

**BULLETIN 01**

**12TH MEDITERRANEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**IN ORIENTEERING (MCO 2026)**

**ALGERIAN WEEK OF ORIENTEERING**

**ALGERIA, ALGEIRS AND TIPAZA**



**JANUARY 20-28, 2026**

*Dear participants,*

The Algerian Orienteering Commission is delighted to announce the preliminary details for the 12th Mediterranean Championships in orienteering (MCO 2026), set to take place in Tipaza, Algeria. This event will be combined with the Algerian Week of Orienteering, IOF Youth Leaders Academy -YLA (pending IOF confirmation), and COMOF Youth Training Academy (YTA).

## Preliminary programme

### Algerian Week of Orienteering and 12th Mediterranean Championships in Orienteering

**Dates:** January 20–23, 2026

**Location:** Algiers (Exact maps and terrains will be finalized in Buletin 2)

Date	Place	Activity
<b>January 20, Tuesday</b>	Arrival to Algiers	Transfer to accommodation, registration.
<b>January 21, Wednesday</b>	Algier, 1 <sup>st</sup> Site	1 <sup>st</sup> competition day Algerian week of orienteering (AWO)
<b>January 22, Thursday</b>	Algier, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Site	2 <sup>nd</sup> competition day AWO
<b>January 23, Friday</b>	Algier 3 <sup>rd</sup> Site	3 <sup>rd</sup> competition day AWO

### Official MCO Events and Algerian week of orienteering

**Dates:** January 24–27, 2026

**Location:** Tipaza (Exact maps will be detailed in Bulletin 2)

Date	Place	Activity
<b>January 24, Saturday</b>	Arrival and transfer from Algiers to Tipaza.	Accommodation, registration. Opening Ceremony of MCO.
<b>January 25, Sunday</b>	Tipaza 1 <sup>st</sup> Site	1 <sup>st</sup> competition day MCO and 4th stage of AWO
<b>January 26, Monday</b>	Tipaza 2 <sup>nd</sup> Site	2 <sup>nd</sup> competition day MCO and 5th stage of AWO
<b>January 27, Tuesday</b>	Tipaza 3 <sup>rd</sup> Site	3 <sup>rd</sup> competition day MCO and 6th stage of AWO. Closing and victory Ceremony
<b>January 28, Wednesday</b>	Departures from Tipaza to Algiers airport.	

**Event Duration:**

- Full programme: January 20–28, 2026 (7 days including 6 competitions).
  
- Short programme: January 24–28, 2026 (4 days including 3 competitions).

**COMPETITION RULES, CLASSES and ENTRIES:**

Algerian Week of Orienteering is open to all participants. Competition classes will be published in Bulletin 2, and entries will be opened.

MCO competitions are official events under COMOF regulations. All details in Bulletin 2.

**Accommodation and Transport:**

Will be published in Bulletin 2.

**Important Notes**

Maps and terrains will be finalized and published in Bulletin 2.

Instructions regarding visa for those countries who need it, will be published in Bulletin 2.

For additional information, please contact the organizing committee.

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**BULLETIN 2 WILL BE PUBLISHED IN MARCH 2025.**

**Organizing Committee, MCO 2026 and Algerian week of orienteering**

**We look forward to welcoming you to Algeria for this prestigious events!**

## What and Where is Tipaza ?

Tipaza, a coastal city in Algeria, is a captivating blend of ancient history and modern life. This UNESCO World Heritage site, founded by the Phoenicians, has been inhabited for centuries, with significant Roman, Byzantine, and African influences. The city's archaeological sites, including a theater, amphitheater, and baths, offer a fascinating glimpse into its past. The stunning coastal landscape, characterized by the Chenoua and Dahra mountains, and the Mediterranean Sea, makes Tipaza a popular destination for both tourists and locals. Its rich cultural heritage, evident in numerous Punic, Roman, Christian, and African remains, continues to attract history enthusiasts and those seeking a serene escape.

