

Rules for the Nordic ARDF Championship

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1. Organisation
 - A. The Nordic Amateur Radio Direction Finding Championships shall be an annual radioorienteeing (RO) competition held in the country of one of the NRAU (Nordic Radio Amateur Union) member societies.
 - B. The championships shall be open for all members of a NRAU member society who also holds a citizenship in this same NRAU country or have permanently lived for more than 1 year in that country. Other competitors should be allowed to compete in the championships, but shall not be counted for in the Nordic Championship. Competitors from outside of NRAU should be encouraged to participate in order to promote the sport both inside and outside of the Nordic countries.
 - C. The NRAU countries will host the competition in turn, and it is the responsibility of the organisation in the hosting country to prepare and carry through the competitions. The sequence for the championships starting from year 2009 shall be: SSA, SRAL, NRRL, EDR.
 - D. Only NRAU countries with RO activity shall host the competition.

2. Schedule of the competition
 - A. A bulletin shall be prepared by the country hosting the competition and published no later than February 1st in the year of the competition. The bulletin shall be at least in the English language.
 - B. The bulletin shall as a minimum contain the following information:
 - Time and date of the competition
 - Approximate location of the competition.
 - Last date for registration to the competition.
 - Web-site address with updated information about the competition.
 - Contact information of the hosting committee or a contact person.
 - Competition rules or web link to the rules.
 - Information including estimated prices, booking details and deadline for suitable accommodation.
 - Estimated competition fee.
 - C. The competition shall be scheduled between June 1st and September 30th each year.

3. Radio orienteeing working group (RO WG) in NRAU
 - A. A RO WG in NRAU shall be established.
 - B. This NRAU RO WG shall consist of the RO/ARDF-managers in each of those NRAU countries that support the RO activity.
 - C. The RO WG shall be responsible for the rules for the NRAU RO championship and co-ordination of the Nordic RO activity.
 - D. The RO WG shall have annual meetings held during the Nordic Championships.

4. Annual RO meeting
 - A. Each NRAU member society have one vote at each meeting during the annual NRAU championships. If the RO manager from one country is unable to attend, another representative shall be allowed to attend on his or her behalf given a written proxy from the national society.
 - B. In addition to the fixed members of the NRAU RO WG, a representative of the competitors shall be elected to participate in the meeting. The representative of the competitors holds full voting rights at all RO WG meetings during the championships at which the representative is elected.
 - C. The competitors representative shall be elected among all active participants at the beginning of the championships and must be a member of one of the NRAU member societies. A new representative should be elected at each annual championships.
 - D. The chairmanship of the RO shall follow the yearly sequence of the championships and shall be from the same society that hosts the championships that year. The time of office for the chairman is from January 1st to December 31st of that year.
 - E. In case that a voting in the annual RO meeting gives equal votes for and against, the vote of the chairman shall be decisive.
 - F. Proposals for decision by the RO WG shall be forwarded to the chairman before January 1st and must be passed on to the new chairman at the beginning of the year. Proposals shall be available to everybody through an addendum to the competition bulletin.
 - G. The chairman shall distribute the meeting agenda together with all received proposals to the members of the RO WG at least 1 month before the championships.
 - H. The RO WG chairman shall prepare minutes of annual RO meeting immediately after the meeting to be approved by the RO WG members within one day. Approved minutes and all agreed changes to the rules shall be published within 2 weeks after the meeting.
 - I. Changes to these rules or necessary clarifications that the NRAU RO WG are unable to take, shall be agreed by the triennial NRAU-meeting or another accepted NRAU decision process.

5. Competition rules
 - A. The competition rules shall be written in English and shall be maintained by the RO WG. Each country is allowed to have a set of rules in the native language, but the English version will have precedence.
 - B. The rules should be based on the ARDF rules of the IARU Region 1 with adaptation to the Nordic Championships.
 - D. The rules shall be available online at a web page agreed upon by the NRAU RO WG.
 - E. Changes to the rules are initiated by issuing a written proposal as a case for decision as stated in § 4.
 - F. Changes to the rules are decided by a vote in the RO WG with a majority number of votes including the chairman's decisive vote.
 - G. Any changes to the rules must have a set date of coming into force and they must be circulated and available on the web well before this date.