



Qualification races in Hungary in 2023 and their qualification criteria

Competition license (OCR card)

2023 OCR European Championship

End of qualification period: April 30, 2023.

General qualification and competition license rules

Beginning on January 1, 2023, competitors with **Hungarian citizenship and a Hungarian address** can only qualify for the OCR EC with a qualification race held in Hungary. (Should an agreement be reached with another national association on the basis of reciprocity on the recognition of each other's competitions, the Association will make it available to the competitors in time. Until information to the contrary is provided, the basic clause shall apply).

Competitors with **Hungarian citizenship and a certified foreign address** who wish to qualify for the OCR EC in their country of residence after January 1, 2023, must contact either the Hungarian national association or the national association in their country of residence - the two associations case-by-case agreement is required to verify and accept the qualification. The concerned competitors are requested to write to the following e-mail address in Hungary: versenyzoi@ocrsport.hu.

Foreign competitors who live in a country without a national association can qualify for Hungarian competitions. In this case, the qualification for the Hungarian competition must be submitted to the European Federation: info@ocreuropeanchampionships.org.

Foreign competitors who live in a country with a national association can only qualify in a Hungarian race IF their own national association accepts their qualification in Hungary, the agreement of the two associations is required to verify and accept the qualification. The concerned competitors are requested to write to the following e-mail address in Hungary: versenyzoi@ocrsport.hu.

Currently, there are national federations in the following countries, according to the register of the European Federation: Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Gibraltar, Holland, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

In summary, we will not be able to accept foreign races as qualifying races for athletes with Hungarian citizenship and residential address from January 1, 2023! If there is a deviation from this based on the agreements of the respective national federations, we will notify the Hungarian athletes in time with the information published on the federation's website and publish the list of accepted races!

According to the guidelines of the European OCR Federation, all European national associations **can only approve the qualifications of athletes with a competition license (OCR card)**. According to this, it is only possible to register for the OCR EC as a competitor with **Hungarian citizenship and a**



Hungarian address in the Elite or Age Group category, even with a valid qualification, if the athlete in question **has an OCR card for the year 2023** as described below!

Any competitor who does not have an OCR card valid for 2023 defined below, will be forced by the EC registration team to move him to the OPEN category when checking the registration (despite the qualification!) Since the right to start the EC is only given to association members and OCR card holders, please, so that competitors who do not have an OCR card - competitors who do not have a membership - (in order to avoid the above undesirable situation) in accordance with the European regulations governing from 2023 – get the OCR card (competition permit)!

The options are:

OCR card:

It can be issued to athletes who also have an OCR card in 2022 or who already had an OCR card in any previous year (2019, 2020 or 2021). It is subject to association membership. Card application deadline: **January 31, 2023** for former competitors and existing association members, for new association members in parallel with the newly acquired qualification.

Annual fee for the OCR card: **HUF 5,000**. The price of the OCR card does not include the entry fee for a national championship race in 2023.

The opportunity for both foreign and qualified Hungarian competitors without an OCR card to join a Hungarian federal association and accept the association's statutes and participate in championship races. A foreign participating competitor cannot be a Hungarian champion.

Temporary OCR card for new entrants:

The Hungarian federation for the duration of the OCR EB, June 8-11, 2023. will issue a temporary OCR card to the following competitors. The fee for the temporary OCR card: **HUF 8,000**.

Who is entitled?

- Hungarian competitors qualified without an OCR card can receive a temporary competition permit from the federation for the duration of the EC, who have never had an OCR card issued by the federation, neither in 2022, nor in 2021, nor in 2020, nor in 2019, i.e. completely new entrants into the system.

- Foreign competitors without an association (e.g. Slovak competitors) can receive a temporary competition license from the federation, they do not need to join a Hungarian association, but they must have a Hungarian qualification.

An additional condition for starting the EC is a medical certificate valid on the day of the race, as well as attaching a completed and signed waiver at registration.



Qualification races and qualification rules

January 21, 2023. Spartan Sprint Nagymaros

Qualification criteria: The first 10 people qualify in Elite, and the first 10 people per Age Group - with a maximum of 50% of the competitors starting in the age group of the given race eligible for qualification! In the event of an odd number of competitors, the decision will be made in favor of the competitors (i.e., if there are 7 starters, 4 qualify, if there are 11 starters, 6.) There is no roll-up, i.e. elimination system. That is, the fact that another competitor who finished ahead of a given competitor in the category is eliminated (i.e. does not start at the EC) does not entitle the otherwise originally unqualified competitor to start (he cannot enter instead). A competitor with an Elite qualification can enter both the Elite and AG categories at the OCR EC, a competitor qualified in AG can only enter the AG category.

April 1-2, 2023 Spartan Sprint, Super, Beast on Salgótarján

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April 22, 2023. VulcanRun Celldömölk - 7 km National Race, 3 km Cup Run

Qualification criteria: In the National Race and Cup Race in Elite and Age Group, all competitors qualify who complete one of the distances within the level time specified by the competition organizer and approved by the technical committee of the Federation, with at least 1 wristband remaining, in accordance with the internationally applicable competition rules (3 wristbands, 1 trial, penalty round). A competitor with an Elite qualification can enter both the Elite and AG categories at the OCR EC, a competitor qualified in AG can only enter the AG category.

~~April 29-30, 2023~~ Running Warriors Budapest – OCR100

The OCR100 competition of the Running Warriors announced for April 29-30 will be rescheduled! Unfortunately, due to the arrangement work for May Day on May 1st, they cannot provide us with the location according to the originally agreed conditions! Further negotiations are underway with possible locations and dates, as soon as we have more information about this, we will let you know immediately! Please be patient!

Qualification criteria: The absolute first 32 men/women from OCR100 qualify for the OCR EC, who complete the race within the level time specified by the race organizer and approved by the Federation's technical committee. OCR100 can be used to qualify for the short or long distance race or the competitive team race at the EC. The OCR100 qualification is valid in the category in which the



competitor has an OCR card (Elite or Age Group), with the fact that a competitor with an Elite qualification can enter both Elite and AG categories at the OCR EB, a competitor qualified in AG can only enter the AG category.

+ bonus = 2022 OCR EC - Italy, Val di Fiemme

Qualification criteria: Pursuant to the Federation's decision, the 2022 OCR European Championship is also accepted as a qualification race, with regard to athletes of HUNGARIAN nationality participating in it.

HUNGARIAN racers who finished within the first 20 places of the Elite category qualify, as well as HUNGARIAN racers who finished within the first 20 places of the Age Group category in Age Group. At the 2023 OCR EC, a competitor with an Elite qualification can enter both Elite and AG categories, a competitor qualified in AG can only enter in the AG category.

The results of the 2022 OCR EB can be found at the following link:

3 km: <https://www.icron.it/newgo/#/classifica/20221742>

15 km: <https://www.icron.it/newgo/#/classifica/20222154>