

# **Bulletin 4**

European Ski Orienteering Championships
Junior World Ski Orienteering Championships
European Youth Ski Orienteering Championships
Ski Orienteering World Cup

19.-23.3.2025 - Posio, Finland









#### Welcome to Posio!

We are excited to organize international ski orienteering competitions in Posio. It is a great honour to have received the most valuable ski orienteering competitions of this winter, and we want to thank IOF and the Finnish Orienteering Federation for this trust. Posio is a small and beautiful town in Finnish Lapland with 100% snow guarantee. The actual event will be a joint effort of all the townspeople. We wish everyone warmly welcome to Posio in 2025.

- Antti Häkämies, Event Director of ESOC 2025 -

# **Event program**

	ESOC/WC	JWSOC	EYSOC
Wednesday 19.3.2025	' I Model event I Model event		Model event
Thursday 20.3.2025	Sprint relay	Relay	Relay
Friday	Sprint	Sprint	Sprint
21.3.2025	(Interval start)	(Interval start)	(Interval start)
Saturday	Middle	Middle	Middle
22.3.2025	(Interval start)	(Interval start)	(Interval start)
Sunday	Long	Long	Long
23.3.2025	(Interval start)	(Interval start)	(Interval start)

# **Event program**

Tuesday	10	·.ɔ.
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16.00 - 19.00	Event office is open - accreditation	Event center
12.00	Wax cabins are open for use	Waxing area

### Wednesday 19.3.

9.00 - 16.00	Event office is open - accreditation	Event center
10.00 - 14.00	Model event ESOC/JWSOC/EYSOC	Kirintövaara
12.00	Deadline for team changes and late entries	
15.00	Competition entry deadline - relays	<b>IOF Eventor</b>
19.00	Team officials meeting - relays	Town hall

### Thursday 20.3.

9.00 - 15.00	Event office is open	Event center
10.40	Opening ceremony	Arena
11.00	Sprint relay W/M21	Event center
12.30	Relay M20	Event center
12.35	Relay M17	Event center
12.40	Relay W20	Event center
12.45	Relay W17	Event center
14.30	Prize giving ceremony	Pentik gallery
15.00	Competition entry deadline - sprint	<b>IOF Eventor</b>
19.00	Team officials meeting - sprint	Town hall

### Friday 21.3.

8.30 - 16.00	Event office is open	Event center
10.00	Quarantine entry closed	Quarantine area
10.00	Sprint M/W17	Event center
10.45	Sprint M/W20	Event center
11.30	Sprint W21	Event center
12.15	Sprint M21	Event center
14.00	Public race - Lapin Lumirastit, sprint	Event center
14.00	Prize giving ceremony	Pentik gallery
15.00	Competition entry deadline - middle	<b>IOF Eventor</b>
19.00	Team officials meeting - middle	Town hall

# **Event program**

### Saturday 22.3.

8.30 - 16.00	Event office is open	Event center
10.00	Quarantine entry closed	Quarantine area
10.00	Middle M/W17	Event center
10.30	Middle M/W20	Event center
11.00	Middle M/W21	Event center
14.15	Public race - Lapin Lumirastit, middle	Event center
14.00	Prize giving ceremony	Pentik gallery
15.00	Competition entry deadline - long distance	<b>IOF Eventor</b>
19.00	Team officials meeting - long distance	Town hall

### Sunday 23.3.

7.30 - 16.00	Event office is open	Event center
9.30	Quarantine entry closed	Quarantine area
9.00	Long M/W20	Event center
9.00	Long M/W17	Event center
9.00	Long M/W21	Event center
13.30	Public race - Lapin Lumirastit, long	Event center
14.00	Prize giving ceremony	Pentik gallery

# Additional program

Thursday 20.3. klo 17.00-20.00 Finnish ice swimming and sauna at hotel Kirikeskus - 10€/person Address Kiririnteentie 1, 97900 Posio

Friday 21.3. klo 19.00 Traditional finnish dances at house of Pyrintö Address Posiontie 24, 97900 Posio

Saturday 22.3. klo 20.00

Bar night and a skiing Finnish rap artist on stage Peikonpesä - 15€/person Address Kauppakuja 2, 97900 Posio

### Venue

Event center & Competition center address: Koulutie 2 D, 97900 Posio



Competition venue and Kotivaara

# **Embargoed areas**

Embargoed areas can be found on IOF Eventor. Click on the relevant area to view detailed information regarding the embargo: https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/8420



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# Classes and participation restrictions

ESOC/JWSOC/EYSOC has different classes: W21, M21, W17, M17, W20, M20

All competitors represent a National Federation.

A competitor may represent only one National Federation during any one 12 month period running from November to October. Competitors shall have full passport-holding citizenship of the country of the National Federation they are representing.

### ESOC/WC:

Each Federation may enter a team of an unlimited number of competitors and a number of team officials. Each Federation may enter up to 6 women and 6 men in each individual competition. In addition, each Federation may enter up to a further 2 women and 2 men, who qualify for the Women U23 and Men U23 classes respectively.

In the Sprint Relay, each Federation may enter up to 3 teams, each consisting of 2 competitors. Each team must contain at least one woman. Athletes entered to the JWSOC or the EYSOC may complement Sprint Relay teams. All competitors must have a valid IOF Athlete Licence. Please ensure that the Athlete Licence fees are paid before the competitions.

#### JWSOC:

Each Federation may enter a team of up to 14 competitors - up to 7 women and up to 7 men - and an unlimited number of team officials.

In each individual competition, each Federation may enter up to 6 women and 6 men. In the relay, each Federation may enter up to 2 women's and 2 men's teams, each consisting of 3 team members.

If a Federation is unable to make up full relay teams, it may form incomplete teams or teams with competitors from other federations. Under no circumstances may persons, other than competitors entered for the competition, participate in the competition, with the exception of athletes entered to the EYSOC, who may complement JWSOC relay teams.

#### **EYSOC:**

Competitors representing member Federations of the IOF, defined by the International Olympic Committee as belonging to the European continent, can compete in EYSOC. Competitors representing other member Federations of the IOF can participate in EYSOC but will not be eligible for European titles, medals or diplomas.

Each Federation may enter a team of up to 14 competitors - up to 7 women and up to 7 men - and an unlimited number of team officials. For each individual competition a Federation may enter a maximum of 6 competitors in each class.

In the relay, each Federation may enter up to 2 women's and 2 men's teams, each consisting of 3 team members.

#### **ACCREDITATION**

Team officials should upon arrival show up at the event office in Event centre, (see programme for opening hours) to receive accreditation badges, info bags and emiTag-cards for their teams.

#### **FOOD**

Lunch and café services will be available at the event center on competition days from Thursday 20.3. to Sunday 23.3.. Those who have pre-booked lunch can collect their lunch tickets from the race info. It is also possible to purchase lunch tickets from the race info during the competitions. The price for lunch is 12€ per person.

#### WAXING FACILITIES AND SKI WAXING SERVICE

Waxing facilities are available near the competition arena right next to the quarantine area and ski-test area. The waxing facility is next to the parking area. These have electrical connections and lockable. Facility is lockable but the areas are only separated by light walls. During quarantine there are no communication devices allowed also in waxing cabines. Access control is in place in the waxing area and only accredited personnel are allowed to enter the waxing facility.

#### **FIRST AID**

First aid service and transport of injured athletes from the forest is available. The first aid station is located at the event center. The event's first aid officer is Antti Pietilä and his phone number is +35840 7511 270. In case of emergency, call the emergency number 112.

#### PRIZE GIVING CEREMONIES

The prize giving ceremony takes place daily after the competitions have ended. The prize giving ceremony is held outdoors in front of the Pentik Gallery. A more detailed schedule for the prize giving ceremony can be found in the competition program. It is easy to walk from the competition center to the prize giving ceremony location.

#### TRAINING AND MODEL EVENT

Training is possible on the trails outside the embargo area. Up-to-date information about the maintained ski trails in the Posio area can be found at www.infogis.fi/posio. In Kirintövaara, approximately 7 km east of the competition center, there is a model event tracks. The official model event will be held on Wednesday 19.3. from 10:00 to 14:00, but the course can also be used before and after the model event.

#### **SKI-TESTING**

Testing skis is possible on the ski trails outside the embargo area. There is a ski testing area at the near of the competition area and within the quarantine area, where warming up is also possible during the competitions.

#### **COMPETITON ENTRY**

JWSOC and EYSOC have three seeding groups each. Team leaders are responsible for allocating their athletes to these seeding groups. The allocation of athletes to seeding groups should be done in Eventor. The principles for allocating athletes to seeding groups are defined in rule 9.14 of the IOF Ski Orienteering Competition Rules 2024.

#### **TEAM OFFICIALS MEETING**

Team officials meetings will be held at the Posio Town Hall, address Kirkkotie 1, 97900 Posio. The meetings will take place in the evenings at 19:00 Finnish time before the next day's competition. The first team officials meeting will be held on Wednesday 19.3. at 19:00. It is also possible to participate in the meetings via Teams. The meeting link will be sent to the teams' shared WhatsApp group. Presentations from the meetings will be uploaded to IOF Eventor once the meeting is finished.

#### START LISTS

Start lists will be distributed at team official meetings and uploaded to IOF Eventor on the evening before each race.

#### **NUMBER BIBS**

Relay competition bibs can be picked up from the race info starting Thursday 20.3. at 9:30. Bibs for individual competitions can be picked up from the quarantine area.

#### **TOILETS AND SHOWERS**

There are indoor and outdoor toilet facilities in the competition area. Toilets are also available in the quarantine area. Dressing rooms, toilets, and showers in the ice-hockey hall at the competition center are reserved for competitors and are available daily.

#### **PARKING**

Parking is available at the quarantine area. Please follow the signs and instructions of the parking marshals. Parking is free of charge. You should walk along the pedestrian pathway between the parking area and the competition center. The distance between the parking area and the competition center is 600 meters.

#### **PUNCHING**

Emit touch free punching system will be used. All competitors will be equipped with two emiTags from the organizer. Private EmiTags will not be allowed in the World cup. The main tags have numbers 3001-3300 and have yellow wrist band. The back up tags have numbers 2001-2300 and have red wrist band. The runners shall wear the two tag on the same arm, and the main tag with a yellow band closest to the hand. Athletes cannot put the two tags on the same wrist band

#### **RESULTS**

Follow the live results on the website www.lapinlumirastit.fi/2025/liveservices/ Official results will be published on IOF Eventor. Prize giving ceremonies can be postponed if a complaint or protest is submitted.

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#### **QUARANTINE**

The quarantine zone is common for all competition days. The distance between the quarantine area and the competition center is 600 meters. All athletes must pass through the quarantine on their way to the start. Please remember to take your accreditation badge with you! Quarantine opens 1 hour before the first start.

The quarantine area includes heated spaces, pre-booked waxing cabines, warmup area, ski testing area and toilets. The route to the start is taped from the quarantine. Once the entrance to the quarantine is closed only event organizers and marshals are permitted to enter the area, this means that team leaders, waxers, etc. who plan to be present in the quarantine area must be there before the quarantine closes. Any athlete or team official leaving the quarantine area after entrance has been closed will not be permitted back in. Please note that telephones, tablets, computers or other electronic equipment are not permitted within the quarantine.

When leaving quarantine for the start, you can leave your bag in a specially designated area and collect it after your finish. The competition organization will arrange transportation for equipment from the quarantine area to the finish area.

The quarantine will close as follows: on Friday 21.3. at 10:00 Saturday 22.3. at 10:00 Sunday 23.3. at 9:30.

Entry to the quarantine area must be registered with an official who records all entrants. The quarantine opens daily one hour before the closing time for check-in to the quarantine area.

#### MAPS AFTER FINISH

Maps will not be collected after finishing. Maps left at map exchange will be made available at the race office.

#### **COMPLAINS AND PROTESTS**

Complaint can be made to organiser max. 15 minutes after official results have been published. Complaint can be done by team official or competitor. Protest can be made to organizer max. 15 minutes after organiser has informed the complainant of the decision about the Complaint. Complaint and protest forms can be found at competition office.

#### **GPS**

All athletes in ESOC shall carry a GPS-unit. GPS trackers will be used daily in the men's and women's categories (MEN, WOMEN). GPS trackers for Thursday's relay will be distributed starting at 10:00 near the starting area. In individual competitions, GPS trackers will be distributed daily at the starting location.

**JURY** 

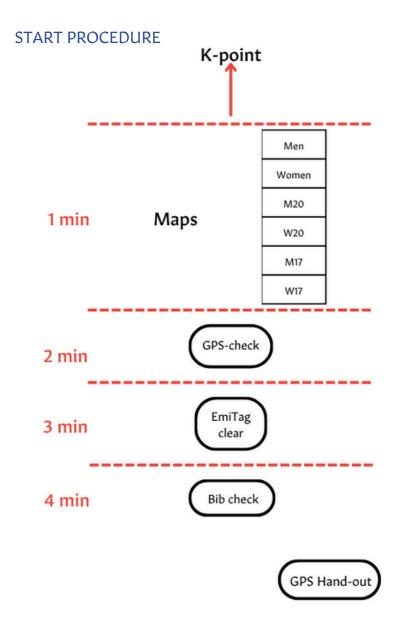
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#### APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS

IOF Ski Orienteering Rules nov 2024 IOF Ski Orienteering Rules nov 2024 JWSOC

#### **ANTI-DOPING**

Doping is strictly forbidden. Doping controls may be carried out any time during the competition period. Selected athletes will be given instruction to report to the doping control after finishing their race, and will be escorted by an organizer. Athletes selected for the doping tests must bring an official identification document (with photo) to the doping test area.



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# Course information - relays and sprint

Sprint	relay									
		(shortest ite)	Winnin	ıg time	Map size	Map size Map scale	Controls / leg	Total climb	Refresh ment	Equipme nt points
	Leg	Total	Leg	Total		Scarc	/ icg	Cillio	points	ne pomes
Women leg 1, 3, 5)	2,1-2,4 km	6,8 km	7 - 8 min	47 min	A4	1:5000	7-8	95	none	none
Men (leg 2, 4, 6)	2,3-2,4 km	7,1 km	7 - 8 min		A4	1:5000	7-8	115	none	none
Re	lay									
		(shortest ite)	Winnin	ıg time	Map size	Map scale	Controls / leg	Total climb	Refresh ment	Equipme nt points
	Leg	Total	Leg	Total			7 108		points	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
W20	6,7 - 6,9 km	20,4 km	30 min	90 min	A4	1:10 000	12	80 m	none	none
M20	7,0 - 7,2 km	21,3 km	30 min	90 min	<b>A</b> 4	1:10 000	15	80 m	none	none
W17	4,6 - 4,8 km	14,1 km	22 min	66 min	A4	1:10 000	11 - 13	60 m	none	none
M17	5,3 - 5,5 km	16,2 km	22 min	66 min	A4	1:10 000	10 - 11	60 m	none	none
Spr	int									
Class	Distance (km) shortest route	Winning time	Map size	Map scale	Number of map changes (flip)	Number of controls	Total climb	Refresh ment points	Equipme nt points	
Women	4,2	15 min	A4	1:5000	1	13	55 m	none	none	
Men	4,9	15 min	A4	1:5000	1	17	80 m	none	none	
W20	3,9	15 min	A4	1:5000	1	13	55 m	none	none	
M20	4,4	15 min	A4	1:5000	1	13	55 m	none	none	
W17	3,4	15 min	A4	1:5000	0	11	50 m	none	none	
M17	3,7	15 min	A4	1:5000	1	11	50 m	none	none	

# Course information - middle and long distance

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Class	Distance (km) shortest route	Winning time	Map size	Map scale	Number of map changes (flip)	Number of controls	Total climb	Refreshm ent points	Equipme nt points
Women	8,2	40 min	A4	1:10 000	0	18	90 m	none	none
Men	10,7	40 min	A4	1:10 000	0	20	110 m	none	none
W20	6,5	30 min	A4	1:10 000	0	16	70 m	none	none
M20	7,2	30 min	A4	1:10 000	0	15	80 m	none	none
W17	5,2	25 min	A4	1:10 000	0	13	60 m	none	none
M17	6,2	25 min	A4	1:10 000	0	15	70 m	none	none
Long d	istance								
Class	Distance (km) shortest route	Winning time	Map size	Map scale	Number of map changes	Number of controls	Total climb	Refreshm ent points	Equipme nt points
Women	19,2	95 min	A4	1:15 000	0	16	160 m	2	2
Men	25,2	95 min	A4	1:15 000	1	24	240 m	2	2
W20	16,5	75 min	A4	1:15 000	0	14	130	2	2
M20	18,1	75 min	A4	1:15 000	0	18	150 m	2	2
W17	10,4	46 min	A4	1:15 000	0	10	70 m	1	1
M17	12,1	48 min	A4	1:15 000	0	12	70 m	1	1

#### **MAXIMUM SKIING TIME**

Only in ESOC races. Sprint 90min, middle distance 180min and long distance 180min.

#### **SYMBOLS**

Using of new ski-o symbols ISSkiOM2019 revision 3. Symbol number 515 / impassable wall will be used.

### **Entries**

Entries are to be registered by team managers via IOF Eventor.

# The following information is required at the latest by 19th January 2025 (-2 months):

- 1. Number of participants (men, women).
- 2. Number of relay teams.
- 3. Number of team officials.
- 4. Team manager's name, address, e-mail address and mobile telephone number.

This information should also be sent to: Event Secretary satu.teperi@gmail.com

### The following information is required at the latest by 9th March 2025 (-10 days):

- 5. Name and gender (man, woman) of the participants.
- 6. Names of the team officials.

#### **Late Entries:**

Late entries and changes to registered entries will be possible up until 15.00 (UTC+2) on 19th March 2025. These should be sent directly to the event organizer who will then register the details in IOF Eventor.

# **Entry fees**

# ESOC/WC

	Regular Entry until 19.1.2025	Late Entry until 9.3.2025	Very Late Entry until 19.3.2025
Accreditation fee (competitor)	75€	+20 %	+50 %
Accreditation fee (team official)	100€	+20 %	+50 %
Entry fee per competition	75€ (Sprintrelay: 150€/team)	+20 %	+50 %
Name change			10€

### **JWSOC & EYSOC**

	Regular Entry until 19.1.2025	Late Entry until 9.3.2025	Very Late Entry until 19.3.2025
Accreditation fee (competitor)	75€	+20 %	+50 %
Accreditation fee (team official)	100€	+20 %	+50 %
Entry fee per competition	55€ (Relay: 165€/team)	+20 %	+50 %
Name change			10€

The accreditation and entry fees include access to the race venues, the model event, any mandatory transport, EmiTag rental, team official meetings and competition maps.

# **Payments**

Following the deadline for registering the number of participants and team officials (-2 months), the event organizer will issue invoices for accreditations, entry registration and waxing areas.

Invoices should be paid in full at the latest by 5th February 2025 (-6 weeks).

For changes made after this date, the payment/refund of fees is to be made at the event secretariat upon arrival at the competitions. A penalty fee will be liable for late payments.

# Summary of pre-entry

	H21	D21	H20	D20	H17	D17	TOTAL
AUT	3	1	3	1		1	9
BUL	1	2					3
CZE	8	2	4	4	3	3	24
EST	4	4	6	1	3	3	21
FIN	8	8	6	6	4	4	36
ITA	1	1			3	3	8
JPN	5	2		1			8
LAT	3	1	4	3	2	4	17
LTU	3	1	1		1	3	9
NOR	8	7	6	6			27
SWE	8	6	6	6	4	4	34
SUI	8	2	3	2	4	4	23
TUR	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
UKR	1		1	1	4	1	8
USA					4		4
TOTAL	62	38	41	32	33	31	237

### Permitted deviations from the rules

- The IOF Ski Orienteering Rules nov 2024, Appendix 9 address the European Ski Orienteering Championships. Contrary to the rules (section 2), there will be no regular relay competition in Posio (classes M21 / W21) and all individual competitions will be held with interval starts.
- There will be no opening or closing ceremonies at the event.
- Map exchange or map flipping may be used in the competitions.

# Team officials meeting

Team officials meetings will be held every evening before the competition at the Posio Town Hall, address at Kirkkotie 1, 97900 Posio.

The meeting starts daily at 19:00. It is possible to attend the meeting in person or via Teams.

Link to Teams-meeting: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\_ZmQ3MTllN2UtOTk0OS00MTgxLTg4M2MtMzRkYzg2M2FiYmQ0% 40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22f6711646-41ae-4157-9458-cf4a1e0601bd%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22d8d69047-52f9-4f02-8e2d-12ca0fbad767%22%7d

# Finish and starting points

The finish line is located at the competition center every day, near at the address Koulutie 2D, 97900 Posio. Directions to the starting points are available from the competition center and the quarantine area.

# **Accreditations**

All athletes, coaches and other officials must complete accreditation before arriving at the event. Accreditation cards and other materials can be picked up from the competition office after arriving at the event. Accreditation will be monitored.

### Accommodation

No official event organizer accommodation is organized. For accommodation check out following options:

For accommodation support you may contact: <a href="mailto:henrikvonenke@hotmail.de">henrikvonenke@hotmail.de</a>

Accommodation in Posio: www.posiolapland.com/accommodation/

Himmerki: www.himmerki.com/info@himmerki.com
puh. 0440 352 602

Wilderness Hotel Kiri: https://www.kirikeskus.fi/en/

National youth centre Oivanki: www.oivanki.fi/en/

Booking: www.booking.com/city/fi/posio.fi.html

Airbnb: www.airbnb.fi/posio-finland/stays

Ruka/Kuusamo is about 45-60minuted drive from Posio and there are also plenty of options for accomodation: www.ruka.fi/en/accommodation

## Meals

Meals will be available at the venue:

- Lunch 10.30-17.00 12€
- Race Cafe open 09.00-17.00

## **Travel information**

Simplest way to get to Posio is by car. Flying to Kuusamo (ca.1hr from Posio) or Rovaniemi (ca.1hr 30min from Posio) and then getting a rental or coming by bus is also an option.

For support you may contact: henrikvonenke@hotmail.de

# Waxing facilities and ski waxing service

Waxing facilities are available near the competition arena right next to the quarantine area. Electrical connections and heating is provided. 15m2 and 10m2 areas are available at the waxing facility. Facility is lockable but the areas are only separated by light walls. Price for one 15m2 waxing area is 600€ and the 10m2 price is 500€. Availability is first come-first served.

Bookings are made by sending email to: <a href="mailto:henrikvonenke@hotmail.de">henrikvonenke@hotmail.de</a>

Reservations for waxing facilities must be made 28.2.2025.

### Ban of fluorinated waxes

All waxes containing fluoride are banned from IOF competitions.



### **Terrain**

20.3.2025	Steep but lesser height differences, flat marsh area.
21.3.2025	Steep but lesser height differences, flat marsh area.
22.3.2025	Mild height differences, various forest types.
23.3.2025	Considerable height differences, various forest types.

# **Punching system**

EmiTag (EMIT) will be used.

The race organizing provides the competitors with EmiTag competition cards. All competitors will receive two competition cards.

The competition cards can be collected from the race office.

# Opportunies for training

Model event will be held in Kirintövaara 19.3.2025. Kirintövaara has also groomed tracks over 20km. Model event is open at 10.00 - 14.00 on wednesday 19.3.

Ski track map: www.infogis.fi/posio/

# Visa requirements

Information regarding requirements for visas can be found at the following sites: https://finlandabroad.fi/frontpage https://um.fi/visa-to-visit-finland

### **Public races**

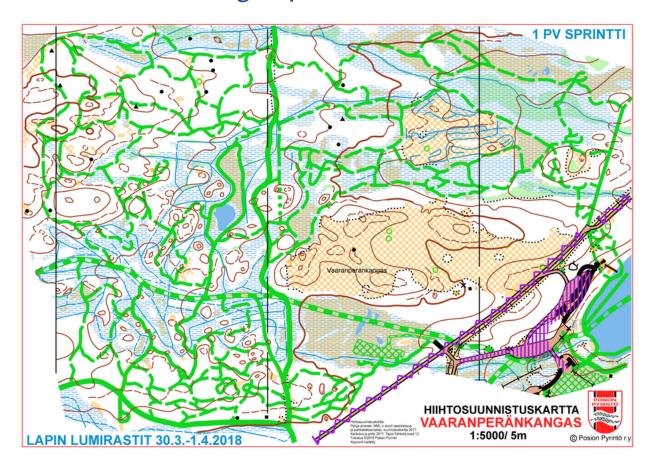
In conjunction with the European and World Championships, three open competitions will be held. On Friday, March 21st, there will be a sprint; on Saturday, March 22nd, a middle distance; and on Sunday, March 23rd, a long distance.

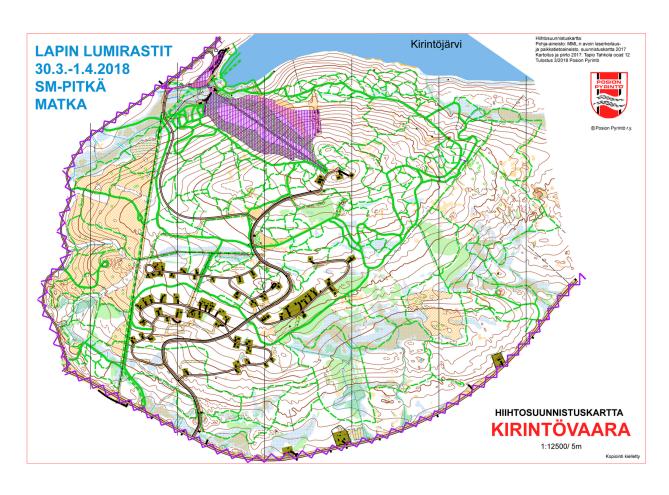
More information about the public competitions can be found at www.lumirastit.fi/2025.

You can register for the competitions through the IRMA system at https://irma.suunnistusliitto.fi/public/competitioncalendar/list.



# Previous orienteering maps





### Media contacts and accreditation

Chief of media: Vesa Huokuniemi vesa.huo@hotmail.com, +358 400 673454

Event Secretary: Satu Teperi satu.teperi@gmail.com , +358407415361

# **Organisers**

Posion Pyrintö ry.

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Technical support: Tuomas Laatikainen

Map: Tapio Tahkola Tracks: Jarmo Pyhtinen Media: Vesa Huokuniemi

Course setters: Santeri Aikio, Aki Aikio

### **Event controllers**

IOF Senior Event Adviser:

Sture Noren (SWE) Email: sture.noren@outlook.com

**National Controller:** 

Tapani Partanen (FIN) Email: tapani.partanen@cleanosol.fi, +358 40 754 4024

### **Contact information**

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Telephone: +358407415361

IOF Eventor: https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/8420

E-mail: satu.teperi@gmail.com

Web page: https://lapinlumirastit.fi/2025/

# Summary of important dates

The final dates for registering entries, booking accommodation etc. are summarised in the table below. Please note the additional fees that apply for late entries.

- Entry registration 19.1.2025 (-2 months) phase 1
- 9.3.2025 (-10 days) phase 2
- Payment of accreditation fees (closing date) 14.2.2025
- Late entry 19.3.2025
- Event/competition dates 19-23.3.2025

# **Posio Lapland**

Experience diverse nature, local delicacies, genuine culture, art and design in Posio – a small nature-loving community where enchanting landscapes inspire you to rediscover the essentials. In Posio, nature embraces, carries through the seasons and gives life its pace. Hurries vanish in the tranquility of nature and amongst the locals. Here, anyone can find their own rhythm, be it fast or slow.

Posio is better known as the hidden gem of Finnish Lapland. Away from the highways Posio's travel sector has developed to a somewhat different direction than other bigger destinations. The tourism companies are rather small family businesses operated by locals. Hotels and cabins are situated in their own privacy by lakes, in forests or forested areas. Hence the sense of space and silence are very much part of the experiences offered to tourists. International tourism to Posio has been growing steadily, and after the coronavirus pandemic Posio has caught the attention of tour operators looking for non-touristic, authentic and sustainable destinations.









