## Invitation; Optiwax Cup and national ski-o competition in Ranua on March 12th, 2022. Kuusamon Erä-Veikot, Ranuan Peura and Municipality of Ranua

**Classes:** Optiwax Cup: M21 ja W21. National competition: H/D11, 13, 15, 17, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80.

**Distances:** In Optiwax Cup a sprint (ca. 10 minutes) and a pursuit (ca. 25–30 minutes). Pursuit can only be entered via participating in the sprint. In the national competition the race is a shortened middle distance.

**Entry fee:** Optiwax Cup: 35 € / race. The national competition H/D11–15 20 €, other classes 30 €.

**Entries:** Preferably by IRMA-service of the Finnish Orienteering Federation. Entries by the end of Monday 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2022. Late entries by the end of Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 with 150 % fees. If the use of IRMA is not possible, entries are to be sent via e-mail: <a href="mailto:pptiming@gmail.com">pptiming@gmail.com</a>.

**Punching:** Emitag touch free punching will be used. Emitag number should be notified in connection with the entry. If the number is not notified the organizer will reserve a rentable Emitag for the athlete. The rentable tags are to be collected from the competition office before the race. The rent is  $5 \in$ .

Competition center and navigation: Competition center is at Peuransarvi sportshall in the center of Ranua. Navigation address: Sairaalatie 2, 97700 Ranua. There will be a control flag in the crossing of the roads Sairaalatie and Pudasjärventie. Parking is in the competition center.

**Maps and terrain:** The competition map is printed 03/2022, size A4, scale 1:5000 in the Optiwax Cup sprint, 1:7500 in the Optiwax Cup pursuit and the national competition. The competition area is quite flat, the biggest height difference is ca. 25 meters. There is a dense network of wide skiing tracks in the competition area.

**Starts:** First starts of the Optiwax Cup sprint are at 10:00. The first starts of the Optiwax Cup pursuit is for W21 at 12:30 and for M21 at 13:30. First start of the national competition is at 14:30.

**Restaurant services:** There is a possibility to buy soup indoors, if the COVID-restrictions allow it. A cafeteria and a sausage grill serve outdoors.

**Changing rooms:** There is no shower possibility in the competition center. A sports hall is available for changing clothes, if the COVID-restrictions allow it. It is not allowed to preserve the equipment in the hall. Face mask must be used and unnecessary contacts must be avoided while indoors.

**Waxing:** There are waxing facilities offered by the organizer. Skis can be fixed in the parking area.

**Officials:** (contact primarily by e-mail)

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**Www-site** is at <a href="https://kev.fi/suunnistus/kev-hiihtosuunnistus-ski-o/">https://kev.fi/suunnistus/kev-hiihtosuunnistus-ski-o/</a>. Competition information will be uploaded there. Healthcare instructions and possible COVID-restrictions will be updated according to the instructions given by the authorities.

Welcome to enjoy ski-orienteering in Ranua!