

The ISSF World Tour Target Sprint 2021

Concept for the development of the ISSF World Tour Target Sprint 2021

1. The ISSF World Tour Target Sprint 2021

The ISSF World Tour Target Sprint 2021 (WTTS) consists of 5 stages at different venues. The first 4 stages will be run as qualification rounds. The best 20 athletes (max 4 out of one nation) 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 be conducted in both, the Women/Men and the Junior Women/Junior Men age group (If nations are not able to send Teams for both age groups, Juniors (m/w) are allowed to compete in the Women/Men team events).

2. The ISSF stages

2.1 Qualification stages (stage 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 20 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. Athletes may take part in an unlimited number of Qualification Stages, but only the points from their best 3 Qualification Stage positions will be included in the Ranking List after the fourth stage. After the fourth stage, positions in the WTTS Final will be awarded according to the

standing in the ranking list. If an athlete can't complete at the WTTS Final, who has either qualified by winning a Qualification Stage or via the Ranking List, the available spaces will roll down the ranking list.

Table: 1 Points

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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How Qualification last place tie-breakers work:

When two or more athletes are tied for the last spot to advance to the Finals after the Qualification,

- An athlete with the highest score during all Qualification matches advances to the Finals.
- If two or more athletes are still tied, select a player to advance by drawing lots.

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

The team events will be conducted as single mixed team events in the Women/Men and Junior Women/Junior Men age group. Each nation may nominate a maximum of 6 teams per age group. The team composition is up to each nation and may vary between the different qualification stages. If a Nation is not able to send teams for both age groups Juniors are allowed to compete in the Women/Men 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

There is a restriction on the awarding of points in the team events of the qualification stages, so each nation can bring in up to 6 teams per class to the start, but only the three first-placed teams of a nation are considered for the points classification.

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

2.2 WTTS Final (stage 5)

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

In the individual events, only 2 qualification runs with 20 athletes and 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 20 Mixed Teams will be eligible to participate in the WTTS Mixed Team Final. The 3 first ranked nation of the nation ranking receives 3 starting places, all other nation receives up to 2 starting.

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

3. Draft timetable:

3.1 Season 2021 planning

At the moment there are 5 Nations interested to host World Tour Target Sprint events:

EGY, SUI, ITA, HUN and GER

The 2021 ISSF WTTS season plan:

1. Competition/ 1. Qualification	24 th to 28 th of March	Cayro, EGY
2. Competition/ 2. Qualification	13 th to 15 th of May	Lucern, SUI
3. Competition/ 3. Qualification	28 th to 30 th of May	Ora, ITA
4. Competition/ 4. Qualification	25 th to 27 th of June	Miskolc, HUN
5. Competition/ Final	3 rd to 5 th of Sep.	Munich, GER

3.2 Competition schedule:

Open training session (not mandatory)	Friday
Individual events	Saturday
▪ Qualification heats	09:00 to 14:00
▪ Final heats	16:00 to 18:00
Team events	Sunday
▪ Qualification heats	09:00 to 11:00
▪ Final heats	11:00 to 12:00

4. Duties of ISSF

The invitation documents for the WTTS 2021 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 organiser commits to communicate an invitation to their World Tour event to all ISSF Member Federations in addition to the other four host Member Federations to encourage maximum ISSF Member Federation participation.

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.