



# 4<sup>th</sup> CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL ORIENTEERING FESTIVAL

FIVE DAYS - FIVE EVENTS

18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2026

LARNACA & NICOSIA AREAS, CYPRUS

**Bulletin**

**#1**



▣ 4th CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL ORIENTEERING FESTIVAL

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2026

Larnaca and Nicosia areas, CYPRUS.



▣ **Organiser:**

Orientation Club (KOA Registration # 957)

Cyprus Mountaineering, Sports Climbing & Orienteering Federation

17 Ayios Neofytou Street,

Lakatamia, 2334 Nicosia,

Cyprus.



▣ **Event Organisers:**

Event Coordinator & Secretary: Ms Diana Bridger



Course Planners: Mr Peter Smith, Ms Chrysi Avgousti (Sprint)

Event Advisor: Ms Diana Bridger

▣ **Event Centre:**

The Event Centre will be at Cactus Hotel, Larnaca from 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> and at Asty Hotel, Nicosia from 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.

▣ **Event Programme:**

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	
18.00-20:00	Event Centre open at Cactus Hotel, Larnaca
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	
09.30	Event 1 – Delikipos
18:00-20:00	Event Centre open at Cactus Hotel, Larnaca
19:00	Fun pairs night event at Piale Pasha, Larnaca (separate extra “Harris Relay” event)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	
09.30	Event 2 – Aetomoutti Northeast
18:00-20:00	Event Centre open at Cactus Hotel, Larnaca
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	
09:30	Event 3 – Aetomoutti Southwest
18:00-20:00	Event Centre open at Cactus Hotel, Larnaca
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2026	
09:30	Event 4 – Sia/Mathiatis
18:00-19:00	Event Centre open at Asty Hotel, Nicosia
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2026	
10:00	Event 5 – Nicosia old city (extended sprint), Start & Finish in Eleftheria Square
13:30	Prize giving and farewells 😊

▣ **CLASSES:**

Under 10 (shadowing permitted),

M/W12, M/W14, M/W16, M/W18, M/W20, M/W21, M/W21E, M/W35, M/W40/ M/W45, M/W50  
M/W55, M/W60, M/W65, M/W70, M/W75, M/W80+

NB - The organisers hold the right to amalgamate or expand classes depending on the number of entries.

▣ **ENTRY FEES:**

€90.00 per competitor for all five stages (five events). (Under 10yrs half price).

€20.00 per competitor for single events.

See below for discounts.

▣ **EQUIPMENT:**

Runners are to provide their own compass and whistle.

Full leg coverage is highly recommended for all events except the sprint on the last day. SPORTident electronic timing will be used. Own SPORTident cards may be used. Rent of SPORTident card is €10.00 for all five days or €3.00 per single day. Please note that loss of rented SPORTident card will be charged at €40 each.

Please note that touch-free punching with SIACs will NOT be enabled during the week.

#### ▣ PRIZES:

Prizes will be awarded to the overall winner, second and third in each category after the first four events. The Sprint event will have separate prizes.

#### ▣ DEADLINES:

All entries paid BEFORE 31/12/2025 will receive 40% discount, (ie the price will be €54.00)

All accommodation offered in this bulletin are on a first come first served basis, so we strongly suggest you book and pay early to avoid disappointment.

The final date for entries and accommodation bookings is 22 February 2026.

Please note that any entries or accommodation bookings not paid for by 23 February 2026 and any last minute exceptional entries after that date, will be subject to an additional 20% charge.

Any cancellations will be refunded, minus any bank charges, only up until 22 February 2026.

#### ▣ EMBARGOED AREAS:

The following areas, as from 01 August 2025, are considered OUT OF BOUNDS and embargoed for any type of events and or training, including hiking or walking:

DELIKIPOS, SIA-MATHIATIS and AETOMOUTTI orienteering areas.

Please note that Nicosia old town is NOT out of bounds.

▣ MAPS: Please note that the best possible scale will be used for each area and for each course.

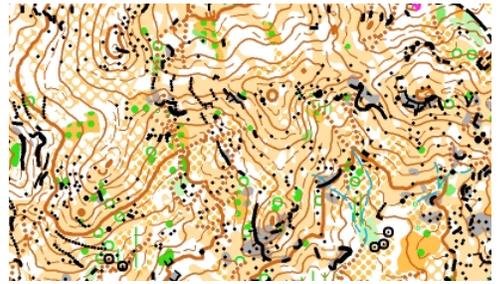
#### ▣ Sia/Mathiatis:

An updated 1:7,500 Sia-Agia Varvara map (originally drawn in 2014 by Hadzhimitev & Garkov) will be used. The area is hilly, with plenty of steep slopes and crags in places, crossed with a few paths and tracks, with a patchwork of cultivation in places. Contour detail is intricate and can be technical. A sample of the map is shown here:



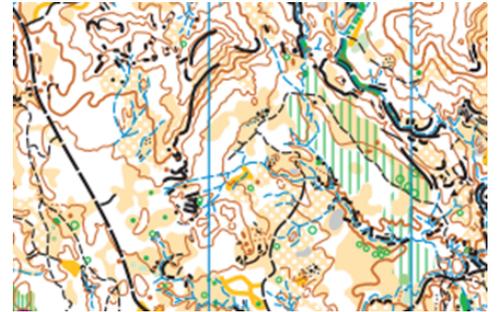
### ▣ Delikipos (Kornos):

The 1:7,500 Kornos map (drawn by Hadzhimitev in 2020 and updated in 2022 and 2025 by Peter Smith) will be used. The area is hilly, partly forested, partly open, with some interesting prominent features and crags. This is an amazing area, which was used in 2022. A sample of the map is shown here:



### ▣ Aetomoutti:

A 1:7,500 Aetomoutti, drawn by Peter Smith in 2025 will be used. The area is rolling hills, mostly forested with some open and partially open areas with scattered trees. There are interesting rocky features and plenty of re-entrants. This is a lovely new area covered with wild lavender, thyme and asparagus as well as abundant spring orchids. Very runnable with plenty of tracks but parts are quite technical. A sample of the map is shown here:

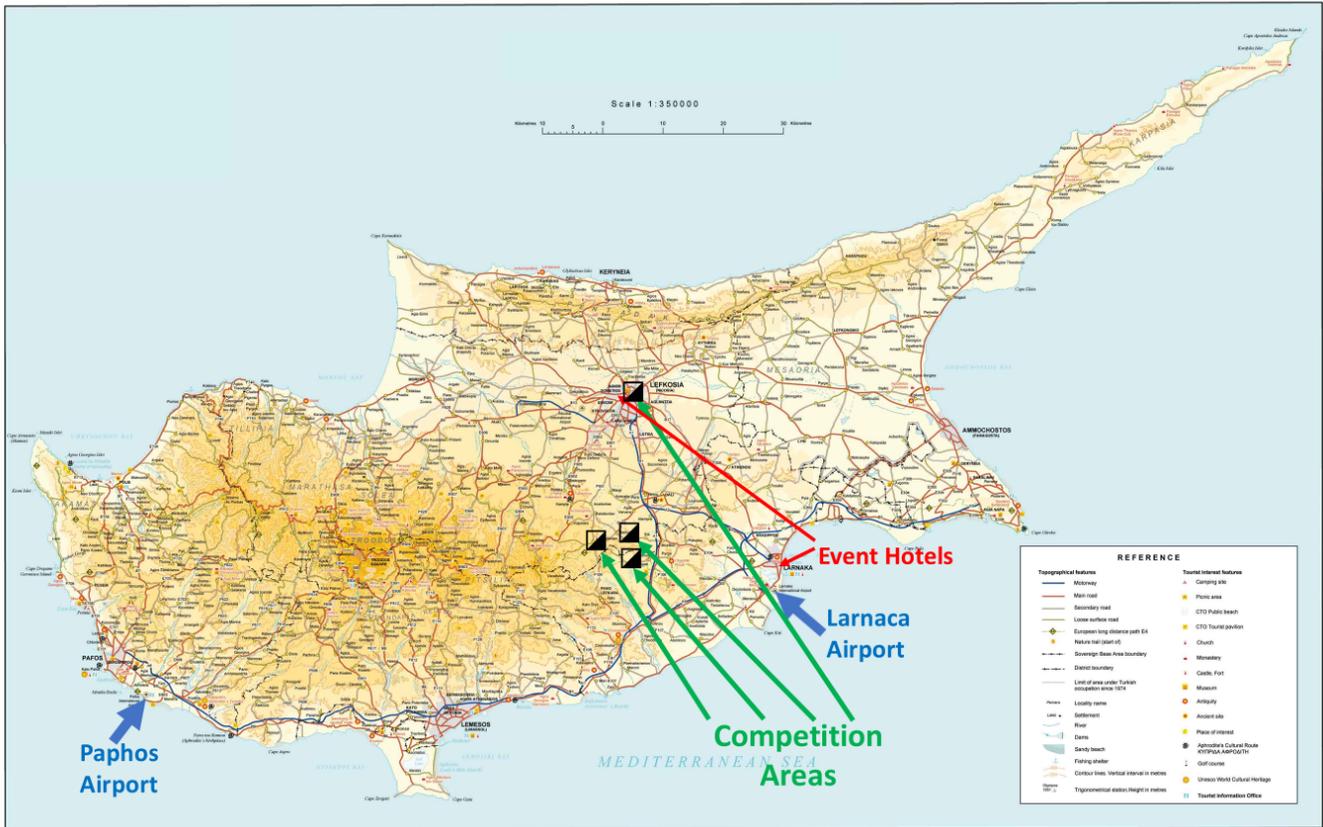


### ▣ Nicosia old city:

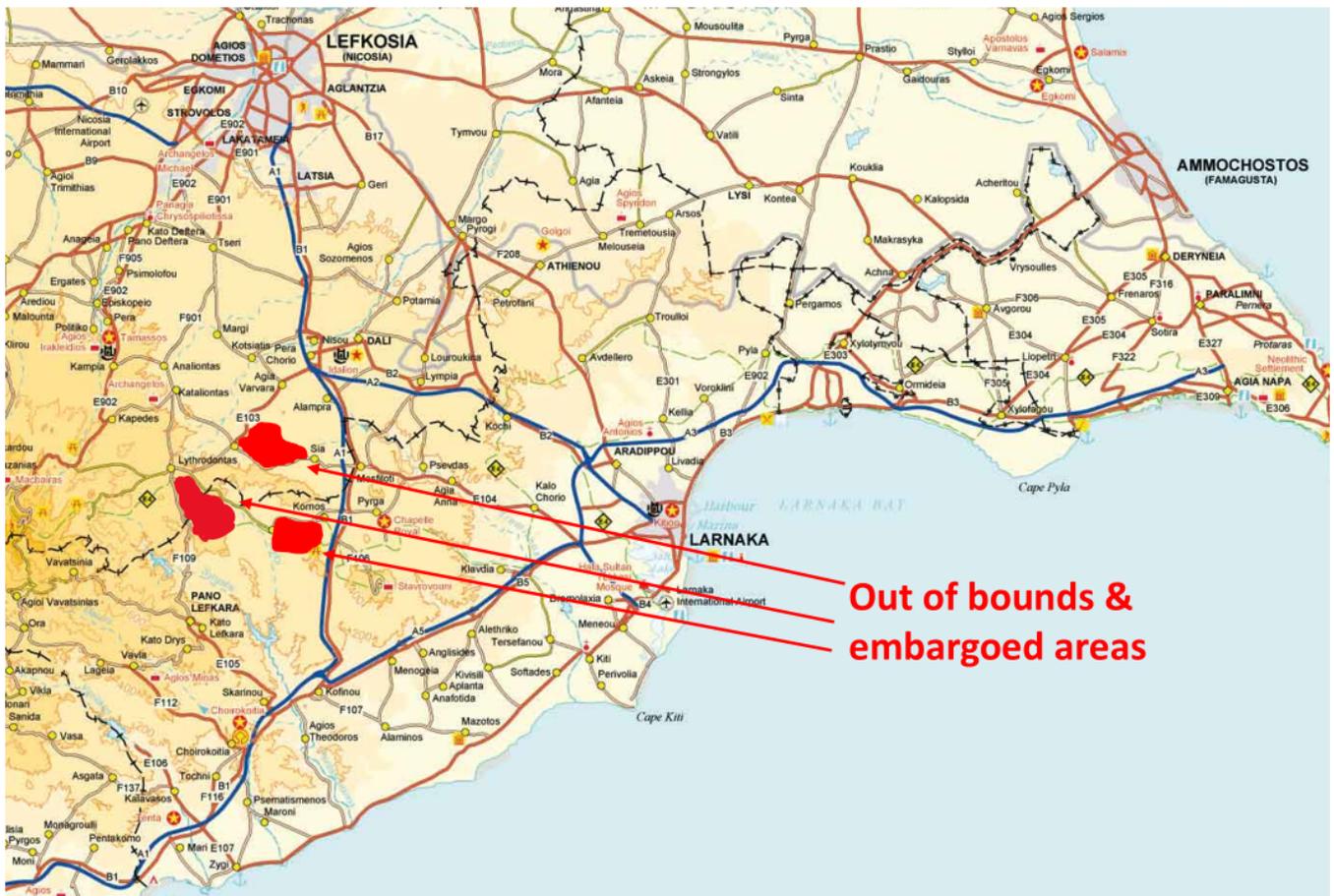
The 1:4,000 Nicosia Map, updated in 2026, will be used. Mostly flat, urban area with a maze of narrow, twisting streets. Fast running with good visibility. Although some areas are pedestrianized, most will have normal Sunday traffic to residential housing and commercial outlets. Thus, runners are cautioned to take care. A sample of the map is shown here:



MAP OF CYPRUS SHOWING AIRPORTS, COMPETITION AREAS AND EVENT HOTEL LOCATIONS:



MAP SHOWING EMBARGOED AREAS:



■ **ACCOMMODATION:**

Cyprus International Orienteering Festival participants will be able to choose to stay in Larnaca and or Nicosia, at our Event Centres, or at the previously popular HYLATIO TOURIST VILLAGE in picturesque Pissouri Bay. Please note that if you choose to stay at the latter, your travel time each day will be longer and should be taken into consideration. EXCLUSIVE rates for these hotels have been negotiated and will be available only when booked through CIOF.

Whilst it is not obligatory to book your accommodation through us, the event organisers have gone out of their way to make sure the best possible hotel rates are available to all participants. These rates will be available only through us and are great value for money. It is hoped that as many participants as possible will choose our Event Centre(s), so as to create a great 'O Holiday' atmosphere.

It is also possible to book accommodation for the days before and/or after the event with the same prices. Bookings and payments for the accommodation offered here should be made through direct bank payment to Orientaction.

All accommodation bookings will be made on a first come, first served basis, so please make your reservations well in advance as rooms are limited and will book up fast.

■ **Hylatio Tourist Village, Pissouri Bay, Category A:**

<https://hylatio.com.cy/>

<https://what3words.com/solvers.irrational.good>

Double/Twin Room 2 pers BB: €66.00 per night

1 bedroom Studio 2 pers BB: €72.00 /night

Single Room 1 person BB: €58.00 per night

Triple Room 3 persons BB: €90.00 per night

1 bedroom studio 3 pers BB: €100.00 /night

1 Bedroom studio 4 pers BB: €120.00 /night

Half board supplement (dinner) is an additional €19.00 per person per night.



█ CIOF 2026 EVENT CENTRE Larnaca from 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026 - Cactus Hotel (3 star):

<https://cactushotel-larnaca.com/en/#about>

<https://what3words.com/cowboys.tasty.cocktail>

Twin/Double room for 2 persons BB : €60.00 per night

Twin/Double room for 2 persons HB : €92.00 per night

Single room for 1 person BB : €54.00 per night

Single room for 1 person HB : €70.00 per night

Triple room for 3 persons BB : €84.00 per night

Triple room for 3 persons HB : €132.00 per night.



█ CIOF 2026 EVENT CENTRE Nicosia from 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 – Asty Hotel (3 star):

<https://www.astyhotel.com/>

<https://what3words.com/skill.helping.suitable>

Twin/Double room for 2 persons BB: €75.00 per night

With Balcony: €80.00 per night

Single room for 1 person BB: €52.00 per night

With Balcony: €57.00 per night

Triple room for 3 persons BB (either double + single OR 3 singles): €95.00 per night.

Executive Rooms BB: €145 per night.

Half board supplement (dinner) is an additional €15.00 per person per night.



## ▣ TRANSFERS & TRANSPORT TO AND FROM EVENTS::

A self drive hire car is the suggested option for the duration of your stay. Self drive hire cars are easily available to book on line and costs are reasonable. They will give participants more flexibility and can be collected and returned at the airport. Cyprus drives on the left, as in UK. Please drive carefully and within the law at all times.

Airport transfers to your hotel/accommodation can also be arranged. Please send us your flight number and date of arrival and number of persons. Please note that taxis are not cheap. Transport to and from events can be arranged for events on all days but again it will not be cheap and we strongly suggest your own hire car.

## ▣ VISAS:

The Republic of Cyprus is part of the EU. All EU citizens and those from Switzerland, and Norway, do not require a visa, just your national ID or passport valid for at least another six months after March 2026

For a full list of other nationalities who do not require a visa, please see this list:

<https://mfa.gov.cy/no-visa-requirement.html>

List of countries requiring a visa:

<https://mfa.gov.cy/requiring-visa-to-enter.html>

Visa application details can be found here:

<https://mfa.gov.cy/application-process-and-requirements.html>

## ▣ IMPORTANT FLIGHT NOTE:

Please note that only the official International Airports of the Republic of Cyprus at Larnaca and Paphos may be used.

<https://mfa.gov.cy/important-information-concerning-travel-to-occupied-area.html>

## ▣ IMPORTANT NOTICE:

All participants in the Cyprus Orienteering Festival take part at their own risk and responsibility. Whilst a full risk assessment for each event will be conducted and will be made available, the organisers cannot and will not be held responsible for any accidents or damages that may occur during the event. We strongly suggest you take out your own travel insurance.

## ▣ FIRST AID & NEAREST HOSPITALS:

A qualified First Aider will be on duty at all events.

A first aid kit and drinking water will be available at the registration, start and/or finish areas of each event. The nearest Accident & Emergency units are:-

NICOSIA General Hospital, just off the end of the main highway into Nicosia. Tel 22603000.

<https://what3words.com/complain.sleep.empire>

LARNACA General Hospital, on the West side of Larnaca. Tel 24800500.

<https://what3words.com/stuck.kitchen.canyons>

▣ **INFORMATION ABOUT CYPRUS:**

For information about Cyprus, please visit the following official website:

[www.visitcyprus.com](http://www.visitcyprus.com)

▣ **WEATHER:**

Please note that the weather in March can often be varied and changeable. Please bring appropriate clothing including jackets.

[www.cyprus-weather.org](http://www.cyprus-weather.org)

▣ **ORGANISER CONTACT DETAILS:**

**CYPRUS ORIENTEERING FESTIVAL WEB SITE:**

[www.cyprusorienteering.com](http://www.cyprusorienteering.com)

[cyprusorienteeringfestival@gmail.com](mailto:cyprusorienteeringfestival@gmail.com)

▣ **Facebook:**

[fb.me/orienteeringfestivalcyprus](https://fb.me/orienteeringfestivalcyprus)

▣ **Event Coordinator and contact for Accommodation, Transport and further information:**

Ms Diana BRIDGER

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Mobile: +357 97775414

▣ **PAYMENTS:**

All Payments for entries, accommodation and any transfers and tours should be made by direct back transfer to Orientation Club as follows:

(Please note that any bank charges should be borne by the payee)

▣ **BANK OF CYPRUS:**

Name on Account: **SYLLOGOS ORIVASIAS KAI AGWN PROSANATOLISMOU ORIENTATION**

IBAN: **CY36 0020 0195 0000 3570 1137 3319**

Bank Account No.: **3570 1137 3319**

Swift Code: **BCYPCY2N**

Address of Branch: **Corner Kennedy & Esperidon Street, Nicosia 1599**

▣ **ENTRIES:**

Please contact us at: [cyprusorienteeringfestival@gmail.com](mailto:cyprusorienteeringfestival@gmail.com)

Or enter yourselves at [www.orienteingonline.net](http://www.orienteingonline.net) and contact us as well at mail:

[cyprusorienteeringfestival@gmail.com](mailto:cyprusorienteeringfestival@gmail.com)



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