



International Rogaining Federation

World Rogaining Championships

Ceremonies Guideline

This document provides a Guideline to organisers of World Rogaining Championships (WRCs) regarding ceremonies associated with WRCs and particularly the required involvement of IRF Officials.

General

The IRF encourages informality and a minimalist approach to ceremonies around WRCs but considers the following to be essential parts of any WRC:

- Providing an opportunity for the representative of any Government body that materially supported the WRC to be acknowledged and speak briefly
- Publicly acknowledging and thanking the many volunteers that contributed to the running of the WRC
- Allowing the IRF an opportunity to update attendees on IRF and world rogaining matters and publicly acknowledge and thank individuals who have made major contributions to the sport
- Ensuring that the placegetters in all age/gender categories in the WRC are presented to, and acknowledged by, their peers

Responsibilities

The WRC organising team has full responsibility for the organisation of all ceremonies associated with that WRC. This includes determining the timing of all ceremonies but noting the guidance below.

Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony is very much under the control of the WRC organising team and can be as short and informal as the organising team considers appropriate. The IRF President, or their nominee, can make a short welcome speech if requested. The organising team is requested to provide as much notice as practical of any desire to have the IRF President, or their nominee, speak at the opening ceremony to ensure their availability.

The preferred timing for any WRC opening ceremony is early in the evening, say between 17:00 and 18:00, of the day before the WRC. This timing gives the highest likelihood of getting a good and attentive attendance of WRC competitors and IRF Councillors.

Results Presentation and Closing

The results presentation and closing is the key ceremony for any WRC. This is the time when WRC placegetters are presented to, and acknowledged by, their peers. It is also the time when it is expected that the number of rogainers in attendance will be the highest. As such, it provides the best

opportunity for the IRF to provide an update on world rogaining matters and make any special presentations and/or acknowledgements they consider appropriate.

The results presentation and closing should commence as soon as practical after the completion of the WRC to maximise the number of people in attendance and maintain the momentum of the event. WRC organising teams should aim to commence the results presentation by not later than 90 minutes after the nominated finishing time of the WRC.

The results presentation and closing ceremony should commence approximately 15 minutes before the actual presentation of results, ie not more than 75 minutes after the finishing time of the WRC. For the first 15 minutes of the ceremony the IRF President, or their nominee, shall act as Master of Ceremonies and shall provide updates and acknowledgements noted above.

Following the completion of the IRF conducted portion of the ceremony, the IRF President shall handover the conduct of the ceremony to the nominee of the WRC organising team for the results presentation and any other business that the team considers appropriate. IRF officials will be available to make presentations of medals to placegetters if desired and requested by the WRC organising team. Experience has shown that keeping the ceremony short and fast moving is generally preferred by rogainers.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the IRF President, or their nominee, shall close that WRC and issue an invitation to the World's rogainers to attend the following WRC. They will then invite the organiser of the following WRC to make a presentation of not more than five minutes.

The IRF President, or their nominee, shall then thank everyone for attending and close the proceedings.

Use of Random Draw Prizes

WRC organising teams are encouraged to include random prize draws as part of the Results Presentation and Closing ceremony and advertise this in the final instructions provided to Entrants. The random prize draw should be conducted after the results presentation and just prior to the handing over the IRF President or their nominee for the closing. Conducting a random prize draw at this time assists to maximise the number of people attending the Results Presentation and Closing ceremony.