Naturfreunde Linz Orientierungslauf

INTERNATIONAL ORIENTEERING FEDERATION
WORLD RANKING EVENT

Information for Orienteers

Austrian Long-Distance Championships, WRE, 11th Austria Cup &

Austrian Middle-Distance Championships, WRE, 12th Austria Cup &

ASKÖ National Championships

Bad Leonfelden, 12-13 September 2026

Organisers:

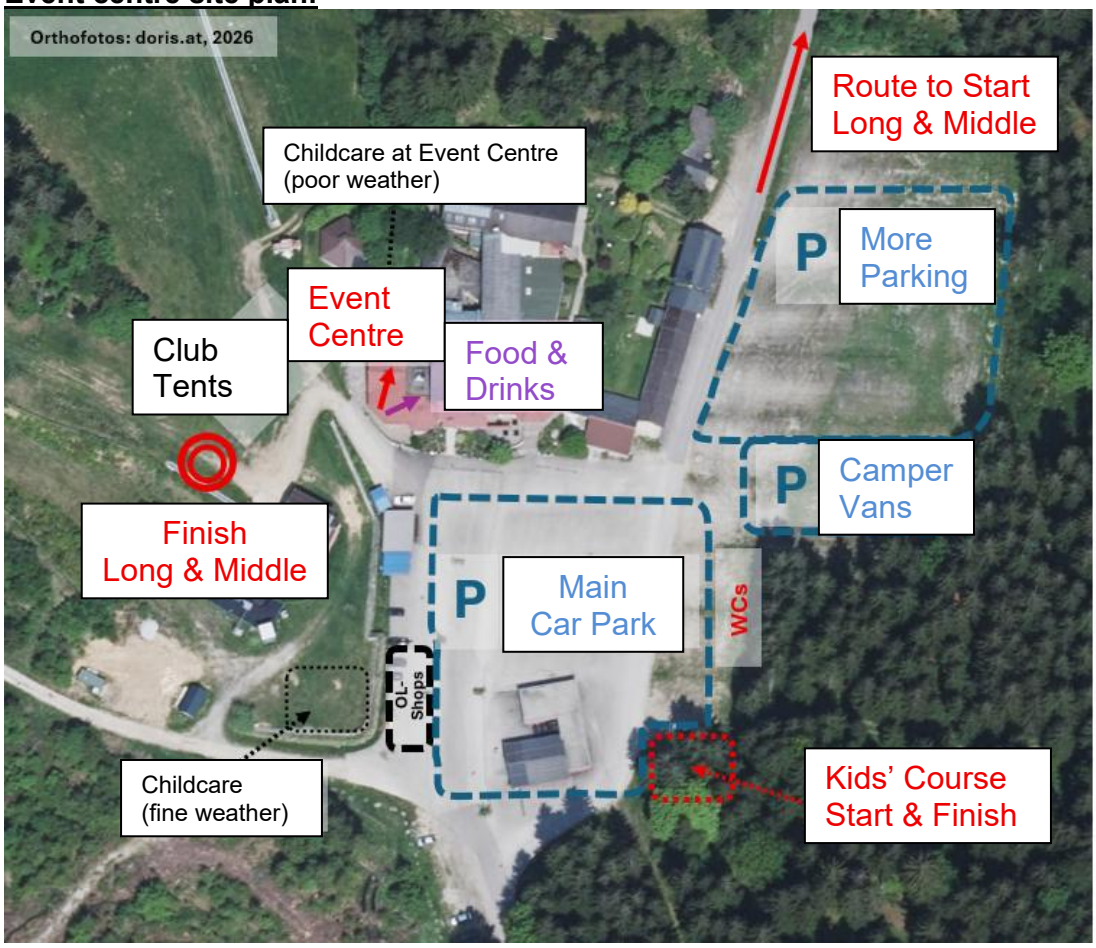
Organised by:	Austrian Orienteering Federation
Hosted by:	Naturfreunde Linz Orienteering Club
Competition Director:	Thomas Obermüller
Course Planners:	Stefan Falk (long-distance), Gottfried Zöbl (middle-distance)
Technical Delegate:	Alexander Srb
WRE Delegate:	Eugen Kainrath

How to get to the event centre

How to get there:	From Linz follow signs to Bad Leonfelden. Stay on the Bad Leonfelden bypass and then follow signs to Vyssi Brod/CZ. About 1 km after the northern-most roundabout, turn left towards the Sternstein ski lift.
Event centre:	At Sternstein ski lift car park Oberlaimbach 100, 4190 Oberlaimbach Open **Saturday from 12:30** and **Sunday from 09:00** Do not enter the buildings wearing orienteering shoes. The event centre is located right in the competition area. Do not enter the forest surrounding the car park.
Parking:	There are plenty of parking spaces at the event centre. Please follow our parking marshals' instructions.
Toilets:	There are toilets at the event centre
Showers:	There are NO showers at the event centre, but every competitor gets a discount on the admission price at the Aqua Leone outdoor swimming pool in Bad Leonfelden (€3.60 for the whole day or a 2-hour rate of €2.60) when they show their bib number.
First aid:	Bad Leonfelden Red Cross will be on duty at the event centre.
Club tents:	Tents can be put up at the end of the ski run to the west of the Sternsteinhof hotel.
Catering:	The Sternsteinhof hotel will be serving refreshments and hot meals on both days. Please do order food from them to support the local businesses that make this competition possible.
Race packs:	**Saturday, 12 September:** from 12:30 to 14:00 at the event centre. **Sunday, 13 September:** from 08:30 to 10:00 at the event centre.

Bib numbers:	Bib numbers will be issued with the race packs at the event office and must be worn clearly visible on the chest on both days. Safety pins are not provided.
Late entries:	Late entries for the non-championship courses are possible while places are still available. **No** late entries for the championship classes.
Internet access:	Mobile phone reception is severely limited both at the event centre and in the competition area; the Austrian mobile phone provider A1 offers the most reliable service.
Childcare:	Childcare is available at the event centre on Saturday from 13:30 to 17:00 and on Sunday from 09:30 am to 12:30. Outdoors as well, weather permitting.
Children's course (flags):	The children's course is open on Saturday from 15:30 to 17:00 and on Sunday from 11:00 to 12:30. The start and finish are in the south-eastern part of the car park; see the site plan.
Accommodation and restaurants:	at https://www.muehlviertel.at/naturfreunde-linz-orientierungslauf Special offer: 20% off your stay at the Hotel Guglwald. Use the code **NATURFREUNDE26** for stays of two nights or more between 11 September and 23 October 2026. During the orienteering event at Sternstein, or to relax afterwards, you can't beat a holiday in Guglwald!
Camp site:	A small number of camper van pitches available at the event centre (including toilet facilities). Register via **ANNE**. **First come, first served.** Camping is not permitted at the event centre or in the competition area!
Informal Street-O event:	On Friday 11 September, we are holding a Street-O event in the town of Bad Leonfelden. More information is available here: https://anne.orienteeringaustria.at/event/street-o-in-bad-leonfelden. We look forward to seeing you at this informal event!

Event centre site plan:



Map and terrain

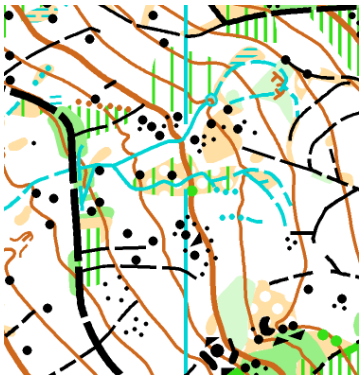
Map:

Sternstein, status August 2026, contour interval 5m
The map is printed on waterproof paper.

Scale 1:7,500 up to W/M14 and W/M45 and above
Scale 1:10,000 all other classes
Scale 1:15,000 W/M-18E, W/M-20E, W/M-21E (long-distance only)



Terrain on the long-distance courses:
The competition area covers mainly the lower slopes of the Sternstein ski area to the west, following the Affetschlag hill round to the north-east. The area features numerous forest roads, tracks, and rides. In this predominantly coniferous forest, the terrain is difficult to navigate in places due to young woodland and plantations obstructing progress. There are plenty of clearly-defined isolated rocks, outcrops and numerous boulder fields that provide excellent control point locations. The difference in elevation (highest point – lowest point) is 310 metres. In a few areas, blueberry bushes, tall grass, and thick undergrowth hinder progress, while in other areas the forest opens up into a fast run.



Terrain on the middle-distance courses:
The competition area covers the valley in the southern part of the Sternwald. Its lowest point is the access road leading to the Sternstein ski lifts. Apart from two larger areas of young woodland, the forest is more runnable and consists of mature trees that mean competitors can clock up their speed. Here, too, the area is criss-crossed by numerous paths and rides. Key features on the map are the countless isolated rocks and a maze of streams and ditches.

Special features:

On Sunday, for the middle-distance courses, root stocks are not shown on the map!

Special symbols:



There are numerous rides in the forest that were originally cleared for forestry vehicles, but which have since become overgrown with grass. These rides are shown with a path symbol on a yellow background.

No-go areas:

For the long-distance orienteering event on Saturday, no-go areas are marked on the map and must be strictly observed.

Please note:

Each orienteer is responsible for choosing the correct map and making sure that they are running the right course for their competition class.

Austrian Long-Distance Championships, WRE + 11th Austria Cup – Saturday, 12 September 2026

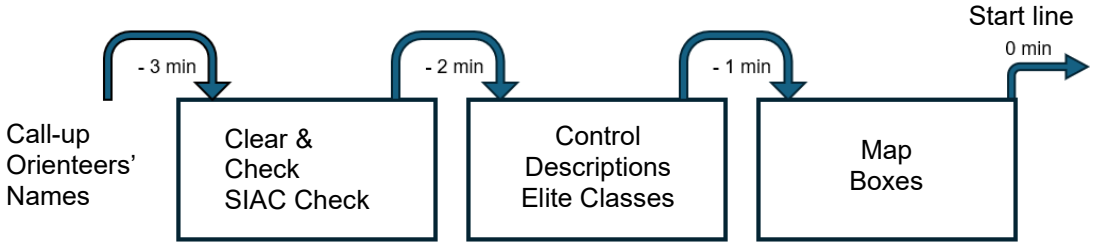
First start:	**14:00**
Route to the start:	From the car park: approx. 900 m / 75 m elevation gain (marked with blue ribbons)
Warm-up zone:	Along the way to the start.
Clothing transport	Will be provided in the event of bad weather. Put your clothing in the bag with your bib number. The bags of clothing will be transported to the event centre for collection.
Flexible start times:	For the classes **Open Long, Open Short, Beginners, Family** between 14:00 and 15:30
Finish closes:	**18:00**
Awards ceremony:	At around 18:00 at the event centre

Austrian Championships (Middle Distance), WRE + 12th Austria Cup + ASKÖ National Championship – Sunday, 13 September 2026

First start:	**10:00**
Route to start for non-championship courses:	There is a separate start for **Open Long, Open Short, Beginners, Family**. From the car park: approx. 180 m / 10 m elevation gain (marked with blue ribbons)
Route to the start:	From the car park: approx. 260 m / 20 m elevation gain (marked with blue ribbons)
Warm-up zone:	Along the way to the start.
Clothing transport	Will be provided in the event of bad weather. Put your clothing in the bag with your bib number. The bags of clothing will be transported to the event centre for collection.
Flexible start times:	For the classes **Open Long, Open Short, Beginners** between 10:00 and 11:30. The class **Family** can start between 10:30 and 12:00.
Finish closes:	13:30
Awards ceremony:	At around 13:30 at the event centre
Please note:	The classes **M/W-10, M/W-12, Beginners, Family** have a marked route that you must follow between controls 76 and 77. **All classes** cross the access road that leads to the ski lift car park. A speed limit will be in force along the full length of the access road for the duration of the event weekend, and traffic marshals will also be on hand to direct traffic.

Start

Procedure:



Control descriptions

Elite classes:	The control descriptions for the elite classes (**M/W-16E, M/W-18E, M/W-20E and M/W21E**) will be handed out at the second start box (2 minutes before the start).
Non-championship classes:	The control descriptions for the non-championship classes (**Open Long, Open Short, Beginners, Family**) will be handed out at the start.
All other classes:	The control descriptions for **all other classes** will be available at the event centre.
Please note:	The control descriptions are also printed on the map for **all classes**. In the classes **M/W-10**, the course description is also available in words in the competition programme, and for the **Newcomers** category at the start**.**

Finish area

Finish box and download box:	On both days, the finish is located right next to the event centre. The competition maps will be collected between the finish box and the download box until all competitors have left the event centre on their way to the start. The maps will be collected for each club so they can be handed back at the same time. Once you have punched the finish box, please don't forget to go to the download box. Even competitors who DNF must report to the finish and have their chip downloaded.
Hydration points:	During the long-distance event on Saturday 12 September, there will be manned hydration points in the forest, as well as at the finish on both days. The hydration points in the forest are marked on the map with a cup symbol.
Results:	The results will be published on Liveresults, and there will also be a display in the finish area.
Protests:	Protests can only be submitted in writing by a club representative to the ÖFOL Technical Director, including a processing fee of EUR 20.

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General points:

- Sportident (SI) will be used as an electronic control punching system.
- Please indicate your SI card number when registering.
- **Contactless control punching is possible if you have an SIAC card (range 30 cm)**. For anyone who does not have their own SI card, it is possible to borrow one when collecting your race pack (€2 for SI card 5, or €5 for SIAC).
- The event will be held in accordance with the current rules of the Austrian Orienteering Federation Competition Regulations.
- For the classes W/M21E, the IOF rules also take precedence at the WRE.
- The organisers are not liable for damages or injury of any kind, not even against third parties. All competitors take part at their own risk.
- No competitors may enter the competition area until the day of the event (with the exception of public roads that are open to traffic).
- All competitors must comply with the Austrian Highway Code, Forestry Act, and nature conservation laws.
- In the event of the event being cancelled, neither the Austrian Orienteering Federation nor the host club shall accept any liability for costs incurred.

Information for beginners: Beginners are very welcome at this event/
Anti-doping: Anti-doping regulations
Privacy policy: Privacy policy

On behalf of the organising club **Naturfreunde Linz**
Competition Director Thomas Obermüller and Team wish you a safe, successful, and enjoyable orienteering weekend!