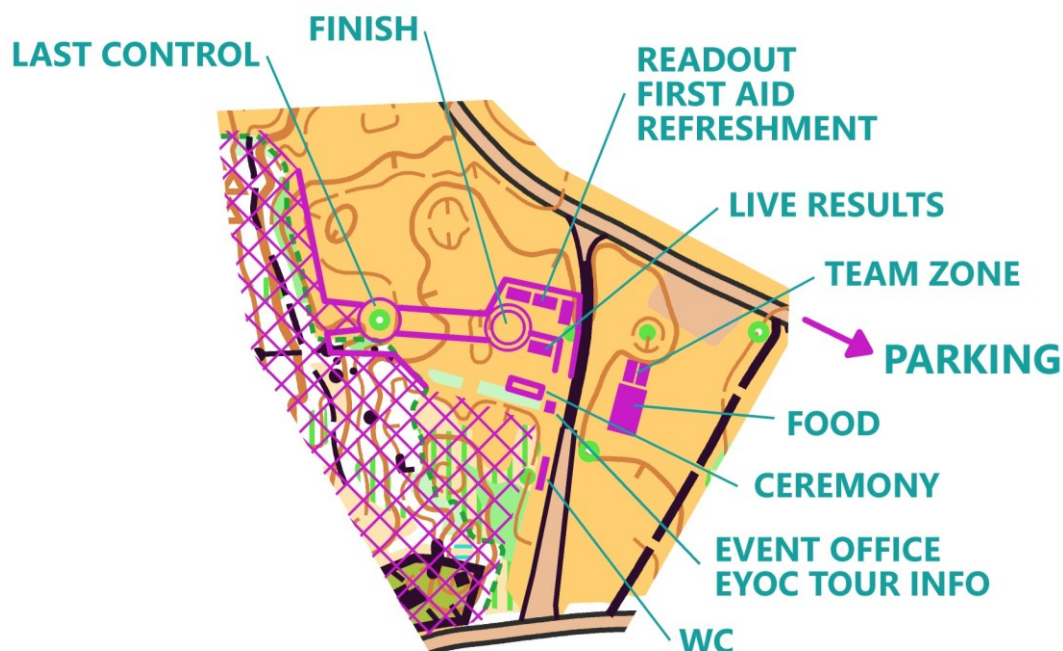
There is no coaching zone at the Long distance race.

FINISH/ARENA

Meadow at Lokve: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/YJctKsucpEZWbK3v7>.

Coaches and non-competing runners can travel by team cars to the arena using the spectator parking. For coaches who travel from quarantine to the arena please go by foot. The distance between is 450m.

There is a team zone with a shelter and toilets. It is allowed to cool-down in the team zone, arena or parking area.



12.5 RELAY, Saturday 27 June 2026

FORMAT

Relay M16, W16, M18 and W18 with 3 legs, mass start. Forking is used. Each federation is allowed to have only 1 team per class.

Teams with runners from different federations are allowed. These teams must be signed in personally at the Event Office or sent to office@eyoc2026.si no later than June 26 2026, 18:00 CEST.

Athletes who want to participate can also register on a waiting list, from which the organisers will form relay teams. Regular entry fee with no surcharge applies

MAP – NEMCI

Scale	Contour interval	Spec	Size & Print	Map makers
1:10 000	5m	ISOM 2017-2 rev 6	A4. laser print by Kopitim, paper: pretext® - 150 g/m2 .	Mapped by Ivan Nagy 2026.



Note: map samples are not in correct scale.

SPECIAL SYMBOLS

ISOM 201	Impassable cliff is used for a bigger abyss.	
ISOM 202	Cliff is used for a smaller abyss.	

COURSE LENGTHS, RUNNING TIME

Maximum running time: 240 minutes.

Class	Winning time (min)	Course length (km)	Climb (m)	No. Controls
M16	90	4,2	170	16
M18	105	5,0	205	20
W16	90	3,9	125	14
W18	105	4,4	150	18

CONTROL DESCRIPTIONS

Control descriptions are printed only on the competition map. No separate control descriptions will be available.

TERRAIN

Physically demanding, with depressions. Altitude 830 - 920 m above sea level. Many local terrain details (karst features - depressions, stony ground).

Mixed forest, in some parts with clearings. Visibility and runnability are mostly very good. There are paths as well as “green” areas in the forest.

UNCROSSABLE OBJECTS

There are no uncrossable objects on the terrain.

QUARANTINE

Nemci,
at the edge of the arena
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/hhmWh7ENbtfQy9PU8>

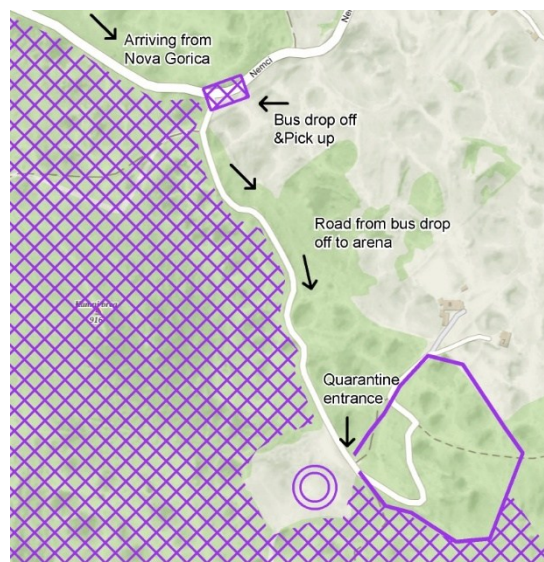
Arrival & Parking & Shuttle Bus Arrival from Nova Gorica through Trnovo. Team officials should drop competitors off at the **Nemci bus stop** and then continue to Lokve, where parking will be available. From there, they should take the **shuttle bus** back to Nemci.

The first shuttle bus will depart at **08:40** and the last at **09:10**. Please follow the organizer's instructions, which will be explained at the Team Officials Meeting for the relay. The walk from the drop-off point to the arena is 500 m.

Opening & Check-in The quarantine opens at 08:30.
All competitors must be checked in by 09:30 at the latest.

Facilities The quarantine area will be located on the edge of the arena, in the forest. Sufficient tents will be provided for various weather conditions (no indoor facilities are available), and teams may also set up their own tents.

Coaches The quarantine area includes toilets, drinking water, and a warm-up area.



WARM-UP MAP

A warm-up map will be available.

MASS-START

10:00 M18

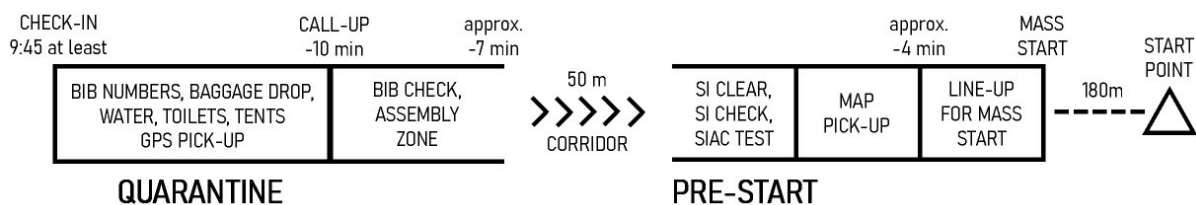
10:05 W18

10:10 M16

10:15 W16

Please listen to the commands of the quarantine staff and watch your time.

- Competitors will enter the assembly area from quarantine 10 minutes before the mass start of their class.
- Competitors with assigned GPS must pick-up their unit before entering the assembly area!
- **Approx. 7 minutes before start**, competitors will be guided from the assembly area to pre-start, where SIAC clear, SIAC check and SIAC test units are.
- Competitors will receive a rolled up map with their start number. It is the runners responsibility to check if they received the correct map).
- It is not allowed to unroll the map before the mass start.
- Competitors will be asked to line-up on marks 4 minutes before mass start. The start signal will be given by the start official. Early start leads to disqualification.
- **Distance from the start line to the map start: 180 m.**



CHANGEOVER

- The runner should move from the quarantine to changeover when his/her team-mate passes the arena passage (clearly visible).
- Competitors with assigned GPS must pick-up their unit before leaving quarantine!
- **The distance from the quarantine to the changeover is 50 m.**

- There will be SIAC clear, SIAC check and SIAC test units and a map wall between the quarantine and the changeover.
- **The changeover is done by hand touch** across a separation barrier after crossing the finish line.
- The outgoing runner needs to **take the map from the map wall** on the left side of the corridor. Maps will have a start number and leg number on the back side which will be visible from the coming direction. It is the runner's responsibility to take the correct map.
- Reserve maps are ready near the map wall. Please contact the staff at once if you find that your map is missing on the map wall.
- **Distance from the changeover to the map start: 180 m.**

Organisation of the pre-start procedure for 2nd and 3rd leg:



MASS START FOR SLOW RUNNING TEAMS

The mass start for the remaining unstarted runners will be at **approx. 12:00**. Teams will be informed by quarantine officials.

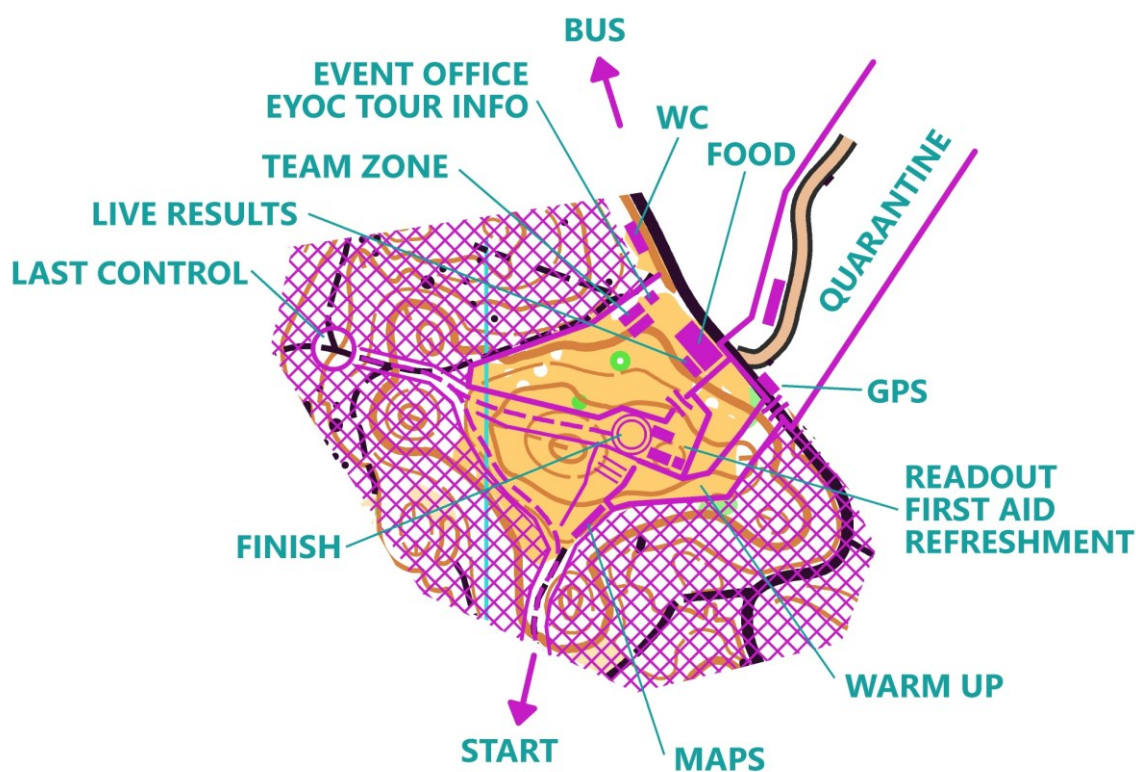
ARENA PASSAGE, COACHING ZONE

All runners have an arena passage 7–15 minutes before the finish of the leg.

There is a compulsory route from the spectator's control heading to the south corner of the arena where navigation starts again (same start point on the map and in the terrain). Arena passage is visible from the quarantine.

There is also a compulsory route from the last control.

There is no coaching zone for the relay. It is forbidden to pass any information related to courses to the athletes.



FINISH/ARENA

Meadow in Nemci, <https://maps.app.goo.gl/wYEPCuUYyhQZCd576>

- Coaches and non-competing runners can travel by team cars to the arena using the spectator parking at Lokve (same parking as for long distance race).
- Then take a bus from the parking lot to the bus drop off area 500 m walk to the arena.
- The buses will leave frequently.
- The first bus for spectators will leave at 9:15.
- Expected traveling time from parking to the arena is 20 minutes.
- There is a team zone with a shelter and toilets. It is allowed to cool-down in the arena.

13 EYOC TOUR – PUBLIC RACES

We warmly invite fans, spectators and the sporting public to participate in the accompanying **EYOC Tour**, featuring 3 races for all age categories and different levels, from **June 25 to 27, 2026**, held either on the immediate vicinity of EYOC terrains.

More detailed information at the EYOC website and Bulletin.

Date	Type	First start (preliminary)	Arena
25 JUNE 2026	E1 SPRINT	12:30	Nova Gorica
26 JUNE 2026	E2 LONG	15:00	Lokve
27 JUNE 2026	E3 MIDDLE	13:15	Hribarska Vrata

Join the EYOC TOUR!

25 June – 27 June 2026

www.eyoc2026.si/eyoc-tour

BULLETIN #2 FOR EYOC TOUR



14 HEAT WARNING



FIRST HEATWAVE IN SLOVENIA 2026 – ARSO NOTICE

The Slovenian Environment Agency (ARSO) has issued the first heatwave warning of 2026, coinciding with EYOC 2026 in Nova Gorica.

Organisers advise national teams to follow these guidelines:

HYDRATION

- drink regularly: 200–400 ml every 20–30 minutes
- add electrolytes during longer activity
- use shaded or cooler indoor areas; cooling towels; cold water on neck and wrists

SIGNS OF HEAT STRESS

- dizziness, headache, nausea, rapid heartbeat
- action: shade, cooling, hydration, or seek medical assistance

ARSO weather forecasts and warnings:

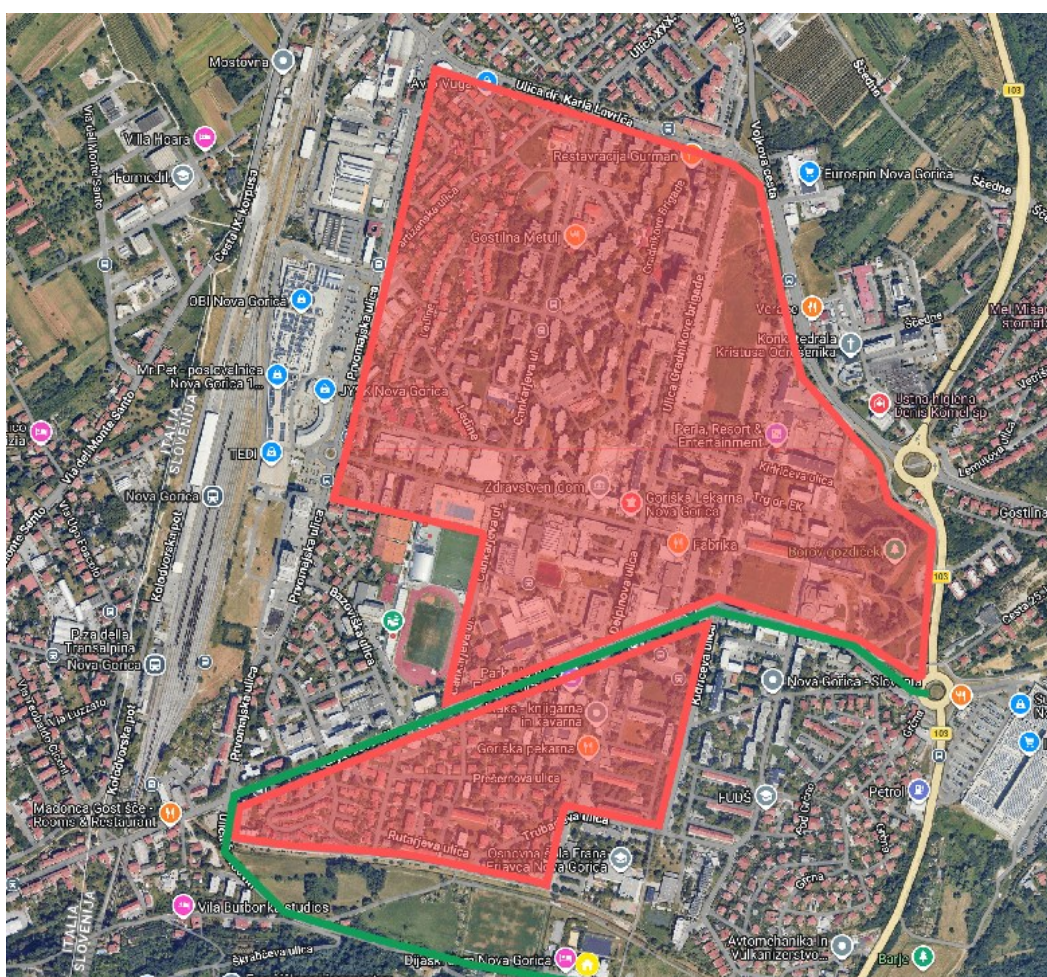
<https://vreme.arso.gov.si/napoved/Nova%20Gorica/graf>

15 SWIMMING AND COOLING OPTIONS



Embargo and Team Rules Regarding Outdoor Swimming and Cooling

The city centre of Nova Gorica is under embargo until the sprint race. This includes the Nova Gorica Outdoor Swimming Pool → swimming is prohibited until after the sprint. Violation of the embargo results in disqualification. Before the sprint, only locations outside the embargo are permitted: Ajdovščina, Gorizia (Italy), Solkan (with restrictions).



According to the IOF Competition rules (§ 26.5), embargoed areas are forbidden for all potential EYOC 2026 athletes, team officials and other persons, who, through knowledge of the terrain, may influence the results of the competitions. All embargoed areas are a »strict embargo«. (EYOC 2026; Bulletin 2)

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1gfaJlyf-x9KPXOna33G-VNREjpK5fu8&ll=45.95079760000003%2C13.645054100000023&z=15>

SWIMMING AND COOLING OPTIONS – APPROXIMATE DISTANCES AND TRAVEL TIMES

Starting point = Dijaški dom Nova Gorica

Location	Distance	Info & opening hours	App.Prices
NOVA GORICA OUTDOOR POOL <i>EYOC status: inside the EYOC embargo until the sprint; unrestricted afterwards</i>			
45.95762, 13.64144 map	1.2 km; 15 minutes on foot	link	up to 15 years: 3.5 € (night 2 €) Youth, students: 5 € (night 3 €); Adults: 6 € (night 4 €); Groups: 2.5–5 € per person
PISCINA COMUNALE DI GORIZIA (ITALY) <i>EYOC status: outside the EYOC embargo</i>			
45.93064, 13.60290 map	4.8 km; 12 Solkan (Soča River) minutes by car	link	up to 11 years: 4.70 €; Adults: 5.70 €
AJDOVŠČINA SWIMMING POOL <i>EYOC status: outside the EYOC embargo</i>			
45.89160, 13.90004 map	26 km; 30 minutes by car	link	up to 14 years: up to 3 €; Youth, students: up to 4 €; Adults: up to 5 €
OTHER ACCESS POINTS ALONG THE SOČA RIVER AND HUBELJ RIVER There are several informal river access points used by locals (e.g., under the Solkan Bridge, near Plave, Opatje selo) and by river Hubelj close to Hostel Ajdovščina at Pale. Organisers' recommendation: None of these locations on the Soča River or any other rivers are official swimming areas.			

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