



2026 Israel Open Championships

New Dates!

October 22-23-24, 2026

Bulletin 3

Event Organizers

Israel Orienteering Association
Galilee Orienteering Club
Event Director: Yaniv Rainhartz

Event Info and Updates

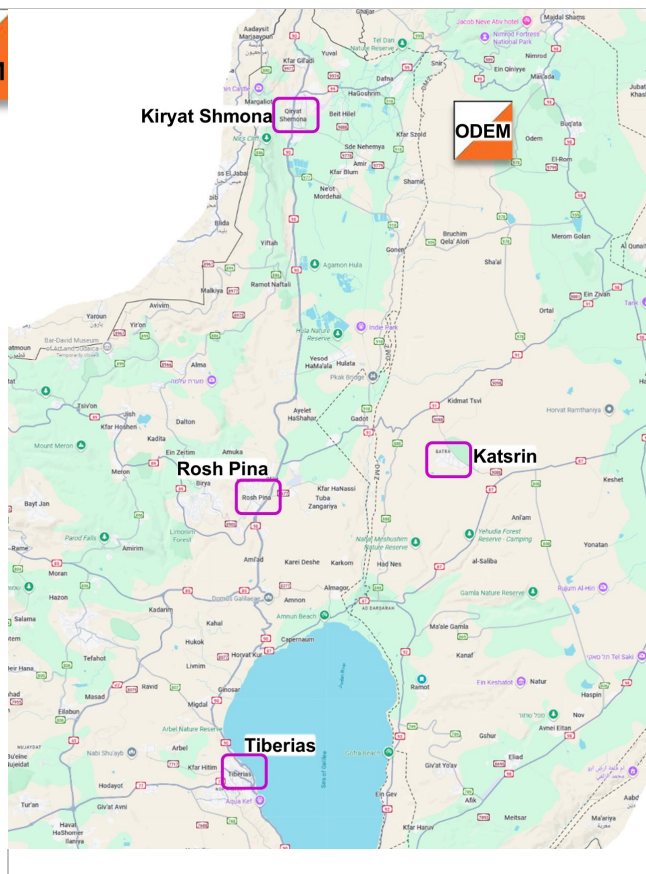
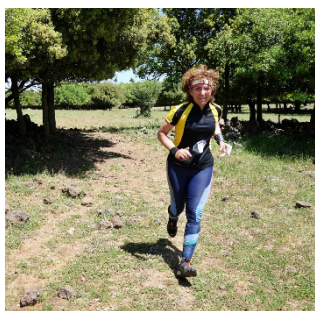


Event web page: [2026 Israel Open Championships](#)
See the website for updated terrain, map and course information.



Israel Orienteering on Facebook for the latest news, updates, photos and links.

Venues



Driving Instructions to Championships Day 1 and Day 2

WAZE: [WAZE Driving Instructions](#) (from mobile phone)

GOOGLE MAPS: [Google Map Driving Instructions](#)

Turn off Road 978 onto the access road to Moshav Odem. After 1 km, turn right onto a dirt road heading south. The event center (assembly area) is on the right after 300 m.

Program Overview



Date / Time	Event	Notes
Thursday 22 October 2026		
08:00 – 12:00	Event center open at Merom Golan	Contact Yaniv in advance: +972-54-4576789.
10:00 – 16:00	Model at Odem Link to INFO (ISOA Hebrew website)	Start anytime at your convenience. No timing.
Friday 23 October 2026		
7:30 – 13:00	Arena open at Odem Forest	
9:00 – 11:00	Start window – Day 1 - MIDDLE Israel Open Championships	Recreational courses available
Saturday 24 October 2026		
7:30 – 13:00	Arena open at Odem Forest	
9:00 – 11:00	Start window – Day 2 - LONG Israel Open Championships	Recreational courses available
13:00	IOC 2026 Awards Ceremony	

Course Planners

Israel Open Championships Day 1 Course Planner

Dan Chissick

Israel Open Championships Day 2 Course Planner

Asaf Avner

IOC Championships Classes and Courses

Age categories are determined by age on **31 December 2025**.

B and C courses are shorter than A courses, but of similar technical difficulty.

Short+ courses are different for men and women.



Courses/ Categories	Long	Med+	Med B	Med A	Med Y	Short+	Gold	Short	Shorty
Middle (km) (Day 1)	5.5	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	3.5	2.5	3.0	2.0
Long (km) (Day 2)	11	8.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	2.0
Women (D)		D21A	D18A D21B D35		D16A D18B	D21C D40 D45 D50 D55 D60 D65	D70 D75 D80	D14A D16B	D12 D14B
Men (H)	H21A H35A	H18A H21B H40	H21C H35B H45	H50A H55 H60A	H16A H18B	H50B H60B H65 H70	H75 H80 H85 H90	H14A H16B	H12 H14B

Punching System

All events will be organized using the SPORTident electronic punching system.

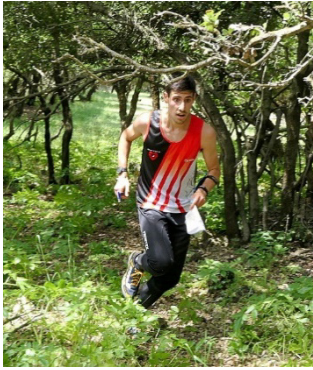
Competitors may use their own SI cards.

SPORTident Air (SIAC) punching will be supported at all competitions.

SIAC cards can be rented from the organizers at a cost of €5 per event.

Note that loss of rented SI card will be charged at €80 each.

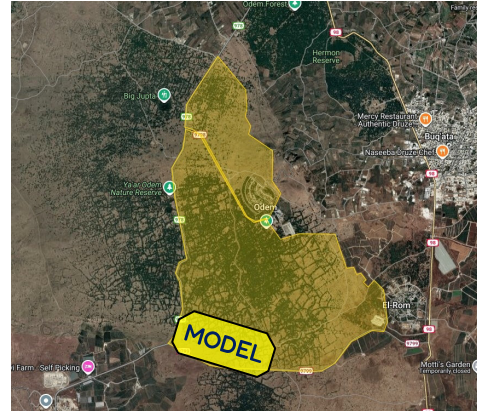
Maps and Terrain
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Odem Forest
Embargoed Area

Map: **Odem Forest** (2010, updated 2026)
Scale: 1:7500/10,000 (TBD), 5m contours.
Map maker: Dan Chissick

Odem Forest is a remnant of the ancient forest that once covered most of the Golan Heights. It is covered mainly with evergreen oak trees, along with pine, terebinth, and other native Mediterranean woodland plants. The forest sits on the slopes of an ancient volcano. The ground is scattered with dark basalt boulders and red tuff rock. The forest is filled with numerous rock walls and formations.



Odem Model (Free event for IOC2026 paid registrants)

An area at the southern end of the Odem Forest will be used for model training.

Entry to the embargoed areas is prohibited for competitors and others who, through the knowledge of the terrain, could influence results of the Israel Open competition.

Odem North – Israel Championships Day 1 – MIDDLE

Odem South – Israel Championships Day 2 – LONG

Transportation

Israel's main airport is Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV), midway between the major cities of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. International competitors are advised to hire a car from a recognized car rental company.

Weather

In general, you can expect cool but comfortable weather during the championships. Note that Odem forest is at an altitude of 1000m. Average October temperatures for this area range from lows of 8°C to highs of 23°C. Be sure to bring warm clothing, especially for evenings and possible rainy days.

Training Opportunities

There are many opportunities for training throughout Israel.

The complete database of Israel Orienteering maps is at:

<http://www.nivut.org.il/English/Maps.aspx>

To arrange training in Israel, contact Israel Orienteering: office@nivut.org.il

Clothing

There are no clothing regulations. Competitors may wear the clothing of their choice. The organizers recommend that competitors wear long trousers/leg protection.

Health Services

The Event Organizer will provide first-aid at all venues. Emergency care services and a major hospital are within a 60 minute drive from Odem Forest.

The Event Organizer will not bear responsibility related to medical costs for participants. Participants are responsible for their own insurance.

Visas

Visitors to Israel must hold a passport that is valid for at least six months from the date of entry to Israel. As of January 2025, visitors from visa-exempt countries are required to obtain an ETA-IL (Electronic Travel Authorization) to enter Israel. An approved ETA-IL indicates that you are allowed to travel to Israel and stay for up to 90 days per visit. For details: <https://israel-entry.piba.gov.il/>

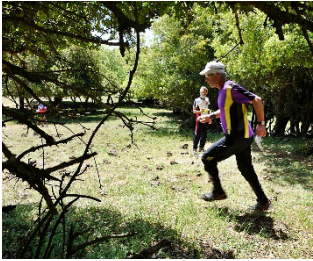
Contact Israel Orienteering Association
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Registration All competitors from abroad in all classes must register by registering through the **Orienteering Online** website.

Deadlines The deadline for IOC entries is **17 October 2026**.
Start lists for IOC will be published 1-2 days prior to the championships.

Registration Fees

Category (Age)	Registration Period	Per Stage (€)	2 Stages + Model (€)
M/W 21 – M/W 55	01.07.2026 to 16.09.2026	20 €	40 €
	17.09.2026 to 17.10.2026	24 €	48 €
M/W 16 – M/W 18 M/W 60 – M/W 70	01.07.2026 to 16.09.2026	18 €	36 €
	17.09.2026 to 17.10.2026	22 €	44 €
M/W 12 – M/W 14	01.07.2026 to 16.09.2026	14 €	28 €
	17.09.2026 to 17.10.2026	17 €	34 €
M/W 75 – M/W 85	Any time until 17.10.2026	10 €	20 €
	SIAC Rental	5 €	10 €



Payment All payments for entries must be made by direct bank transfer to Israel Orienteering Association. All bank commissions and fees must be paid by the payee.
Bank Leumi le-Israel B.M.
Name on Account: Israel Orienteering Association
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