

# **KEV New Year Ski-Orienteering 31 DEC 2022–1 JAN 2023**

## **WRE, selection races of the Finnish National Ski-O Team for Wcup, ESOC, JWSOC & EYSOC**

### **BULLETIN 3 – COMPETITION INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **Rules & guidelines**

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.

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## Competition center & parking

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 the 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=W3siaWQiOjEslm9wYWNpdHkiOjEwMH1d-z>.

Car parking is arranged near the competition center in the parking areas of Kuusamon Tropiikki (distance 0-300 m).

## Info

Info is located in a blue container at the edge of the parking area, which also has an information board.

## Race bibs

All competitors use the competition number, which can be picked up near the competition center Info (hanging on a string), on the edge of the parking area. The competition number is attached to the front of the right thigh. Bring your own safety pins. You can buy them also from Info if necessary, 1€/4 pcs. The same numbers are used on both days. If a competitor participates in different class on different days, the competition number changes. Numbers do not need to be returned.

## Punching system & rental cards

The organizer will reserve a rental emiTag for those competitors who have not provided an emiTag number at the time of registration. The price of the rental card is 10e/day or 15e/2 days in racing classes. The cards can be picked up at the info, payment by cash or card. A €100 compensation will be charged for an unreturned card!

## **Ski waxing and fluor waxes**

Ski waxing takes place outside with own equipment. The organizer does not offer competitors a place to wax their skis.

**The use of fluoride wax is prohibited in the WRE series M21 and W21.** There is no need to sign a separate commitment form.

## **Warm-up and ski-testing**

Warm-up and testing of skis takes place on the exercise track, which is located near the spa hotel on the lighted ski track. See the competition center map for details. Entering the competition area is not allowed outside of competition performance.

## **Start**

The start is located in the immediate vicinity of the competition center on both days (distance approx. 100-200 m). There is no marked route to the start, the route to the start begins near the finish area. See the competition center map. On Saturday, the route to start goes via the wide ski track on the edge of the golf course, on Sunday the route goes via the wide ski track south of the finish line.

### **Starting procedure**

-3min: the competitor is invited to the start. EmiTag reset.

-2min: empty map with tracks is visible.

-1min: moving to the map bucket of one's own class. Participants of H/D11 & H/D13 can take their map.

-15 sec: the competitor takes the map with the steward's command "kartat!"

0: The competitor starts from his own map bucket. A competitor who starts early will be disqualified.

In the H11 and D11 series, the competitor may have an escort.

## **Map**

Maps are printed one day prior to competition. The size of the map is A4. In Sprint, the scale is 1:5000 for all series. In the middle distance race, the scale is 1:10000 or 1:7500. Series-specific information is reported in a separate table "Classes, distances and scales". The codes of the controls are on the map next to the control number.

In the middle distance race, classes M21, H20, H35, W21, D20 and D35 have a map change. The maps are rolled in a rack at the map exchange place.

Maps are not collected at the finish line.

## Terrain

The terrain is mainly pine forest, crossed by golf course fairways, ponds and swamps. The differences in height are small, but steep in some places. The terrain is good, so the tracks are mostly in good condition. There are quite a few stumps and branches.

**A snowmobile route runs through the competition area, which is probably used by some sledders during the race weekend, too. As a result, there are also some extra sleds tracks in the terrain.** The tracks marked on the map are smoothed and stand out from the unroped tracks made by wild sledders. The snowmobile route can also be used for route choices. However, the route is in "early season condition", i.e. the track is bumpy and some soil has risen to the surface as a result of speeding up, especially on the ups and downs. **The competitor must exercise caution with regard to both his equipment and the snowmobiles when moving on the snow mobile route.**

## Tracks

The total length of the course is 26.7 km, divided as follows:

Narrow tracks, width approx. 1m	16.4 km
Narrow skating tracks, width approx. 1.5–3 m	1.8 km
Wide skating tracks, width more than 3 m	6.9 km
Snowmobile trail, width varies	1.6 km

## Forbidden areas

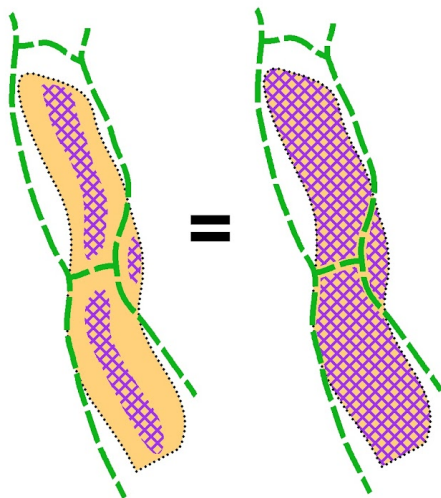
Yards of cottages and areas marked as prohibited on the map are prohibited areas. Some water areas are drawn by symbol 301.1 (light blue) and some by symbol 301.2. (dark blue with black outline). According to International Specification for Ski-Orienteering Maps (ISSkiOM2019) the symbol 301.2 is forbidden to cross.

The competition is organized with the contribution of Kuusamo Golf Ry. **The fairways of the golf course are absolutely forbidden areas for competitors.** You may only cross fairways from places where the official race plow crosses the fairway.

Even if the track of a skier, a wild snowmobile rider, a path trodden by reindeer or snow shoe traces enter the fairway, the competitor is not allowed to use them. By following this rule, the possibility of organizing ski orienteering events in the area will be secured in the future as well.

The golf fairways on the map are only partially depicted with the purple raster for prohibited area. The solution has been made so that the track printing and tracks are viable on the map at full speed. **Despite the description, it is forbidden to ski on the entire fairway outside the official tracks.** Prohibited area tape (“STOP”) has been placed in the most critical places, and supervisors move around the terrain during the competition. Moving in the forbidden area will result in disqualification.

**Golf fields are embargoed outside official tracks**



**Embargo as drawn in the race maps**

**Water areas**



**forbidden to cross**



**crossable**

## **Controls and punching**

EmiTag touch-free punching is used in the competition. The punching units and control flags are attached to a stick placed to the side of the track. Model control is near the info at the edge of the parking area.

A competitor must use the same EmiTag marked in the start list. A competitor using the wrong tag will be disqualified. The competitor is responsible for the correctness of his tag. In addition, the competitor has the right to use a secondary spare tag, which must be attached to the same wrist as the actual tag. Note! See operating instructions under "Finish."

There is no need to touch the punching unit with the EmiTag. Punch is registered using the tag about 40cm away from the punching unit. Under no circumstances SHOULD THE STAMP BE HIT!!

## **Marked routes**

There is a marked route from the last control to the finish line.

## **Finish**

The finish line is located in the competition center. The competition performance ends when crossing the finish line, no separate finishing punch is needed. To ensure the smoothness of the results service, you must not go near the finish line outside of your own competition performance with your emiTag in your pocket.

Competitors using a spare EmiTag must remove the spare EmiTag from their wrist before proceeding to the EmiTag read-out and keep it behind their back until the actual tag is read. The spare EmiTag can be read if necessary.

The finish line closes at 2:00 p.m

### **In case of DNF**

Competitors who interrupt their race must pass through the finish or, if that is not possible, they must register at the EmiTag checkpoint at the finish.

## **Restaurant**

There is a cafeteria where buns, coffee, tea and sausage are sold. Payment methods are cash and card payment. Warm juice in the finish area.

## **Toilets**

There are two portable toilets in the competition center. In addition, there are toilets indoors at the hotel reception.

## **Dressing and shower facilities**

There are no reserved dressing or shower facilities in the competition center. The spa Kuusamon Tropiikki near the competition center and the swimming hall near the city center are available for a fee (entering to swimming pool before 3 pm on Saturday, Sunday closed).

## **First aid**

First aid is located near the info at the competition center and can also be reached by phone + **358 40 5651393** (doctor Matti Sippola). A snowmobile and a sled are reserved for transporting patients from the terrain. **The general emergency number is 112.**

## **Results**

Start lists, results and intermediate times can be found daily on the pages of the results service, <http://www.pptiming.com/>

## **Prizes**

The prizes based on the combined results of both days will be distributed on Sunday after the results have been announced. The number of people who will be awarded in the joint competition can be found in a separate table. In the H/D11 and H/D 13 series, everyone is rewarded.

## **Open classes**

The start of the open series takes place on Saturday and Sunday at 11-12:30. The starting point is the same as in the racing series. Registration with the Rastilippu application ([www.rastilippu.fi](http://www.rastilippu.fi)) or at the competition center info from 10-11:30 am.

A, B and C courses are available. The price is €20/day including the emiTag rental. The price is the same even for those using their own tag. Track lengths are shown in the series and distances table.

We recommend paying with Rastilippu. Payment can also be made in cash or by card at the info desk. You can also pay with the exercise benefit, select the following accounts: Eazybreak/Kuusamon bowling alley, Edenred/Kuusamon Erä-Veikot ry/Keilahalli, Smartum/Kuusamon Erä-Veikot ry., ePassi/KEV. In addition to paying the sports benefit, you have to remember to register, you can do it either at Rastilippu or at info. And the number is searched for in the info.

The use of EmiTag also in open sets is mandatory for safety reasons. Let us know if you don't want your time to be made public. The open series use the same finish as the competition series. Open series also use numbers, you can get them from info. Return the rented emiTag to info. A €100 fee is charged for non-returnable emiTags.

The participants of the open series take part in the prize draw every day, the draw takes place at 12 o'clock, the winner's name will be shown on the information board after this, the prize can be obtained from the info.

## **Photography**

Photos and videos of the event will be taken and published in the image gallery of website, on the Facebook site, Instagram site or on the youtube channel. The organizer reserves the right to use pictures and videos taken of the participants of the event (orienteers, audience, etc.) in the marketing of the event.

## **Privacy**

By registering for the event, the participant accepts the registration of the name in the participant lists and publication in the result lists.

## **Welcome to Kuusamo to celebrate New Year in connection with ski-orienteering!**

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