



**EMTBOC'26**

**Team Leaders Meeting**

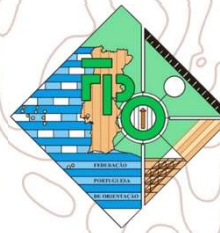
**27/05/2026**

24<sup>th</sup> May to 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026 // **Almeida - Portugal**

CX80 MTB Orienteering World Cup, Round 2

European MTB Orienteering Championships 2026

European Junior and Youth MTB Orienteering Championships 2026



**Competition Days – Sprint – Monday, MAY 25**

**Schedule of the Day**

**Time - Event activity:**

**9:00** - Open start quarantine

**9:30** - **Quarantine closes (all athletes should be inside).**

**9:30** - **Start Mixed Relay (EMTBOC)**

**11:00** - **Start Relay (EYMTBOC, EJMTBOC)**

**11:15** – **Mass Start 3<sup>rd</sup> leg Mixed Relay**

**12:45** – **Mass Start 3<sup>rd</sup> leg EY and EJ MTBOC**

**12:45** - **Time limit for complains (15 mins after arrival of the first 6 teams per class)**

**13:00** - Flower ceremony at finish area of Mixed Relay/Relay (preliminary)

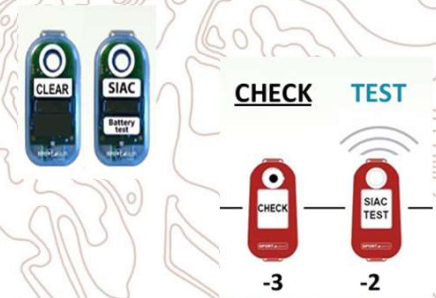
**13:30** - **Prize giving ceremonies at EC (preliminary)**

**14:15** - **Party /Banquet & Closing ceremony**

## Starting Procedure Relay

Clear and Battery Test boxes will be available outside the entrance to the start zone.

When entering the Start Zone, the SI Card will be Checked (SIAC ON) and there will be a Wireless SIAC immediately after.



## Relay Start 1<sup>st</sup> leg

Athletes will remove the map with their bib number from the structure where the map is held, their maps are rolled when they enter into the starting zone and they can open their maps 15 seconds before the start. Competitors line up standing over their bikes. **The bike must be stationary and competitors must keep at least one foot on the ground until the start signal (whistle sound).**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> athletes Relay Start

Information regarding advance notice of team members' arrival is provided.

At the entrance to the starting area there is a structure like the one in the picture, where the rolled-up and identified maps are placed.

The athletes receive their map and keep it rolled up until they receive a touch from the previous teammate.

Please note that competitors who jump the start (i.e. start too early/before the official signal) or look at the map too early in a mass-start format race (Mass start and Relay) may get a time penalty of two minutes added to their time.



## Quarantine zone / pre-start

- Check-in deadline quarantine zone: 09:30
- **Receipt of GPS: Please be in quarantine at least 15 minutes before your pre-start time to have sufficient time to collect and fix the GPS device.**
- It is the athletes' responsibility to be ready for their call-up time.
- A clock showing the call-up time will be displayed at the start, and the competitors' can enter the start zone 5 minutes before their start time.
- Organisers will ensure bag delivery from quarantine to finish arena.

**Competition Days – Mixed Relay / Relay – Thursday, MAY 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Arena**

- Municipal Sports Gymnasium of Almeida (GPS: 40°43'02.9"N 6°53'50.5"W)
- Upon approaching the arena, there will be signage (orange and white arrows) for the parking lot, the quarantine area, and the arena itself.
- The event office at the arena is open from 8:30 – 13:00.

**Parking**

- The parking lot is near the arena.

**Terrain**

- Vegetation consists of woods and cattle grazing areas, where open areas predominate.
- The relief is low to medium.
- Good visibility and rapid progression.



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**Map**

- Scale: 1:10000 / vertical contour interval 5 m
- Size: 32 x 41 cm
- printed on water-resistant paper
- Mapper: Alexandre Reis



**Course data**

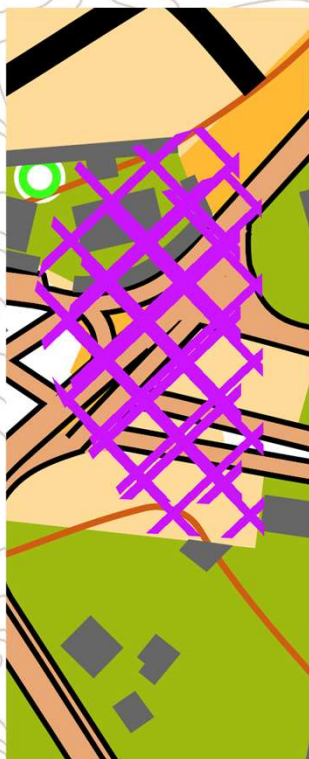
**Mixed Relay / Relay**

Class	Length (KMs)	Climb (mts)	Controls	Winning Times	Distance from Start	Change Map	Scale	Contour Interval	Map Size
<b>Mixed Relay</b>	16.4 – 17.2	110	15	120 –135	90 mts	<b>No</b>	1/10000	5 mts	32x41
<b>M20</b>	15.2 – 15.8	100	13	105-120	90 mts	<b>No</b>	1/10000	5 mts	32x41
<b>W20</b>	13-4 – 13.8	85	14	105 -120	90 mts	<b>No</b>	1/10000	5 mts	32x41
<b>M17</b>	13.3 – 13.8	85	12	90 – 105	90 mts	<b>No</b>	1/10000	5 mts	32x41
<b>W17</b>	10.3 – 10.8	70	12	90 – 105	90 mts	<b>No</b>	1/10000	5 mts	32x41

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**Warnings**

- The responsibility for being ready to start the 2nd and 3rd leg of the Relay race rests with the athletes.
- The maps are located at the entrance to the changeover area, after the clear and check procedure.
- Athletes enter the changeover area after their team's athlete has passed the spectator point.
- **The final loop (from the spectator point to the changeover) has an approximate duration of:-  
Mixed relay and M20 relay - 8 minutes, and W20, M17 and W17 relays - 4 minutes**



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# Thank you and Good and Safe competitions And Safe return Home

