

# Bulletin 1

Finnish Ski-O Championships Middle Distance and IOF World Ranking Event (WRE)

Finnish Ski-O Championships Middle Distance

17 February 2024, Imatra, Finland.

The organizer is orienteering club Joutsenon Kullervo and SK Vuoksi

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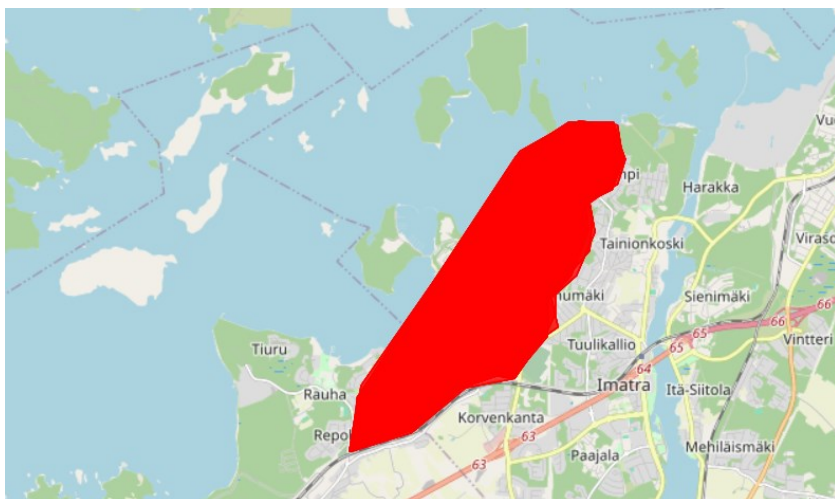
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## Venue and embargoed area

The competition center is located in Ukonniemi Stadion, ca. 5 km from the center of Imatra. Driving will be signposted from the roundabout at the intersection of Joutsenonkatu and Lammassaarentie. Parking is principally near the Ukonniemi Stadion.

Embargoed area:



## Competition rules and classes

Competition rules for IOF Orienteering Events, IOF's World Ranking Events Manual, special instructions concerning Finnish Championships and instructions given on the competition day by the organizers shall be followed. Bulletin 2 will be published on the competition's website and IOF Eventor one week prior to the event latest. WRE includes only classes M21 and W21. Competition classes in the Finnish Championships are 15 – 85.

Foreign orienteers can also participate in the Finnish championships, but only two kind of orienteers are included in the official competition results list and awards:

- Finnish citizens representing club of IOF member federation
- foreign persons who have been permanently resident in Finland (home municipality Finland) from the beginning of the calendar year of the competition and represent member club of the Finnish Orienteering Federation. They must have a Finnish orienteering licence redeemed at the entry time.

More information about the right of foreign orienteers to participate in Finnish championship competitions:

<https://www.suunnistusliitto.fi/kilpailu/sm-ohjeet/ulkomaalaiset-sarjoissa/#english>

### **Winning time**

Estimated winning times in competition are within the IOF and SSL (Finnish Orienteering Federation) rules and guidelines.

### **Punching system**

The electronic system EmiTag will be used. Rental EmiTag cards are available from the event organizer, fee 5€.

### **Map Scale**

1:10 000. Contour interval: 5 m. Printing 2/2024.

### **Entry fees and registration**

Entries are made primarily through the IRMA service. International skiers who do not have IRMA ID, register via IOF Eventor (WRE classes H21, D21). International skiers in other class can do entry by email, mikakorhonen2(at)gmail.com. The email must contain name, series, club and EmitTag ID if the competitor have own EmiTag.

Entries must be made no later than Thursday, 8.2.2024, at 11.59 pm. Late registration is not possible. All competitors entering WRE classes (H21, D21) must have an IOF-ID, issued by the IOF. Instructions on how to obtain the IOF-ID can be found on the IOF website.

Entry fee is 40 € in WRE-classes and 37 € in other class.

Payments have to be made on 16.2.2024 at latest. For the payment identification, please write the full name and class of the competitor to the note in the payment order.

### **Bank account information for entry fees:**

Account owner:

Joutsenon Kullervo ry

IBAN: FI05 5083 0220 0029 34

SWIFT/BIC: OKOYFIHH

Bank name: EKOP

\*) Finnish citizens and competitors representing a Finnish club register must be done through the IT-system of the Finnish Orienteering Federation, IRMA.

## **Event schedule**

Competition office ("Info") is opened 17.2.2024 08.00 AM. First start of competition is 10.00 AM.

\*) Times are preliminary and subject to change.

## **Terrain**

There are plenty of ski tracks in the terrain. Terrain height differences are variable. Part of the area is flat, but there are large differences in height near lake Saimaa. The forest is mainly a large-sized conifers.

## **Start times and final event details**

Useful information source is the competition's website at:

<https://www.hisu.fi>

and English <https://www.hisu.fi/in-english/>

Start times and results will be published on the competition's website.

## **Ski-waxing facilities**

The competition organizer has not reserved separate ski-waxing facilities. Ski-waxing facilities can be rented from the ski-waxing cabins next to the competition center, which are managed by Imatra Base Camp. Reservations for the waxing cabins, phone +358 206 177 008 (Jaakko Jäppinen) or e-mail from [myynti\(at\)imatrabasecamp.fi](mailto:myynti(at)imatrabasecamp.fi).

More information: <https://kansallishme.fi/en/ski-wax-cabins-and-maintenance-services>

## **Fluorinated products for ski-waxing**

Rule 21.8 in the Competition Rules for International Orienteering Federation (IOF) Ski Orienteering events declares that the use of all fluorinated waxing products is forbidden at IOF events, including World Ranking Events. In order to get a start permit, competitors are required to sign the IOF declaration. More information:

<https://orienteering.sport/skio/competition-rules/>

## **Accommodation**

The organizing clubs recommend accommodation at the Imatra Spa, which is located approximately 1.0 km from the competition center. Individual accommodation reservations can be made directly from Imatra Kylpylä's online reservation with the reservation code PROHISU or through the sales service at tel. +358300 870 502 or by email: [myynti@imatrakylpyla.fi](mailto:myynti@imatrakylpyla.fi). Mention the reservation code when booking.

You can also search for accommodation on the tourism website of the city of Lappeenranta

[www.visitlappeenranta.fi](http://www.visitlappeenranta.fi)

## **Welcome to Imatra!**

Joutsenon Kullervo and SK Vuoksi