

Press Release



International Rogaining Federation Inc. 2020 World Rogaining Championships Awarded to USA

14th August 2017 - The International Rogaining Federation (IRF) has awarded the rights to host the 17th World Rogaining Championships (WRC) to Orienteering USA (OUSA). Management of the event will be by the Bay Area Orienteering Club in conjunction with a number of organizations and orienteering clubs who are members of OUSA. The Championships will be held on 1st – 2nd August, 2020 and will attract many hundreds of elite and veteran endurance cross-country navigators from around the world. The event will be centred in the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California east of the San Francisco Bay Area. The combination of high altitude, intricate pine forests and physically demanding terrain will be sure to offer a true challenge to the world's best rogainers.

The 14th World Rogaining Championships were held in 2016 in Central Australia, the 15th WRC will be conducted in Latvia later this month, and the 16th WRC will be held in the Pyrenees of Spain and France in 2019.

IRF President, Richard Robinson, said it was very pleasing to see OUSA put together such a comprehensive proposal for hosting the 2020 WRC. The IRF are confident that with appropriate support and input from the IRF and the world's rogaining community OUSA will conduct a WRC to be proud of that fully tests the elite competitor but remains enjoyable for both the less competitive and more mature participants that form the core of all WRC entrants.

IRF WRC Manager Jan Tojnar, who leads the selection process for World Rogaining Championships, said that a return of the WRC to North America after a six year absence was expected to help support the growth of rogaining in that region. He also noted that OUSA had established an experienced and committed core management team for the event that he is looking forward to working with over the coming years to ensure a highly successful 2020 WRC.

NOTE TO EDITORS: for additional information on Rogaining please visit <http://www.rogaining.com/> and <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rogaining>.

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