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KEV New Year SkiO 31 DEC 2022 – 01 JAN 2023, WRE

Kilpailuorganisaatio

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Venue, competition center and embargoed area

The event will take place in the town of Kuusamo, North-Eastern Finland. The Competition Center is located in connection with the spa hotel Holiday Club Kuusamon Tropiikki. The navigation address is Kylpyläntie 5, 93600 Kuusamo. Map link to competition center:

https://asiointi.maanmittauslaitos.fi/karttapaikka/?lang=fi&share=customMarker&n=7321710_23373705&e=598421.548841131&title=Kilpailukeskus%20/%20competition%20center&desc=KEV:n%20uuden%20vuoden%20hisu%20/%20KEV%20New%20Year%20Ski-O&zoom=10&layers=W3siaWQiOjEsIm9wYWNpdHkiOjEwMH1d-z. Car parking will be in

connection with the hotel and ski tracks. Fore embargoed area see the map in Eventor. It is allowed to use the first snow skiing track made on artificial snow until there is enough snow to start preparing the tracks. Full embargo of the first snow track will be declared on the event website. Competition terrain consists of pine forest that is traversed by XC-skiing tracks and a golf course. Height variation is moderate.

Rules and participation

All participants must have a licence to compete. Participants in the classes M/W 21 must have an IOF-ID.

National rules of the Finnish Orienteering Federation for SkiO will be followed in national competitions and Districtional Championship. In the WRE competition the IOF WRE rules for ski-orienteering will be followed.

Arrival, accommodation and catering

Kuusamo can be reached using public transport by bus from Oulu and by plane from Helsinki. See the general map below for location of Kuusamo. The organizer does not provide any transportation. Competitors arriving from the Schengen area do not need visa. Competitors arriving from outside Schengen area may be required a Visa. Please contact the Foreign ministry in matters concerning the travel documents. More information can be found

from the web site of the Foreign Ministry: <https://um.fi/visa-to-visit-finland>. There is plenty of accommodation and restaurant services in Ruka–Kuusamo area, but there will also be lots of tourists during the New Year.



Program, classes and type of competition

On Saturday, 31 December 2022, national sprint distance and WRE.

On Sunday, 1 JAN 2023, national middle distance and WRE, which is the Districtional Championship of Northern Ostrobothnia (lenghtened middle distance courses).

Classes in the WRE-competition are Men (M 21) and Women (W 21). Classes in the national competition are H/D 11, 13, 15, 17, 20, 35, 45, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75 and 80. All athletes representing an Ostrobothnian club participate in the Districtional Chapionship in the Middle distance on Sunday 01 JAN 2023.

Start and punching system

Both competitions have an interval start. First start takes place at 11:00 am on both competition days. Starting order will be based on the WRE-standing so that the highest ranking participant will start last.

EmiTag touch free punching system will be used. Competitors are allowed to use a spare EmiTag as a reserve. The organizer will spare one rental EmiTag for each competitor who

doesn't deliver a tag number in connection with the entry. The fee for a rental tag is 10 € including both days.

Entries and entry fee

Entry fee for classes M/W21 is 35 € / athlete / competition.

Entry fee in the national competition for classes H/D11–15 is 20 € / competition and classes H/D17–20 and 35–85 30 € / competition. Entries shall be delivered using preferably the IRMA service of the Finnish Orienteering Federation or secondarily the IOF Eventor by the 25th DECEMBER 2022. Late entries must be delivered by 28th DECEMBER 2022. Entry fee for late entries is 52,50 €.

Map, scale and estimated winning time

Ski-orienteing map prepared 2020 and updated 2022, map is made by Tapio Tahkola. Maps will be printed a few days prior to competition. The map size is A4. Scale in the sprint distance will be 1:5000 and in the middle distance 1:10000 or 1:12500. Contour interval is 5 meters. Estimated winning times in classes M/W21 are 15 minutes in the sprint and 50 minutes in the Middle distance (lengthened courses compared to normal middle distance). In other classes the estimated winning times are similarly scaled to winning times defined by the rules.

Toilets, shower and changing facilities

Toilet facilities in the competition center are arranged by some portable toilet cabins and the toilets of the spa hotel. There are no changing rooms or showers provided, but the competitors may use the services of the spa.

Training

The XC-skiing track network of Kuusamo and Ruka are available for training excluding the tracks that are inside the embargoed area. We are also looking for options for a training area for ski-o to be prepared for the competitors during the week before competitions. More information about training possibilities will be posted in the event website.

Information

Event web site: <https://kev.fi/suunnistus/hiihtosuunnistus-ski-o/>

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Welcome to Kuusamo for the ski-orienteers' New Year celebration!