

Bulletin 2

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

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 the event director, Jari Kymäläinen as the IOF event advisor, Tuomo Ahola as the course controller, and Petri Annila, Miika Arvola and Michal Hubacek as the course setters.

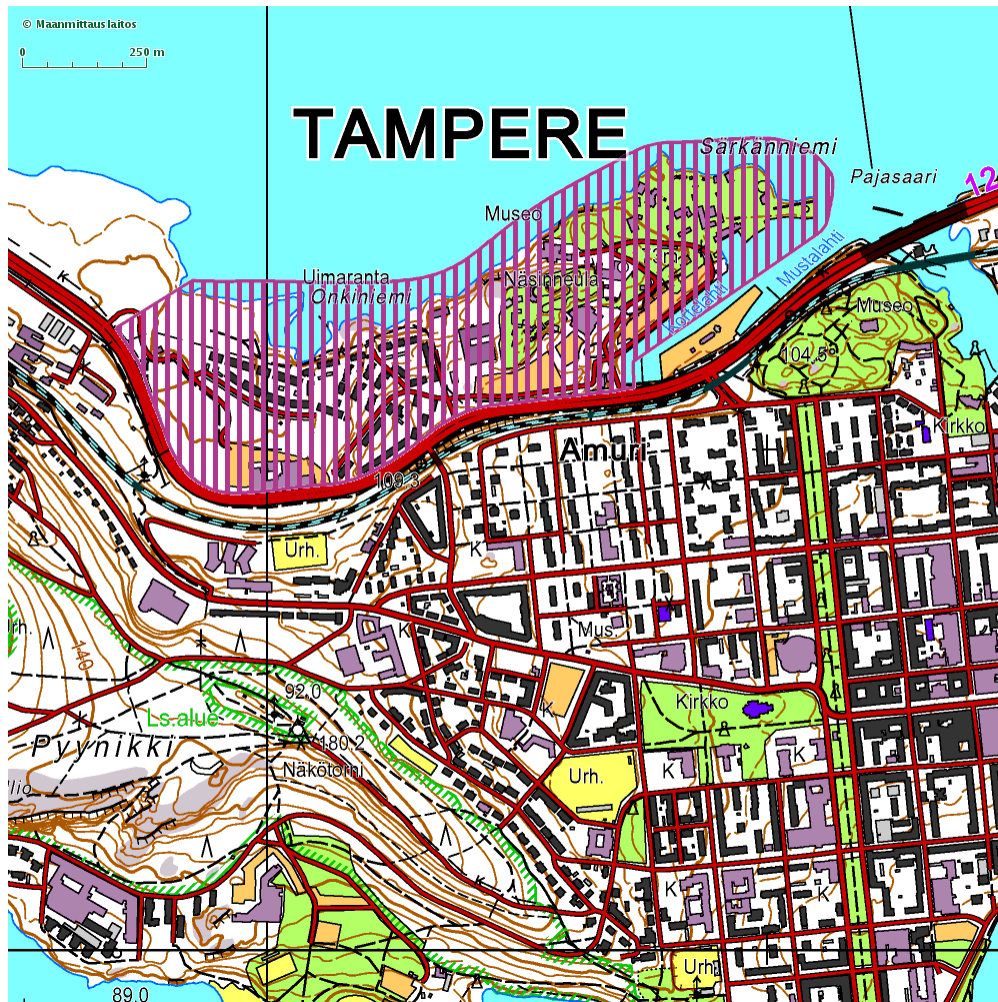
Classes

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 (women) and 50 for H21E (men). 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 National 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. The course of women is 2,4 km with 18 controls, and the course of men is 3,2 km with 21 controls.

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. The latest forecast (May 18th) gives about 14 degrees C, slight possibility for rain.

Timetable of the day

About 7.30: Competition centre opens.

8.30: Quarantine of competitors of D21E and H21E opens.

9.15: Deadline for competitors of D21E to enter the quarantine area.
9-10: WRE competition, D21E. Competitors have to stay on marked area until 11 o'clock.
10.00: The prize-giving ceremony for D21E.
9:50-12: Särkänniemi orienteering for classes up to age 16.
11.00: Deadline for competitors of H21E to enter the quarantine area.
11:50-13: WRE competition, H21E.
13.00: The prize-giving ceremony for H21E, followed by the prize-giving ceremony for classes 16 and younger.
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.

Other facilities

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

Punching

Punching system is emit. Loaned emit cards are available in info.

Start and quarantine area

Quarantine area of competitors of D21E and H21E is outside the embargoed area in Nääshalli, about 800 meters from the competition centre. Prestart is located at Mustalahti harbour, about 200 meters from Nääshalli. Distance from the quarantine area to the start is about 600 m. Competitors are allowed to park their vehicles in the embargoed area parking place on the north side of 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 for payment just inside the amusement park. The quarantine area is south of road and railway shown in the map, on the west corner of green marked area (a park). The quarantine area opens 8.30, and competitors of D21E have to enter it before 9.15. The first starters should be in the quarantine area about 15 minutes before their start time. 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. Orienteers of both classes may not enter the quarantine area before 13 o'clock after their run.

Competitors have to collect their numbered running vest themselves when they enter the quarantine area. After getting the vest, the competitor is not allowed to exit the quarantine area. Competitors coming late will not get their vest and are not allowed to start.

There is shelter and toilets in the quarantine area. There is transportations of belongings from the quarantine area (Nääshalli, not from prestart at Mustalahti) to the competition centre.

Communications outside quarantine are in every way forbidden after quarantine area is closed. Using phones and web browsers are prohibited in the quarantine area; competitors using them are disqualified.

Prestart and start

The competitor has to have the running vest when entering pre-start.

- The competitor moves from waiting area of Nääshalli to warm up area and actual prestart by their own timetable. There is one crossing with traffic lights on the way.
- 10 minutes before start time, the competitor is called to the prestart located in quarantine area. The GPS tracking device is installed, and then the running vest is put on. At the same time, the competitor has the opportunity to take separate control descriptions.
- 8 minutes before starting time the competitor is allowed to move the start. The distance is about 600 meters. The route is marked with white ribbons.
- 2 minutes before start: the Emit card is reset.
- about ½ minute before start: the competitor moves to the departure gate.
- Start

An official will give the map of the first part route. On map change the competitors will take the map themselves.

As there are also controls of other classes on the competition terrain, the competitors of WRE should also check the codes of controls.

Crossing street

There is one street marked as out-of-bounds in the map. It can be crossed on its eastern and on two zebra crossings. There are cones that mark the border of the forbidden area. The cones must not be passed by their out-of-bounds sides.

Map change

To make it easier to read the competition map, there is a map change in WRE classes. The change is after 10th control on men's course, and after 7th control on women's course. Regular punching is made on these controls. After these controls there is a short marked route during which the competitor gives away the map of first part of the course and gets themselves the second part's map. After new K-point

the competitor continues according to the new map. Numbering of controls of the new map continues from the first part map, so the second part start with control 11 for men and control 8 for women.

Control descriptions given in the pre-start contains all controls of the course. On maps there are control descriptions of controls of the corresponding map only.

After the competition, the maps collected at map change are returned to competition centre.

Warming area after the finish

Around washing and change facilities, there is a marked area which can be used for warming. The area is marked on the maps of competition centre. Competitors of D21E are allowed to stay only in this warming area until 11 o'clock. Even after that they are not allowed to return to the quarantine area. Competitors of H21E have to reside on warming area until 12.45. Leaving the area too early will cause disqualification of the competitor.

Warming up in competition terrain and parking places is absolutely forbidden. All communication with competitors not yet started is forbidden.