

The ISSF World Tour Target Sprint 2020

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The ISSF World Tour Target Sprint 2020 (WTTS) consists of 5 stages at different venues. The first 4 stages will be run as qualification rounds. The best 12 athletes of the 4 qualification stages will participate in a separate final competition, the WTTS Final.

At each stage of the WTTS the following events will be conducted:

- Individual Events
- Single Mixed Team Events

A WTTS stage therefore consists of two days of competition (respectively three days if an open training day is offered by the organizer the day prior to the first competitions).

The individual events will be conducted in the following age groups:

- Women / Men
- Junior W / Junior M

Team events will only be conducted in the Women/Men age group (Juniors are allowed to compete in the team events).

2. The WTTS stages

2.1 Qualification stages (stages 1-4) – Individual Events

In the individual events, a maximum of 3 to 4 qualification heats per age group should be conducted. Depending on the number of participating nations, there will be a maximum of 6 starting places per nation. The 10 fastest athletes in the qualification heats qualify for the final heat of the respective age group.

The 10 athletes in each final of the qualification stages will receive ranking points according to their position in the final; points for athletes on places 11-15 will be awarded according to their time in the qualification heat.

After the qualification rounds (stages 1-4) the 12 best athletes in each age group qualify for the WTTS Final (5th stage).

The winners of each qualification stage (stages 1-4) are qualified for the WTTS Final directly (even if only competing in one qualification stage). The further positions in the WTTS Final will be awarded through a ranking point system. Points for the ranking system will be awarded after each qualification stage according to table 1. After the fourth stage, positions in the WTTS Final will be awarded according to the standing in the ranking list. To qualify for the WTTS Final via the ranking list, athletes have to compete in at least two of the qualification stages.

Table 1: Ranking Point System

| Rank | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
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| Points | 20 | 16 | 14 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

2.2 Qualification stages (stages 1-4) – Single Mixed Team Events

The team events will be conducted as single mixed team events only in the Women/Men age group. Each nation may nominate a maximum of 6 teams. The team composition is up to each nation and may vary between the different qualification stages. Juniors are allowed to compete in the team events.

At the qualification stages, qualification heats and a final heat will be conducted in the team events. If less than 11 teams are nominated, there will be only one qualification heat. The last ranked team of this qualification heat will not be allowed to compete in the final heat of this qualification stage.

The 10 fastest teams of all qualification heats qualify for the final heat. The 10 teams in the finals of the qualification stages will receive ranking points according to their position in the final heat; points for teams on places 11-15 will be awarded according to their time in the qualification heat (s. Table 1).

The points of all teams of one nation will be summed up for a nation ranking.

2.3 WTTS Final (stage 5)

Individual and team events will be conducted at the WTTS Final.

In the individual events, only one final heat for the best 12 athletes (according to the above mentioned qualification system in the WTTS stages 1-4) in each age group will be conducted.

The winners of the final heats in the Women/Men age group will be awarded as WTTS Champions; the winners of the final heats in the Junior W/M age group will be awarded as WTTS Junior Champions.

Teams qualify for the Mixed Team Final of the WTTS through their position in the above mentioned nation ranking. The best 12 Mixed Teams will be eligible to participate in the WTTS Mixed Team Final. The first ranked nation of the nation ranking receives 3 starting places, the second ranked nation receives 2 starting places and the nations on ranks three to nine each receive 1 starting place.

(If there is less than nine nations participating in the WTTS qualification stages and thus less than 12 teams available for a start at the WTTS Final, the remaining starting places will be allocated to the nations ranked three to nine in the nation ranking. The first open starting place will be allocated to the nation on rank 3 etc., until all 12 starting places are allocated.)

The winning teams of the WTTS Mixed Team Final will be awarded WTTS Team Champions.

3. Draft timetable:

3.1 Season 2020:

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| - 1. Qualification stage | 22.02. – 25.02. Cairo (EGY) |
| - 2. Qualification stage | 29.05. – 31.05. Auer (ITA) |
| - 3. Qualification stage | 26.06. – 28.06. Miskolc (HUN) |
| - 4. Qualification stage | 29.07. – 31.07. Bisley (GBR) |
| - WTTS Final | 14.08. – 16.08. Suhl (GER) |

3.2 Competition schedule:

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| Open training session (not mandatory) | Friday |
| Individual events | Saturday |
| ▪ Qualification heats | 09:00 bis 14:00 h |
| ▪ Final heats | 16:00 bis 18:00 |
| Team events | Sunday |
| ▪ Final heats: | 10:00 bis 12:00 |

4. Duties of ISSF

The invitation documents for the WTTS 2020 will be published by the ISSF and forwarded to all Member Federations ASAP; at the same time, the dates of the WTTS stages will be published on the ISSF calendar. The necessary documents will be forwarded to the ISSF by the organizers of the respective WTTS stage.

The official result books of each WTTS stage as well as the actual WTTS individual and nation rankings will be published by the ISSF. The result books as well as the actual WTTS individual and nation rankings will be sent to the ISSF by the respective organizer until 10:00 pm of the final competition day.

The ISSF provides the medals for all events at all WTTS stages in case the Organizers request the ISSF to do so and get the ISSF approval of the logo for the competitions at least two months before the arrival day.

5. Duties of the organizer

All organizers acknowledge the applicable ISSF rules and regulations and commit themselves to their implementation.

The organizer commits to forward the result book as well as the actual WTTS individual and nation rankings to the ISSF until 10:00 pm of the final competition day.

The invitation to each WTTS stage will be prepared by the respective organizer and send to the ISSF ASAP. The ISSF will then send the invitations to all WTTS stages to the Member Federations.

The invitations have to include the following information:

- Information on the competition date incl. preliminary competition schedule
- Information on the location and venue of the competition
- Information on possible accommodation for the teams

The competitions should preferably be run in an attractive urban environment (e.g. city or town centre) in order to create a proximity to the spectators. In order to increase the event character, the competitions should be accompanied by a speaker and appealing music. The WTTS Final in particular should be run at an iconic venue in a media and spectator attracting setting (e.g. also in connection with a city festival).

The organizer secures a short termed conduction of the award ceremonies immediately after the last final (no later than 30 minutes after the end of the last final.)

- Exception: The organizer will hold the award ceremony in a different location (e.g. the award ceremony on Saturday evening in the context of a reception etc.)
- An exception for the award ceremony of the mixed team competitions is only permitted if it has no influence on the departure of the teams after the competitions or award ceremony.

The organizers strive for an appropriate media presentation of the competitions.

Each organizer is free to seek support from sponsors for the organization of their WTTS stage. However, the suitability of the sponsors must be checked and approved by the ISSF.

6. Registration

The registration of the individual athletes and the teams has to be done by the ISSF Member Federations directly to the organizer of the respective WTTS stage using the registration procedure announced in the invitation.

In the individual events, a maximum of 6 athletes per age group can be registered by each nation. A name change of athletes due to illness, etc. is possible up to the day before the start of the individual event and has to be done by the team leader directly informing the organizer.

For the single mixed team events, a maximum of 6 teams per nation can be registered. The composition of the teams by name must be made no later than the day before the team event. Details will be announced by the respective organizers in the invitation.

7. Awards

In order to make the WTTS an attractive competition format, attractive awards/prizes should be announced as follows:

- Qualification stages: Medals
- WTTS Final individual events: Medals + Championship Cups
- WTTS Final team event: Championship Cups

The organizers are free to award additional attractive prizes for the champions.