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1. Organisers

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2. Event Controllers

IOF Event Adviser	Markus Puusepp (EST)
National Controller	Jouni Lipponen
Course Controller	Petri Annila

3. Venue

The Competition Centre is located in Ukonniemi stadium in each competition. Address: Ottelukatu 11, 55420 Imatra. Distance from Imatra railway station to the Competition Centre is 3.6 km.

The Event Centre (team officials' meetings, event office, and banquet) and main accommodation will be at Imatran Kylpylä Spa. Address: Purjekuja 4, 55420 Imatra. Distance from the Event Centre to the Competition Centre is 2.2 km.

4. Dates and types of competitions

	ESOC	JWSOC, EYSOC	WMSOC	
Mo 6.2.2017	Model Event			
Tu 7.2.2017	Sprint	Model Event		Opening ceremony
Wed 8.2.2017	Sprint Relay	Sprint	Model Event	
Thu 9.2.2017	Long (mass start)	Long (mass start)	Long	
Fri 10.2.2017	Rest day	Rest day	Rest day	VIP Race
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Sat 11.2.2017	Middle	Middle	Middle 1	

5. Imatra - in the middle of Lakeland Finland

The Borough of Imatra was founded in 1948 around three industrial settlements. In the course of the last 50 years, this amorphous group of settlements has grown into a modern industrial town dominated by Lake Saimaa, the River Vuoksi and the Finnish-Russian border. **The River Vuoksi** runs through Imatra and has resumed its rightful place as the recreational oasis for the inhabitants of the town.



During the last decade a lots of effort has been put into improving sports and tourism possibilities in Ukonniemi area. Nowadays you can do sports as well as to organise diverse sport events in the area. A new ice hockey arena, biathlon/Finnish baseball arena, tennis hall and football/multisport arena enable vast possibilities for training and competing.

6. How to reach Imatra?

You can travel by plane to Helsinki-Vantaa international airport, and rent a car there. You can also travel by plane to Helsinki, and then by train to Imatra.

More information about train timetables: <u>http://www.vr.fi/en/index.html</u> If you want to rent a car from Imatra, please

contact the organiser.



7. Classes and participation restrictions

European Ski Orienteering Championships (ESOC) M/W 21:

Participation restrictions according to ESOC rules: In each competition each federation may enter:

- Individual events: max 6 men and 6 women / country
- Sprint Relay: max 3 teams
- Relay: max 2 male teams and 2 female teams

The current European champion of the distance shall be given a wild card for the red group in addition to the ordinary entries from his/her federation.

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

The Organising Federation may have two additional competitors as official ESOC competitors in the individual competitions. These competitors shall start in the lowest ranked start group.

Junior World Ski Orienteering Championships (JWSOC):

All competitors represent a Federation. 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.

European Youth Ski Orienteering Championships (EYSOC):

For each individual competition a Federation may enter a maximum of 6 competitors in each class. A Federation may enter 2 teams in the Relay. If a Federation is represented by two teams in a relay class, only the team with the better result is considered in determining the placings. All competitors must have a valid passport of the country they are representing.

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.

If a competitor entered to JWSOC will take part in the ESOC relay/mix relay, or a competitor entered to EYSOC will take part in the JWSOC relay, the competitor has to be entered to the both championships.

World Masters Ski Orienteering Championships (WMSOC) M/W 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, M90:

Open for everybody, the class depends on age. Medals are awarded in long distance and in middle distance events (two sets of medals).

Long distance: Single race event with random start order.

Middle distance: The result is based on the sum of the times of two middle distance races. The start order for the first event will be draft at random; start order for the second race will be the reverse start list of the first race.



8. Entries and entry fees

ESOC, JWSOC and EYSOC

Entries via IOF Eventor https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events by national teams.

Following information must be sent until 6th December 2016:

- number of competitors of each gender
- number of relay teams
- number of team officials
- the team manager's name, address, e-mail address and phone number
- billing information

Following information must be sent until 26th January 2017:

- name and gender of each competitor
- the names of the team officials •

WMSOC

Entries are made via IOF Eventor or Finnish Orienteering Federation's IRMA. Each participant enters individually.

9. Payment

SK Vuoksi ry IBAN: FI42 5620 0920 3957 86 **SWIFT: OKOYFIHH**

Address: Etelä-Karjalan Osuuspankki **Helsingintie 1** Fin-55100 Imatra Finland

Entry is not valid until the payment has completed.

WMSOC

Please note that the payment (via bank transfer) should include the information of the competitor's name and the class entered. With the approval of the organiser, competitors may be allowed to do payment in cash. Please contact organiser (esoc2017@gmail.com) before the entry deadline for approval.

10. Accommodation

In Ukonniemi area there are nearly 3 500 beds for accommodation. It is allowed to use all of them for accommodation. Event Centre and the main accommodation are located at Imatran Kylpylä Spa.

Accommodation reservations must be done until **31 December 2016** by email to esoc2017(at)gmail.com. The reservation must include:





- contact details (name, address, phone number, email address)
- number and type of rooms
- billing information

Following information must be sent until 15 January 2017

- the name list of occupants with dates of birth and room division

IMATRAN KYLPYLÄ SPA

- 1. Single rooms
- 1 person Promenade 103€/day
- 1 person Standard 98€/day
- 1 person Twin Economy 98€/day
- 2. Promenade hotel rooms (suitable also to families)
- 2 persons Double promenade 146€/day
- 2 persons Twin promenade 146€/day
- extra bed 30€/day
- 3. 2 persons Standard 136€/day
- 4. 2 persons Twin economy 136€/day
- 5. Sport rooms (2-4 persons) 35€/person/day
- Sport Camp hostel rooms (2-6 persons)
- 7. Holiday Apartment 1
- 1 bedroom (2+2)
- 8. Holiday Apartment 2
- 1 bedroom (2+2)
- 9. Holiday Suite
- 2 bedrooms (4+4)
- 10. Luhti Suite
- 2 bedrooms (4+1)
 → 1 double bed
- 11. Villas
- 2 bedrooms (4+2)

Packaged price* 222€/apartment/day Saving price** 201€/apartment/day

Packaged price* 178€/apartment/day Saving price** 135€/apartment/day

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Packaged price* 222€/apartment/day Saving price** 201€/apartment/day

Packaged price* 232€/apartment/day

Saving price** 211€/apartment/day

The minimum length of the stay in apartments and villas is two nights. The breakfast buffet and the access to Spa Taikametsä and the use of the gym are included in all hotel room prices and

35€/person/day



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apartment and villa packaged prices. Saving price does not include breakfast. Bed linen and final cleaning is included in all apartment prices. Apartments and villas are fully equipped; equipment include a kitchen, sauna, balcony, fireplace and TV.

Everybody accommodating in Imatra Kylpylä Spa has a free entry to a dancing party in Thursday evenings in Imatra Kylpylä Spa restaurant.

The accommodation is also available with half or full board. **Half board 15€/person/day** (includes lunch **or** dinner buffet). **Full board 30€/person/day** (includes lunch and dinner buffet). **Full board include the banquet (25€)**!

THE CHURCH TRAINING COLLEGE – JAAKKIMA

The Church Training College Jaakkima is peaceful and a budget option to lodge in Ruokolahti. Distance to competition centre is 19 kilometres.

Price of 2 person room is 56€/room/day. Price includes breakfast, bed linen and towels.

Accommodation reservations must be done until **31 December 2016** by email to **esoc2017(at)gmail.com**. The reservation must include:

- contact details (name, address, phone number, email address)
- billing information

Following information must be sent until 15 January 2017

- the name list of occupants with dates of birth and room division

More information on the webpage http://www.jaakkima.fi/index.php?in-english-1

11. Transportation

Non-stop bus will ride on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday between the Event Centre and the Competition Centre. Transportation is free for all athletes and team officials.

In request, the organiser will arrange transportation from Imatra Railway Station to Event Centre /Competition Centre.

12. Terrain and opportunities for training

The competition area offers several different elements for a challenging ski-orienteering competition. Though the height difference between lowest and highest point is only 30 m, in many parts of the terrain the slopes are steep and frequently appearing.

The most southern part of the terrain consists of a pine and spruce forest area with no natural skiing tracks. In some parts there are a lot of contour forms and steep slopes. In many parts the visibility is good.

In the middle part of the competition area there is a golf course with open and semi open areas. West to the golf course there are pine forests with moderate height differences and with some wide cross country skiing tracks.

Near the arena there is a dense network of international level cross country and biathlon tracks, moderate height differences and steep slopes, some roads and holiday houses.

There will be opportunities to train ski orienteering during the winter 2017 in South Karelia, Joutseno. Orienteering club Joutsenon Kullervo will organise a ski orienteering competition on 29th January and tracks are available for training after the competition. Model Event and cross country skiing track are located in Lammassaari near the Event Center (please, look at the map of embargoed areas). Model Event terrain and controls are open for athletes until the end of competitions.

13. Map scales and sizes

Map size is A4 in every competition.

Class	Sprint	Middle	Long	Relay	Sprint relay
W17	1:5000	1:10 000	1:10 000	1:10 000	
M17	1:5000	1:10 000	1:10 000	1:10 000	
W20	1:5000	1:10 000	1:10 000	1:10 000	
M20	1:5000	1:10 000	1:10 000	1:10 000	
W21	1:5000	1:10 000	1:12 500	1:10 000	1:5000
M21	1:5000	1:10 000	1:12 500	1:10 000	1:5000
	Long	Middle 1	Middle 2		
WMSOC	1:10 000	1:10 000	1:10 000		

14. Approximate length of courses

The length (km) of the courses has given as the length of a straight line from the start via the controls to the finish and as the shortest sensible route choice.

	Sprint	Middle	Long	Relay	Sprint relay
W17	2,2/3,0	5,6/8,4	8,9/10,9	Under	
M17	2,3/3,0	6,2/10,6	10,5/12,7	planning	
W20	2,7/3,9	6,6/10,0	11,9/16,1		
M20	3,0/4,1	7,7/11,3	15,4/20,5		
W21	2,7/4,0	8,2/11,8	16,1/24,0		Under
M21	2,8/4,2	9,5/14,1	18,1/26,0		Planning

15. Winning times

According to the IOF rules.

16. Waxing facilities

In the competition centre, there are 14 brand new rentable waxing cabins. Each cabin has air conditioning. They are also electrified and lockable. Rental price per cabin for week is 650€. Bookings via esoc2017@gmail.com.

There is one larger waxing cabin for WMSOC competitors. Rental price for each waxing board is 10€/day. Bookings and payment in Event Office.

17. Ski waxing service

In the competition centre there is professional SaimaaSport ski waxing service. The service is available throughout the event week.

- race waxing 40-45 €
- race waxing with powder 60€
- base grinding 30€/skis

18. Punching system

EmiTag is used as electronical punching system.

ESOC, JWSOC, EYSOC: Competitors get a EmiTag from the organiser (no additional costs). Competitors are not able to use own EmiTags. If a EmiTag is lost, competitor has to pay 60 €.

WMSOC: Masters are able to use own EmiTags. Please give your <u>EmiTag</u> number with the entry in Eventor or IRMA. Competitors are able to rent EmiTag from the organiser for the 10 € price for the duration of championships. If EmiTag is lost, competitor has to pay 60 €.

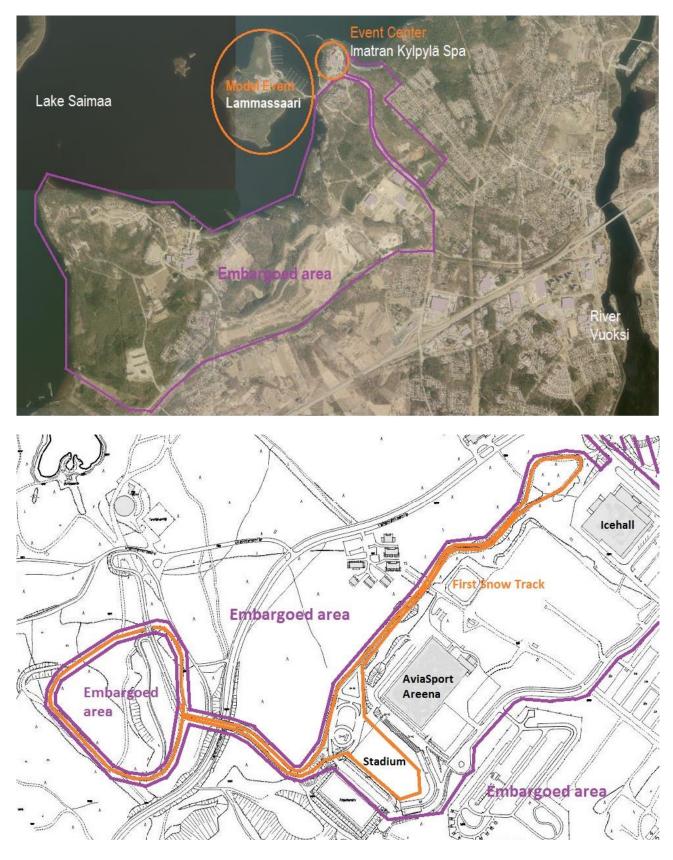






19. Embargoed areas

All kind of moving in terrain on the embargoed area is forbidden from 1st April 2016 to the end of the Event. The only exception is training on the Imatra first snow track until 31st December 2016.



20. Visa requirements

According to the current regulations, citizens of some countries must obtain a visa in order to enter Finland. Please check the following website for more information:

http://www.formin.fi/public/default.aspx?nodeid=15716&contentlan=2&culture=en-US

If you need visa invitation, please take contact to organiser by email to address esoc2017@gmail.com.

21. Media contacts and accreditation

Media accreditation must be done until 15th January to address <u>esoc2017@gmail.com</u>. Name, contact details and arriving date shall be given by email.

Media representatives don't have accreditation fees.

Media contacts

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22. Old maps

All old maps are available on the web page: http://urly.fi/Gec

