



INTERNATIONAL ORIENTEERING FEDERATION



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To: IOF Member Federations

Re: Revision of the International Specification for Sprint Orienteering Maps (ISSprOM 2031)

The IOF Map Commission is currently working on a revised version of ISOM and will present the first draft of the specification in autumn 2026. It also plans to initiate revisions of the related map specifications, including the International Specification for Sprint Orienteering Maps. For this purpose, a working group and a reference group will be established within the IOF Map Commission.

The revision aims to build on the changes introduced in last years and new version of ISOM 2030, improve map legibility, and respond appropriately to the challenges and requirements associated with mapping of complex urban environments. The focus will therefore be primarily on colours and the graphical appearance of maps, adjustments to symbol parameters, and the introduction of new symbols where appropriate and where they would contribute to better generalisation and legibility.

To ensure that every Member Federation can contribute to this project, a timetable has been established outlining the various stages of the revision process (Annex 1 on page 2). Please forward a copy of this correspondence to the commission responsible for mapping within your Federation.

As indicated in the timetable, the ISSprOM Working Group welcomes suggestions from your Federation for changes to the current ISSprOM. The deadline for submissions is 30 August 2027. Suggestions should be sent to ludek.krticka@orienteering.sport in an attached document.

We kindly ask that all suggestions be submitted through the relevant national federation, which should approve them before submission.

We look forward to receiving your suggestions, which will help develop ISSprOM for the decades ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex 1 - ISSprOM revision process

09/2026–08/2027	Call for proposals
09/2027–05/2028	Commission's / working and reference group work
06/2028–01/2029	First draft
02/2029–07/2029	Commission's / working and reference group work
08/2029–09/2029	Final draft, presentation
10/2029–11/2029	Approval
12/2029–01/2030	Document finalization
02/2030	Published
01/2031	Valid