

IOF World Ranking Event (WRE), Finnish Top League Event Finnish Championships, Middle distance

5 June 2016, Anttola, Mikkeli, Finland



Probably the most difficult national orienteering championships to win!

The organizer is sports club Anttolan Urheilijat.

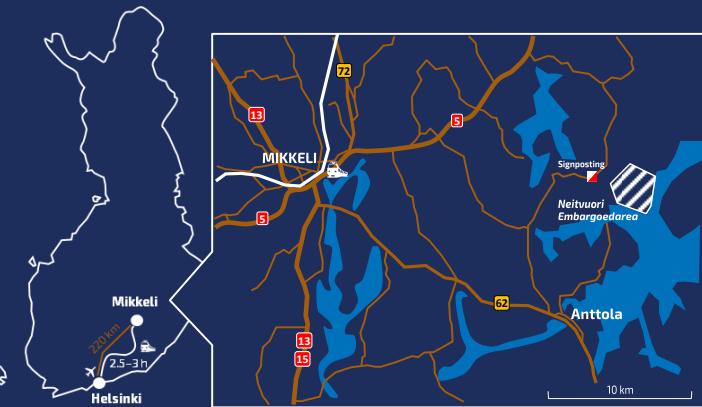
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Venue, embargoed area and transportation

The competition centre is located in Neitvuori recreation area, ca. 25 km east of the city of Mikkeli. See the old map and details about the embargoed area at [organizer's web pages](#). There are 5-6 daily train connections (2,5-3 h) from Helsinki International Airport to Mikkeli railway station. There is no public transportation from the city of Mikkeli to the competition centre.

Driving will be signposted from rural road 15143 ([Ylivedentie](#)), ca. 17 km from Anttola. 10-15 minutes further driving on the signposted route. Parking is principally at roadside, max. 3 km from the competition centre. Parking fee 4 €/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 at latest.

Competition classes in the Finnish Championships are M/W21, 20, 18, 16 and 15. WRE includes classes M/W21.

Punching system

The electronic punching 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 5/2016. Field survey made by Jarmo Tonder (according to ISOM 2000). See map samples underneath.

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-finals*	12.30 PM**
First start of B-finals*	03.30 PM**
Prize giving ceremonies	04.30 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

Registration shall be completed at IOF Eventor[®] on 26 May 2016 at latest. Entry fee is 34.00 EUR in all classes. Late entries are not accepted.

*) 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, climate and daylight

Pine forests of varying age dominate the landscape. Less clear-cuttings appear than usually in Finnish forests. Runnability is generally good, but high heather and rocky ground challenge the runner in some parts of the course. Elevation of the terrain is between 75 m and 185 m above sea level.

The climate is subarctic. Sunrise at 3:35 AM and sunset at 10:45 PM. Average temperature in June is 14°C, and average monthly precipitation is ca. 60 mm. Altering weather is typical, especially when southwesterly winds are prevailing. Warm clothing is recommended in any case due to the waiting time between the qualification and final races and in the quarantine areas.

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 and internet.

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 as of 27 May 2016. Bulletin 2 will be published at the end of May. Useful information sources are also internet [www.anttolanurheilijat.fi](#) and Twitter @AnttUsuunnistus.

Accommodation and training

Please visit [organizer's web pages](#) for training opportunities and accommodation in Mikkeli and its surroundings. You will also find suitable accommodation at [www.visitmikkeli.fi](#).

*We look forward to meet you in this exciting
landscape in Anttola, Mikkeli!*

