



We hope this letter finds you well and healthy. The World Ski Orienteering Championships 2021 organizing team is working at full speed. More than 100 km of ski tracks have been cleaned and course planning is ongoing according to the courses' manager.

These championships will be special because we are in a new situation due to the COVID pandemic. The organizers take COVID-19 very seriously and therefore we are working closely with the Estonian Health Board to ensure that all competitors, organizers and spectators remain healthy. We have created an action plan that involves preventing the spread of COVID-19.

The organizers ask you to consider the following important points.

- All competitors and support staff must take the COVID-19 test by PCR less than 72 hours before leaving their country. Upon receipt of the testing results, the test certificate proving a negative result shall be forwarded to the organisers electronically. The test certificate and result must be in English language
- Upon arrival in Estonia, all competitors and support staff must perform a COVID-19 test using the PCR method within 24 hours and meet the requirements for self-isolation until the test result arrives (with the help and coordination of the competition organizer);
- Persons arriving in Estonia more than 72 hours prior to the event shall have to take one more test before the start of the event. Competitors from Estonia, organizers and volunteers shall also undergo testing 72-24h hours prior to accreditation.
- Upon receipt of a negative test result, competition accreditation will be granted and persons may commence sports-related activities. All competitors who would like to participate in the model event should take this into account and plan their trip accordingly.
- The price of the COVID-19 test is currently approximately 75 euros, the cost of the test(s) shall be paid by the competitors themselves. Organizers are seeking possibilities to lower the price.
- We recommend to have travel insurance which covers also COVID related medical treatment costs.

The aim of this comprehensive testing is to create a 'bubble' whereby everyone involved in the competitions (organizers included) have been tested for COVID-19 and declared negative immediately prior to the event.

NB! These recommendations are valid as of November 16<sup>th</sup> 2020. If the Estonian Health Board makes changes to the COVID-19 related rules for travelling, the organizer will make changes to the above plan and inform competitors separately.

Despite the difficult situation, all organizers are optimistic and believe that we will organize an excellent competition. We have held high level sports events like the FIA World Rally Championships round in Estonia safely despite COVID-19 and will take all measures to keep everyone involved safe and healthy. You are all very welcome to take part in this most important event of the year.

See you all in Kääriku!