



Welcome to the

WORLD SKI ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

PITEÅ, SWEDEN 18-24 MARCH

2019

Bulletin 1

Dates:

18th (model event) – 24th (banquet)
March 2019.

Competitions:

Sprint, Middle, Long, Relay.
The specific date for each competition has not yet been decided.

Venue:

Event arena: Lindbäcksstadion,
Vallsberget, Piteå

GPS-coordinates: 65.314160, 21.289658

Piteå is located approximately 60 km from Luleå airport (LLA) and 100 km from Skellefteå airport (SFT).

Reserve arena: Prästberget, Arvidsjaur

GPS-coordinates: 65.586401, 19.152570

The reserve arena is located approximately 130 km west of Piteå.





Classes:

WSOC has two classes: W21 and M21.

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 passportholding citizenship of the country of the National Federation they are representing.

Each National Federation may enter a team with an unlimited number of competitors. A maximum of 10 team officials are permitted.

For each individual competition, a National Federation may enter a maximum of 4 women and 4 men. In addition, the current World Champion for that distance may be entered by their National Federation provided they are members of the Federation's team.

In the Relay, each National Federation may enter one women's team and one men's team, each consisting of 3 team members. Teams with competitors from more than one National Federation are not allowed but incomplete teams may start.

Opportunities for training

There is an opportunity for teams to hold training camps in Älvsbyn during the winter periods 2017/2018 and 2018/2019. The distance from Piteå is approximately 50 km and from Luleå airport approximately 60 km. A prepared track system will be made available in Älvsbyn in the period February - March.

The terrain will be representative for the terrain around Lindbäckstadion in Piteå and the tracks will be prepared and maintained by the same person with responsibility for the track system during WSOC. Help with training exercises and setting out of controls can also be arranged if requested.

For further information, estimated costs and bookings please contact:
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Embargoed areas:

Embargoed areas can be found on IOF Eventor or via Google My Maps, click on relevant area to find detailed information regarding the embargo:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=14GYd_ZtCsXZlb1xdCymSk_YQidM&usp=sharing

The competition area at Lindbäcksstadion, Piteå, is out of bounds for all the prospective athletes and coaches taking part in WSOC2019 during the period 10th September 2017 to 24th March 2019 with the exception of the roller-ski and artificial snow tracks at the Lindbäckstadion. These may be used up until 31st December 2018.

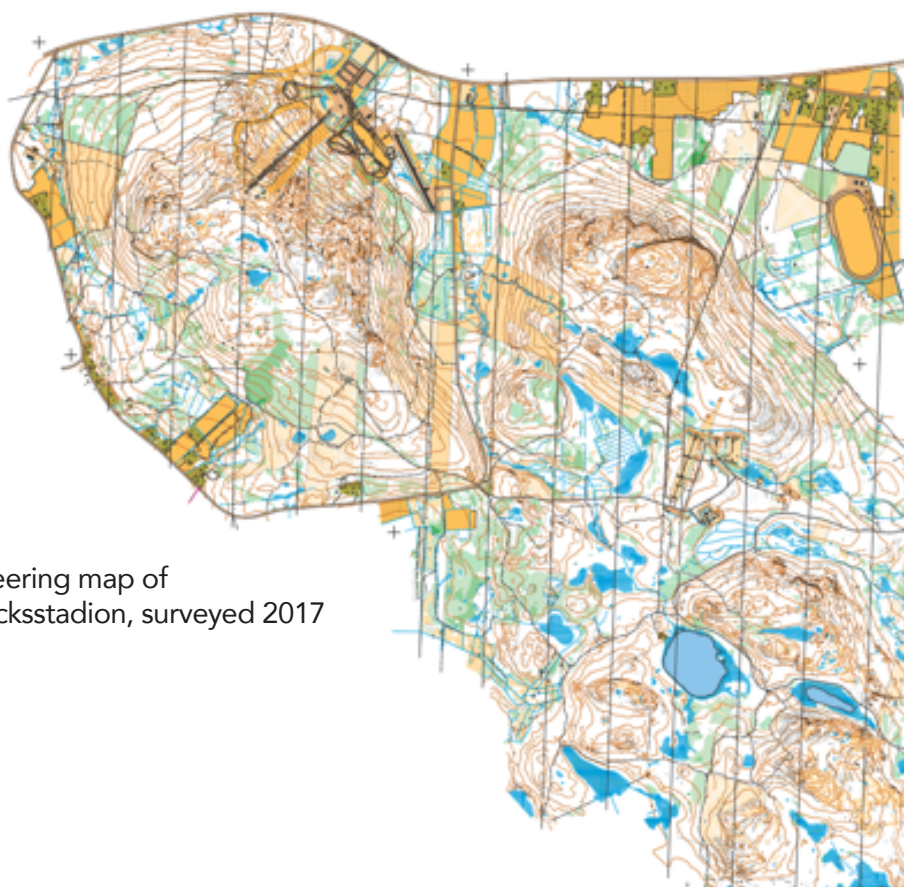
Permission can be given for those competing in standard cross-country ski races during this period. Please contact the general secretary of the event in good time in order to arrange such a permission.

The reserve area in Arvidsjaur is out of bounds for all the prospective athletes and coaches taking part in WSOC2019 during the period 10th September 2017 to 24th March 2019.

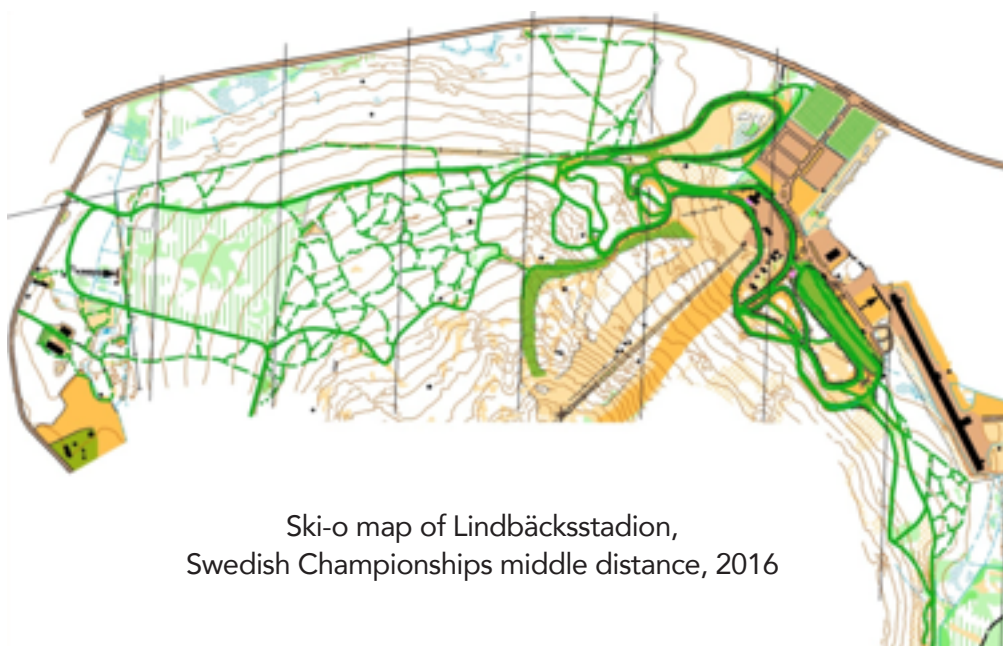
Previous orienteering maps:

High-resolution copies of the latest versions of the foot- and ski-o maps for the competition and reserve areas are available via Google My Maps, click on relevant area to find links to each map:

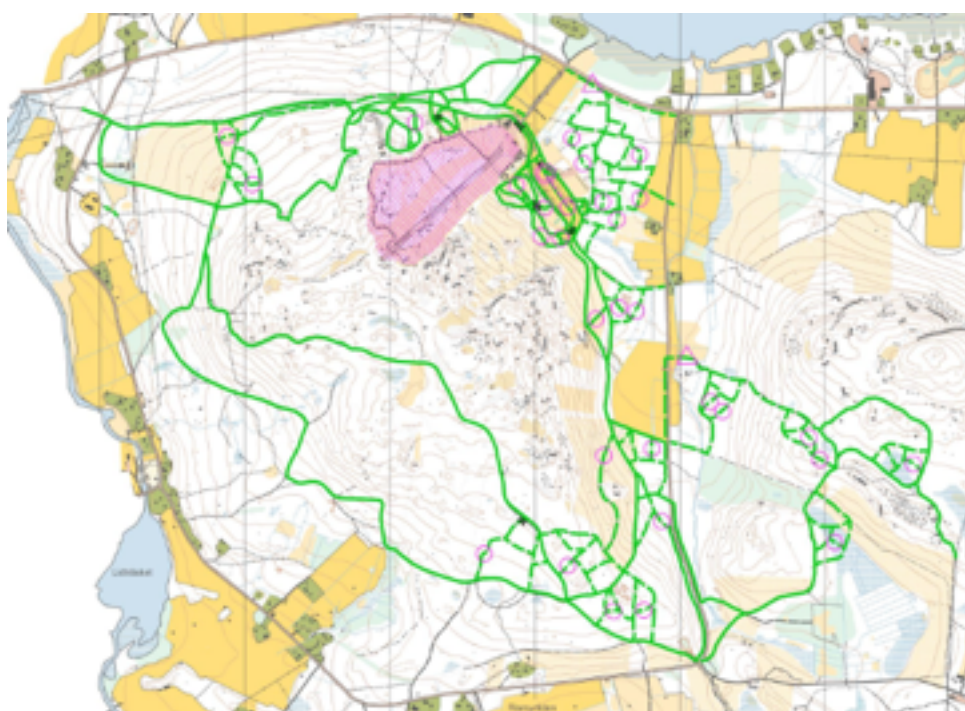
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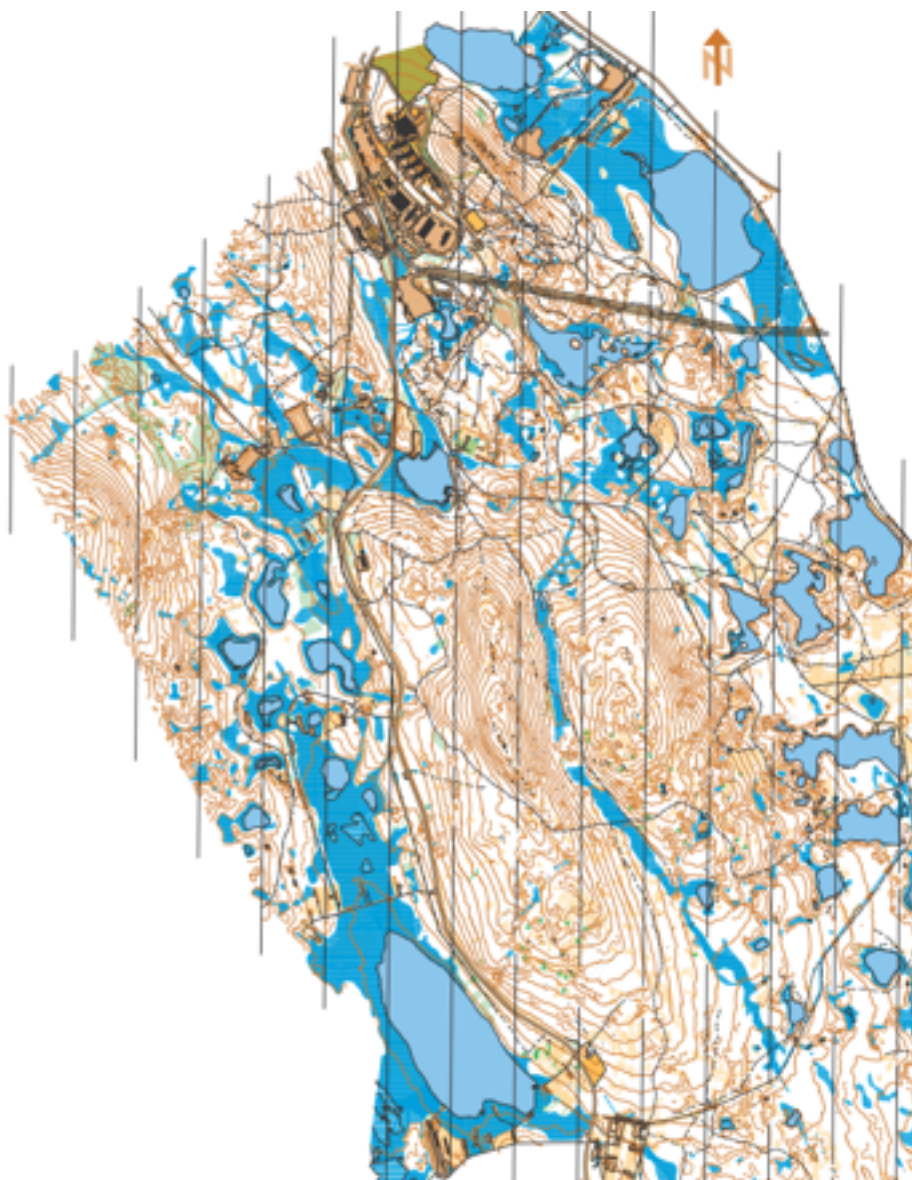
Orienteering map of
Lindbäcksstadion, surveyed 2017



Ski-o map of Lindbäcksstadion,
Swedish Championships middle distance, 2016



Ski-o map of Lindbäcksstadion, local event, 2013



Orienteering map of the reserve area, surveyed 2017

Additional Information:

As well as WSOC, the same event centre and arena will be used for hosting JWSOC, EYSOC and WMSOC. Bulletin 1 for these events will be published in March 2018.

Organisers:

The Swedish Orienteering Federation
The District Orienteering Federation of Norrbotten
Piteå municipality

Together with a consortium consisting of the following orienteering and ski clubs:

Piteå IF
Piteå Skidallians
Älvsby IF OK
Arvidsjaur OK
I19 IF
Bodens BK OS
OK Renen
Gammelstads IF
Bergnäsets AIK

General Secretary: Anders Bennitz

Event Director: Roland Jansson

Marketing, Administration and Service: Fredrik Lundström

Event controllers:

Senior Event Adviser: Lacho Iliev (BUL)

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IOF Eventor: <https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/5829>

Lindbäcksstadion 2016





Experience the best the coast has to offer in Piteå

In the eastern parts of Swedish Lapland, along the 300 kilometre coastline beside the largest brackish water archipelago in the world, you will find the glistening coastal gem, Piteå. In the summer, Piteå and its environs play host to many visitors and also, when dressed in winter garb, its magnificent natural environment and expansive vistas are more beautiful than ever.

Enjoy well prepared ski trails and let yourself be captivated by the majestic pack ice along the vast coastline. Piteå's subarctic climate is affected by the Gulf Stream, giving us warm summers and pronounced contrasts between the seasons – here, the winter is for real.

Steaming breaths by the light of the campfires and snow creaking beneath your shoes. Here, the winter ice is an adventure arena, the Northern Lights are the lights in the sky and nature itself is the lifeblood of it all. Not to mention the charming accent that is probably best experienced in the surrounding, idyllic villages.

A wide range of entertainment, activities and events are on offer with options for adults and children alike. Try ice skating at the Piteå Ice Arena and visit the entertainment metropolis, Pite Havsbad "Sweden's Riviera" – where food, entertainment and adventure are all available throughout the four seasons. At the Lindbäck Stadium you can ski on the same trails as the international elite, a year round ski tunnel is being built and on the slopes you can try both downhill skiing and snowboarding.

Yes, there is something special about the spirit of the region, that makes it easy to feel welcome in Piteå, not least because of the warmth of the easy-going, hospitable locals. The airport is 45 minutes away and the flight to Stockholm takes just an hour. About an hour away by car, you will find the largest undammed waterfall in Northern Europe, Storforsen, a powerful natural phenomenon and a magical sight to see.

A warm welcome to Piteå, Swedish Lapland.

