

Bulletin 2

Ski-Orienteering IOF World Rankind Event (WRE) and Finnish Championships Middle Distance in Imatra 17.2.2024

COMPETITION INSTRUCTIONS

Rules

Competition rules of the Finnish Orienteering Federation, IOF's guidelines for World Ranking Events, special instructions concerning Finnish Championships in 2024 and instructions given by the organizer shall be followed.

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Jury

Head of the Jury:	Teemu Kantelinen, Hyvinkään Rasti
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The jury may decide to postpone the start of the competition or to cancel the competition if the temperature is below -20 °C (Rule 7.54). When making this decision, the temperature is measured at competition area (Rule 14.72). Possible effects of cold weather are also assessed in accordance with section 14.73 in the Rules.

Guidance to the competition center

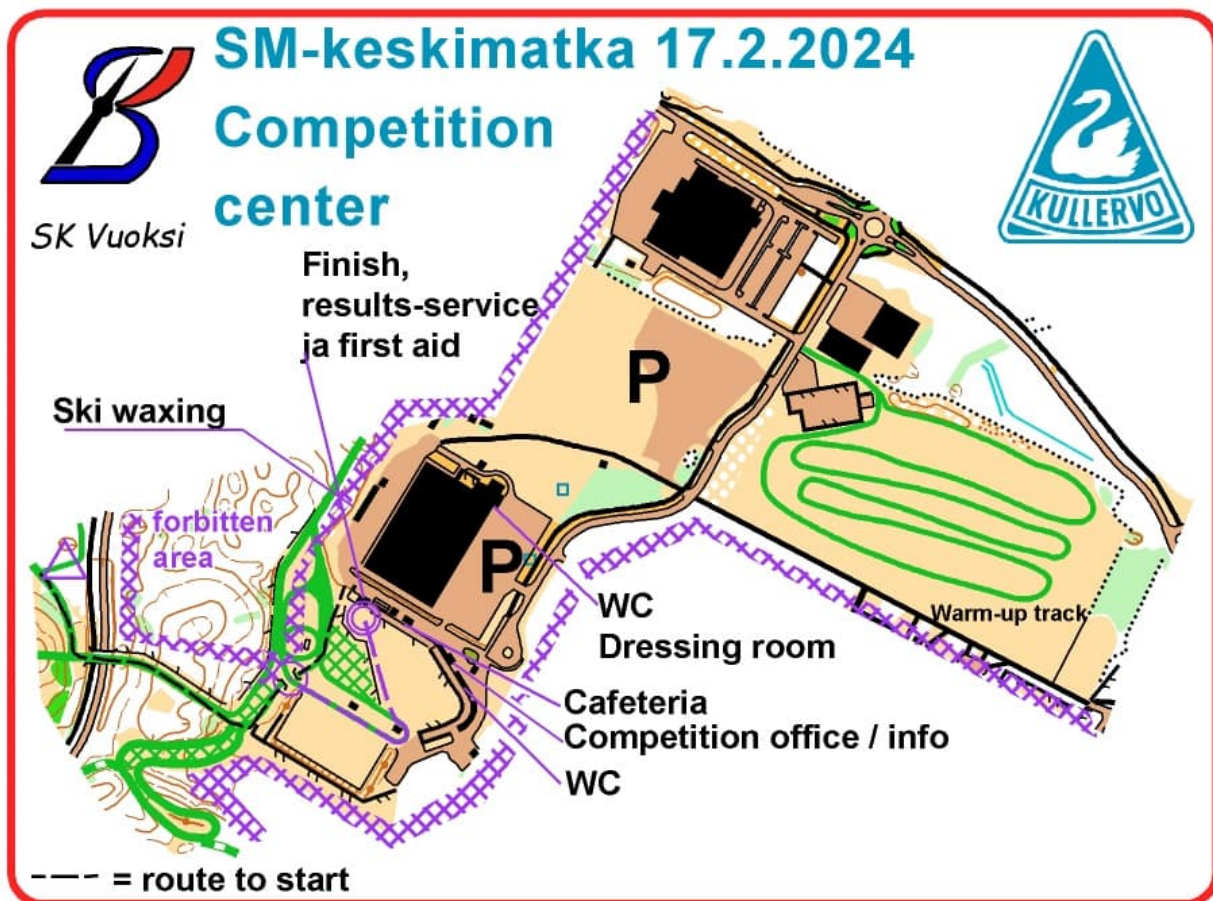
Guidance to the competition center and parking lots are from the roundabout at the intersection of Joutsenonkatu and Lammassaarentie. Signs are in place on February 17, 2024 at 7:00 am. The competitors must follow the signs.

Parking

From parking it's about 200 meters to the competition center. Parking is only allowed at the indicated parking lots.

Competition center

Competition center is at Ukonniemi Stadion, address Ottelukatu 11, Imatra. Competition center will have following facilities: info, toilets and first aid, dressing rooms and shower.



Competition 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.

Tracks

Road, eligible for skiing – 0.9 km (black road symbol)

Snowcat track (> 3m) – 13,7 km (thick green line)

Narrow skate track (width over 1.5 m) – 6,1 km (thin green line)

Snowmobile track (width 0.8 m to 1.2 m) – 28,1 km (green dashed line)

Weak track (skied or weak) – 0.0 km (green dotted line)

Tracks that are not in map

The intersections of tracks that are not in map are in orange color on the terrain. Such tracks are e.g. off-road bicycle tracks. On the eastern edge of the map, next to the wide skating tracks, there are bicycle routes right next to the ski trails (distance 1-20 m). These bicycle tracks next to the trails could not be marked on the map due to the deterioration of its readability. Below is a picture of a bicycle tracks.

Picture of bicycle tracks that are not in map



Competition office/ info

Competition office is located inside the stadion. Office / info will be open on Saturday 17.2 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Competition numbers

Numbers for middle distance on Saturday will be near competition info.

Numbers has to attached visible on **right** thigh. It's not allowed to fold the number. For attaching the number competitors must have their own pins.

Map

Scale 1:10 000, 5 metres contour interval. Printed 2/2024. The size of the map is A4. Model maps are visible at the start. Competition maps will be collected at the finish. Maps will be returned after relay on Sunday.

If you want that your map will be send to you, you must fill in an envelope with your address at the competition office. Behind the envelope you must notify which class number the posted map(s) there should be. Service fee is 5 €/ envelope (max. 4 maps / envelope).

All maps will be put on the competition website after the competition.

EmiTag -competition cards

EmiTag-punching system is used at the competition. Rental EmiTags (5 € per EmiTag) shall be picked from the competition office on Saturday from 8 am. Rental EmiTags must be returned to the competition office. Unreturned EmiTag will be charged for 100€.

The competitor is responsible for the functioning of the competition card.

Model of the control point is located near by the info. There you can confirm functioning of the competition card.

The organizers do not check the number of the EmiTag at the start. If the competitor uses any other EmiTag than which he or she has registered to the organizer or which organizer has provided to him or her, it will lead to the disqualification. Remember to confirm that you are competing with correct EmiTag, rentals also!

Competitor can have two EmiTag during the competition, but only main EmiTag must be registered to the organizer.

An EmiTag that has not been registered, must be removed before EmiTag check-out and kept far enough away from the reader.

It's forbidden to follow the race near by the finish line with EmiTag to avoid any interference for result service.

If you want to change the EmiTag number, it can be done at the competition office for 5 € fee.

Control points and punching

Control flags are on the poles right next to the tracks. Codes are marked on the top of pole facing towards the track. EmiTag units are located above the CP flags. EmiTag will register punching from about ½ meter away, after what competition card will flash for about 10 seconds to confirm punching. EmiTag CP-unit must not be pushed or hit in any way.

Take your time to make sure that your punching registers on every CP. Missing punch leads to disqualification.

Warm up

The warm-up track can be found on the field next to the Padel hall (see competition center map). Ski track which leads to Start is also a warm up track.

Start

It's about 500 meters to the start from the competition center. Guided path to the Start starts from near finish. Ski track which leads to Start is a warm-up track.

Start procedure is following

3 minutes to the start competitor is called to the start and EmiTag clearance

2 minutes to the start Model map is visible

1 minute to the start competitor will move to his / her map

15 seconds to the start by the command "KARTAT" competitor can take his/ her own map and go to start line.

Start signal is given by the start clock.

Refreshment and First Aid Points and a deposit for spare equipment in the terrain

There is no refreshment or first aid points in competition area.

At the competition center there is a first aid group in alert to retrieve hurt competitor from the competition area with snowmobile and sledge.

There is no spare equipment point in terrain.

Finish

Finish is located at the stadion. Finish line is marked on the snow.

At EmiTag check-out you must wait for your turn to enter the check-out point only one competitor at the time.

There is a fence around the finish area and competitors should not enter that area any in other case than when entering the finish. When competitor has left the EmiTag check-out, competitor mustn't return to the area with the EmiTag competition card.

Finish will be closed at 3:00 pm on Saturday.

Drop-outs

Drop-outs should go through the finish. If it's not possible they must somehow register themselves to the result service and leave their competition map at the same time.

Ski waxing and ban on fluorinated waxing products

There are ski waxing facilities at the stadium for those who have reserved the facilities for themselves. Booking instructions are in the Bulletin 1.

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/>

Dressing, showers and toilets

The dressing and washing facilities are in the Ukoniemi-arena (football hall).

Toilets are located in the stadium and in the Ukoniemi-arena.

Results

During the race online results will be live. Links for the online results can be found from events webpage.

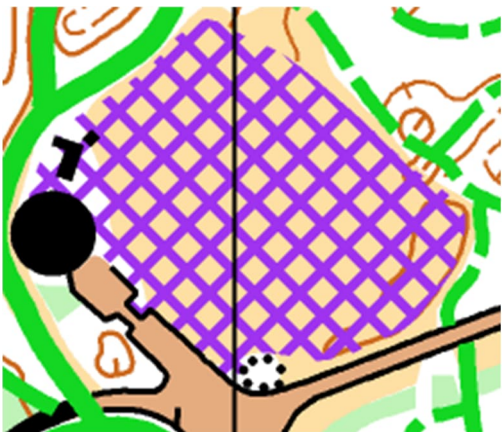
Distances by class

	Distance (km) directly	Distance (km) by shortest option
H21	9,4	12,7
D21	7,7	10,4

Special instructions

Snowcannon snowpile

There is a large pile of snow that have made by snowcannon (picture below). That area is marked on the map as a prohibited area.



Lakes

Skiing on the ice of the lake is prohibited.

Road areas and crossing them

Courses cross or run along roads that can also be used by vehicles during the race. Vehicles are warned about the skiers by signs and by traffic controllers. Be careful in road areas.

You are welcome to the Ukoniemi sports center to compete for the ski orienteering championships.

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