Bulletin 1

Finnish Championships Middle Distance and IOF World Ranking Event (WRE)

Finnish Championships Middle Distance 26 May 2018, Vuohijärvi, Kouvola, Finland. The organizer is orienteering club Kouvolan Suunnistajat.



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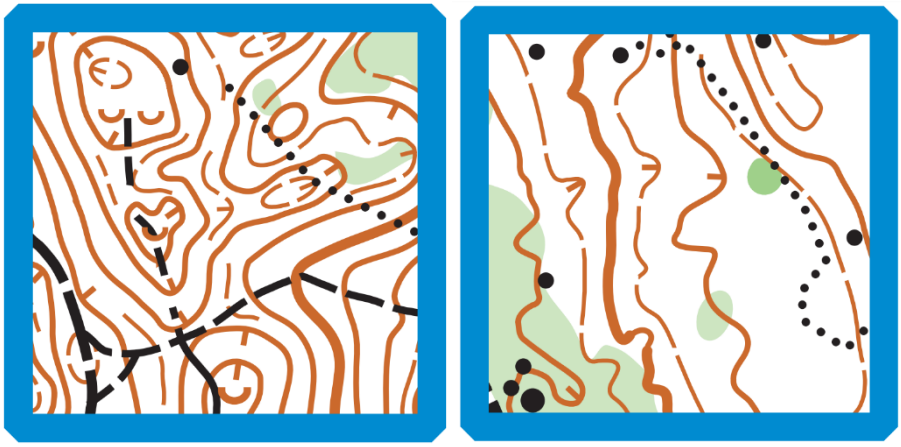
Venue and embargoed area

The competition centre is located in Vuohijärvi, ca. 29 km north of the Kouvola centre. See the old map and details about embargoed area at organizer's web page http://kouvolansuunnistajat.fi/kilpailu/sm-keskimatka/vanhoja-karttoja/.
Driving will be signposted from main road 15 (Kouvola-Mikkeli) ca. 7 km from Kouvola. 25 min further driving on the signposted route. Navigator address is Urheilukatu, Kouvola. Parking is principally on the field, max. 900 m from the competition centre. Parking fee 5 €/vehicle.

Competition rules and classes
Competition rules of the Finnish Orienteering Federation (FOF), IOF's guidelines for World Ranking Events, special instructions concerning Finnish Championships and instructions given on the competition day by the organizers shall be followed. Preliminary instructions will be published on the organizer's web pages two days prior to the event latest.
Competition classes in the Finnish Championships are 15 - 80. WRE includes only classes M/W21.

Punching system
The electronic system Emit will be used. Rental emit cards are available from the event organizer, fee 5 €.

Map
Scale 1:10 000. Contour interval: 5 m. 6-colour offset printing 5/2017. Field survey made by Asko Määttä.



Event schedule
The event consists of two races: a qualification race in the morning and a final race in the afternoon.

Competition office (”Info”) is opened 07.30 AM
First start of qualification 09.00 AM
First start of A-final* W21 12.30 PM**
First start of A-final* M21 14.05 PM**
First start of B-finals* M/W21 15.30 PM**

*) A-final refers to the race for Finnish Championship. B-final refers to the national competition arranged for the runners not qualified for the A-final. WRE points will be awarded in both finals.
**) Times are preliminary and subject to change.

Entry fees and registration
Entries and payments have to be at IOF Eventor* on 17 May 2018 at latest. Entry fee is 38,35 € in WRE-classes. Late entries not accepted.

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*) Finnish citizens and competitors representing a Finnish club register through the IT-system of the Finnish Orienteering Federation, IRMA.

Visa requirements
Citizens of certain countries must obtain a visa in order to enter Finland. Please visit the website of Ministry of Foreign Affairs to get more information: www.formin.fi The visa should be applied at the nearest Finnish Embassy. Please note that conditions of entry to Finland can change and, therefore, participants are advised to keep up to date with the current situation by consulting their local Finnish Embassy.

Terrain
is same type as Jukola2018. So it is dominated by depressions formed by the ice-age. The deepest depressions go down some 40 meters but the major part of the area is comprised of smaller depressions and forest. Runnability is good.

GPS tracking
Competitors qualified for the A-final are obliged to carry a GPS-tracking device handed out by the organizer. A-finals will be broadcasted on TV.

Start times and final event details
The organizer will publish online (at IOF Eventor) more detailed information, including start times, closer to the date of event. The start lists of the qualification race will be formed according to IOF World Ranking. Bulletin 2 will be published in May. Useful information sources is also homepage kouvolansuunnistajat.fi/kilpailu/sm-keskimatka/.

National competition
There is also available national competition with mass starts in various classes on Sunday 27.5. More infomartion will be in webpage kouvolansuunnistajat.fi/kilpailu/kevat-suunnistus/kevatsuunnistus-2018/

Accommodation and training
Please visit organizer's web pages for training opportunities and accommodation in Kouvola. You will also find suitable accommodation at http://visitkouvola.fi/en

Welcome to Kouvola and challenging terrain of Vuohijärvi!

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