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9-15 September – Shumen – BULGARIA



World MTB Orienteering Championships
Junior World MTB Orienteering Championships
MTB Orienteering World Cup – Round 3



The Mountain Bike Orienteering World Championships are organised under the authority of the International Orienteering Federation (IOF) www.orienteering.sport

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VENUE – Shumen



The city of Shumen is located in North-East Bulgaria. It is administrative centre of Shumen district. The town lies 80 km west of Varna and is built within a cluster of hills, northern outliers of the eastern Balkans. Shumen boasts the Monument to 1300 Years of Bulgaria – monument to depict the history of a whole country from its creation to the present day.

- EVENT CENTRE – Grand Hotel Shumen – [43.270875, 26.914283](https://www.greentourism.com/en/43.270875,26.914283)

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PROGRAMME

Monday	9.9.2024	Arrivals and Model events
Tuesday	10.9.2024	Sprint , Opening ceremony
Wednesday	11.9.2024	Mass start
Thursday	12.9.2024	Middle distance
Friday	13.9.2024	Rest day
Saturday	14.9.2024	Long distance
Sunday	15.9.2024	Relay , Closing ceremony
Monday	16.9.2024	Departures

CLASSES AND PARTICIPATION

- **World MTB Orienteering Championships**

There is one class for women (called Women)-and one for men (called Men). There are no age restrictions.

Each Federation may enter up to 6 women and 6 men for all individual competitions plus the current World Champions for the distance. In the Mass start, Middle distance and Sprint each Federation may enter up to a further 2 women and 2 men who qualify for the Women U23 and Men U23 classes respectively. No U23 classes are offered in the Long distance.

Each competitor must have a valid IOF Athlete Licence.

- **World Junior MTB Orienteering Championships**

There is one class for women (W20) and one for men (M20). Only competitors who are entitled to compete in the classes W20 or M20 may participate.

For all individual competitions, each Federation may enter up to 6 women and 6 men.

- **WMTBOC & JWMTBOC**

In the Relay, each Federation may enter up to 2 women's teams and 2 men's teams, each consisting of 3 team members.

All competitors represent a Federation. Each Federation may enter a team of an unlimited number of competitors and team officials.

All competitors must be citizens of the country of the Federation they are representing. Competitors participate at their own risk. Third party insurance and personal injury insurance is mandatory and shall be the responsibility of their Federation or themselves.

EMBARGOED AREAS

The embargoed areas are out of bounds for all potential participants and team members, including competitors, team leaders, coaches, and any other person who through their knowledge of the terrain may influence the result of the competitions.

Exceptions:

- Passing through the embargoed areas is allowed on public roads by vehicle.

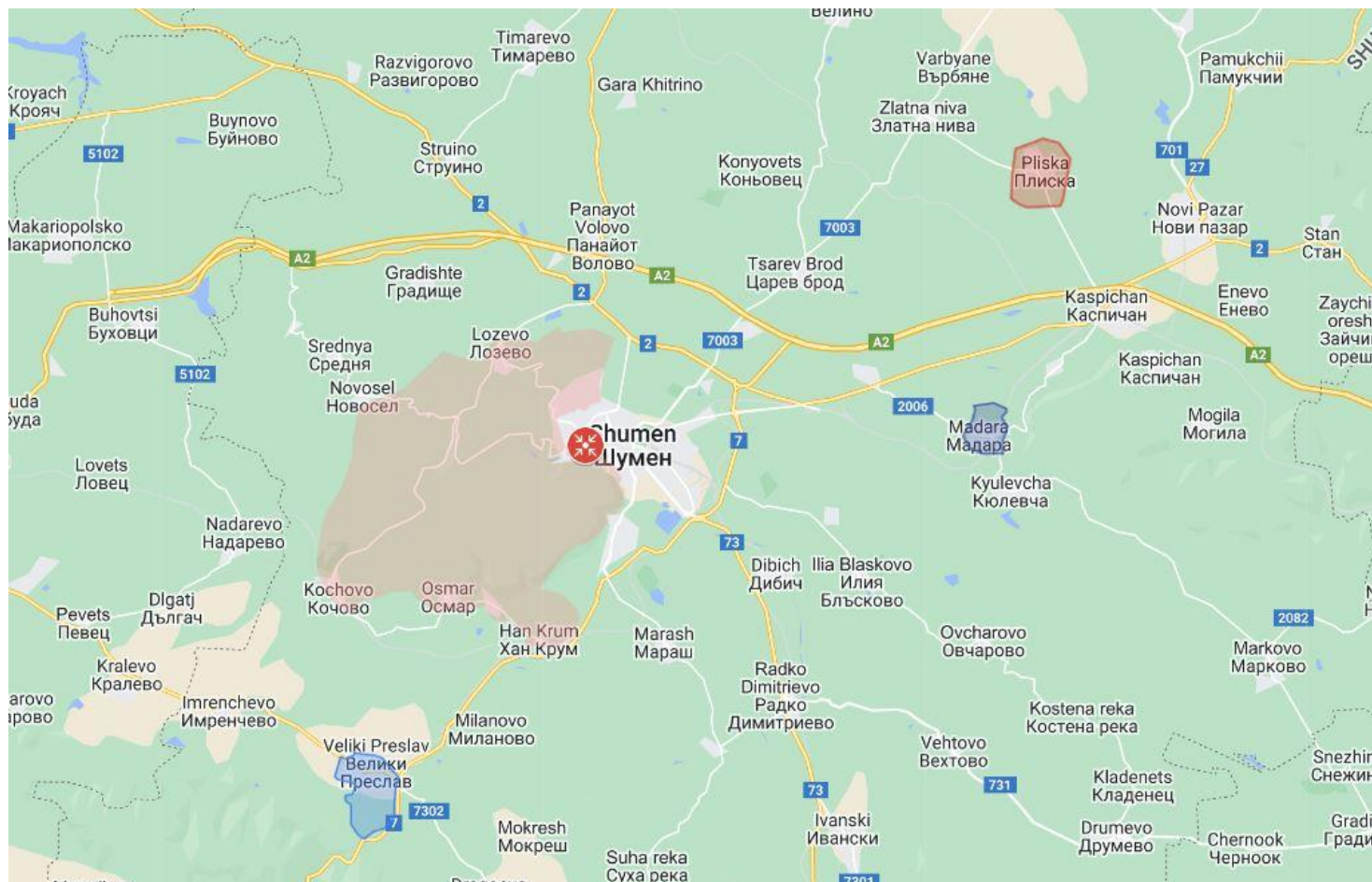
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[LINK](#) of the embargoed areas



ENTRIES

All entries must be made via IOF Eventor:

WMTBOC: <https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/6983>

JWMTBOC: <https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/6984>

Competitors may only be entered by their Federations.

Entries open on 1st March 2024

Entry fees:

	WMTBOC	JWMTBOC	OFFICIALS
Accreditation (per person)	140 BGN	140 BGN	140 BGN
Sprint	140 BGN	100 BGN	
Long	140 BGN	100 BGN	
Middle	140 BGN	100 BGN	
Mass start	140 BGN	100 BGN	
Relay (per team)	400 BGN	300 BGN	

Prices include Model event and banquet.

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Deadlines:

- Team size by 9th of July 2024 at the latest:
- Team names by 1st of September 2024 at the latest

Late entries and withdrawals:

After 9th of July 2024

- entries will be accepted with a surcharge of 20 %
- withdrawals will receive a refund of 80 %

After 1st of September 2024

- entries will be accepted with a surcharge of 50 %
- withdrawals will receive a refund of 50 %

Name changes are possible after 9th of August with a charge of 20 BGN per name.

After 7th of September 2024 no entries will be accepted.

Payment details:

Account owner: **NSA-SIVEN**

IBAN: **BG98BPB181701745044116**

Bank: **POSTBANK**

All charges and bank fees are to be paid by the payer.

Full payment of all entries including accreditation fees must be made by 9th of August 2024 at the latest.

An additional fee for late payment is 10%. For additional entries or name change the payment must be sent within 4 days.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is available at the Event Centre – SHUMEN GRAND HOTEL. Other types of accommodation can also be found in Shumen. More information about accommodation and how to book it will be published on the event website www.wmtboc2024.eu by the end of January 2024.



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TRANSPORT

The closest international airport is **VARNA Airport** – 80 km / 1 hour driving.

Other international airports with good location are:

BURGAS airport – 120 km / 2 hours driving

PIOVDIV airport – 350 km / 4 hours driving

SOFIA airport and – 350 km / 4 hours driving

BUCUREST airport – 180 km / 3 hours driving

Common rental services operate on those airports.

Shumen is connected by trains and has also connection by bus. Bikes can be taken on trains.

VISA REQUIREMENTS AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Please check the following links with a list of all countries that need VISA to enter Bulgaria and information:

[LIST OF COUNTRIES](#)

[GENERAL INFORMATION](#)

RULES

All events will be organized in accordance with the latest version of Competition Rules of IOF MTB orienteering events, please visit:

- <https://orienteering.sport/mtbo/competition-rules/>
- Off-track riding will be **allowed** during all races.
- There may be controls which are not situated on paths and tracks. This information will be finalised in Bulletin 3.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Detailed information will be published on the event website www.wmtboc2024.eu by the end of January 2024.

PUNCHING SYSTEM

SPORTident Air+ (system for contactless punching with SI Active Cards SIAC) with a working range of 150 – 180 cm will be used. The backup solution will be chosen according to the recommendation of the MTBO Commission. More information will be published on the website www.wmtboc2024.eu.

Competitors may use their own SIAC. Rental of SIACs will be possible for a price of 10 BGN per race. A deposit of 150 BGN per device will be charged.

CLOTHING

During all the official events the competitors shall wear the team clothing of their federation.

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MAP DETAILS AND TERRAIN DESCRIPTION

All maps will be drawn according to the International Specification for Mountain Bike Orienteering Maps (latest version). Riding off-track is allowed.

Competition scale /contour intervals	Description of terrain	Recent map sample showing type of terrain
Sprint 1:5000 / 2.5 m	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• urban terrain• network of tracks with very good rideability• generally rather flat terrain	
Mass start 1:10 000 / 5 m	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• dense network of tracks with different levels of rideability• deciduous forest with usually good visibility, but some parts with low visibility• in some parts hilly	
Middle 1:10 000 / 5 m	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• mostly forested area• dense network of tracks with different levels of rideability• deciduous forest with usually good visibility• in some parts hilly	
Long 1:15 000 / 5 m	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• mostly forested area with low visibility• tracks of different rideability• flat parts of terrain and some steeper slopes• generally rough and demanding	
Relay 1:10 000 / 5 m	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• mostly forested area• flat parts of terrain and some steeper slopes• tracks of different rideability	

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WINNING TIMES

Winning times in minutes (according to the IOF MTBO Competition Rules)

Format (distance)	WMTBOC	JWMTBOC
Sprint	20 – 25	16 – 20
Middle	50 – 55	40 – 44
Mass start	75 – 85	60 – 68
Long	105 – 115	84 – 92
Relay:		
- average for each leg	40 – 45	35 – 40
- total winning time	120 – 135	105 – 120

CLIMATE

You can expect very pleasant temperatures during the day in September. The average maximum daytime temperature in Shumen in September lies at 24.6°C. The average minimum temperature goes down to around 13.2°C (often the minimum temperature is noted at night).

Rainfall during September is moderate with an average of 56 mm. There are generally around 4 rainy days. September is known as one of the best months to visit Shumen.

MEDIA

All media representatives are welcome to cover all the WMTBOC 2024 events. All media accreditations should be made by the event e-mail by 9th of July 2024 at the latest.

Media representatives and team officials are encouraged to bring their own Internet-enabled devices, as neither computers nor WIFI services will be offered by the organizer.

ANTIDOPING

Doping is strictly forbidden, and the organisers of the WMTBOC and JWMTBOC 2024 are dedicated to support the Anti-Doping authorities in their work. Doping controls may be carried out any time during the competition period in accordance with the procedures described in the WADA International Standard of testing. The IOF Anti-Doping Rules and the World Anti-Doping Code apply. Athletes who are selected for doping control 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 athletes bring along their ID to all competitions and events.

For more information and anti-doping documents, please consult:

<https://orienteering.sport/iof/anti-doping/>

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 PREVIOUS MAP OF THE EMBARGOED AREAS

[LINK](#) to the previous map

