

WOC 2024

Sprint World Orienteering Championships Edinburgh
11-16 July 2024

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Media Newsletter 3: Knock-out Sprint

Welcome to WOC 2024

This newsletter contains the latest information relevant to the media and focuses on the Knock-out Sprint on Tuesday 16th July.

Full details of the week are included in [Bulletin 4](#).

Accreditation

If you have not already collected your ID card then it will be available from the Media Centre.

All media representatives should wear their ID card at all relevant times. It must be presented to gain access to the Media Centres and authorised zones at race arenas.

Media Briefing

A short briefing will be held in the Media Centre at St Johns Street starting at 14:00.

Start Lists

Starts Lists for the Knock-out Sprint Qualification available on the [WOC 2024 IOF Live site](#).

Media Resources

The [WOC 2024 media page](#) includes links to several key resources as well as photos from events. Please remember to give credit to the photographer.

Photo Vests

Please remember to return your photo vest at the end of the event.

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KO Sprint Qualification – Wester Hailes

When	Tuesday 14 th July (am)
Venue	Wester Hailes is a residential area in the south-west of Edinburgh. It was largely developed in the early 1970s, which is reflected in the dominant housing styles, mainly purpose-built flats and tower blocks. Extensive redevelopment in more recent years has involved replacement of high-rise flats with newer low-rise housing. Westside Plaza is the main social and shopping hub; it includes a cinema and is served by buses and trains from the centre of Edinburgh. The Edinburgh and Glasgow Union Canal runs through the area.
Arena	Canal View Primary School GPS coordinates: 55.915742, -3.2817403 Distance from Event Centre: 9km
Terrain	The terrain is a mixed residential area. Running surfaces are a mix of paved roads, paths and communal grass areas between housing. 2%–5% of courses will be on grass and other natural surfaces. The competition area is mostly flat with only limited gradients.
Media Centre	Accredited media will have access to a classroom at the school. They will also be able to attend the heat selection meetings at the school, subject to space being available.
Maps	Maps will be available as soon as possible after Quarantine has closed

From Pollock Halls	#30 or #33 bus (7 an hour) from the “Commonwealth Pool” stop to the “Westside Plaza” stop.
From Central Edinburgh	#3, #30 or #33 bus (10 an hour) from Princes Street to the “Westside Plaza” stop. Tram stop: Edinburgh Park Station (2.5km away)

First starters (Women)	09:01
First starters (Men)	09:41
Last finishers (Women)	09:55
Heat selection (Women)	10:05
Last finishers (Men)	10:35
Heat selection (Men)	10:45



KO Sprint Finals – Central Edinburgh

When	Tuesday 16 th July (pm)
Venue	Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland: the centre of the city hosts the Scottish Parliament, government offices, the highest law courts and many iconic buildings including cathedrals, churches, libraries and museums, as well as public gardens and parkland. The skyline is dominated by Edinburgh Castle and Arthur's Seat in Holyrood Park. The University of Edinburgh, founded in 1582, occupies a significant number of buildings across the city. The city's historical and cultural attractions and summer festivals have made it the UK's second most visited tourist destination, attracting over 4 million visitors annually, supporting a wide range of restaurants and retail outlets, particularly along the Royal Mile.
Arena	St John Street, University of Edinburgh GPS coordinates: 55.950300, -3.180800 Distance from Event Centre: 1.5km
Terrain	The area features commercial and residential areas both historical and modern, with narrow vennels (passageways) and complex housing schemes providing a variety of orienteering challenges. Running surfaces will be mostly paved, with some cobbles. 2%–5% of courses will be on grass and other natural surfaces in the Quarterfinals, 0%–1% in the Semi-finals and 0%–1% in the Finals. There is significant variation in elevation across the city centre and there are some steep slopes and narrow stairways.

Media Centre	Lecture Theatre in Thomson's Hall at the University of Edinburgh. This is within 100m of the Arena.
Maps	Maps will be available from the Media Centre
From Pollock Halls	#14, #30, #33, #51 bus to the "South Bridge" stop.
Tram	Tram stop: Princes Street or St Andrew Square (1.5km away)

Media Centre opens	13:00
Media Briefing in Media Centre	14:00
Quarter-finals first start (Women)	14:25
Quarter-finals first start (Men)	15:01
Semi-finals first start (Women)	16:12
Semi-final first start (Men)	16:53
Final start: Women	17:31:30
Flower Ceremony (Women)	17:46
Final start: Men	17:52
Flower Ceremony (Men)	18:05
Medal Ceremony	18:20
Closing Ceremony	18:30
Media Centre closes	21:00

Race History

The first World Orienteering Championships Knock-out Sprint was held in 2022 in Denmark.

Edinburgh 2024 will be the 2nd time the event has been held.

WOC 2022 Knock-out Sprint Results

Men

Position	Name	Country		Time
1	Matthias Kyburz	SUI		7:19
2	August Mollen	SWE		7:20
3	Jonatan Gustafsson	SWE		7:24
4	Tim Robertson	NZL		7:28
5	Loic Capbern	FRA		7:30
6	Kristian Jones	GBR		7:31

Women

Position	Name	Country		Time
1	Tove Alexandersson	SWE		8:09
2	Megan Carter Davies	GBR		8:24
3	Eef van Dongen	NED		8:25
4	Sara Hagstrom	SWE		8:29
5	Simona Aebersold	SUI		8:30
6	Lina Strand	SWE		8:44

WOC Knock-out Sprint Medal History

Country		Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Sweden		1	1	1	3
Switzerland		1	0	0	1
Great Britain		0	1	0	1
Netherlands		0	0	1	1

