



World Orienteering Championships

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Media Newsletter #3

30 June 2022

Welcome to WOC 2022 Newsletter #3

It was indeed a warm and long day Tuesday the first-ever WOC Knock-Out Sprint, where Sweden took the center stage, with impressive performance and achievements - three medals, with a gold to Tove Alexandersson. Also some impressive tactics and speed was seen from Matthias Kyburz, Switzerland, who closed some intense round in the mens group, resulting in gold.

Now we are standing on the last day of the World Orienteering Championships with the sprint competition. There is 3 qualification heats leading up to the best 45 male and female athletes going into their respective finales.

A point of interest is that the athletes are passing/running through a shallow water section (30 cm) as part of a route choice, that gives resembles to steeplechase in athletics - although I do not foresee any alike barriers they need to jump over.

Today's competition arenas is situated at:

Sprint Qualification – Arena Vestre Stadion

GPS coordinates: [55.713778, 9.520819](#)

Address: Vestre Stadion, Vestbanevej 1A, DK-7100 Vejle, Denmark

Distance from Event Centre: 30 km

Sprint Final – Arena Byparken

GPS coordinates: [55.710593, 9.530572](#)

Address: Byparken, DK-7100 Vejle, Denmark

Distance from Event Centre: 30 km

City of Vejle

The word "Vejle" derives from the Old Danish word wæthel, which mean something as "ford" or "wading place". That is derived as a fact of its location at a busy crossing over Vejle River. During Viking times, the wetlands around Vejle had to be crossed at the Ravning Bridge, a nearly half-mile wooden boardwalk. The first recorded mention of the town is from 1256, and the first known merchant town privileges were issued by King Valdemar III in 1327.

Many of Vejle's neighbourhoods began as separate towns or villages that merged with the city as it grew. Søndermarken, Nørremarken, and Grejsdalen,

however, were all founded as extensions of the city onto the surrounding hillsides.

The city's traditional football club, Vejle Boldklub (Vejle Football Club), has won the Danish Superliga Championships five times and the Danish Cup six times. Vejle Boldklub has trained many talented football players, among others one of Danish football history's few international stars: Allan Simonsen. Allan Simonsen did in 1977 became the first Danish player to win the European Footballer of the Year award. Today, Vejle Boldklub is in a ramping-up period, with the goal of bringing the club back to the top of Danish football. Today the orienteering club OK Snab (one of the organising clubs) is sharing location near the new Vejle Stadium.

Vejle Mill, located on top of the cliff at Søndermarken, is a well-known landmark because of its visibility, and is often used as a symbol of the city. Furthermore, Vejle is situated quite close to several other attractions in Jytland, such as the original Legoland and the Viking Age royal capital of Jelling.

Jelling's archaeological artifacts are considered a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and include two 10th century rune stones and two burial mounds, as well as a new exhibition centre.



The great Jelling stone, painted electronically. Photo: BioPix.

Coming from seaside, as well as traveling across the bridge will meet you with an apartments drawn by Henning Larsen Architects', a complex named Bølgen ('The Wave'), that stands out with its striking, roller-coaster-like undulating roofs.



Photo: Mads Fjeldsø Christensen

Coming to building another landmark is Fjordenhus, that to many extend is considered as Vejle's iconic building sitting on waterfront. World-renowned Danish-Icelandic artist Olafur Eliasson has created the building, which is located in the harbour basin itself.

Vejle Midtpunkt is located at the crossroads between Tønnesgade and Nørregade by the northern section of Vejle's pedestrian street. The Midtpunkt area – combined with the upper section of Nørregade, Paladspassagen, Nørretorv and Vestergade – is also known as Vejle's Latin Quarter.

Within short distance, you will find an exciting mix of restaurants, cafés, bars, specialty boutiques, smørrebrød stores, groceries, a baker, chocolatier & pastry shop as well as residential homes.



Photo: Mads Hansen

Media centre

Please find the media centre here:

City	Adresses to media centre
Vejle	Vedelsgade 25, 7100 Vejle Premises are located on 2. floor of Vejle Vejle Musikteater, adjunction to Scandic Hotel - please follow sign by stairs or lift to Jacob Gade Salen.

From the 2nd floor the media centre has a panoramic view, where we will have a perfect sight over the arena, and can see the athletes running the last 100 meters to the finish line.

The media centres will have the following opening hours:

City	Opening hours (personnel available to assist)
Vejle (30.06)	09:00 - 21:30

Time schedules

A time schedule is listed below - subject to changes on short notice.

Date	Place	Time	Activity
30.06	Vejle	08:00	(Online) Race day Newsletter
		08:45	Map released #1 at Arena Vestre Stadion
		08:00	(Online) Race day Newsletter
		09:30	Start - Sprint Qualification (M)
		10:10	Start - Sprint Qualification (W)
		16:45	Medie Briefing in Media Centre
		17:00	Map released #2
		17:40	Live broadcast begins
		17:51	Start Final (M)
		18:50	Last Finish Mens final (expected)
		18:51	Start Final (W)
		18:55	Flower ceremony (M)
		19:50	Last Finish Womens final (expected)
		19:55	Flower ceremony (W)
		20:00	Live broadcast ends
		20:05	Press conference (moderated by Erling Thisted)
		20:15	Medal ceremony
		20:50	Closing Ceremony

Live Services

There will be a TV production conducted by Gearbox Production (Karel Jonák production). We will offer a big screen in all arenas of all finals with live cameras, GPS tracking and live-results - there are two screens in the media centre so you can stay here and work and follow the competition.

Speaker legend Per Forsberg together with Ida Bobach and Erling Thisted will provide great action with their live reporting in the arenas.

IOF Live-streaming with commentary in English will be available on <http://orienteering.sport/live> during the finals (paid service), whereas live results are free of charge.

Photo Albums

During the three competition days, WOC 2022's own photographers will take pictures that will be available to use.

OBS: Just remember to give photo credit to the photografer. The photographer's name can be found either in the file name or under "Additional Info".

Similarly, photos will also to some extend be taken during the WOC 2022 Tour. All our photos will be available via these google photo albums:

Competition	Link to Photo Album
Sprint Relay	https://photos.app.goo.gl/YWgD8GfBJ2d-QLzkg7
Knock Out Qualification	https://photos.app.goo.gl/j8nsc1h86Led4oE77
Knock Out Quarter Finals	https://photos.app.goo.gl/MkfBC1ngc6J5Z7b47
Knock Out Semi Finals	https://photos.app.goo.gl/zq7Wq1awn4Nc1j-MV7
Knock Out Final	https://photos.app.goo.gl/oReMDQE5T7o-JVSVD6
Sprint Qualification	https://photos.app.goo.gl/kbdwWerBb-QMEKqjt5
Sprint Final	https://photos.app.goo.gl/a9XqrocVzaeree7B8

Competition	Link to Photo Album
WOC 2022 Tour	https://photos.app.goo.gl/W8fjvYU614HLpRez8

Photos from IOF will be available here:

<https://orienteering.sport/iof/communication/media/press-photos/>

Parking and transportation

Due to the fact that we want all cars and other vehicles out of the race areas (see embargoed areas in bulletin 4) please use designated parking areas.

Separate parking permits will be issued. If parking outside designated places, please do check the parking regulations for the selected lot in regards to payment and/or time limits.

City	Designated parking addresses	GPS (WGS84 decimal)
Vejle	Skolegade, 7500 Vejle	55.710989 - 9.527417

Map section are included on the last page of this newsletter. Please respect signs, fences and other directions when crossing from the car park to the media centre.

Transportation: There will be no dedicated transportation for the media. Media are expected to use their own transportation.

Walking around

In relation to the athletes, they are warned that during the competitions, they may encounter camera crews in the city. In the same way they are informed that they may also be followed by a running camera or by camera-drones during the race. Active drones will keep a proper distance according to flight rules and requirements.

Advertising banners: You are as part of the media crews responsible for ensuring that you do not get in the way, that you appear as invisible as possible, including not walking or moving in front of posted advertising banners and signs, or the path of a athletes or running camera operators.

Supplementary information

Media Bulletin: Please read through the latest edition of the media bulletin should you need further information:

<https://www.woc2022.dk/media/>

The team bulletin (#4) is also a valuable resource:

<https://www.woc2022.dk/for-teams/>

Q&A from Team Official Meeting (TOM) can be seen here in relation to the Sprint competition:

<https://eventor.orienteering.org/Documents/Event/5440/1/TOM-minutes---Sprint>

Further information, see IOF Eventor:

<https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/6864>

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Participants statistics

Federation	Men	Women	Team Officials	Total
Australia	5	5	2	12
Austria	3	3	3	9
Belgium	3	3	3	9
Bulgaria	4	2	1	7
Canada	3	2	1	6
Colombia	3	3	1	7
Croatia	1	1		2
Cyprus		1		1
Czech Republic	4	4	3	11
Denmark	3	6	6	15
Egypt	1	1		2
Estonia	3	2	1	6
Finland	4	4	5	13
France	4	4	4	12
Germany	3	3	3	9
Great Britain	4	4	5	13
Hong Kong China	3	3	2	8
Hungary	3	3	2	8
Ireland	3	3	1	7
Israel	2			2
Italy	4	3	3	10

Federation	Men	Women	Team Officials	Total
Japan	5	4	2	11
Latvia	3	3	1	7
Lithuania	3	3	1	7
Moldova, Republic of	2	2		4
Nepal	4		2	6
Netherlands		1	1	2
New Zealand	4	4	2	10
Norway	6	5	6	17
Poland	4	3	2	9
Portugal	3	2		5
Romania	2	2	1	5
Serbia	1	1		2
Slovakia	3	3	1	7
Spain	3	3	1	7
Sweden	7	6	5	18
Switzerland	6	4	7	17
Turkey	2	2		4
Ukraine	3	3	2	8
United States	3	3	2	8
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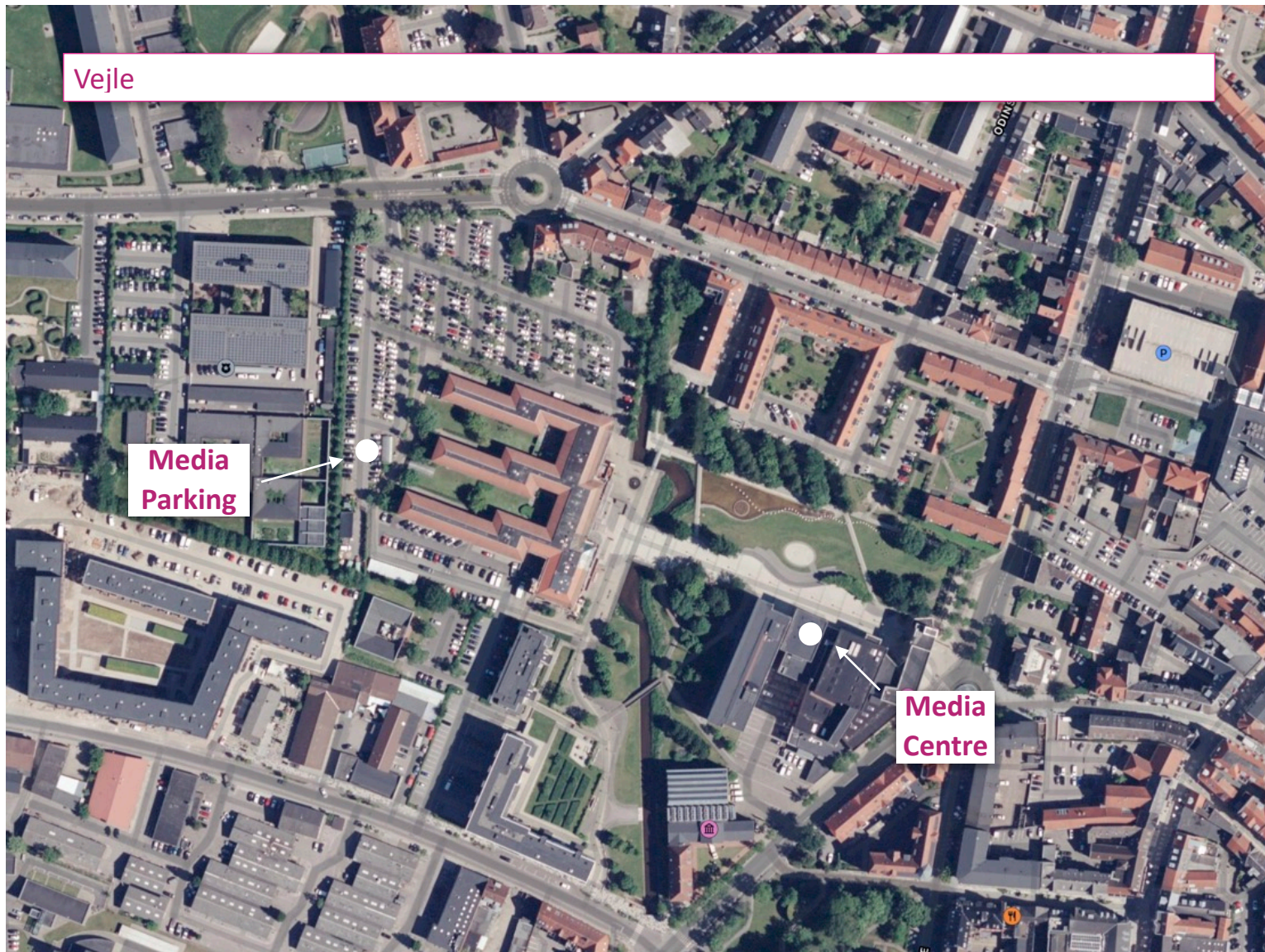
The Covid-19 situation in Denmark is almost normalised and there are no restrictions to daily life.

We have gathered relevant information on Covid-19 in Denmark on the [WOC 2022 website](#). We kindly ask you to visit this page for updated information and links to relevant authorities.

Contact information

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