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# **BULLETIN 02**















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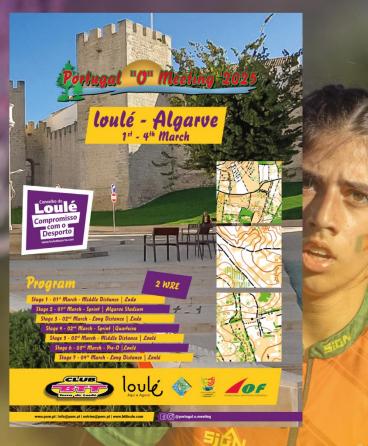
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# Welcome to Portugal "O" Meeting 2025

Welcome to Portugal "O" Meeting 2025, the most anticipated orienteering event of the year! This prestigious gathering will take place in the vibrant town of Loulé, nestled in the stunning Algarve region, during the Carnival weekend. Renowned for its rich culture, enchanting landscapes, and welcoming community, Loulé offers the perfect backdrop for this year's competition, promising an unforgettable experience for participants and spectators alike.

Join us as we explore the intricate terrains of the Algarve, where competitors from around the world will test their skills in the art of orienteering. The event coincides with the renowned Loulé Carnival, a spectacular celebration bursting with colorful parades, lively music, and captivating performances. This unique blend of sport and festivity provides an opportunity not only to challenge yourself on some of the most picturesque courses but also to immerse yourself in a carnival atmosphere unlike any other.

Beyond the thrill of the competition, discover the breathtaking beaches that make the Algarve a world-famous destination. From the golden sands of Praia da Falésia to the peaceful waters of Quarteira Beach, the region offers a myriad of seaside escapes perfect for relaxation and adventure. Whether you're navigating the courses or soaking up the sun, the Portugal "O" Meeting in Loulé guarantees an extraordinary journey through culture, nature, and sport. We look forward to welcoming you to our event!



# **Message from the Event Director**



Dear Athletes,

The Portugal "O" Meeting is a pedestrian orienteering event, included in the Ranking of the International Orienteering Federation (IOF) and in the ranking of the Portuguese Cup of the Portuguese Orienteering Federation – FPO.

It is an event open to people of any age, who can participate in competition levels or open classes, individually or in groups.

We invite all Orienteering lovers to participate in this event, wishing them a warm welcome.

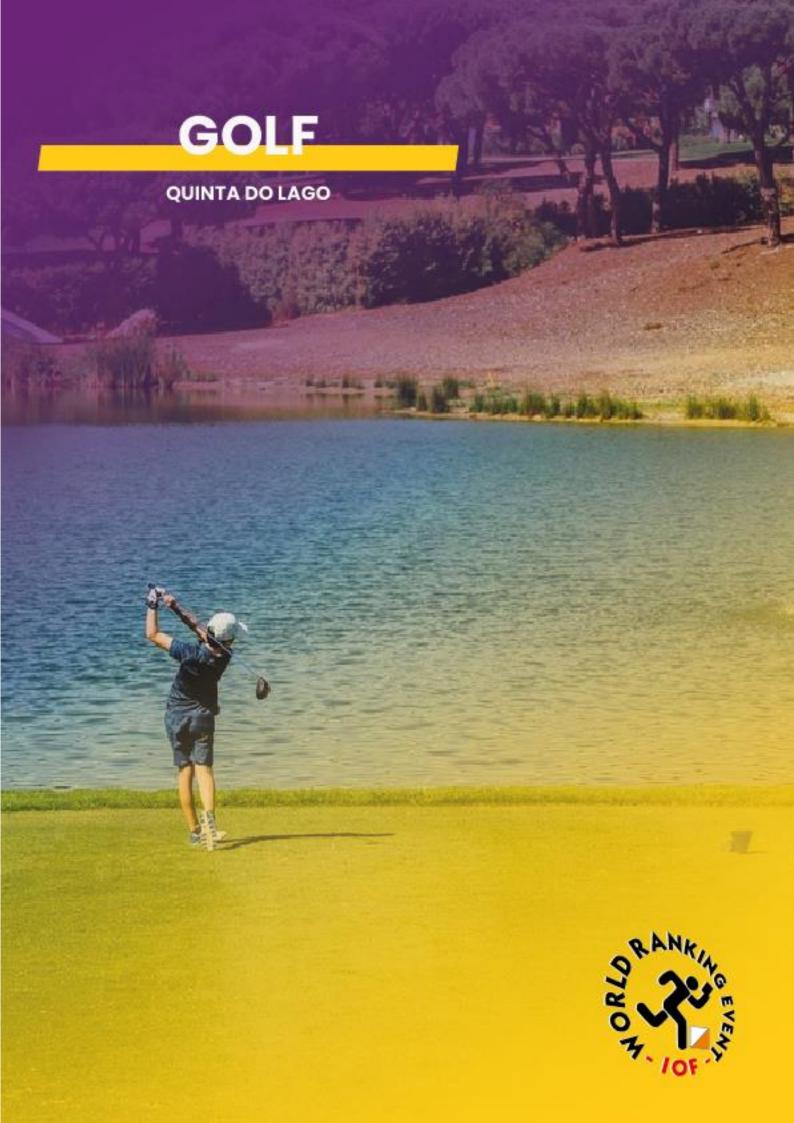
We hope you enjoy your time in Algarve.

During POM, all athletes can enjoy and participate in LOULÉ Carnival.

You will also be able to enjoy the most beautiful beaches in Algarve, in Vilamoura, Quarteira.

There will also be events at the renowned Quinta do Lago.

Hélder Faisca



# Message from the Mayor of the Municipality of Loulé



Welcome to the Municipality of Loulé.

Loulé is located in the center of the Algarve and extends from the coast to the mountains. Territory of diverse landscapes, in this land in the south of Portugal, the beauty of nature combines with the typicality of the small villages in the interior and the modernity of its cities.

As President of the City Council, I invite everyone to get to know our municipality, rich in cultural heritage, located throughout the territory. I could not fail to highlight some exlibris, such as the Municipal Market in the city of Loulé, the <u>Islamic Baths</u> and the Casa Senhorial dos Barreto,

the <u>Igreja Matriz de São Clemente</u> with its characteristic bell tower, the <u>Municipal Museum</u>, where you can observe two fossil remains of a phytosaurus and a metoposaurus algarvensis; and the Roman ruins of Cerro da Vila.

The natural heritage is also an unmissable business card of our municipality for lovers of outdoor walks. Because, the municipality of Loulé has part of its surface classified as a protected area, encompassing a great diversity of habitats, rich in fauna and flora, geological heritage and other important resources, such as the Local Natural Reserve of Foz do Almargem and Trafal; part of the Ria Formosa Natural Park; the Local Protected Landscape of Rocha da Pena and the Local Protected Landscape of Fonte da Benémola.

Gastronomy, made with fresh and local products, and handicrafts are also riches of our municipality that will greatly please those who visit us for the first time, as well as our lineup of celebrations and parties that attracts thousands of people to our municipality every year.

Loulé is traditionally a territory that promotes sport, providing excellent conditions for practicing different sports. The quality of its infrastructure allows the municipality to host several national and international sporting competitions throughout the year, in different parts of the territory.

It is with great satisfaction that we welcome another competition in 2025, an international orienteering event: Portugal "O" Meeting (POM), a race that promotes a growing sport all over the world, not only because of its unique sport characteristics outdoors, but also because it is practicable in urban, rural or forestry contexts. In Loulé, orienteers participating in this 2025 edition will find routes of unique beauty and interest.

I end by congratulating the organization of the event, namely the Terra de Loulé MTB Club, which, with the support of the City Council, will, without a doubt, once again project the name of our land across borders.

We wish everyone a good race and hope you enjoy everything that Loulé has to offer.

Vitor Aleixo



Image 1 - Municipal Market

# QUARTEIRA BEACH



# **Tourism**

Loulé enjoys a very special position in the Algarve region. Its central location and good routes means that this municipality is a touristic destination by excellence.

A visit to Loulé is a must for anyone coming to the region: it is 16km from Faro Internacional Airport, with easy access to the A22 (Via do Infante) motorway and to the motorway that links Algarve to the capital (A2), and just 68km away. from Ayamonte.

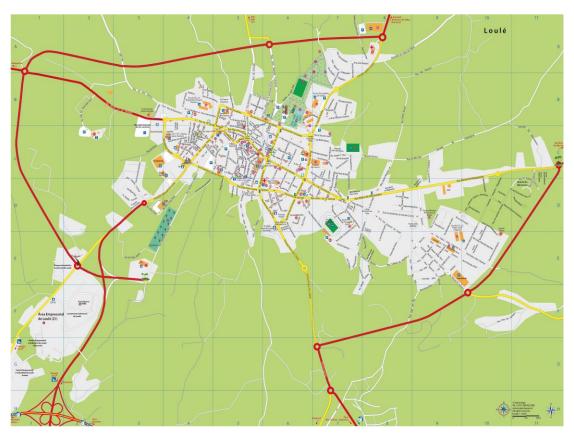


Image 2 - Loulé Map

With an area of about 765km2 and a population of 69.230, the municipality extends over three climatic zones: the coastline, the Serra (the hills) and the Barrocal in between.

There is such an enormous range of touristic resources for visitors to discover.

Loulé has everything from the golden sands of the long, blue-flag beaches, which stretch for 13 km along the coast, to the picturesque villages of the Algarve "serra", from a high-quality architectural heritage to the richness of

the environment and scenery, from the lively nightlife to traditional festivals handed down from generation to generation, and in addition visitors can also make use of 13 excellent golf courses, and an international marina, and enjoy the rich variety of the local cuisine.

You can find out more through the <u>tourism</u> section of the municipality's website.

You can consult the tourist map of Loulé here!

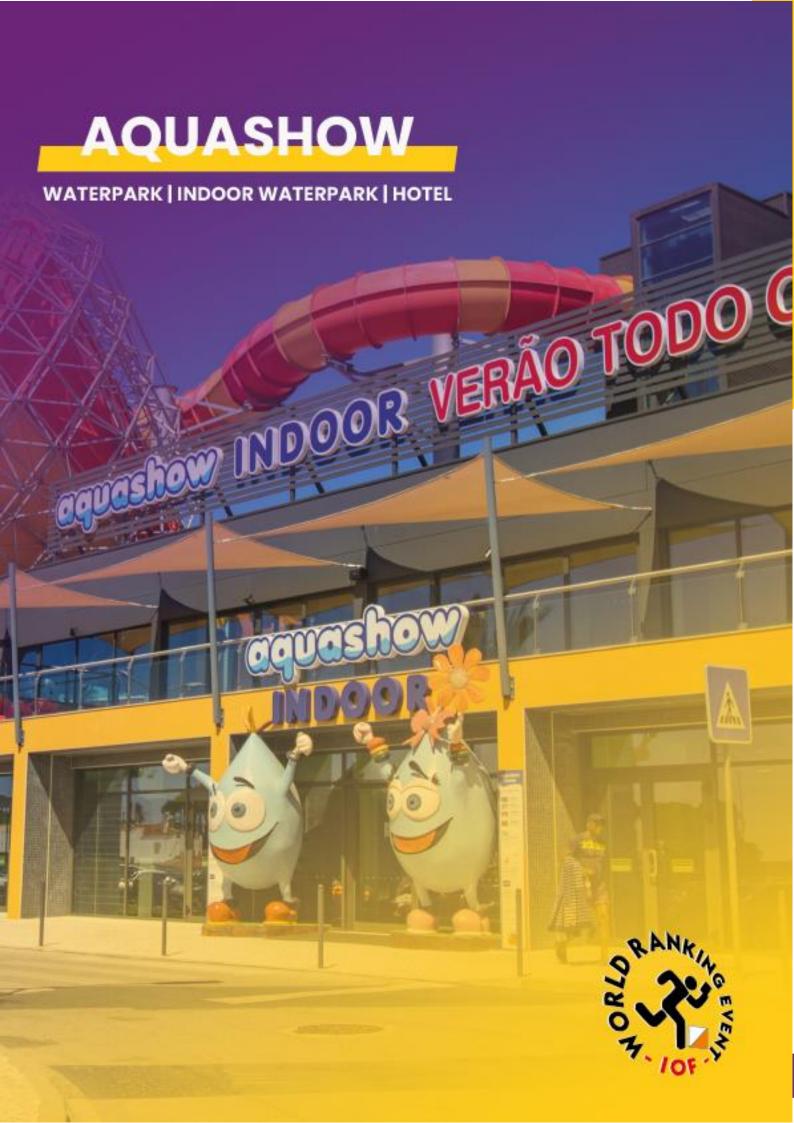
# **Accommodation**

Loulé is the main city of the Algarve's largest and most populous municipality. Easy to get to and boasting a prime central location in the region, the municipality is a tourist destination par excellence. Visitors can choose from a huge variety of accommodation that ranges from 5\* hotels to rural tourism accommodation, the latter also being extremely popular with tourists visiting the municipality of Loulé.

See the full list of <u>accommodations</u> at section of the municipality's website.



Image 3 - Accommodation



# **Week Before**

The training camps will be a simulation of the Portugal "O" Meeting 2025 competitions.

They will have a timing system with the SPORTIdent Air+ system active and will also have results.

The training camps are medium-distance orienteering events and there will be 3 courses with different degrees of difficulty:

- Green For beginners
- Yellow Medium course with technical difficulty
- Red Medium/Long course with technical difficulty

Each training costs 5€ per person, per day until 31st October. After this day, the cost of each training camp per person, per day will be 7€.

The training camps do not have sports insurance included, unless requested. If requested, the insurance value will be added to the cost of the training camp.

Don't miss this opportunity to extend your POM25 experiences



Image 4 - Faro Airport

# **Program**

## February 25 (Day -3 – Tuesday): São Brás de Alportel

- 10:30 First start
- 11:30 Last Start
- 13:00 TC close

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## February 26 (Day -2 – Wednesday): Tôr

- 10:30 First start
- 11:30 Last Start
- 13:00 TC close

#### February 27 (Day -1 - Thursday): Quinta do Lago

- 10:30 First start
- 11:30 Last Start
- 13:00 TC close





Image 5 - Terrain

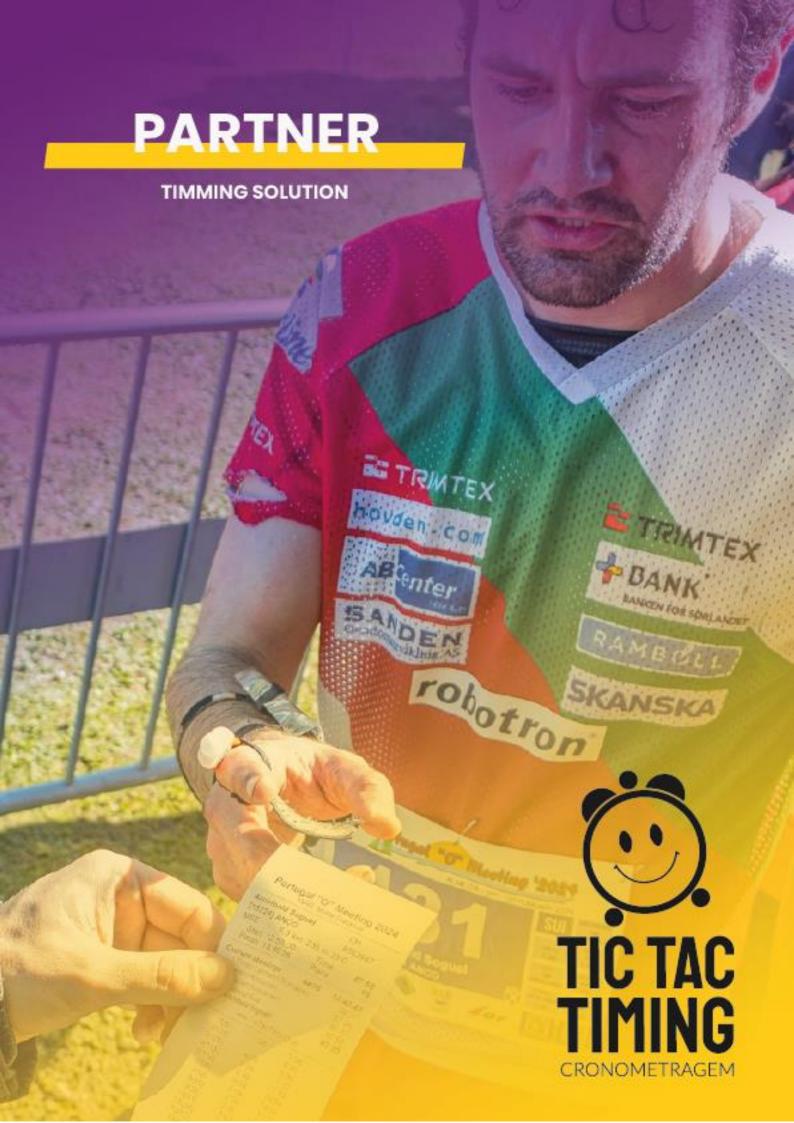
# **Locations**



TC= Training Camp

# **Distances**

Distances from Event Center			
Algarve Stadium	0 km	37°05'14.3"N 7°58'29.4"W	GOOGLE MAPS
Quinta do Lago TC	8 km	37°02'16.7"N 8°02'36.0"W	GOOGLE MAPS
Loulé	9 km	37°08'20.0"N 8°01'19.7"W	GOOGLE MAPS
Faro	11 km		GOOGLE MAPS
Faro Airport	11 km	37°01'23.4"N 7°58'14.1"W	GOOGLE MAPS
Faro Beach	13 km		GOOGLE MAPS
Quarteira	14 km		GOOGLE MAPS
Vilamoura	15 km		GOOGLE MAPS
São Brás de Alportel TC	20 km	37°10'32.2"N 7°54'16.6"W	GOOGLE MAPS
Tôr TC	20km	37°11'35.9"N 8°01'52.9"W	GOOGLE MAPS



#### **POM 2025**

## **Program**

#### February 28 (Day 0 - Friday): Model Event - Algarve Stadium

- 10:30 Event Centre opens Algarve Stadium
- 11:00 Model Event opens Algarve Stadium (Forest)
- 17:00 Model Event closes Algarve Stadium (Forest)
- 19:00 Hard Floor opens
- 23:00 Event Centre closes Algarve Stadium

#### March 1 (Day 1 - Saturday): Middle Distance WRE - Ludo

- 08:00 Event Centre opens Algarve Stadium
- 10:00 Middle Distance WRE start Competition
- 10:30 Start for open categories
- 14:30 Event Centre closes Arena
- 15:00 WRE Prize-giving Ceremony Algarve Stadium

#### March 1 (Day 1 - Saturday): Night Sprint - Algarve Stadium

- 17:30 Event Centre opens
- 19:00 Night Sprint start
- 19:30 Start for open categories
- 21:00 Night Sprint Prize-giving Ceremony
- 21:30 Event Centre closes

#### March 2 (Day 2 – Sunday): Long Distance – Ludo

- 08:00 Event Centre opens Arena
- 10:00 Long Distance start Competition
- 10:30 Start for open categories
- 15:30 Event Centre closes



#### March 2 (Day 2 – Sunday): Night Sprint – Quarteira

- 17:30 Event Centre opens
- 19:00 Night Sprint start
- 19:30 Start for open categories
- 21:00 Night Sprint Prize-giving Ceremony
- 21:30 Event Centre closes

#### March 3 (Day 3 - Monday): Middle Distance WRE - Canil Loulé

- 08:00 Event Centre opens Arena
- 10:00 Middle Distance WRE start
- 10:30 Start for open categories
- 14:30 Event Centre closes at the arena
- 15:00 WRE Prize-giving Ceremony

#### March 4 (Day 4 - Tuesday): PreO - Quinta da Ombria

- 13:00 PreO Event Centre opens
- 13:30 PreO starts
- 17:30 PreO Prize-giving Ceremony

#### March 4 (Day 4 – Tuesday): Long Distance – Chasing Start – Canil Loulé

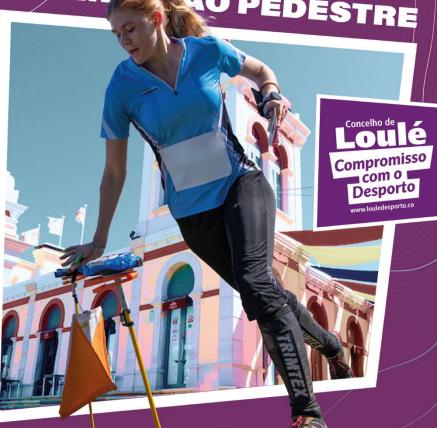
- 08:00 Event Centre opens
- 09:00 Long Distance (chasing start for Elite categories in the arena)
- 09:30 Start for open categories
- 10:00 Mass Start for remaining Elite category athletes in the arena
- 13:30 POM2025 Prize-giving Ceremony
- 15:00 Event Centre closes
- 17:00 Hard Floor closes



# NEXT EVENT IN LOULÉ

**IBERIAN WOMEN'S ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIP** 

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# **Locations**



# **Distances**

Distances from Event Center			
Algarve Stadium	0 km	37°05'14.3"N 7°58'29.4"W	GOOGLE MAPS
Ludo – Day 1 and 2	4 km	37°04'20.3"N 7°59'28.2"W	GOOGLE MAPS
Loulé	9 km	37°08'20.0"N 8°01'19.7"W	GOOGLE MAPS
Faro	11 km		GOOGLE MAPS
Faro Airport	11 km	37°01'23.4"N 7°58'14.1"W	GOOGLE MAPS
Loulé – Day 3 and 4	12km	37°07'43.1"N 8°03'27.1"W	GOOGLE MAPS
Faro Beach	13 km		GOOGLE MAPS
Quarteira	14 km		GOOGLE MAPS
Vilamoura	15 km		GOOGLE MAPS
Sevilha Airport	220 km		GOOGLE MAPS
Lisboa Airport	269 km		GOOGLE MAPS
Porto Airport	542 km		GOOGLE MAPS
<b>Madrid Airport</b>	734 km		GOOGLE MAPS



## **Maps and Terrain**

Loulé is located approximately 206 meters above sea level.

Competition venues are characterized in two ways. There are stages that will be contested in a Mediterranean forest, where carob trees predominate with a medium gradient and many stone details.

Other stages are in pine forest areas, where there are some open areas, with medium gradients and some undergrowth.

The forest maps were mapped by cartographer Alexandre Reis, and used the current International Specification for orienteering maps.

All maps that will be used are new, with the exception of the urban map of Quarteira



# TIMING SYSTEM

**AIR MODE WILL BE ACTIVE** 



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#### **Entries and Prices**

The runners must register their entries using the platform <u>OriOasis</u>. The registration in the Model Event must also be made on the same platform using one extra available field.

In case of doubts or problems with entries, please contact us by the following e-mail: <a href="mailto:entries@pom.pt">entries@pom.pt</a>

The entries deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

**ELITE CLASSES:** During entry process, Elite runners must provide their IOF World Ranking ID. All the athletes in those classes need to be registed in IOF Eventor.

**MODEL EVENT:** Don't forget to register for the Model Event.

**HARD FLOOR:** If you want to use Hard Floor the registration for it is mandatory.

**SOUVENIR:** All athletes will receive an event t-shirt.

Prices Prices				
Terrain	Stage	Classes	POF/FEDO	Non-POF/FEDO
1		Open Young + T10 + M/W 12	5,5€	6€
Farrant	3	Open Senior	10€	11€
Forest 5		Young Competition	5,5€	10€*
		Senior Competition	10€	17€*
Sprint		Open Young + T10 + M/W 12	4,5€	5€
	2	Open Senior	8€	9€
	4	Young Competition	4,5€	9€*
		Senior Competition	8€	14€*
Dave O	6	Paralimpic	10€	17€*
PreO 6		Open	10€	17€*
Forest	Model	ALL	5€	

**Note:** Any changes outside the deadlines have a cost of 3€.

<sup>\*</sup> The value of sports insurance is added to the table values (2€/day).

# **Sport insurance**

Athletes affiliated in POF / FEDO and Open Classes are covered by POF insurance. Fee of €2/day to be applied to all remain athletes on competition classes and PreO.



Image 6 - Algarve Stadium | Event Centre

# Classes

Classes			
Terrain	Stage	Туре	Classes
Forest 2 3 and 4 Sprint 5 7		OPEN	White Green Yellow Red
		Extra-Competition	Т 10 M/W 12
	Young Competition	M/W 14 M/W 16 M/W 18 M/W 20	
	Senior Competition	ME / WE M/W 21A M/W 21B M/W 35 M/W 40 M/W 45 M/W 50 M/W 55 M/W 60 M/W 65 M/W 70 M/W 75 M/W 80 M/W 85 M 90	
PREO	6	Competition	Open Paralimpic

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