

Irving Top 10 Finisher in WTOC PreO

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OUSA and USA were proudly represented at the 2019 World Trail Orienteering Championships (WTOC) July 23-29, 2019, which was held in Idanha-a-Nova, Portugal.

I am proud to inform one and all that David Irving placed 9th overall in the PreO Paralympic standings. Congratulations David. You represented both OUSA and USA with distinction and grace in your top 10 finish....BRAVO!!

Unfortunately US Army (Ret.) Paratrooper Jonathan Fox came down with Anaplasmosis and bronchitis shortly before the team's departure, leaving the paralympic team one competitor short for the relay event.

The trip included both European Pre and TempO events in the Penamacor area as warm up to the WTOC.

With temperatures in the high 80s to 100s for many of the model and competition events, competing required extra focus and concentration. Event conditions were very strenuous and exhausting.

The terrain in Idanha-a-Nova consisted of significant intrusionary rock/boulder formations. These formations presented championship challenges in differentiating changes in formation as they relate to delineating the target control. Since some of the rock formations were quite a distance off, the controls were often twice the size of a standard control.

The expansive PreO courses consisted of multiple determination stations lumped together with controls at a distance on a number of elevated granite rock formations. Several courses were in proximity to building ruins dating back several centuries-if not back to Roman times. The TempO events were well-developed and well run. Both paved roads and trails suitable for wheel chairs were maintained with highly visible offsite control placements.

Both TempO and PreO courses were crafted in a number of regional villages/towns providing a rich diverse sampling of Portugal's largest municipality.



Back: Karen Dennis (staff), Clare Durand (open), Mika Latva Kokko (open), David Irving (para), Daniel Heimgartner (para), Sharon Crawford (open), Julia Zielczynska (staff). Front: Russ Myer (staff), Jay Hann (staff).



Daniel Heimgartner punches in and then he is done for the day. Intense heat characterized the week, making the events more challenging.

World Trail Orienteering Championships
Idanha-a-Nova / Portugal
Thu, June 27th 2019

WTOC19

Quinta dos Ciprestes
Relva
PreO 2
PART 1
SCALE: 1:4.000
C. INTERVAL: 2,5m

WTOC 2019			
PREO 2			
PART 1	450m	5m	
1 A-B	⌂		
2 A-D	⌂	↓	
3 A-E	⌂		⊙ ↓
4 A-E	⌂	⊙	⊙ ↓
5 A	⌂		⊙ ↓
6 A	▲		⊙
7 A		mm	! ⊙
8 A	⌂		
9 A-E	⌂		
10 A-E	↓ ▲		⊙
11 A-B	⌂		⊙ ↓
--- ONE-WAY --->			
12 A-D	⌂		←
13 A-C	⌂		→
14 A-D	mm		⌂ →
15 A-D	⌂		⌂ →

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2 A-D	⌂	B	↓
3 A-E	⌂	C	⊙ ↓
4 A-E	⌂	E	⊙ ↓
5 A	⌂	A	⊙ ↓
6 A	▲	Z	⊙
7 A		Z	!
8 A	⌂	A	
9 A-E	⌂	D	
10 A-E	↓ ▲	Z	⊙
11 A-B	⌂	Z	⊙ ↓
--- ONE-WAY --->			
12 A-D	⌂	A	←
13 A-C	⌂	B	→
14 A-D	mm	C	⌂ →
15 A-D	⌂	Z	⌂ →

Time Limit
Open: 120 min
Para: 125 min

PreO Day 2. The map above is half of the controls for the day. The second map covered controls 16-30.

--- by Clare Durand. Trail O Blog

A number of different scoring issues made the arena on Day 2 an emotional roller coaster. Beginning with a timing problem due to a non-synched replacement SI unit, through some miscoded answers in the software, and ending with a voided control, scores just kept changing. The good news was they seemed to be mostly going up. The result was that initially everyone thought they had really tanked the course, but as time went on, we learned it wasn't all so dismal.

Control number 11 was voided after the organizers determined that the Alpha flag was only four meters from the circled zero position--inside of the published zero tolerance. This benefited Mika and Clare, who had missed the control, but hurt David and Sharon, who had come up with the correct zero answer.

In the final two day standings, David Irving's 48 points placed him 9th out of 39 in the Para category--one of the best US placings at WTOC in a while. Top US scores of the day were Clare with 25 and David with 24 points out of a possible 29. Clare ended up with the top US two-day result, which was 49 points (compared to a winning score of 56) and placing her 41st of 65. While neither day was exceptional, the two solid days gave me a personal best in terms of percentage of controls of the winner at my seven WTOCs.