



EUROPEAN YOUTH
ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

25. - 27. June 2026
NOVA GORICA - SLOVENIA

BULLETIN 1.1

Welcome to the
city of roses.



1. Organisation

EYOC 2026 is being organised by the Slovenian Orienteering Federation and municipality of Nova Gorica

1.1. Organising Committee

Event director: Gregor Raj (grega@eyoc2026.si)

Event vice-director: Blaž Kölner (blaz@eyoc2026.si)

Event office: info@eyoc2026.si

Trainings: trainings@eyoc2026.si

1.2. Event Advisers

IOF Senior Event Adviser: Janos Manarin – ITA (janosport@mrtgroup.it)

Assistant Senior Event Adviser: Edoardo Tona - ITA (tona.edoardo@gmail.com)

1.3. Coursesetters

Sprint – Peter Tušar

Long distance – Matic Blaž

Relay – Peter Tušar

1.4. Contact Information

Official Information

IOF Eventor: [European Youth Orienteering Championships 2026](#)

E-mail: info@eyoc2026.si

Website: www.eyoc2026.si

2. Program

Preliminary event program

24th June, Wednesday - Arrival, Model Events

25th June, Thursday - Sprint, Opening Ceremony

26th June, Friday – Long. Friendship party

27th June, Saturday - Relay, Closing Ceremony, Departure

3. Venue, Access and Transport

3.1. Venue

European Youth Orienteering Championships 2026 will be held in Nova Gorica in western part of Slovenia. A city with a rose in its coat of arms and rose plantations everywhere.

Nova Gorica is a town in western Slovenia, located right on the border with Italy, near the city of Gorizia. It was established after World War II and is known as a symbol of post-war rebuilding and cooperation. Surrounded by scenic hills and vineyards, it offers a mix of modern urban life and natural beauty. The town is also a cultural hub, with a university, casinos, and frequent events that reflect its vibrant cross-border identity. In 2025 Nova Gorica is the European Capital of Culture.

3.2. Access and Transport

Airports near Nova Gorica are accessible by public transportation or car.

- Trieste – Friuli Venezia Giulia Airport (Italy): about 35 km
- Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport (Slovenia): about 125 km
- Treviso Airport (Italy): about 130 km
- Venice Marco Polo Airport (Italy): about 140 km
- Zagreb Franjo Tuđman Airport (Croatia): 240 km

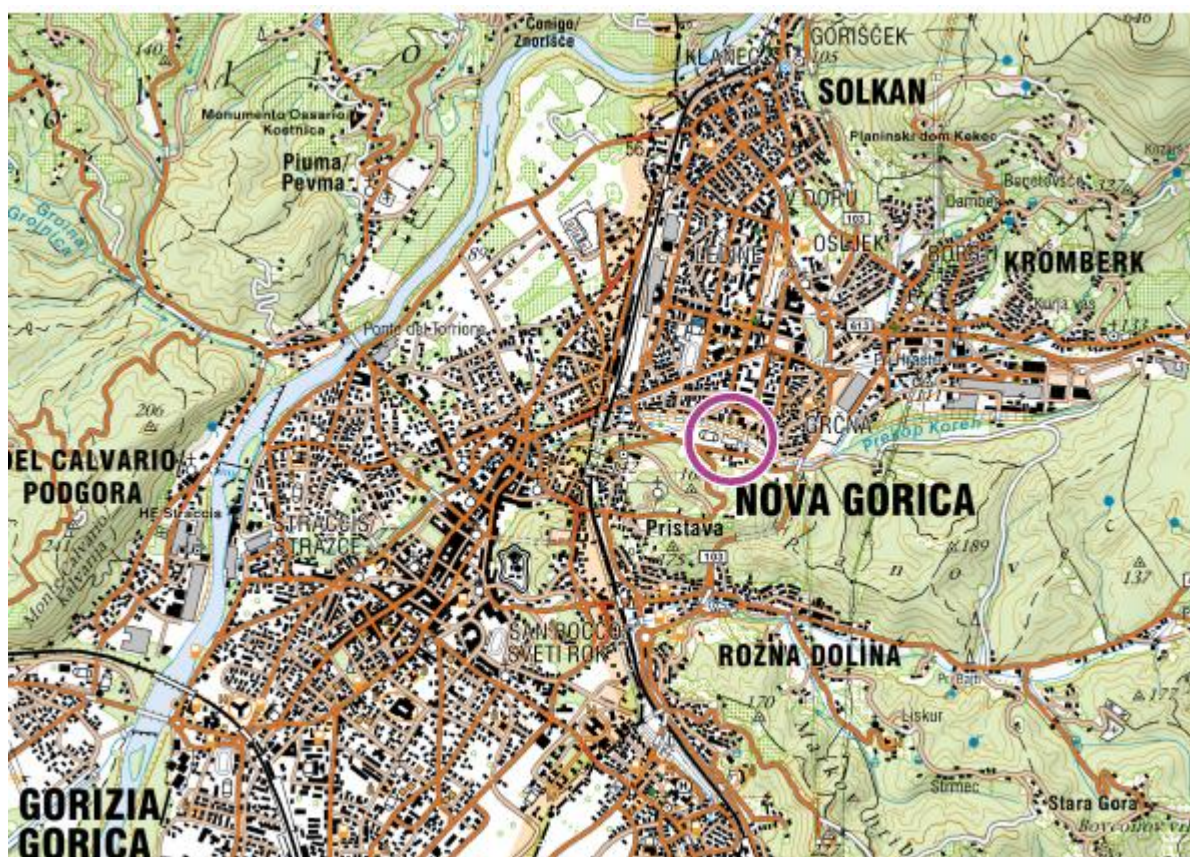
We recommend renting some minibuses and getting to the accommodation site using this type of transportation.

4. Event centre(office)

Event Centre will be located at:

Dijaški dom (student dormitory) Nova Gorica ([45.9507414N, 13.6448861E](https://www.google.com/maps/place/45.9507414N,13.6448861E)).

Accreditation of the teams and team officials' meetings will be held in the Event Centre.



5. Registration and accommodation

5.1. Team Registration

All entries can only be made in [IOF Eventor / European Youth Orienteering Championships 2026](#). The entry form will be available from January 1st, 2026

- The event start date is 24 June 2026
- The deadline for Team Size Entry is 24th April 2026
- The deadline for Team Names Entry is 14th June 2026
- The deadline for Late Entries, Changes of Team Size or Team Names for accreditation is 23 June 2026 at 12:00

Team Size Entry

The following information shall be given:

- Team manager (chosen from list in IOF Eventor)
- Number of Team athletes (Men and Women)
- Number of Team officials
- Number of Team athletes in the individual races
- Ordering of rental SIAC cards

There is no maximum number of officials per team.

Team Names Entry

The following information shall be given:

- Name of each Team athlete by selecting from federation members in IOF Eventor
- Names of team officials

Competition Entries

Names of the competitors and, if required, their starting group, shall be entered in IOF Eventor on the day before an individual or relay competition.

Late entries, changes of team size or team names

Late Entries and changes will be accepted, if possible until 23rd June 2026 at 12:00. No late entries or changes will be accepted after that date. Late entries and changes will always have a defined extra cost (surcharge).

Entry changes

- 25th April – 14th June 2026 – surcharge 20 % on new entries, withdrawals receive an 80% refund.
- 15th June – 23rd June 2026 – surcharge 50 % on new entries, withdrawals receive a 50% refund.
- After 23rd June 2026, 12:00 CET – no other entries or changes will be accepted, and no refunds are possible.

Name changes

- 15th June – 23th June 2026 – surcharge 10 EUR
- Changes of names for competition according to IOF rules, no fee.

Late entries and changes will always be treated equally and must be communicated directly to the organiser on info@eyoc2026.si. The organiser makes the changes in IOF Eventor after deadlines.

5.2. Entry fee description

All types of accommodation also include:

- Start fee for three competitions of EYOC and a model events
- Friendship party
- Full board from dinner on June 24 until lunch on June 27

Accommodations will be provided at student dormitory or gym (hardfloor). These accommodations are 1.5 km apart, reachable within a 15 minutes walk.

Accommodation type A

- Rooms with extra space, private bathrooms, and a basic kitchen with a fridge.
- 300 EUR/participant

Accommodation type B

- Rooms with private bathrooms and a shared kitchen.
- 240 EUR/participant

Accommodation type C

- Hard floor in gym with own sleeping equipment and shared bathrooms.
- 200 EUR/participant

Important note: Teams that would like to organise their own accommodation and food must register and pay Accommodation C.

5.3. Payments

Invoices will be issued in April 2026. Payment must be credited to the organiser's account no later than 13th May 2026 - full payment is required to consider an entry as valid.

All bank fees and charges must be covered by the payer.

Account owner:

Orientacijska zveza Slovenije
Gosposka ulica 6
1000 Ljubljana

IBAN: SI56 1010 0005 2357 588 (Banka Koper d.d.)
VAT: 95033793
PIC: 942007741
Invoice reference: Invoice number

6. Embargoed areas

6.1. Embargoed areas information

According to the IOF Competition rules (§ 26.5), embargoed areas are forbidden for all potential EYOC 2026 athletes, team officials and other persons, who, through knowledge of the terrain, may influence the results of the competitions. All embargoed areas are 'strict embargo'.

More information and maps are available on [IOF Eventor / European Youth Orienteering Championships 2026](#) and the [EYOC 2026 website](#).

6.2. Interactive map

Direct link to detailed map of the [Embargoed areas](#).

Sprint area

[Nova Gorica](#)

Forest areas

[Lokve](#) (Long)

[Nemci](#) (Relay)



[Embargoed areas](#)

Old Maps

Folder with the most recent version of any previous orienteering maps: [Old maps](#)



[Old maps](#)

7. Training opportunities

All training activities should be coordinated with the organizers, contact trainings@eyoc2026.si.

- Trainings will be available to teams throughout spring, summer and autumn 2025 and spring 2026.
- Other possibilities and an overall map of all trainings available will be updated on the event webpage. Terrains are around 850m to 1350m a.s.l. and usually snow-free April to November.
- Official Training Camp 1 will be organized in October 2025:
Date: 25 October – 27. October 2025 (Saturday to Monday).
Dates were changed due to collision with JWOC TC dates.
- Official Training Camp 2 will be organized in Spring 2026.

For any information and to organize your personalized training camp, contact trainings@eyoc2026.si.



[Training list](#)

8. Classes and Participation Restriction

8.1. Classes and Entry Regulations

- M16 – Men born in 2010 or later
- W16 – Women born in 2010 or later
- M18 – Men born in 2008 or later
- W18 – Women born in 2008 or later

Each country may enter a maximum number of 4 competitors in each class and one relay team/class. A maximum number of officials per team is not limited. All participants must be full passport holding citizens of the country they are representing.

8.2. Insurance

The organisers decline any liability that might occur through participation in the IOF EYOC Events and training opportunities. Each person participates at their own risk and is responsible for their own insurance coverage (illness and accident).

There are no other peculiarities of the event.

8.3. Climate and Hazards

Nova Gorica

Nova Gorica lies at around 100 metres above sea level. The climate is transitional between sub Mediterranean and moderately continental, with mild winters and warm to hot summers.

In late June, average daytime temperatures range between 28 °C and 32 °C, while night-time temperatures typically stay around 17 °C to 20 °C. Heatwaves can occur, with temperatures exceeding 33 °C, especially during calm and sunny periods.

Precipitation for late June is moderate, with occasional thunderstorms in the afternoons or evenings. The average total precipitation for the entire month is around 70–90 mm, with the second half of June often seeing more instability.

You can expect around 10 to 11 hours of sunshine per day, and conditions are generally suitable for outdoor activities, though it's wise to prepare for short summer storms.

Lokve

Lokve, a mountain village on the Trnovo Plateau in southwestern Slovenia, is located at about 965 metres above sea level. The climate is moderately continental with alpine influences—summers are cool and fresh compared to the lowlands.

In late June, average daytime temperatures are around 19 °C to 23 °C, with night-time lows between 10 °C and 13 °C. Temperatures rarely exceed 25 °C, and evenings can feel quite cool.

Rain is fairly common in the form of afternoon thunderstorms, and the area receives about 90–110 mm of rain on average in June. Moisture and fog are not unusual in this forested, elevated terrain. Sunshine averages 8 to 9 hours per day during this period, although passing clouds and storms may briefly reduce visibility.

The forests around Lokve are home to ticks that may carry tick borne encephalitis and Lyme disease.

8.4. Visas

According to current regulations, citizens of some countries must obtain a visa in order to enter Slovenia (Schengen Area). Entry requirements may change, so all potential EYOC participants are advised to keep up to date with the latest information.

Please visit: [Republic of Slovenia / Policies / Foreign affairs](#)

9. Media

Journalists, photographers, camera personnel and social media content creators welcome.

All registrations will be made in IOF Eventor. Further information, instructions and registration deadlines will be part of Bulletin 2.

10. Race information

10.1. Punching

SPORTident Air+ punching will be used for all competitions. EYOC participants are requested to use their own SIAC cards as primary SIAC during the event.

The organisers will offer SIAC cards for rent (price EUR 20 - when rented SIAC is lost, payment of EUR 70 will be requested); they can be booked through IOF Eventor as a service along with Team Size Entry (24th April 2026).

Competitors are allowed to use 2 SIAC cards (one as a backup).

10.2. Clothing and Footwear

There are no regulations regarding clothing. It's recommended to cover your legs completely and due to rocky nature use taping for forest events.

Shoes with metal dobs and spikes are forbidden for sprint race and sprint training sessions!

11. Event Information

11.1. Terrain

Sprint

The main part of the terrain consists of urban development of various types – apartment buildings, sports fields and a park. Terrain is mostly flat. Visibility and runnability are varying from very good to medium in park parts.

Long

Physically demanding, hilly, with deep depressions. Altitude 820 - 1070 m above sea level. Many local terrain details (karst features - depressions, stony ground). Mixed forest, in some parts with clearings. Visibility and runnability are mostly very good. There are paths as well as “green” areas in the forest.

Relay

Physically demanding, with depressions. Altitude 830 - 920 m above sea level. Many local terrain details (karst features - depressions, stony ground). Mixed forest, in some parts with clearings. Visibility and runnability are mostly very good. There are paths as well as “green” areas in the forest.

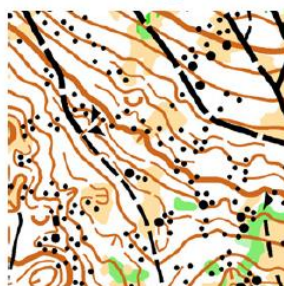
11.2. Maps

Discipline	Scale	Contour Interval	Specification	Map Makers
Sprint	1 : 4 000	2 m	ISSprOM 2017-2 rev 6	Remo Madella
Long	1 : 10 000	5 m	ISOM 2017-2 rev 6	Daniel Lebar
Relay	1 : 10 000	5 m	ISOM 2017-2 rev 6	Ivan Nagy

Sprint



Long



Relay



11.3. Preliminary Course Details

Winning times

Class	Long	Sprint	Relay
M16	45 min	12 min	90 min
M18	55 min	12 min	105 min
W16	45 min	12 min	90 min
W18	55 min	12 min	105 min

12. Spectators race

We would like to invite fans, spectators and the sporting public to participate in the accompanying races, which will offer courses for different levels of orienteering difficulty.

Three races will be prepared in terrains of EYOC or close ones between June 25th and June 27th, 2026.

More detailed information will be published during 2025 on the EYOC 2026 website.

Revision note (version 1.1 – 8. September 2025)

- Section 3.2 (Access and transport): added a new airport (Zagreb)
- Section 7 (Training opportunities): updated Official Training Camp 1 dates



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