



Welcome and introduction

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CHENGDU 2025









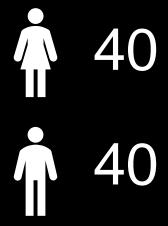
August 7th Model Event and Opening Ceremony

August 8th Middle Distance

August 9th Model Event

August 10th **Sprint**

August 11th Sprint Relay



30 athletes in total



Information about The World Games 2025 - Orienteering

Competition Manager Áron Less

Why is this relevant now?



- Season planning for national teams is well on its way
- People within the IOF organisation are responsible for the technical delivery of the orienteering competitions of The World Games
- Information relevant to national teams is hard to get
- 2nd (and last) Competition Managers' Meeting was held at the end of October on site
- Now we have most of the information to answer any questions and shortly publish Bulletin 1-2

Organisation



- People within the IOF organisation are responsible for the technical delivery of the orienteering competitions of The World Games
- The IOF guarantees that the maps and the courses will be on a sufficient level
- The National Controller's job will also be fulfilled here by the IOF Senior Event Adviser
- The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is responsible for the nontechnical issues: accreditation, accommodation, food, transport, etc.
- Initial mapping is being done by Chinese mappers. The maps will be finalised by Czech mappers.

Organisation - TWG 2025 Orienteering



- International Competition Manager Áron Less
- Course planner: Jaroslav Kačmarčík
- Arena manager: Henrik Eliasson
- IOF Senior Event Adviser: Jerzy Antonowicz
- Local Organising Committee responsible: Mr. Ding Bo
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Provisional programme



Tuesday, 5th August Arrival for overseas participants

Wednesday, 6th August Arrival / jet lag day

optional training in the afternoon (14-17)

Thursday, 7th August Model event for Middle distance (9-11)

Team Officials' Meeting – Middle distance (12-13)

TWG Opening ceremony (20-23) - optional

Friday, 8th August Middle distance, men (10-12)

Middle distance, women (11-13)

Prize-giving ceremony, Middle distance (13)

Provisional programme (cont.)



Saturday, 9th August Model event for Sprint & Sprint Relay (9-11)

Team Officials' Meeting – Sprint & Sprint Relay (12-13)

• Sunday, 10th August Sprint, women (10-11)

Sprint, men (11-12)

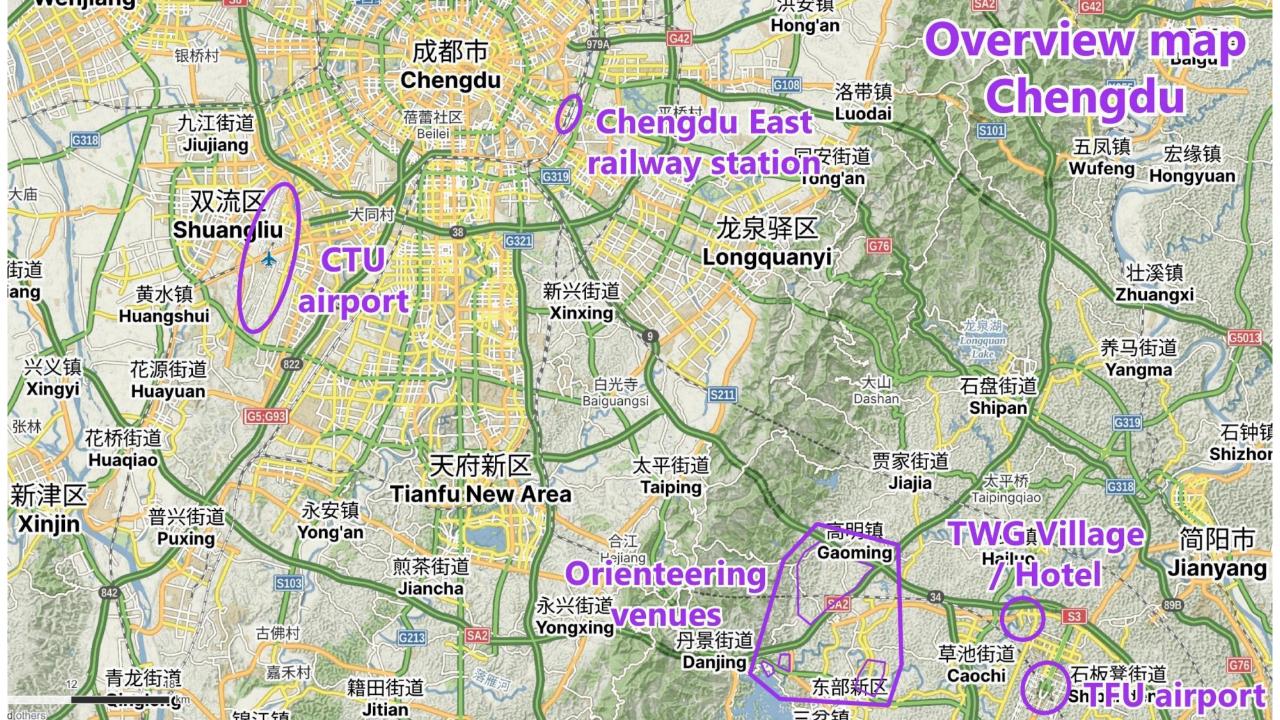
Prize-giving ceremony, Sprint (12)

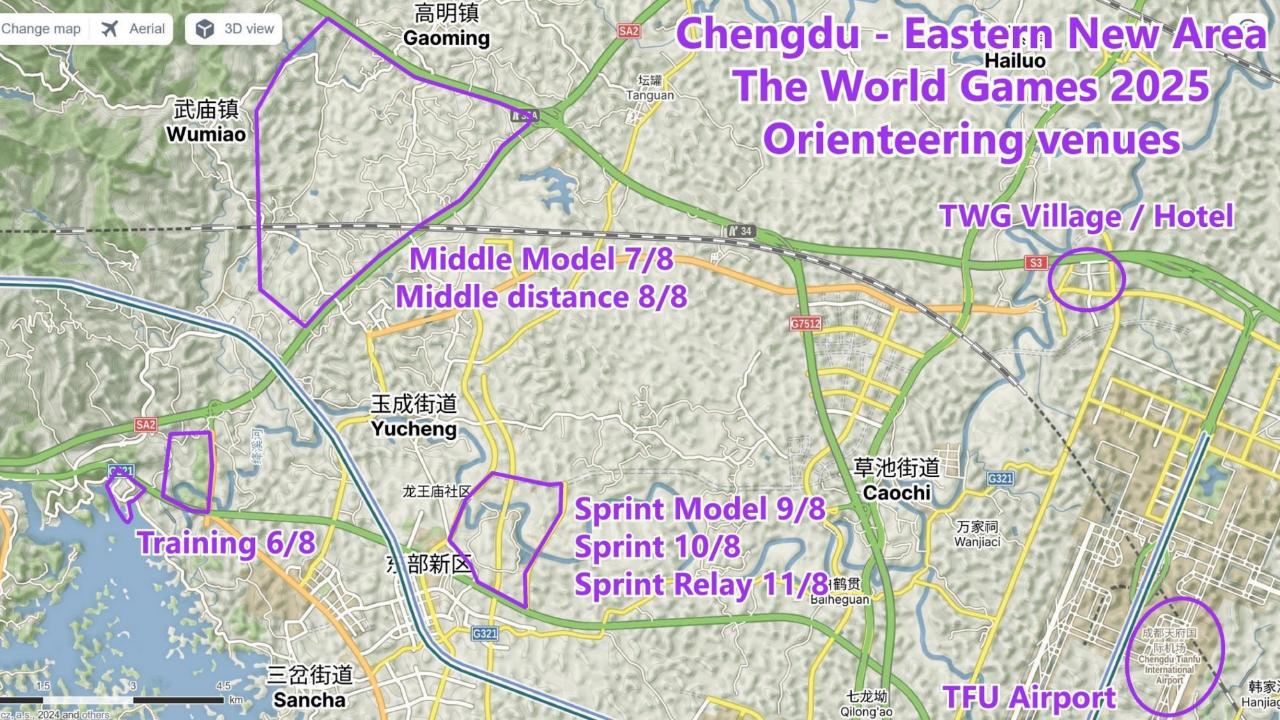
• Monday, 11th August Sprint Relay (10-11) – with TV-coverage

Prize-giving ceremony, Sprint Relay (12)

Tuesday, 12th August Departure







Arrival to Chengdu



- Tuesday, 5th August Arrival for overseas participants
- Wednesday, 6th August Arrival others
- To be confirmed in Bulletin 1-2 who counts as an overseas participant
- Transport to TWG Village will be provided free of charge from the official port of entries:
 - Chengdu Tianfu international airport (TFU) recommended arrival
 - Chengdu Shuangliu international airport (CTU)
 - Chengdu East railway station

Accommodation and catering



- Accommodation and catering (full board breakfast, lunch and dinner) will be available in the Tianfu International Hotel Complex from 6th-12th August (5th-12th August for overseas participants)
- 4.000 beds available in this hotel complex
- The area of the complex is 0,46 km². It's more like a small town with several restaurants, a supermarket, cafés, barber shop, gift shops, etc.
- The LOC is aware of our sport's special dietary requests
- We were promised that Scandinavian / continental European food will be available
- Small snacks will be available in the competition venues

Transportation



- Transport will be provided free of charge by the LOC for the whole event period ($5^{th}/6^{th} 12^{th}$ August). This includes
 - Transport from / to the official port of entries
 - Transport to all orienteering activities (training, model events, competitions)
 - Transport to / from the Opening Ceremony
 - Transport to / from other sports' competition venues (to be clarified)
- Please note that it's extremely difficult to get permission to drive a (rental) car in China!
- Taxis are generally cheap compared to European standards
- The public transport system in Chengdu is extremely efficient, including a metro service connecting TFU airport with the City Centre

Terrain descriptions



- **Middle distance:** generally farmland, moderately hilly terrain with an absolute height difference of 50 metres. Terrain is generally not very intricate, but there are small areas with a reasonable amount of detail. Vegetation is mostly orange groves, some runnable forest and some rice fields. The road network is well-developed. No previous orienteering map is available.
- **Sprint and Sprint Relay:** the area of the 2024 International Horticultural Expo. Moderately hilly terrain with an absolute height difference of 30 metres. The majority of the area is extremely intricate with Chinese gardens, especially built for the Expo. Navigating in and around the gardens will be the main challenge during these competitions. Since the construction of this area only started in October 2023, no previous orienteering map is available.

Middle distance terrain





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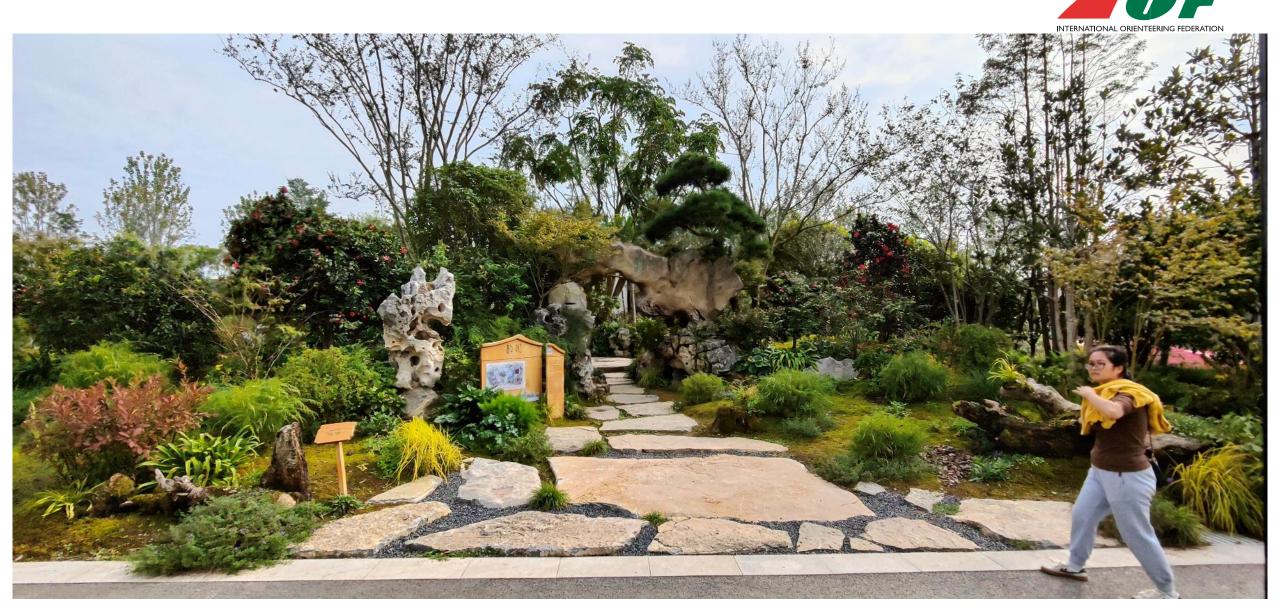




Middle distance terrain









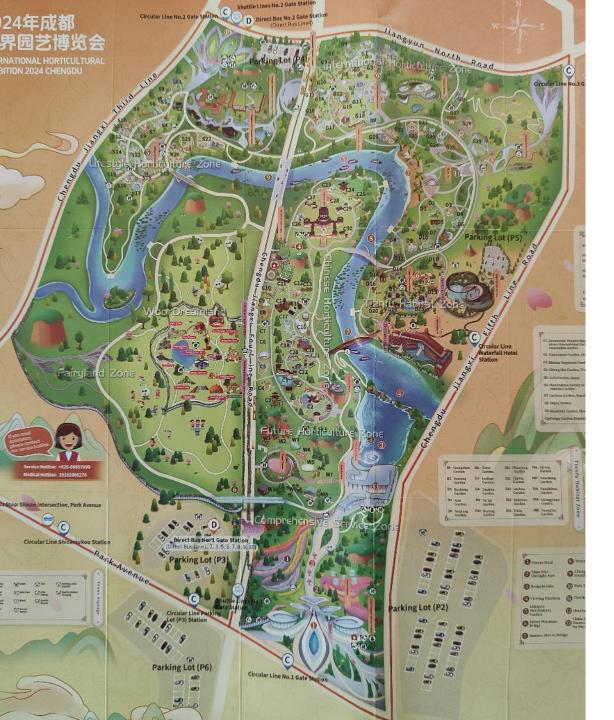














Sprint & Sprint Relay Expo visitors' map

Since this map can be requested by any visitor of the Expo park, we are also publishing it for fairness reasons.

Mapping, map printing



- For national security reasons, it's prohibited for foreign mappers to do (orienteering) mapping in China without locals accompanying them
- Thus we had to accept the LOC's offer that the first draft of the maps will be done by local (Chinese) mappers
- The Chinese mappers will be supervised by Czech mappers and the finalisation of the maps will also be done by these Czech mappers on site
- The courses will only be shared within the IOF crew before the competition
- Only 3 people will know the course design, until the day before race day. After that, it will be shared only with a few IOF officials from Europe.
- Map printing will be done in Europe, in an IOF certified map shop

Competition Rules



- IOF Competition Rules valid as of 1st January 2025 will be used
- The rules to be used are very similar to the WOC Rules:
 - **IOF Competition Rule 2.13:** The World Games races must follow the rules for the World Orienteering Championships as far as this is possible with respect to IWGA rules and feasible with respect to the different format of the World Games races.
- In the Member Information Meeting on 1st November, a question arose whether teams consisting of competitors from different Federations can run in the Sprint Relay competition. We are investigating the feasibility of this request and an answer can be expected in Bulletin 1-2.
- IOF Competition Rules 12.5., 12.7. and 12.14. will be used for the start list creation

Qualification for TWG 2025



- According to The World Games 2025 Qualification Rules for the Orienteering competitions, version 1.5., approved on 24th November 2023. <u>Link</u>
- Places for 40+40 athletes (men's and women's classes)
- The general qualification finished on 31st October
- The Asian regional qualification will be held at ASOC at the end of December 2024
- According to the qualification system, we are awarding 2+2 places to certain Federations and single places to other Federations, who didn't qualify a full team
- The 2024 World Champions in Sprint and Knock-Out Sprint shall have a personal place in addition to their Federation's allocation

2+2 quota as of 6th November 2024



Plac	Federation	Sum	WOC Sprint			nt	WOC	Forest World Ranking as of 31/10/2024				
			M1	M2	W1	W2	Sprint Relay	M1	M2	W1	W2	
1	SUI	721	80	31	80	60	200	80	50	80	60	World quota
2	SWE	545	100	60	100	35	0	60	40	100	50	World quota
3	NOR	438	28	25	29	19	120	100	30	50	37	World quota
4	FIN	425	35	27	29	23	160	45	37	40	29	World quota
5	FRA	301	29	23	37	29	90	29	25	20	19	declined on 04/11/2024
6	GBR	278	26	13	40	33	74	24	15	35	18	World quota
7	CZE	269	17	16	16	0	100	31	28	33	28	World quota
8	AUT	207	19	3	20	7	70	35	16	21	16	World quota
9	NZL	195	40	37	22	4	62	17	2	11	0	World quota
10	HUN	191	14	12	29	6	80	21	0	15	14	World quota
11	POL	180	0	0	50	0	50	19	11	26	24	World quota
12	LAT	173	2	0	30	0	48	22	18	30	23	World quota received after decline from FRA

Additional full (2+2) quota: China (as host nation), Germany (European quota, after Denmark declined), Canada (North American quota), Australia (Oceanian quota) and Brazil (South American quota). An Asian Federation quota is yet to be allocated.

Personal places



- Out of the remaining 6+6 places, 1 women's place and 2 men's places goes to the current Sprint and KO Sprint World Champions (Tove Alexandersson SWE, Martin Regborn SWE, Riccardo Rancan SUI)
- One place will be offered to Africa (South Africa)
- 5 places will be offered to different, otherwise non-qualified Asian Federations
- The remaining places will be allocated upon the results from the Sprint WOC 2024 individual competitions by 31st January 2025
- 5 + 5 reserve runners will be selected by the IOF based upon the results from the Sprint WOC 2024 individual competitions.

Personal places – current status



World Championships 2024 results / Men								
Francesco Mariani	ITA	Sprint #5						
Alvaro Casado	ESP	KO Sprint #6						
Yannick Michiels	BEL	Sprint #11						
Ruslan Glibov	UKR	Sprint #20						
Martin Rohac	SVK	Sprint #34						
Ricardo Esteves Ferreira	POR	Sprint #40						
Josh O'Sullivan Hourihan	IRL	KO Sprint #40						

World Championships 2024 results / Women							
Nerea Gonzalez	ESP	KO Sprint #10					
Evely Kaasiku	EST	KO Sprint #12					
Eef van Dongen	NED	KO Sprint #14					
Ausrine Kutkaite	LTU	KO Sprint #25					
Kaho Kondo	JPN	KO Sprint #25					
Tille de Smul	BEL	Sprint #29					
Olena Babych	UKR	Sprint #30					
Caterina Dallera	ITA	Sprint #36					
Filipa Rodrigues	POR	Sprint #40					

This is not the official list of the remaining and reserve places!

Participation confirmation



- The 16 National Federations already qualified <u>must confirm</u> the use of their spots by 30th November 2024. Look out for an e-mail in the coming days.
- Potential other participanting nations are also asked to confirm or deny their willingness to participate in The World Games 2025
- It is the National Federation's responsibility to accept/decline a personal spot
- If a National Federation officially declines participation, all personal spots from that country are removed

Fees to be paid



- For the competitors, the participation fee, accommodation in twin rooms, catering and transport is free of charge for the whole event period (5th/6th – 12th August)
 - Travel to and from Chengdu, visa and insurance are the only cost issues. For some countries, this is paid by the National Olympic Committee.
 - For any additional days, this fee is CNY 726 per night per person (around 95 EUR)
- For any team officials, the participation fee, accommodation in twin rooms, catering and transport is CNY 726 per night per person (around 95 EUR)
- These fees will have to be paid on site, by credit card or in cash to the LOC
- For Federation representatives, media or other personnel, please consult TWG website: https://www.theworldgames2025.com/en

Visa information



- China is slowly opening up regarding their visa policy to foster tourism.
 Several of the 16 already qualified countries have visa exemption: SUI, NOR, FIN, AUT, NZL, HUN, POL, (CHN,) GER & AUS.
- For those who need visa, official invitation letters will be issued by the LOC
- For official visa information, check with the Chinese embassy in your country
- More (unofficial) information: <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visa_policy_of_mainland_China</u>

Climate



- Information provided by the LOC:
 - Chengdu belongs to the subtropical humid monsoon climate zone. Due to the influence of geographical conditions such as location, terrain, and underlying surface, as well as significant vertical climate and complex local microclimates, the climate is mild, with distinct four seasons, abundant rainfall, and limited sunshine. The average annual rainfall is 948.6 millimeters, and the average annual temperature is 16.7°C.
 - Historical average temperature between 7th-17th August: 25.2 °C
 - Historical average rainfall between 7th-17th August: 101.3 millimeters
 - The LOC provides meteorological support services for the Chengdu World Games, the Municipal Meteorological Bureau has established the 12th World Games Meteorological Support Service Leading Group, which plans to develop a series of work plans to organise and support major event meteorological services with the highest standards, strictest requirements, and most detailed measures, and provide meteorological monitoring, forecasting during the Games.

Training possibilities



- Please note that TWG 2025 terrains are quite special and relevant training terrains will be hard to find
- The IOF is not able to provide relevant training opportunities
- Park World Tour will have an activity in China in the early months of 2025 –
 please contact Jaroslav Kačmarčík at <u>jkpwt@hotmail.com</u> if you are
 interested
- For orienteering training in China / Sichuan province you may contact the Chinese Radio Sports and Orienteering Association at <u>oacmail@126.com</u>

Bulletins



- The target is to publish Bulletin 1-2 by 10th December 2024.
 - 90% of the information this Bulletin will contain was presented today.
 - A general TWG 2025 Bulletin 1 is already available on TWG 2025 website: https://www.theworldgames2025.com/en
 - A general TWG Bulletin 2 will be published on 22nd November
- All information related to TWG 2025's orienteering competitions will be available in IOF Eventor: https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/7876
- The target to publish Bulletin 3 is 31st May 2025
- Bulletin 4 will be published on 3rd August 2025

