

# 2026 IARU Region 2 and US National Championships in Radio-Orienteering (ARDF) Registration Announcement

23 May 2026

Registration is now open for the 2026 IARU Region 2 and US National Championships in Radio-Orienteering (ARDF), to be held near Portland, Oregon, USA on August 12-16, 2026.

The championships include Sprint, Foxoring, 2m Classic, and 80m Classic competitions. The venues are in the forests around Mt. Hood, and are 1 to 2 hours driving time from Portland International Airport (PDX).

## Event information

- Event website: <https://www.mthoodo.org/radio-o-champs>
- Registration: <https://eventreg.orienteingusa.org/eventregister/register/start/2026radiochamps>
- Registrar email: [info@mthoodo.org](mailto:info@mthoodo.org)
- Organizers email: [usachamps2026@radioorienteing.us](mailto:usachamps2026@radioorienteing.us)

Registration and payments will be handled online. If you have any questions or problems, please contact the registrar (there is a link at the registration website also). Other questions about the event can be sent to the organizers. The hosting organization is the Mt. Hood Orienteering.

## Schedule:

Wednesday August 12, 2026 - White River East Sno-Park  
Arrival Day  
Equipment Check for Sprint

Thursday August 13, 2026 - White River West Sno-Park  
Sprint Competition  
Foxoring Equipment Check

Friday August 14, 2026 - Skyline Sno-Park

Foxoring Competition  
2m Classic Equipment Check  
Banquet (at ZigZag Inn in Welches, Oregon)

Saturday August 15, 2026 - Billy Bob Sno-Park  
2m Classic Competition  
80m Classic Equipment Check

Sunday August 16, 2026 - Billy Bob Sno-Park  
80m Classic Competition  
Departure

There is an interactive map on the event website that shows the locations of the venues, and can be used to determine driving time between them and some of the possible lodging locations.

There are no separate training days scheduled.

#### Competition Categories

Women	Men	Age
W19	M19	19 and younger
W21	M21	Open to all, regardless of age
W35	M40	35/40 and over
W45	M50	45/50 and over
W55	M60	55/60 and over
W65	M70	65/70 and over
W75	M80	75/80 and over

Note: age is determined only by year of birth. It assumes everyone was born on January 1st.

#### Fees

	Early (by 21 June)	Standard (by 19 July)	Late (after 19 July)
Each Competition:	\$32	\$37	\$42
Pizza Banquet (Friday)	\$25	\$25	\$25
Each model event	\$5	\$5	\$10

Note: The model events are for those who want an experience of Radio-O without actually competing or running a full course. They will take place during the Equipment Checks for the various courses. There is no charge for the Equipment Check for registered competitors in an event.

Registration fees are based on the date that the fees are paid, unless arrangements are made with the registrar in advance.

Registrations will not be accepted after August 8, 2026 without permission of the registrar.

The event website has a link to purchase event T-shirts.

The venues are in forests around Mt. Hood. This is a popular area for year-round outdoor activity, including skiing, hiking, and camping. Elevations of the competition venues will be around 4000 feet ( 1200 meters ).

Event meetings will be held at the specific venues listed in the schedule. The banquet will be held Friday evening August 14th at the ZigZag Inn, in Welches, Oregon. There is no specific event center or hotel.

Participants are responsible for their own lodging and transportation to the venues. A list of lodging and camping options is included on the event web site. Because development is restricted in the National Forest area, lodging options near the venues are somewhat limited, and may be full during the summer.

Transportation from the venue parking area to the start will be provided by the organizers where needed.

Cell phone coverage may be marginal or unavailable at the venues.

All of the venues will be used for Orienteering meets in 2025 or 2026, and maps will be current. Additional information about each venue, including copies of the maps, will be posted on the event web site.

All venues will be embargoed starting Monday July 27, 2026 for course preparation. The only exceptions to the embargo will be the area within

100m of the parking lots, and for travel along main roads, as noted in the details for each venue.

Wildlife in the area may include bears, deer, elk, and mountain lions. There are no venomous snakes, and ticks are uncommon.

Transmitters will be registered using SI E-sticks. These are available for rent for those who do not have their own.

Some receivers will be available for rent: quantities are limited

When making flight reservations, please make sure you are flying to **PDX** airport. The other Portland is 2500 miles (4000km) away, and would require a very long taxi ride.

For those who want to spend more time outdoors in Oregon, the Columbia River Orienteering Club is holding a Deschutes Daze orienteering festival near Bend, Oregon the week before this event.  
<https://www.croc.org/events/2026/8/6/deschutes-daze>

We look forward to seeing you in Oregon!