



Welcome to MOO CHALLENGE BERLIN – an adventure for orienteering fanatics combining the love for the urban transformations and the use of public transport. In this sense Berlin is the quintessential city with its never-ending historical changes and an amazing network of U-Bahn and S-Bahn. It has been inspiring and emotional for me to play with the city history and urban texture choosing the areas, drawing the maps and thinking about the questions – I hope you'll enjoy! :-)

EVENT CENTRE: at MOO CHALLENGE the event centre is pretty secret till the last week :-)) but we can just say now that it is in the **Tempelhof-Schöneberg** area; reachable quite easily with public transport from everywhere in Berlin (of course if the U-Bahn strikes will finally stop :-)).

The event centre is a nice place with a **summer garden** where you can chill out after the competition.

Toilets and **food-drinks** available before and after. You can leave at the event centre a **small bag** - please don't leave valuables (keys, document, money) as it will be stored indoor in a safe place but it will not be manned.

There's a covered area in case of rain.

If you fancy a drink/something to eat please stay and **support the venue**. During after-MOO there is always a cool vibe!

PROVISIONAL TIMINGS (to be confirmed in Bulletin n.2 but we don't expect changes)

CHECK-IN from 11:30

BRIEFING 12:40

START 13:00

TIME LIMIT 18:30

RACE FORMAT

At the start each team will be given a copy of:

- a **General Map** of Berlin with U-Bahn S-Bahn and with the position of some **Small Maps** marked on it (see below)

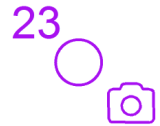
- a **Maps Bag** containing the **Small Maps**

The team will decide in which order to reach the **Small Maps** (basically using public transport) and at each Small Map run/walk to find the controls.

On each **Small Map** you have:

- **9 control circles** where (exactly at the centre of the circle, as in normal orienteering) you will find the Answer to a **Question**

- **1 camera icon** that shows the location where to take a **Selfie**



There are also some **Special Controls**: generally they are **Selfies** to be done in extra places

RESULTS

All the Questions and Selfies are converted into **minutes** so that the winning team is the one with less time.

Your **Final Time** is your **Race Time** plus **20** minutes every wrong/missed **Answer**, plus **30** minutes every wrong/missed **Selfie**, plus **60** minutes every wrong/missed **Special Control**.

If you finish after the **Time Limit** you have some penalties and after some more time you are disqualified (more info on Bulletin n.2)

COURSE

At the moment we plan to have **8 or 9 Small Maps**. We have some proper orienteering maps – some multilevel maps – some historical maps – some minimalistic and weird maps. Scale of the Small Maps varies between **1:1500** to **1:12500**. The running/walking distance to get all the Questions and Special Controls is expected to be **20 km** (number of maps and distance are to be confirmed in Bulletin n.2)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The Questions will be in English language; the Answers are not really in any language, you just have to copy a text you find somewhere (that most probably is in German or English) or count something (in this case the answer is a number). The numbers must be always written with a **number** (3 not three). The Answer is ALWAYS one **single word**. When the Answer is a currency it is written in the Question if you need to write decimals, commas etc. etc. but absolutely don't write EUR or € in the Answer. If in the Questions you find something like: AT YOUR OWN ____ you have to **fill the gap** (a possible answer could be RISK).

You can write the Answer with **upper-case or lower-case** or a mix of them: it will be correct anyway. Also adding **spaces** before or after the word is no problem at all. The validation of the Answers is completely automatic so be careful with spelling mistakes and auto-correction.

SELFIES

In the **Selfies** all the team members must be visible

APP

Answers and **Selfies** are recorded through the **Moo Berlin App**, available on **ANDROID ONLY**.

An installation .apk file will be provided a few days before the competition – you won't find it on Google Play.

If your team has only iPhones please borrow an Android phone. It can be old and without SIM (you connect via Hotspot and most of the time during the competition the app can work offline)

FAIR PLAY RULES

- You can only use your **feet** or **public transport** (bus, U-Bahn, S-Bahn)
- Bikes, scooters, cars and other means of transport are **not allowed**.
- Team members must **stay together** all the time, you cannot split
- Any use of **mobile phone** (maps, apps, internet) is **allowed**

COMPULSORY EQUIPMENT

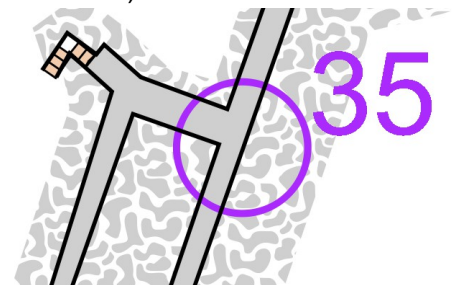
The **android phone** for the app is the only item required and we give for granted that you have a phone to take pictures and use internet, but you definitely better bring also:

- a daily public transport **ticket** (see MOO website for some info and hints)
- a 'journey planner' app to help you going from A to B with public transport – if you already don't have your favourite you can use [Citymapper](#) that has been tested and works good (Google Maps directions are less reliable)
- a small **backpack** to keep the maps you are not using – **pen** or **pencil** and **paper**, you never know
- **powerbanks**, if your phones suck :-)
- and remember the competition is in the afternoon, start with your phone at 100%
- a **compass** (useful to understand where to go when you get out from an underground station)

PRIZES There will be prizes for the first 3 teams: a choice between a free entry to the next MOO or a [MOO T-shirt](#) (available sizes: S M L only)

SPECIAL SYMBOLS

On the Small Maps to emphasize that you are underground it is used this special 'underground' pattern instead of building - see picture:



PREPARE YOURSELF

Have a look at the MOO maps of last edition [Milan 2025](#) (or all the [previous editions](#))

GENERAL MAP

Here you have a preview of the General Map – so you can familiarize with the depiction of **S-Bahn** and **U-Bahn** lines and stations. As you may notice different **U-Bahn** lines are drawn with different colours, while **S-Bahn** are all the same colour: to choose which **S-Bahn** line to board please refer to public transport apps, station boards etc. etc.

The location of the **Small Maps** with each expected distance to reach all **Control Points** and **Selfie** (see the legend) will be also marked on this map



BULLETIN n.2 (with the address of event centre, installation of the app, other info) will be published on **Thurs. May 22** ciao from Remo, the organizer