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WELCOME

Dear Athletes and teams

As an active CISM partner nation since 1968, Switzerland embodies the spirit of the CISM and disseminates that spirit throughout its sporting community. In close cooperation with the civilian national sports federation, Swiss Orienteering, we will organise a high-level competition in challenging terrain and picturesque surroundings.

The registration and information schedule are on the CISM 2026 website.

It includes the following dates:

Dates of registration	- Preliminary agreement	01.06.2026
	- Final entry	01.09.2026
	- Late replacement form:	12.10.2026
Dates of information	- IOF Bulletin 1	17.06.2026
	- IOF Bulletin 2	16.09.2026
	- IOF Bulletin 3 “Info booklet”	18.10.2026

The region of Central Switzerland as well as the organising comitee ar looking forward to host you all for the 53rd World Military Orienteering Championship Orienteering in Switzerland.

Chief of the Swiss delegation to CISM
Event director / Commanding officer WMOC

Colonel Hess Christian

WORLD MILITARY CHAMPIONSHIPS ORIENTEERING

The World Military Championships Orienteering 2026 consists of the following competitions:

Comp.	*Date*	*Format*	*Event*	*Country*
1	21.10.2026	Forest Long M/F	53rd World Military Championships	Switzerland
2	22.10.2026	Forest Relay M/F		
3	24.20.2026	Urban Sprint M/F		

There will be a team competition Male and Female; the score is calculated by adding the three (3) best times achieved in the long distance and the three (3) best times in the sprint distance.

OVERALL ORGANISER OBJECTIVES

It is the organisers' objective to have a fair and challenging event. True to the CISM motto, *"FRIENDSHIP THROUGH SPORT",* the general goal for the 53rd World Military Championship is unity and camaraderie. In addition, the organisers' have set three core objectives for the preparation, execution, and evaluation phases of the event:

- Carbon Neutrality
- Gender Equality
- Food Waste Reduction

1. ORGANISATION AND CONTACT

1.1 ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Colonel HESS Christian	Event Director / Commanding Officer
Colonel PORTMANN Claude	Deputy Event Director / Commanding Officer
Private KOEPFLI Adrian	Technical Director
Colonel KOCHER Roger	Chief of Staff
Lt-Colonel WAHLI Daniel	Head of Logistics
Captain TETTONI Joël	Head of Missions
Spec Of MAULER Xavier	Head of Events
Lt-Colonel FLURI Patrik	Head of Security
Spec Of ISENSCHMID Marco	Head of Support
Staff-Seargent OEHNINGER Meico	Head of Communication / Marketing

1.2 INTERNATIONAL OFFICIALS

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2. EVENT PROGRAMME

Monday, October 19th, 2026
Arrival of the missions and check-in procedures
IOF Event Adivsor Course (CSC)

Tuesday, October 20th, 2026

0800-1030	Preliminary meeting (uniform)
1000-1400	Model Event
1730-1830	Opening ceremony (uniform)

Wednesday, October 21st, 2026

0930-1530	Competition: Long distance
1700-1730	Flower Ceremony, CISM Club Stans

Thursday, October 22nd, 2026

1000-1400	Competition: Relay
1415-1445	Flower Ceremony, competition venue
1600-2200	Reception of Chief of Mission (uniform) / “Gift Exchange”

Friday, October 23rd, 2026

0900-1600	Cultural Day
1900-2030	Enlarged CSC Meeting

Saturday, October 24th, 2026

0900-1230	Competition: Sprint
1245-1300	Flower Ceremony, competition venue
1300-1400	VIP Race
1700-1830	Closing ceremony (uniform) and award ceremony (uniform)
1830-2130	Closing banquet (uniform)

Sunday, October 25th, 2026

Departure of the missions

3. VENUES, ACCESS AND TRANSPORT

How to get to Stans

By-air:	Airport of Zurich
By rail:	Geneva via Berne, Zurich, Basel and Lugano – Lucerne
By road:	Highway: exit “Stans Süd”
	From Geneva (A1 and A2) via Berne and Lucerne
	From Zurich (A4/E41, A14 and A2) via Lucerne
	From Basel (A2, A1 and A2) via Lucerne
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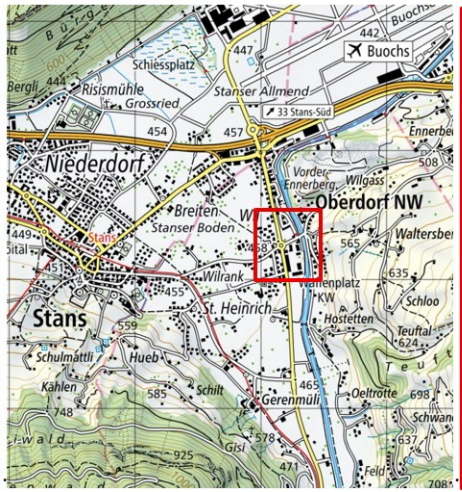
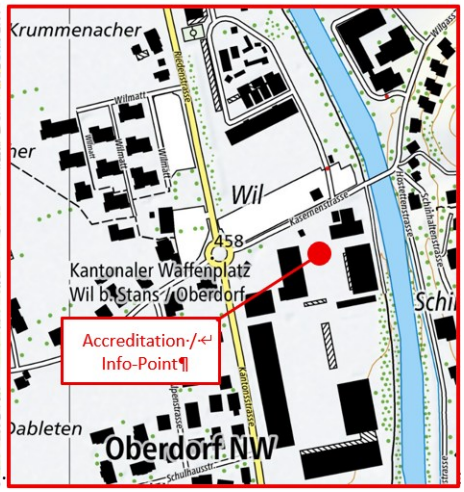




<u>Traveling and Transports</u>

Travelling expenses are at the charge of the missions. The organisers can meet the missions at the railway station of Lucerne or at Zurich airport (ZRH).

Transfer:	Zurich – Stans 81km / 56min
	Lucerne – Stans 15km / 19min

The transports to sites of competitions are at the charge of the organisers.

4. EVENT CENTRE

The event centre will be in the barracks of Stans.
Address during the competition:
CISM WORLD MILITARY ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIP
Kaserne
CH–6370 Stans Oberdorf
Switzerland

5. ENTRY

5.1 ENTRIES AND ENTRY DEADLINES

The registration deadlines must be strictly respected, late registrations cannot be accepted.

The delegations must declare their interest in participating at the event by completing the Preliminary Agreement by **1st June 2026** (mandatory). Should the Preliminary Agreement not be submitted in time, the Organising Committee will refuse the respective nations to participate.

The registration process is conducted exclusively online via a web platform. You received the invitation code to register your mission. The event registration is conducted in three phases.

1. Preliminary Agreement (until 01.06.2026)
2. Final Entry (until 01.09.2026)
3. Late Replacement (until 12.10.2026)

If you have any changes after 01.09.2026, please register them online in the Late Replacement Form. The registration of additional participants during the Late Replacement phase will only be approved by the Organising Committee if there are still enough accommodation capacities available.

5.2 CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION

Only CISM active member nations have the right to participate in CISM events (CISM Regulations, Article 1.10).

An inactive nation, intending to take part in the event must pay its annual fee before the deadline of the Preliminary Agreement. If it is not done, the delegation will not be able to take part in the event.

At the request of organizing committee in order to ensure perfect organization, regarding the accommodation capacity, the number of participating countries or participants may be limited.

The CISM President letter (N°2022/029/CISM/PSDT) dated April 1st, 2022 is an integral part of this file. The principle applies to all countries sanctioned or subject to action directives by the Swiss Confederation.

Withdrawal from participation (art. 7.27 CISM regulations): Any nation that withdraws from participation in a competition for which it had sent in the final entry, shall notify the organisers in writing at least one month before the opening of the competitions with copy to the Secretary General. Any nation not so informing the host nation will be subject to disciplinary action (art. 1.12 CISM regulations).

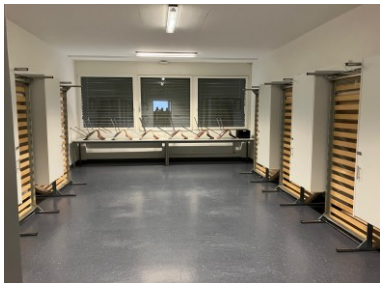
Absence of a mission without notification (art. 8.6. CISM regulation): If a mission which submits a preliminary agreement and/or final entry is absent without notifying the host nation in time, a sanction will be imposed (art. 1.12 CISM regulations).

An administrative fine of 10'000,00 EUR will be imposed on any country that submitted the final entry but failed to participate or cancelled late (art. 7.27 CISM regulations).

6. ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

During their stay in Switzerland the missions will be the guests of the Swiss Armed Forces from October 19th to 25th, 2026. Organiser cannot host earlier arrivals or late departures.

The accommodation in the barracks and the food for the CISM delegations will be paid by the organiser. Special requests, like additional drinks or an hotel accommodation (the organiser must be informed during the registration), have to be paid by the delegation itself.

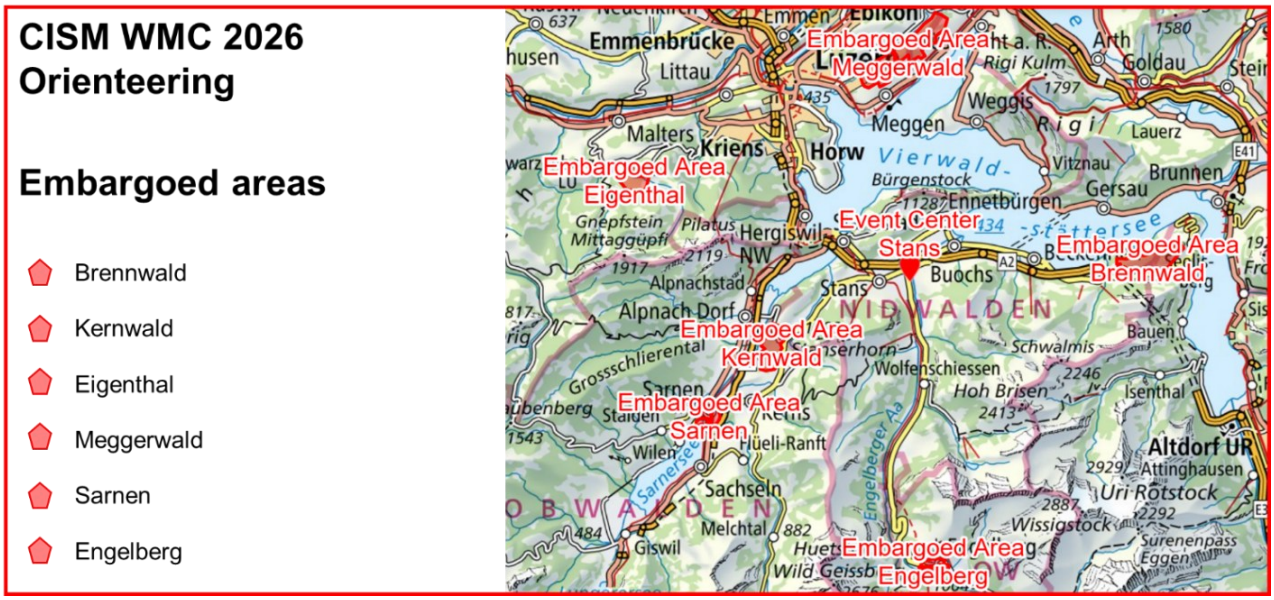


7. EMBARGOED AREAS

From the date of publication, the competition areas are embargoed areas.

According to the IOF competition rules (article 26.5), the embargoed areas are forbidden for all potential CISM World Military Championship 2026 athletes, team officials and other person that may be in a position to give information to the team members.

Any attempt to survey or train in the embargoed areas is forbidden, unless explicitly permitted by the organiser and Event Advisor.



7.1 PREVIOUS ORIENTEERING MAPS

Previous orienteering maps of the embargoed areas can be found on the Swiss Orienteering website. Note that not all embargoed areas are mapped. High resolution maps available to the organisation will be uploaded to the MWOC event website CISM 2026 and to IOF Eventor.

Name of the map within the embargoed areas:

Brennwald	>	Brennwald Seelisberg
Kernwald	>	Kernwald
Eigenthal	>	Lifelen
Meggerwald	>	Meggerwald
Engelberg	>	Engelberg
Sarnen	>	Sarnen

7.2 PREVIOUS COMPETITIONS

Previous competitions organised in the embargoed areas can be found on the Swiss Orienteering website. Major competitions in the embargoed areas are listed below, with additional information available via the links.

- Brennwald Seelisberg *26.09.2020 National championship middle distance* / *Routegadget* / *Video*
- Kernwald *13.04.2025 3rd national competition middle distance* / *Livelox* / *Video*
- Lifelen *30.08.2020 8th national competition middle distance* / *Routegadget* / *Video*

8. TRAINING

The organisers will not provide training opportunities prior to the competition.

During the competition, a model event will be held near Brunnen on the map Axenstein. This terrain is similar to the terrain for the Long distance race.

Additionally, athletes can use the urban sprint map of Stans for individual training during the competition. Both maps will be made available upon arrival.

9. RULES AND GENERAL INFORMATIONS

9.1 COMPETITION RULES

This competition will be governed by the current IOF Foot Orienteering competition rules, as well as the CISM and CISM Orienteering regulations. Deviations and specific details concerning these rules will be made available in Bulletin 2 and 3.

9.2 CLASSES AND PARTICIPATION RESTRICTIONS

The competition consists of two individual venues (Forest Long Distance and Urban Sprint), a Relay, and a team competition. All competitions feature two classes: Male and Female. Each Relay team consists of three athletes from the same country. The team competition will be decided by adding together the times of the three best-placed athletes from each nation across both individual races.

9.3 ANTI-DOPING

Anti-Doping tests will be conducted in accordance with the CISM Regulations – Chapter IX, CISM Anti-Doping Rules, the concerned CISM Sports Regulations, the concerned International Federation Rules, and all WADA rules, mainly the World Anti-Doping Code, and the International Standard for Testing.

The number and type of tests, as well the athletes to be tested shall be determined by the CISM Anti-Doping Commission. These procedures will follow the concerned CISM Test Distribution Plan (TDP).

In case an athlete has a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE), the chief of delegation should send this TUE to the CISM GS until 30 days before the opening ceremony. This TUE will be submitted to the TUE commission to analysis and further approval.

Below are the Organisations Accredited by WADA to carry out the tests during the Championship:

Sample Collection Authority (SCA)
Swiss Sport Integrity (Anti-Doping Switzerland)
www.wada-ama.org/en/code-signatories

Accredited Laboratory
Swiss Laboratory for Doping Analyses (LAD)
Centre Hospitalier / Universitaire Vaudois and University of Lausanne
www.wada-ama.org/en/accredited-laboratories

9.4 MEDICAL CARE / INSURANCE

The organisers decline any liability that might occur through participation in the competition. Each person participates at her/his own risk and is responsible for her/his own insurance coverage (illness and accident).

An adequate medical service and first-aid cover will be provided.

IMPORTANT: Since Switzerland has no military hospitals, we will use private medical facilities if the need arises. These services are not free, and the delegations need to have an insurance which would cover the entire cost of a treatment. All costs have to be paid by the participating nation.

9.5 CLIMATE

The region of Stans features a moderate continental alpine climate. Mid-October marks the transition into late autumn. Participants should prepare for highly variable weather conditions, ranging from crisp, sunny autumn days to overcast, damp, and chilly conditions, possible snow with cold temperatures. Due to the proximity to Lake Lucerne and the surrounding mountains, early morning fog or mist is common in the lower valleys, which usually clears up by midday. Historical Climate Averages for Mid-October:

Temperature(Ø):	5.9° (max 11.3° / min 1°)
Sunlight:	5.5h
Rainfall (Ø):	118 mm / 10 days
Humidity:	80%

9.6 VISA

For information about passports, visas and required vaccinations certificates for entering to Switzerland, please contact the Swiss embassy in your country.

9.7 ATHLETE´S LICENSE

Only military personnel on active duty in Armed Forces may take part in competitions organised by CISM (art. 7.22 CISM regulations). Please note that the terrain for the

forest venues is challenging, demanding sharp navigational skills and exceptional endurance from all participants.

A maximum time limit applies to all venues; specific details will be available in Bulletin 2 and 3.

9.8 WEAR THE UNIFORM

The embassy in Switzerland of each participating country should ask beforehand the military protocol of Federal Department of Defence in Bern for the permission to wear a uniform during the championship.

The form for the entry of military personnel into Swiss territory, which must be submitted through diplomatic channels by the participating nation, was attached to official information file

The authorisation will be issued by the military protocol after the expiry of the late replacement phase (12 October 2026) and sent directly to the participating nations.

10. MEDIA

Information and updates are available on the official CISM 2026 website and via IOF Eventor.

11. COMPETITION INFORMATIONS

11.1 PUNCHING SYSTEM

The punching system used is SPORTident Air+. SIAC-Cards will be provided by the organiser.

11.2 CLOTHING

For the forest venues, the choice of clothing and footwear is free. However, please be aware of the climate and note that ticks are still active in mid-October. For the urban venues, clothing choice remains free, but spikes or metal-studded shoes (dope spikes) are strictly prohibited.

12. EVENT INFORMATION

12.1 FOREST EVENT MODEL

Tuesday 20 Oct 2026
Start 1000-1300 Finish closed 1400
Free start for athletes and coaches, maps already available on arrival
Start, finish, controls and maps similar to the Forest Long distance race
Course planner Adrian Koepfli
Terrain mapped by Urs Steiner, checked by Hubert Klausner
Map Scale: 1:10,000
Contour Interval: 5 metres
Map Standard: ISOM 2017-2

12.2 FOREST LONG DISTANCE

Wednesday 21 Oct 2026
Start 0900-1300 Finish closed 1600
Male and Female competition
Estimated winning time male and female 50' to 65'
Course planner Ciro Martin
Terrain mapped by Hubert Klauser
Map Scale: 1:10,000
Contour Interval: 5 metres
Map Standard: ISOM 2017-2

12.3 FOREST RELAY

Thursday 22 Oct 2026
Start Male 1000 Female 1005 Finish closed 1400
Male and Female competition
3 athletes per relay team
Estimated winning time male and female 30' to 40'
Overall team winning time 90-105'
Course planner Marius Kaiser
Terrain mapped by Hubert Klauser
Map Scale: 1:10,000
Contour Interval: 5 metres
Map Standard: ISOM 2017-2

12.4 URBAN SPRINT

Saturday 24 Oct 2026
Start 0900-1130 Finish closed 1230
Estimated winning time male and female 12' to 15'
Course planner Noah Buehlmann
Terrain mapped by Hubert Klaus
Map Scale: 1:4,000
Contour Interval: 2 metres
Map Standard: ISSprOM 2019-2

12.5 GENERAL TERRAIN CHARACTERISTIC FOREST

The event areas represent a diverse cross-section of Central Switzerland. Generally, the landscape is characterized by gentle, rolling hills, open forests, and scenic alpine meadows. However, the region also features highly demanding exceptions: certain areas present a technical karst terrain characteristic of the Swiss Jura, combined with the intricate micro-relief typically found in Scandinavian forests.

Vegetation and Runnability:
Vegetation varies significantly across the venues. While large parts of the region consist of open, highly runnable woodlands interspersed with pastures and a dense network of tracks, other areas feature well-preserved, dense mixed forest. In these denser sectors, visibility is limited, and runnability drops to slow or medium due to rocks, steep cliffs, and moss-covered ground.

Topography and Features:
Depending on the specific venue, competitors will experience a wide range of orienteering challenges. Topography ranges from smooth, rolling slopes and clear-cut fields to intricate networks of cliffs, small contours, depressions, and complex limestone formations. Navigating these areas will demand versatile route-choice strategies, precise compass work, and continuous map contact.

12.6 GENERAL TERRAIN CHARACTERISTIC URBAN

The Sprint event takes place in a characteristic historic Swiss town. The venue features a charming, compact historic centre (Altstadt) with intricate, narrow alleys, cobblestone streets, and open public squares. This traditional core transitions into modern residential areas, school complexes, and public parks.

Runnability and Visibility:
Runnability is excellent throughout the entire area, consisting almost entirely of hard surfaces such as asphalt, pavement, and cobblestones. Visibility is generally very high and open in the modern quarters and parks, but becomes strictly limited around sharp corners and within the dense, built-up historic structures.

Topography and Features:
The terrain is predominantly flat to gently sloping, but competitors should expect minor layout-driven elevation changes, including stairs, ramps, and multi-level passages typical of alpine valley settlements. High-speed running coupled with complex route-choice decisions—influenced by dead ends, fences, and artificial barriers—will require instantaneous map reading and precise execution.

12.7 DETAILED INFORMATION

Specific event information will be available in Bulletin 2 and 3.

13. PRIZE MONEY

Not applicable.

14. PUBLIC RACES

On Saturday 24 Oct 2026, a civil competition will be held at the same venue as the Urban Sprint event once the CISM Sprint event is finished.

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