

JWOC 2021

Federation consultation paper

Introduction

Because of the cancellation of JWOC 2020, it is clear that some junior athletes will be affected regardless what actions are being taken. Consequently, the IOF hereby consults its Member Federations to get feedback about how the situation may be handled.

Summary

The IOF sees three models for executing JWOC 2021, which will now be organised in Turkey:

- 1) No changes to the current rules – this means that athletes born in the year 2000 will lose what should have been their last JWOC..
- 2) Introduce a separate class for boys and girls respectively in JWOC 2021 for athletes born in the year 2000. In this way, these athletes will get a last JWOC, but will lose the opportunity to compete against younger competitors
- 3) Introduce the below described set of rules allowing athletes born in the year 2000 to compete in JWOC 2021 and awarding two sets of medals there.

The IOF would like the Member Federation to indicate their preferred model along with a short indication of the reason for the choice. Any additional comments are welcome. The IOF would like to receive the answer no later than Friday 11th September 2020.

The models in further detail

Model 1 - No changes to the current rules

In this model, JWOC 2021 will be organised with exactly the same rules, classes, etc. as usual. This means it will be organised the same way as it would have been if JWOC 2020 had actually been organised. This means that athletes born in 2000 will not be allowed to participate.

Model 2 - Introduce a separate class in JWOC 2021 for athletes born in the year 2000

In this model, athletes born in the year 2000 will be invited to participate in their own classes in JWOC 2021. In this way, these athletes will be given a chance to compete for “the best of the age group” championship. The disadvantage for these athletes will be, that it will not be a “real” JWOC since only athletes born in one year is in the class. The advantage is, that they will after all get a last JWOC without their participation

having an impact on the JWOC for the other age groups - and the remaining JWOC will be easier to understand for spectators and media.

This means that athletes born in 2000 are invited to participate in JWOC 2021 in addition to the younger athletes - following the set of rules stated below:

- Each nation can enter a maximum of 3 boys and 3 girls born in 2000 for the event.
- In the **sprint (A) final**, a separate course and class for girls and boys respectively - born in 2000 - is introduced. A set of JWOC 2020-medals is distributed among the three fastest athletes in the respective classes.
- In the **long (A) final**, a separate course and class for girls and boys respectively - born in 2000 - is introduced. A set of JWOC 2020-medals is distributed among the three fastest athletes in the respective classes.
- In the **middle qualification**, athletes born in 2000 are distributed evenly in the same courses as the participants in JWOC 2021 – the athletes born in 2000 starts before the younger athletes. One third of the athletes born in 2000 qualify for the “JWOC 2020 middle A final” – a maximum of 15 participants qualify from each heat
- The **JWOC 2020 middle A final** (and B and C finals) is run in the same course as for JWOC 2021. The JWOC 2020 classes start after the JWOC 2021 classes.
- In the **relay**, there will be separate classes for JWOC 2020 and JWOC 2021, but they run at the same time in the same courses. JWOC 2020 teams must have at least two athletes born in 2000, but can supplement the team with one younger athlete. JWOC 2021 teams can only have participants born in 2001 and later.
- each nation can enter a maximum of 3 boys teams and 3 girls teams. A set of JWOC 2020-medals is distributed among teams in the JWOC 2020 class. A set of JWOC 2021-medals is distributed among teams that only consists of participants born 2001 and later – i.e. teams that run in the JWOC 2021 class.

Model 3 – Integrate JWOC 2020 into JWOC 2021

In this model it is proposed to organize the JWOC 2021 in Turkey in such a way that all athletes participate in the same classes and two sets of medals are awarded at each final - one set for “JWOC 2020” - and one set for JWOC 2021. Participants born in 2000 can win JWOC 2020-medals, whereas all participants born 2001 and later potentially can win both JWOC 2020 and JWOC 2021 medals in the same race.

This means that athletes born in 2000 are invited to participate in JWOC 2021 following the set of rules stated below:

- Each nation can enter a maximum of 9 boys and 9 girls for the event. A maximum of 6 of these can be born 2001 and later.
- For all finals, both a JWOC 2020 and a JWOC 2021 result list is published.
- In the **sprint (A) final**, each nation can enter a maximum of 7 boys and 7 girls. Each nation decides for themselves who out of the 9, they will enter to the A-final. A set of JWOC 2020-medals is distributed among all participants in the A-final. A

set of JWOC 2021-medals is distributed among the participants in the A-final born 2001 and later. A B-final race is offered in a different course.

- In the **long (A) final**, each nation can enter a maximum of 6 boys and 6 girls. Each nation decides for themselves who out of the 9, they will enter to the A-final. A set of JWOC 2020-medals is distributed among all participants in the A-final. A set of JWOC 2021-medals is distributed among the participants in the A-final born 2001 and later. A B-final race is offered in a different course.
- In the **middle qualification**, each nation can enter a maximum of 9 boys and 9 girls. From each Q-heat, 30 participants qualify for the middle final. In the middle A final, a set of JWOC 2020-medals is distributed among all participants. A set of JWOC 2021-medals is distributed among the participants born 2001 and later. Middle B and C finals are organised as usual.
- In the **relay**, each nation can enter a maximum of 3 boys teams and 3 girls teams. A set of JWOC 2020-medals is distributed among all teams. A maximum of two boys teams and two girls teams respectively from one nation can win JWOC 2020 medals. A set of JWOC 2021-medals is distributed among teams that only consists of participants born 2001 and later.

In this model, media coverage, speaker service etc. will be focused on the JWOC 2021 classes, but from time to time will the standings in JWOC 2020 also be mentioned.

It should be noted that the use of this model will be a disappointment to some athletes born 2001 or later that are now restricted from participation in A-finals, but the start field would be too long if everyone were allowed to start in the finals.