

Invitation

WRE sprint orienteering in Tampere, Finland, on May 23, 2015

This invitation contains all the information of Bulletin 1, but possibly updated.

Organiser and venue

Koovee orienteering division organises WRE sprint orienteering competition in Tampere, Finland. The competition is part of Finnish elite competition series called "Huippuliiga".

The competition takes place on May 23, 2015 at Särkänniemi amusement park (Särkänniemen Elämyspuisto) in Tampere. The nature of the competition is sprint, and the environment is quite challenging, mixed urban and park; probably one of the best in Finland.

Key officials of the event are Hannu-Matti Järvinen as event director, Jari Kymäläinen as IOF event advisor, Tuomo Ahola as course controller, and Petri Annala as head of course setters.

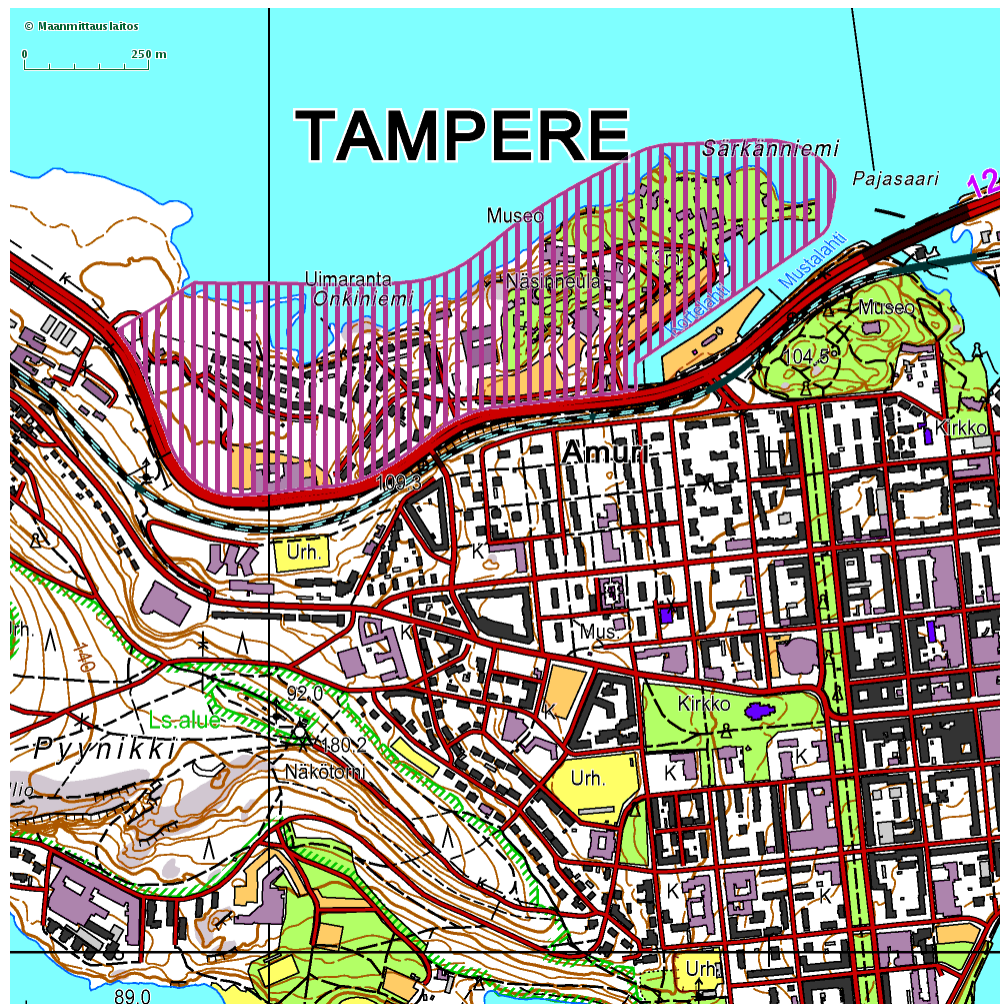
Classes

The classes of competition are H21E (M21E) and D21E (W21E). Entry and payments no later than 17th of May by IRMA (<http://irma.suunnistusliitto.fi>) or by Eventor, the fee is 36€. Competitors entering by Eventor pay their fees in cash at the info tent of the competition. Competitors have to include their world ranking ID when entering. There is room for 40 competitors for D21E and 50 for H21E. If necessary, restrictions to attend are based on world ranking and the Finnish orienteering ranking of the competitors as they are on May 1, 2015. The coaching team of Finnish Orienteering Federation selects 1-3 competitors for each class. Competitors that do not fit in the classes D21E and H21E will be moved to D21EB and H21EB, correspondingly. These are also WRE-classes. Punching system is Emit. GPS is used in classes D21E and H21E.

Winning times for women are about 12 minutes and for men about 13 minutes.

Also annual Särkänniemi orienteering takes place at the same place. It offers classes from five-years-old children up to veteran classes.

Map of the area and embargoed areas



Weather and clothing

In late May, the weather in Tampere is often relatively warm (15-20 degrees C, and occasionally even warmer) and sunny or half-clouded, but may vary a lot. The competitors should be prepared also for quite cold (about 5-10 degrees) and rainy weather.

Timetable of the day

This timetable may still change slightly.

About 7.30: Competition centre opens.

8.15: Quarantine of competitors of D21E and H21E opens.

9-10: WRE competition, D21E.

10-12: Särkänniemi orienteering for classes up to age 16.

12-13: WRE competition, H21E.

11.45-13: Classes from age 18 and older of Särkänniemi-orienteering.

13.00 Särkänniemi amusement park opens for public.

19.00 Särkänniemi amusement park closes.

Note: Quarantine area of competitors of D21E and H21E is outside the embargoed area. Competitors are allowed to park their vehicles in the embargoed area parking place on the north side of a bay Kortelahti (see map), but they are not allowed to enter the competition centre area or other embargoed area before their run, except visiting the info tent just inside the amusement park. The quarantine area is on the south side of bay Kortelahti, and competitors of D21E have to enter the area before 9.15. After their run, the competitors of D21E are not allowed to leave a designated area in the competition centre before 11.00. Orienteers of H21E have to enter the quarantine before 11.00.

Other facilities

The restaurants of Särkänniemi are available for competitors. Change rooms, showers, and first aid are indoors.

Accommodation and travelling to Tampere

Tampere is easily reached by plane either by direct flights to Tampere Airport, or by transferring plane at Helsinki or Stockholm. From Helsinki airport there is an hourly bus connection to Tampere (about 2.5 hours) or bus-and-train connection (less than 2 hours, but does not work at nights). Särkänniemi amusement park is close to the downtown of Tampere, and it is easily accessed by bus or even by walk, depending on the hotel of stay. There are several hotels and hostels available at Tampere downtown, prices vary from about 70€ to 140€ per night.

Nice to know

Another WRE competition is on the following day in Ikaalinen, about 65 km north-west from Tampere.

Contact and visas

The web page of the event is <http://www.koovee.fi/suunnistus>. The email address of the competition is sutiedotus@koovee.fi, which is also the contact address if you need help for getting a visa.