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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 men's and women's team competition; scores are calculated by combining the three (3) best times from the Long Distance race and the three (3) best times from the Sprint Distance race.

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

Lt-Colonel LUETZKENDORF Christian	Official CISM Representative
Lt-Colonel BERNAL GOMEZ Jesus	President CISM Sport Committee Orienteering
Major SMULDERS Marco	IOF Senior Event Advisor

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2. EVENT PROGRAMME

Monday, October 19th, 2026

Arrival of the missions and check-in procedures

TBD	IOF Event Adivsor Course (CSC)

Tuesday, October 20th, 2026

0800-1030	Preliminary meeting (uniform)
1000-1400	Model Event
1730-1830	Opening ceremony (uniform: officials class A / athletes class B)
TBD	IOF Event Advisor Course (CSC)

Wednesday, October 21st, 2026

0930-1600	Competition: Long distance
2000-2030	Medal giving ceremony Long distance, CISM Club Stans (uniform: medal winners class A / B, teams: sport uniform / casual)

Thursday, October 22nd, 2026

1000-1435	Competition: Relay
1430-1445	Flower Ceremony, competition venue
1600-2200	Reception of Chief of Mission (class A uniform) / “Gift Exchange”

Friday, October 23rd, 2026

0900-1600	Cultural Day
1900-2030	Enlarged Teamleaders Meeting (CISM)

Saturday, October 24th, 2026

0900-1230	Competition: Sprint
1245-1300	Flower Ceremony, competition venue
1300-1400	VIP Race
1730-1845	Closing ceremony (uniform) and award ceremony (uniform)
1900-2100	Closing banquet (uniform)

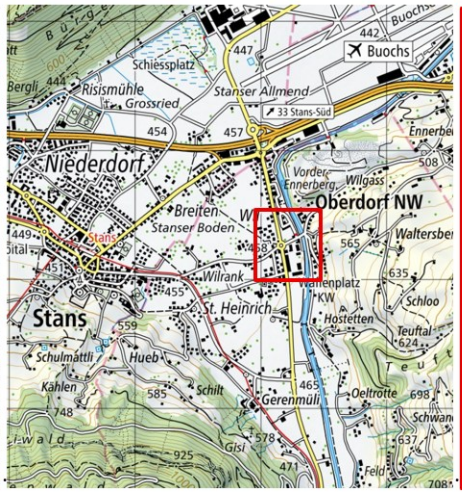
Sunday, October 25th, 2026

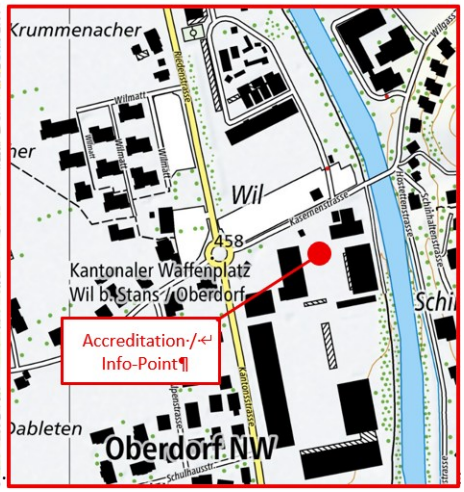
Departure of the missions

3. VENUES, ACCESS AND TRANSPORT

How to get to Stans

By-air:	Zurich Airport
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
	FromLugano (A2)





<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).

5.3 PARTICIPATING NATIONS

After the Final Entry deadline 25 nations with more than 200 athletes have announced the participation.

Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estland, Finland; France, Germany, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye and Ukraine

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.

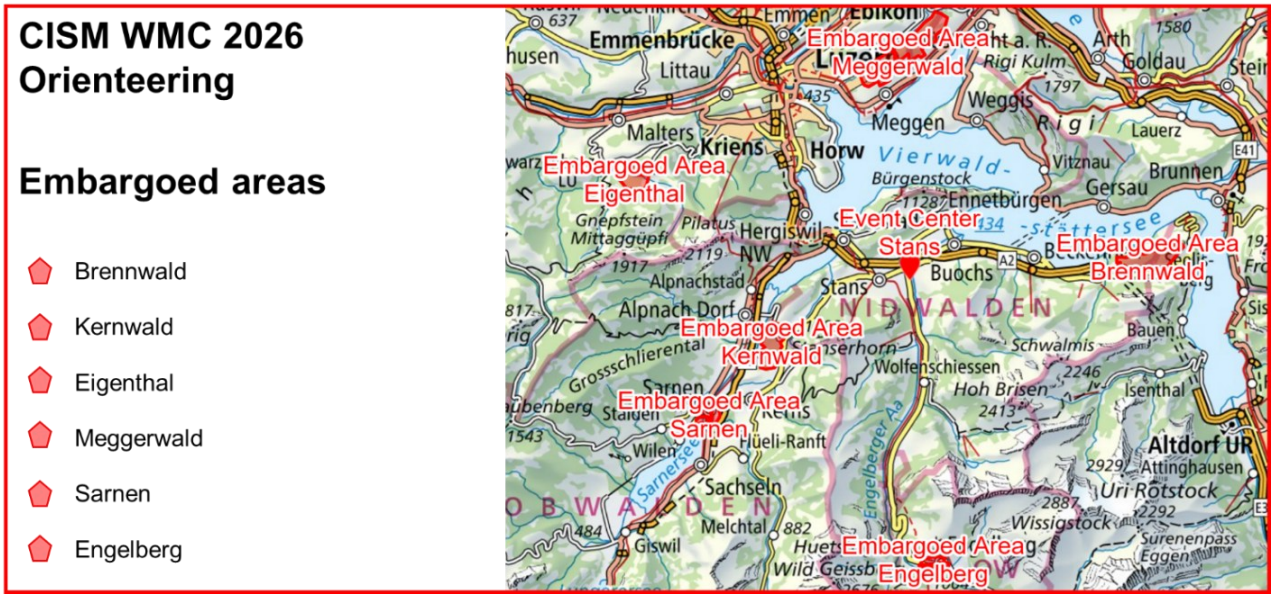
The accommodation in the barracks and the food for the CISM delegations will be paid by the organiser. Special requests, like additional drinks or an hotel accommodation (the organiser must be informed during the registration), have to be paid by the delegation itself.

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 championship 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. RULES AND REGULATIONS

8.1 COMPETITION RULES

The CISM and IOF rules and regulations apply during the 53rd World Military Championship Orienteering. As the specific CISM orienteering regulations are currently under development, **the IOF Competition Rules for the Junior World Orienteering Championships (JWOC) shall serve as the primary governing regulations during the execution of this championship,** except where specified otherwise below.
The current IOF JWOC rules can be consulted on the official IOF website as well the event website.

8.2 TERMINOLOGY

Where the IOF JWOC rules use the terms listed below, the following substitutions apply for this championship:

- Junior = Military
- Federation = Mission
- Team manager = Chief of Mission

8.3 SPECIFIC RULES AND DEVIATIONS

The JWOC rules apply to the championship, subject to the following specifics and deviations from these rules:

- Rule 1.11 – Authority
  The MWC is organised under the authority and responsibility of CISM.
- Rule 3 – Event Programme
  The complete event programme is published in the Technical Bulletins.
- Rule 4 – Event Applications
  Not applicable during the execution of the MWC.
- Rule 5 – Classes
  There are two official classes: Men and Women. Women are not allowed to compete in men's class.
- Rule 6 – Participation
  Participation conditions are stated in the Technical Bulletins and set by CISM and the organiser. All mission members are permitted to take part as competitors, provided the total number of athletes does not exceed the maximum allowed to compete.
- Rule 6.15 / 6.16 – Relay
  During the relay event, Mixed (MIX) teams are permitted in accordance with the JWOC rules. Incomplete teams are not allowed.
- Rule 7 – Costs and Financial Conditions
  Fees and financial conditions are stated elsewhere in the Technical Bulletins.
- Rule 8 – Publication of Bulletins
  Bulletin 3 will be published no later than 3 days prior to the first official race day.
- Rule 9.7 / 9.9 – Athlete Deadlines
  The precise deadlines for submitting athlete names, start group preferences (Long & Sprint), and relay team compositions will be published in Technical Bulletins.
- Rule 9.15 / 9.17 & Rule 12.7 – Start Groups and Draw (Long & Sprint)
  For both Men's and Women's competitions in the Long and Sprint events, 6 start groups will be used. This means a maximum of 1 athlete per mission may be allocated to any single start group.
  Draw condition: To prevent consecutive starts by athletes from the same mission, the draw must ensure that at least two athletes from other mission's separate team-mates.
- Rule 10.3 / 10.4 – Official Transport
  The use of official transport provided by the organiser is compulsory for all mission members travelling to and from competition venues. The use of private or personal transport is strictly prohibited.
- Rule 11 – Training and Model Event
  Details regarding training opportunities (Sprint) and the Model Event are stated in the Technical Bulletins.
- Rule 12.17 / 12.19 – Start Intervals
  The start intervals are set as follows:
  Sprint: 1 minute
  Long Distance: 1.5 minute

- Rule 13 – Preliminary meeting / Technical Team leaders meeting
  Details and the schedule for the Preliminary meeting / Technical Team leaders meeting are provided in the Technical Bulletins.
- Rule 15.2 – Map Scale (Long Distance)
  The map scale for the Long Distance race is set at 1:10000.
- Rule 16.11 – Winning Times (Long Distance)
  The winning times for the Long Distance race are estimated:
  Men: 65 minutes
  Women: 60 minutes
- Rule 19.8 / 19.10 – Refreshment Points
  Only during the Long distance, refreshment points (water only) are available during the race.
- Rule 24.13 – Team Competition
- There will be a men's and women's team competition; scores are calculated by combining the three (3) best times from the Long Distance race and the three (3) best times from the Sprint Distance race.
- Rule 25 – Prizes and Medals
  The CISM Regulations apply to all award ceremonies, medals, and prizes.
- Rule 27 / 28 / 29 / 30 – Complaints, Protests, and Jury
  Procedures concerning complaints, official protests, Jury composition, and appeals are outlined below.
- Appendix 1 – Classes
  Two main classes will be contested during the event: Men and Women.
- Appendix 6 Rule 3 – Long Distance
  Map scale, start intervals, and target winning times for the Long Distance race deviate from standard JWOC rules.
- Appendix 6 Rule 1 – Sprint / Course planning considerations
  During the event, mission members and non-competing or finished athletes are strictly prohibited from entering the competition area.

8.4 PROTESTS, APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS

During the championship the CISM Regulations apply to all protest, appeal and complaint procedures, superseding IOF Rules 27 to 30.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Official CISM Representative (OCR): Responsible for constituting the Jury of Appeal and supervising the correct composition of the Technical Jury. Serves as Chairman of the Jury of Appeal and forwards all written protests and official decisions to the CISM General Secretariat.
- President of the CISM Sports Committee (PCSC): Responsible for constituting the Technical Jury. Serves as President of the Technical Jury and acts as Technical Advisor to the OCR in the Jury of Appeal (non-voting member). The PCSC is informed of every complaint or protest submitted to the Technical Jury, Jury of Appeal or CISM Board of Directors.
- Missions: Responsible for providing nominated members to serve on both the Technical Jury and the Jury of Appeal.

Term of Office

Both the Technical Jury and the Jury of Appeal will be formally constituted during the Preliminary / Technical Team Leaders' Meeting on Tuesday 20 October 2026. They will be dissolved following the Closing and Award Ceremony on Saturday 24 October 2026.

Jury compositions and responsibilities

Technical Jury

- President: PCSC
- Members: 4 mission members
  The Technical Jury (members)
  - will handle all technical protests,
  - must be military personnel with specialist knowledge of orienteering matters,
  - may not be part of the organisation,
  - must be from different participating missions,
  - will be chosen during the Preliminary Meeting,
  - will be chosen by drawing lots if there are more than 4 candidates,
  - will ensure that the regulations are properly observed during the championship,
  - will check and approve the results together with the Event Advisor,
  - will rule on all protests received in accordance with IOF and CISM regulations,
  - will receive the €100 deposit from the mission submitting the protest and issue a deposit receipt,
  - will return the deposit if the protest is upheld,
  - will hand over the written protest and decision to the OCR for further action by the Jury of Appeal or for transmission to the General Secretariat,
  - will have each one vote; in the event of a tie, the PCSC has the casting vote.
  - will receive the €100 deposit from the mission submitting the protest and issue a deposit receipt, if not already paid to the technical jury,

Jury of Appeal

- President: OCR
- Technical Advisor: PCSC (non-voting)
- Members: 3 Mission members
  The Jury of Appeal (members)
  - Will handle all general protests and technical appeals,
  - may not be part of the organisation or the Technical Jury,
  - must be from different participating missions,
  - will be chosen during the Preliminary Meeting,
  - will meet in closed session, except for interpreters, when necessary,
  - may hear any person who can clarify the matter,
  - includes the PCSC as a technical advisor to the President, but without voting rights,
  - will rule on all protests forwarded to the Jury of Appeal that have already been handled by the Technical Jury,

- will rule at the request of the Chairperson of the organisation, the PCSC, or the Chief of the host delegation,
- will have each one vote; in the event of a tie, the OCR has the casting vote.

Procedures and Timings for Protests

- Any general protest must be submitted to the Jury of Appeal,
- Any technical protest must be submitted immediately after the athlete finishes, with a deadline of **15 minutes** after the (preliminary) results are published online.
- The protest must be submitted **in writing** to the Technical Jury by the Chief of Mission (or Team Captain).
- Official protest forms are available in the finish tent and must be used for all written protests.
- Protests must clearly state the grounds on which the protest is submitted and specify the rules to which it relates*.
- A **deposit of €100** must accompany each submitted (general or technical) protest.
- The Technical Jury will consider the protest and deliver a formal written ruling.
- If a protest is upheld, the €100 deposit will be returned to the mission.
- If a Chief of Mission (or Team Captain) considers that the Technical Jury's decision does not do justice to their protest, they may submit an appeal against the decision in writing to the Jury of Appeal.
- This appeal must be submitted to the President of the Jury of Appeal within **2 hours** of the written notification of the Technical Jury's rejection.
- The Jury of Appeal acts as the final authority. Its decision is final and sets no precedent.
- All decisions made by the Jury of Appeal will be transmitted in writing to the mission, to the Organising Committee for dispatch, and to the General Secretariat for information.
- The Chief of Mission shall, in all cases, accept the decision made by the Jury of Appeal and will not tolerate any unsporting behaviour towards the officials, judges, or host nation.
- If the appeal is upheld, the €100 deposit will be returned to the mission.
- If the appeal is dismissed, the €100 deposit will be transferred to the CISM Treasurer General.
- All written protests, appeals and formal decisions will be submitted to the CISM General Secretariat via the OCR.
- Subsequent complaints may be addressed to the CISM Board of Directors; however, a complaint cannot overturn a final decision rendered by the Jury of Appeal.

Time Limits

Protest to the Technical Jury: Must be submitted directly after finishing of the athlete with a deadline of 15 minutes after the (preliminary) results are published online.
Protest to the Jury of Appeal: Must be submitted within 2 hours after the written decision of the Technical Jury has been communicated.

** During the championship the IOF Competition Rules for the Junior World Orienteering Championships (JWOC) shall serve as the primary governing regulations during the execution of this championship, except where specified otherwise in this Bulletin.*

9. GENERAL INFORMATION

9.1 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).

Constitution of the Anti-Doping Commission

- President: OCR
- Member: PCSC
- Member: LOC Representative

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

9.2 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.

9.3 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%

9.4 VISA

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

9.5 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.

9.6 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.

Because of the possible cold weather conditions in October, the wearing of the class B uniform (battle-dress) is permitted during the official events for the athletes and the team officials (team-captain and coach/ad libitum). Chief of Missions and CISM CSC members have to wear the class A uniform for all official events.

10. MEDIA

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

For media related topics, Staff-Seargent OEHNINGER Meico(head of communication / marketing) can be reached via email (meico@bluewin.ch).

11. COMPETITION INFORMATIONS

11.1 PUNCHING AND TIME KEEPING SYSTEM

The punching and timing system used for the event will be SPORTident AIR+ (contactless). SIAC cards will be provided by the organiser. Specific details regarding the system's operation during the events will be published in Bulletin 3.

Traditional needle (pin) punching will serve as the backup system, and the backup for timing is to be determined.

11.2 CLOTHING

For the forest events, clothing and footwear choice is unrestricted. Please be aware of the rugged terrain with numerous rocks; sturdy footwear is strongly recommended.

Ticks remain active in mid-October, so full body coverage (long trousers and long sleeves) is advised.

For the urban events, clothing choice also remains unrestricted; however, metal-studded shoes (dobbs/dopes) and spikes are strictly prohibited.

12. EVENT INFORMATION

12.1 GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

QUARANTINE

In each competition the organiser defined quarantine zones to prevent those who have not started gaining information about the courses. A quarantine zone is defined as a secure area where communication with the outside world by any person in the quarantine zone is forbidden, except for officials authorised to do so by the event organiser.

Athletes and coaches who enter quarantine must comply with the restrictions outlined in IOF Rule 22.16.

Please be aware that your stay in the quarantine zone may last up to four hours without access to mobile phones or electronic communication devices. Competitors and team staff are encouraged to bring their own offline entertainment, such as books, games, or puzzles. Catering and toilet facilities will be available on site.

12.2 MODEL EVENT FOREST

AXENSTEIN

The event will be held on a high plateau above Lake Lucerne, the Axenstein forest offers a classic alpine woodland with many rocks and cliffs. Athletes will encounter a dynamic landscape characterized by contour lines, glacial erratic boulders, and prominent contour spurs, transitioning smoothly into the adjacent Brennwald karst. With a well-maintained network of tracks, a more open forest floor, and clear landform features, the terrain provides excellent runnability alongside an intuitive yet highly engaging navigational challenge.

Programme

Tue 20 Oct 2026 Event day

1000-1300	Free start for athletes and coaches, with maps available upon arrival. An all-controls map will be provided for all mission members, alongside maps with printed courses for men's and women's athletes. The pre-start, start, finish, controls, and terrain are all representative of the Long Distance race.
1400	Finish closed

Map information

Description	Axenstein (Forest), 1:10.000, 5m contours, ISOM 2017-2
Mapper	Urs Steiner, checked by Hubert Klauser
Year	2024
Map size	A4, double-sided printed
Printing	Tear and waterproof print, in line with IOF rules

Course information

Class	Length	Winning time	Climb	Controls	Refreshment	Map flip	Start interval	Maximum time
Men	4200m	X	300m	15	No	Yes	Free start	Until 1400
Women	3810m	x	270m	13	No	Yes	Free start	Until 1400
Course planner		Adrian Koepfli						
Assembly area		In the village of Ingenbohl, Stiftung Theresianum						

Control description

Control descriptions will be printed on the map and loose control descriptions are available at the start.

- Size for men 11x4cm (5mm)
- Size for women 10x4cm (5mm)

12.2 FOREST LONG DISTANCE

BRENNWALD

The competition will be held in the Brennwald area, a region renowned for its distinctive karst terrain. Athletes will face a technical and demanding course featuring intricate contour details set within a mixed forest of predominantly pine and spruce with low undergrowth. Typical of this karst landscape, the terrain is defined by steep cliffs, deep grikes, and sinkholes, offering a rigorous physical and navigational challenge.

Programme

Tuesday 20 Oct 2026

1700	Deadline for submitting athlete group allocations, with six starting groups designated for both Men and Women.
2000	Start list published

Wednesday 21 Oct 2026 Event day

0730	Deadline for late changes
0800	Start list finalised
0730/0920	Quarantine open/closed
0930	First start Men and Women
1130	Last start Women
1315	Last start Men
1415	Finish closed Women
1600	Finish closed Men
2000	Final results published
2000-2030	Medal award ceremony

Map information

Description	Brennwald (Forest), 1:10.000, 5m contours, ISOM 2017-2
Mapper	Hubert Klauser
Year	2026
Map size	A4, double-sided printed
Printing	Tear and waterproof print, in line with IOF rules

Course information

Class	Length	Winning time	Climb	Controls	Refreshment	Map flip	Start interval	Maximum time
Men	8520m	65 min	510m	28	At 60%	Yes	1,5min	2hr45min
Women	6040m	60 min	340m	20	At 50%	Yes	1,5min	2hr45min
Course planner		Ciro Martin						
Finish area		Between the villages of Emmetten and Seelisberg						

There will be dispersions in both classes.

Control description

The control description will be printed on the map and loose control descriptions are available at the start.

- Size for men 18x4cm (5mm)
- Size for women 14x4cm (5mm)

12.3 FOREST RELAY

KERNWALD

Formed by an ancient rockslide from the Stanserhorn, the Kernwald presents a distinctive landscape of knolls, depressions, and scattered glacial boulders. Athletes will navigate through a dense, varied forest featuring complex micro-relief, subtle landforms, and small, isolated marshlands. The area offers variable runnability depending on vegetation density and stony ground underfoot, demanding continuous map-reading precision to master the delicate contour features and maintain rapid momentum.

Programme

Wednesday 21 Oct 2026

1700	Deadline for submitting team composition for both Men and Women Athletes. Be aware of IOF rule 6.15 and 6.16 Mixed relay teams.
2000	Start list published

Thursday 22 Oct 2026 Event day

0800	Deadline for late changes
0830	Start list finalised
0730-0950	Quarantine open/closed
1000	Mass start Men-first runners
1005	Mass start Women-first runners
1300	Mass start Men-second and third runners
1305	Mass start Women-second and third runners
1430	Flower ceremony
1430	Finish closed Men
1435	Finish closed Women
1800	Final results published

Saturday 24 Oct 2026

1730-1845	Medal award and closing ceremony

Map information

Description	Kernwald (Forest), 1:10.000, 5m contours, ISOM 2017-2
Mapper	Hubert Klauser
Year	2026
Map size	A4, double-sided printed
Printing	Tear and waterproof print, in line with IOF rules

Course information

Class	Length	Winning time	Climb	Controls	Refreshment	Map flip	Start interval	Maximum time
Men	5750m	35 (105) min	300m	17	No	Yes	Mass	4hr30min (team)
Women	4350m	35 (105) min	240m	13	No	Yes	Mass	4hr30min (team)
Course planner		Marius Kaiser						
Arena area		Between the villages of Kerns and Ennetmoos						

Control description

The control description will only be printed on the map.

12.4 URBAN SPRINT

SARNEN

Set around the scenic northern shore of Lake Sarnen, the village of Sarnen offers a classic Swiss urban sprint environment. Athletes will navigate a fast-paced course through a compact historic core, featuring narrow cobbled alleyways, picturesque open squares, and intricate building clusters interlinked by passage ways. The flat to gently undulating terrain allows for high-speed running, demanding rapid decision-making, precise route choice execution, and sharp technical control through tight turns and sudden visual (artificial) barriers.

Programme

Friday 23 Oct 2026

1600	Deadline to submit athlete group allocations, with six starting groups designated for both Men and Women.
1800	Start list published

Saturday 24 Oct 2026 Event day

0700	Deadline to submit late changes
0730	Start list finalised
0745-0850	Quarantine open/closed
0900	First start Men and Women
1030	Last start Women
1130	Last start Men
1145	Finish closed Women
1245	Finish closed Men
1245	Flower ceremony
1300-1400	VIP Race
1600	Final results published
1730-1845	Medal award and closing ceremony

Map information

Description	Sarnen, 1:4.000, 2m contours, ISSprOM 2019-2
Mapper	Hubert Klauser
Year	2026
Map size	A4, double-sided printed
Printing	Tear and waterproof print, in line with IOF rules

Course information

Class	Length	Winning time	Climb	Controls	Refreshment	Map flip	Start interval	Maximum time
Men	4090m	12-15 min	15m	23	No	Yes	1min	1hr15min
Women	3910m	12-15 min	10m	20	No	Yes	1min	1hr15min
Course planner		Noah Buehlman						
Finish area		In the village of Sarnen, Regionale Sportanlage Sarnen						

Control description
The control description will be printed on the map and loose control descriptions are available at the start.

- Size for men 15,5x4cm (5mm)
- Size for women 14x4cm (5mm)

12.5 TRAINING URBAN

STANS
Nestled at the base of the iconic Stanserhorn, the historical town of Stans presents a high-octane sprint setting rich in central Swiss charm. Athletes can train through a dense network of historic streets framing the iconic village square, navigating a dynamic blend of traditional wooden architecture, historic religious compounds, and modern urban extensions. Featuring a mix of open paved plazas, narrow passageways, and subtle elevation changes around the hillside edges.
The distance from the barracks to the training area (map) is 1100 m on foot.

Programme
Monday 19 Oct until Saturday 24 Oct 2026
The training map will be available upon arrival. Options and restrictions to use the map for training will be published in Bulletin 3.

Map information

Description	Stans, 1:4.000, 2m contours, ISSprOM 2019-2
Mapper	Peter Tschuemperlin
Year	2026
Map size	A4
Printing	Tear and waterproof print, in line with IOF rules

Course information
There will be no course on the map.

Control description
There will be no control description.

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 is finished.

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