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To: IOF Member Federations

Dear Member,

Revision of International Specification for Orienteering Maps

The IOF Map Commission has commenced preparations for the publication of a revised version of ISOM and its implementation into the rules of the IOF. The formation of an ISOM2030 Working Group to undertake this important work is underway together with the establishment of an expert reference team to provide guidance.

This revision aims at taking advantage of the improvements in printing technology and to improve legibility, especially for runners with colour vision deficiencies. Hence, the focus will be on colours and the graphical appearance of the map, and not to introduce symbols for new types of features. Also, we have seen an increase in map detail, rendering maps harder and harder to read. Hence the revision also aims at improving symbol definitions for better generalisation and legibility.

Subsequent revisions of the other specifications will be based on the new ISOM2030.

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

As you will note from the timetable, the ISOM2030 Working Group would welcome suggestions for changes to the current ISOM from your Federation, and this deadline is 30 September 2025. Suggestions should be sent to chair.mc@orienteering.sport with suggestions in an attached document. We kindly ask that your suggestion(s) are sent through your national federation which will sanction them before they are submitted.

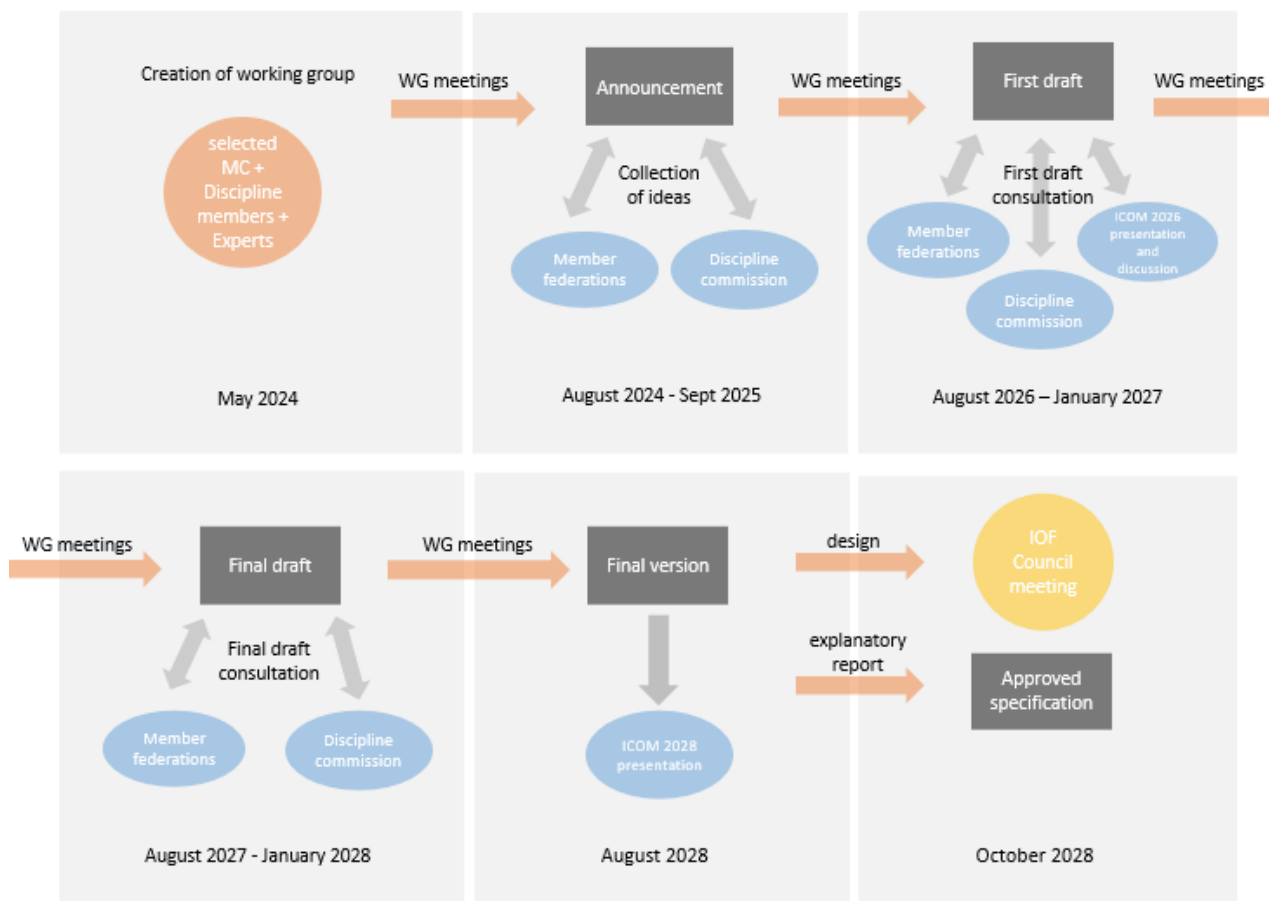
We look forward to receiving your suggestions for taking ISOM into the next decades.

Best regards,

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Annex 1

ISOM 2030 consultation process



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