



**BANSKO 2024**

**FISU**  
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**UNIVERSITY**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**ORIENTEERING**



## **BULLETIN 1 + 2**

**1-5 August 2024**

**Bansko – Bulgaria**

## PROGRAMME

Tuesday, July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Arrival and accreditation
Wednesday, July 31 <sup>st</sup>	Model events; General technical meeting
Thursday, August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sprint distance; Opening ceremony
Friday, August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sprint relay
Saturday, August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rest day
Sunday, August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Middle distance
Monday, August 5 <sup>th</sup>	Relay; Closing ceremony; Party
Tuesday, August 6 <sup>th</sup>	Departure

## ORGANIZER

On behalf of the International University Sports Federation (FISU), the 2024 FISU World University Championship Orienteering will be organized by:

- ASSOCIATION FOR UNIVERSITY SPORTS "ACADEMIC"
- ORIENTEERING CLUB "NSA-SIVEN"

In cooperation with:

- BULGARIAN ORIENTEERING FEDERATION
- BANSKO MUNICIPALITY
- RAZLOG MUNICIPALITY

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## VENUE and EVENT CENTRE



Bansko is a town in southwestern Bulgaria, located at the foot of the Pirin mountain at an elevation of 950 m above sea level. Once mainly a stockbreeding and travelling merchant community, Bansko has become an international centre for winter and summer tourism and now it is a popular ski resort. The mountain peaks near the town, the numerous lakes and the old pine woods make it a popular site for recreation. The nearby village of Banya, located only 5 km (3 mi) from the town, is known for its 27 thermal mineral springs. In recent years Bansko hosts the annual Jazz festival in August and FIS World Cup alpine ski races in winter.

EVENT CENTRE: Mountain paradise and Sunrise hotel complex – Bansko – [41.832935](tel:+3598932935), [23.475566](tel:+359893475566)

The event office will be located in the Event Centre.

The hotel complex offers high standard accommodation with variety of apartments – studios, one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments. They are furnished with a dining and resting place, refrigerator, TV, Wi – Fi, extra sofa bed. The complex is surrounded by a large garden with barbecue area and offers free Wi-Fi in the public areas. Guests can use underground parking, a 24-hour lobby bar and a well-equipped spa with indoor pools, sauna and steam room, a fitness center and a restaurant with 200 seats. The historical part of Bansko is a 5-minute walk away. There are various bars, restaurants and shops close to the complex.



## ACCOMMODATION and FOOD

All participants will be accommodated in Mountain paradise and Sunrise hotel complex.

During the championship week the restaurant of the hotel offers breakfast, lunch and dinner for all participants. On some days due to the tight time schedule, lunch will be served at the finish areas of the competitions.

## TRANSPORT

Transport by bus to/from Bansko will be arranged for the participants who arrive and depart at/from Sofia airport according to their arrival and departure schedules received by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024.

## ACCREDITATION

All teams must check in for accreditation at the Event office upon their arrival and obtain accreditation from FISU International Control Commission and from the Organising Committee (OC).

## COMPETITION RULES

The FISU General Regulations for the World University Championships, the FISU Technical Handbook Orienteering and the Competition Rules for the IOF Foot Orienteering events will be applied in the event.

## PARTICIPATION

Only the competitors, who satisfy the following conditions may take part in a FISU World University Championship in 2024:

- Athletes must be a national of the country they represent, at least 18 and no older than 25 years of age on the 31 December of the year of the event, for 2024, athletes must be born between the 01/01/1999 and the 31/12/2006;
- Athletes must be students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma, or former students who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the year preceding the event at a university or similar institute whose status is recognised by the appropriate national academic authority of their country.

Each country may enter a maximum of seventeen (17) persons of which twelve (12) competitors with maximum of six (6) males and six (6) females and five (5) officials. Each country may enter in:

Sprint	six (6) males and six (6) females
Sprint relay	two (2) teams of two (2) female runners and two (2) male runners
Middle distance	six (6) males and six (6) females
Relay	two (2) male teams of three (3) persons and two (2) female teams of three (3) persons

## REGISTRATION AND FEES

### DEADLINES FOR ENTRIES

General entries	By 1 <sup>ST</sup> February 2024
Quantitative entries 50 % deposit of participation fees	By 1 <sup>ST</sup> May 2024
Individual entries Travel schedules of the delegations	By 1 <sup>ST</sup> July 2024
Balance of participation fees	Upon arrival/by invoice
Final confirmation of competitors	At the General Technical Meeting

All the general, quantitative and individual entries as well as travel schedules for each person should be filled in online, using FISU's online accreditation system at: <https://accreditation.fisu.net/Pages/Home.aspx>  
 FISU has provided all National University Sports Federations the passwords for the system.

### PARTICIPATION FEES TO THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE (FULL BOARD AND EVENT SERVICES)

- a participation fee of € 80.00 per person per night
  - extra officials will pay a participation fee of € 160.00 per person per night
- The organising committee will provide you with invoices by request for the payment of the participation fees or the fees may be paid to the following bank account:

IBAN: BG98BPBI81701745044116  
 Owner: NSA-SIVEN  
 Bank POSTBANK

### FISU REGISTRATION FEES

FISU shall receive from each competing country the following FISU registration fees:

- member-associations of FISU: € 20.00 per participant
- non-member associations: € 40.00 per participant

These fees will be invoiced to the participating delegations by FISU.

## DOPING CONTROL

Doping controls will be organised during the championship in accordance with the FISU and the IOF guidelines

## VISA REQUIREMENTS AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Please check the following links with a list of all countries that need VISA to enter Bulgaria and information:

[LIST OF COUNTRIES](#)

[GENERAL INFORMATION](#)

## INSURANCE

The organisers decline any liability that might occur through participation in 2024 FISU World University Championship Orienteering and trainings. Each person participates at her/his own risk and it is responsible for her/his own insurance coverage (illness and accident).

## PUNCHING SYSTEM

Touch free SPORTident Air+ punching system will be used on all events. Participants are asked to use their own SIAC card during the Championship. AIR+SI cards can be provided by the organiser upon request. Renting AIR+SI card is 10 EUR for all starts per card.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAINING

Training possibilities can be provided by organizers upon request.

Maps can be purchased laser-printed.

Prices: Maps without controls, € 3.00 per copy, with controls € 5.00 per copy.

All enquiries about training opportunities should be addressed to the official e-mail of the event.

## CLOTHING

There are no special regulations applying to runners concerning the type of clothing they choose to wear. The organisers recommend use of long trousers for the Middle distance and Relay races and shoes without spikes on the Sprint and Sprint relay.

## LOCAL WEATHER CONDITIONS

Bansko is a place with a mild continental climate. The average maximum daytime temperature in Bansko in August lies at 26.1°C. Usually it is the warmest month of the year. The average minimum temperature goes down to around 13.5°C.

Rainfall during August is moderate with an average of 47mm. This makes it the driest month of the year. There are generally around 6 rainy days. It is also invariably a very sunny time of year with 346 hours of sun during the entire month.

## EMBARGOED AREAS and OLD MAPS

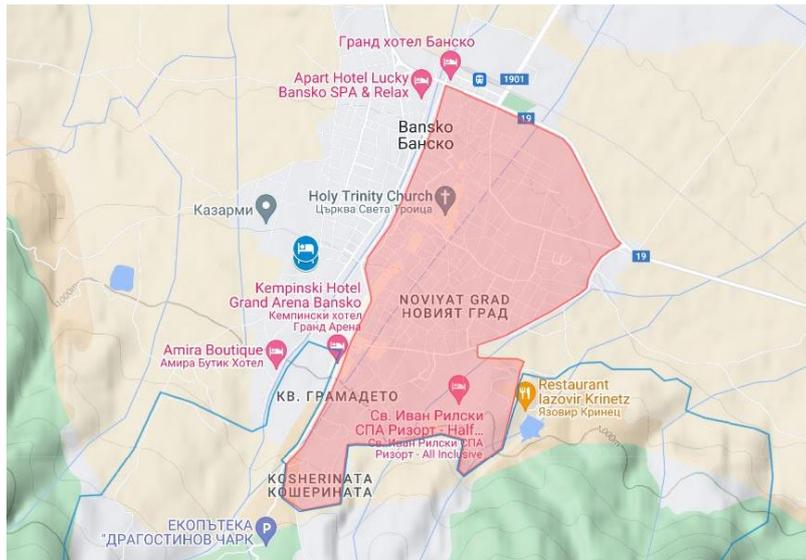
Visit the [interactive map](#) of the embargoed area and all available training areas.

With reference to the Competition Rules for IOF Foot Orienteering Events, the listed areas are out of bounds for all potential 2024 Championship Orienteering team members (competitors, team leaders, coaches, doctors etc.) and other persons who, through their knowledge of the terrain or the events, may influence the result of the competitions.

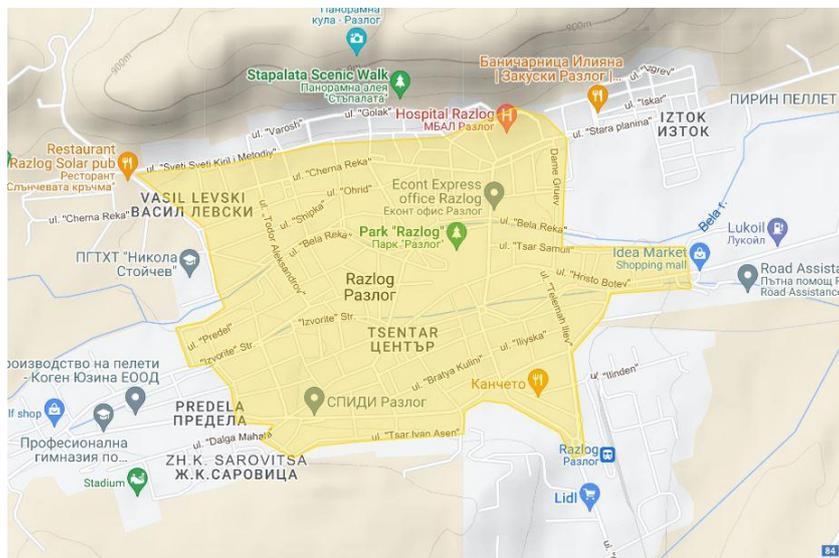
However, the paved public roads passing through these areas may be used.

There is an exception for the Sprint and Sprint relay areas. It is allowed to stay in Bansko, and Razlog to use public roads, but it is prohibited to organize in this areas training sessions, using maps, testing routes, etc. The centres of Bansko and Razlog are strictly forbidden areas from 31<sup>st</sup> July to the end of the respective race.

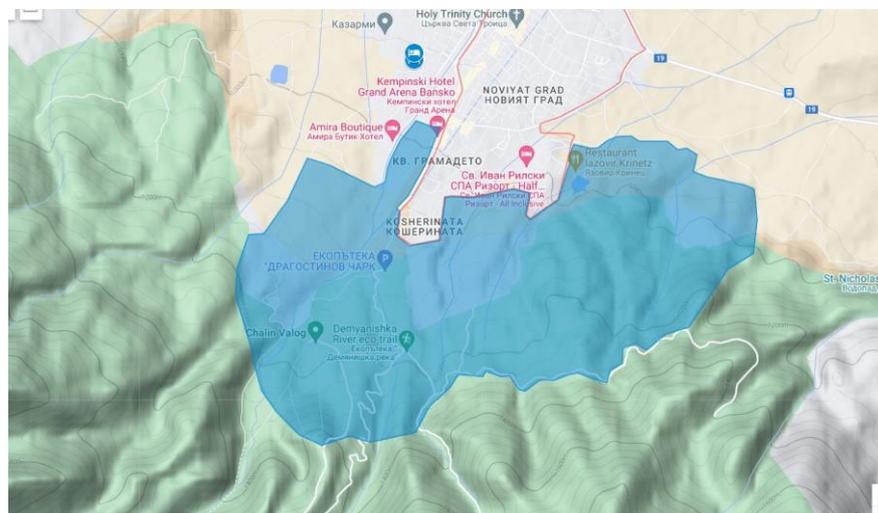
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Links to a high-resolution color copy of the most recent version of any previous orienteering map(s) of the embargoed areas are published on our website [wuoc2024.eu](http://wuoc2024.eu).

	Embargoed area	Previous O-maps (latest edition)
1.	Bansko (Sprint)	Bansko (2018)
2.	Razlog (Sprint relay)	Razlog (2009)
3.	Motikata (Middle distance and Relay)	Motikata (2016)

## MAP DETAILS

Maps are drawn according to the International Specification for Orienteering Maps (ISOM 2017-2) and the International Specification for Sprint Orienteering Maps (ISSprOM 2019-2).

Discipline	Scale	Contour interval
Sprint	1 : 4000	2 m
Sprint relay	1 : 4000	2 m
Middle distance	1 : 10000	5 m
Relay	1 : 10000	5 m

## ESTIMATED WINNING TIMES

- Sprint distance: 12-15 min.
- Sprint relay: 12-15 min. for each leg
- Middle distance: 30-35 min.
- Relay: 30-40 min. for each leg

## TERRAIN DESCRIPTIONS

### SPRINT

Mixed – urban and park area in the city centre of Bansko – 950 m above sea level. Partly park area with trees, grass and flowers and urban area without vegetation. Lots of fast paths and asphalt roads. Low traffic.

### SPRINT RELAY

Mixed – urban and park area in the city centre of Razlog – 800 m above sea level. Partly park area with trees, grass and flowers and urban area without vegetation. Lots of fast paths and asphalt roads. Low traffic.

### MIDDLE DISTANCE and RELAY

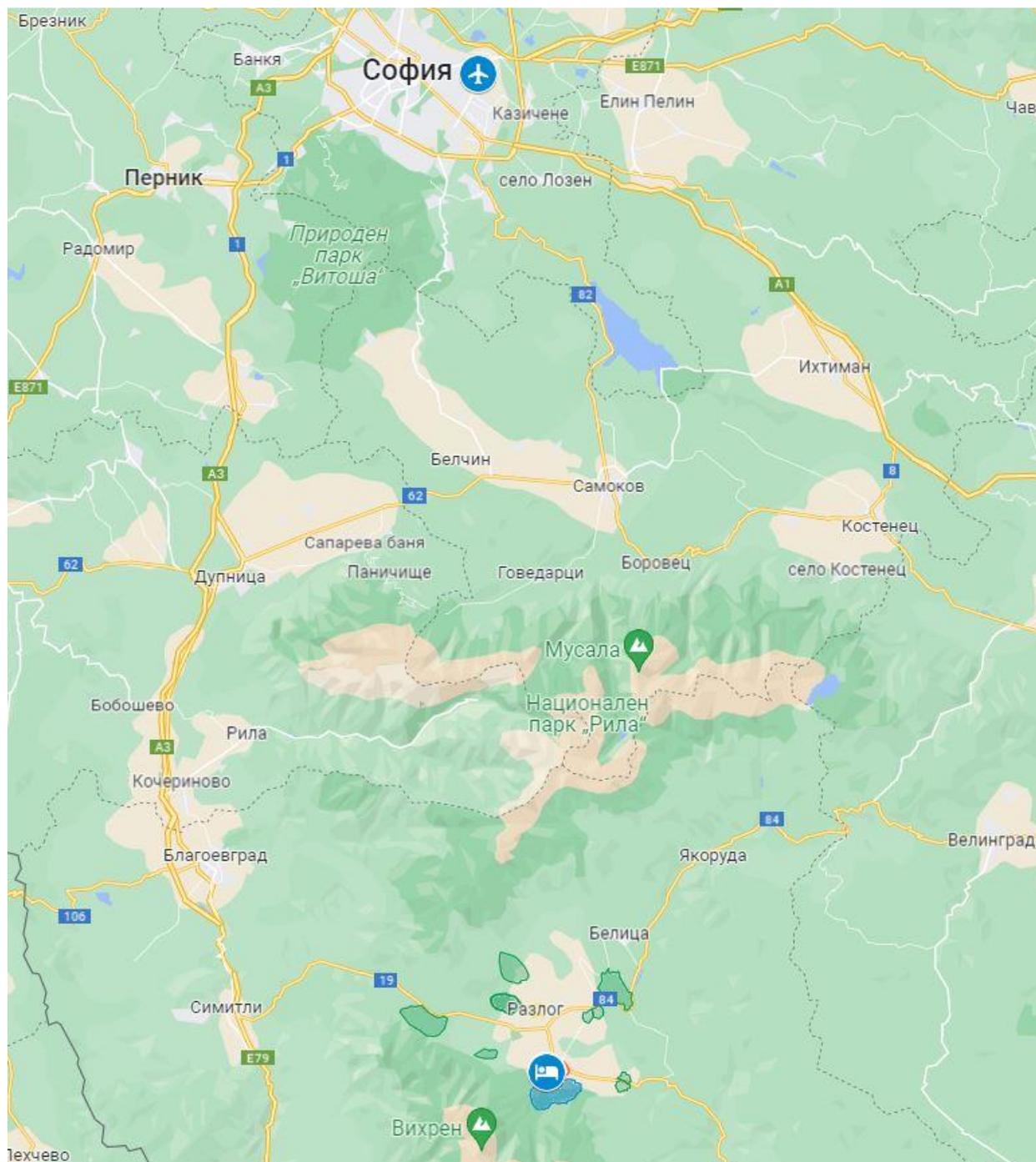
Terrain between 1000 and 1300 m above sea level. Hill sides with moderate to steep slopes. Terrain with a lot of micro contours and stones. Varying vegetation on the ground. Mostly coniferous forest with very good runnability and visibility, but reduced in some places with denser vegetation. Good network of paths, roads and hiking trails

## WUCO TOUR

5-days WUCO Tour will be held from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> August, right after the championship competitions. Entries can be done on [orienteeringonline.net](http://orienteeringonline.net). For more information please visit [wuoc2024.eu](http://wuoc2024.eu)

## OVERVIEW MAPS





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