



SKI ORIENTEERING **WORLD CUP FINAL ROUND**

HAANJA, ESTONIA 23-25.02.2024

Ski Orienteering
World Cup Final Round 2024 &
Nordic Junior Meeting
Võru, Estonia
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Event Program

Date/ Place	World Cup	U23 World Championship	Nordic Junior Meeting	World Masters Ski O Championship	Ski Open
Thursday, Feb 22 Kubija	Model	Model	Model	Model	
Friday, Feb 23 Kubija	Sprint	Sprint	Sprint	Sprint	Sprint
Saturday, Feb 24 Haanja	Pursuit		Long	Long	Middle
Sunday, Feb 25 Haanja	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle
Sunday, Feb 25 Rõuge	Banquet	Banquet		Banquet	

EVENT PROGRAM

THURSDAY 22/2

09.00-21.00	Event office is open – accreditation	Event centre Kubija Hotel
09.00-13.00	Model Event	Kubija/Haanja
12.00	Deadline for team changes and late entries	Event centre Kubija Hotel
16.00	Competition entry deadline - sprint distance	IOF Eventor
19.00	Team officials' meeting - sprint distance	Event centre Kubija Hotel

FRIDAY 23/2

07.30-09.00	Event office is open	Event centre Kubija Hotel
09.00-14.30	Event office is open	Arena Kubija
17.00-21.00	Event office is open	Event centre Kubija Hotel
10.20	Quarantine entry closes	Arena Kubija
10.30	First start WSOCup - sprint W	Arena Kubija
11.00	First start WSOCup - sprint M	Arena Kubija
12.30	First start First start NJM, WMSOC, Open Ski-o	Arena Kubija
12.30	Prize giving ceremony WSOCup	Arena Kubija
14.15	Prize giving ceremony NJM, WMSOC, Open Ski-o	Arena Kubija
19.00	Team officials' meeting – pursuit distance	Event centre Kubija Hotel



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SATURDAY 24/2

07.30-08.30	Event office is open	Event centre Kubija Hotel
09.00-16.00	Event office is open	Arena Haanja
18.00-21.00	Event office is open	Event centre Kubija Hotel
10.30	Quarantine entry closes	Arena Haanja
10.30	First start WSOCup - pursuit M	Arena Haanja
11.45	First start WSOCup - pursuit W	Arena Haanja
12.30	First start NJM, WMSOC, Open Ski-o	Arena Haanja
13.15	Prize giving ceremony WSOCup	Arena Haanja
14.45	Prize giving ceremony NJM, WMSOC	Arena Haanja
16.00	Competition entry deadline - middle distance	IOF Eventor
19.00	Team officials' meeting - middle distance	Event centre Kubija Hotel

SUNDAY 25/2

07.30-08.30	Event office is open	Event centre Kubija Hotel
09.00-15.00	Event office is open	Arena Haanja
16.00-18.00	Event office is open	Event centre Kubija Hotel
10.30	Quarantine entry closes	Arena Haanja
10.00	First start WSOCup - middle W	Arena Haanja
10.30	First start WSOCup - middle M	Arena Haanja
13.00	First start First start NJM, WMSOC, Open Ski-o	Arena Haanja
14.30	Prize giving ceremony	Arena Haanja
19.00	Banquet	Rõuge

Entries and entry deadlines

All entries are to be done via IOF Eventor.

The following information is required at the latest by December 23 th 2023

- Number of participants (men, women)
- Number of competitors in each competition
- Number of relay teams
- Number of team officials
- Team manager's name, e-mail address and mobile telephone nr

The following information is required at the latest by February 13 th 2024

- Names and gender of the participants
- Names of the team officials

Changes may be made to the team until 12.00 hours on the day before the first race of the event. After that time, no further changes to the team are allowed.

Changes to registered entries will be possible up until 12.00 on 22nd February 2024

Allocation of start groups

For an interval start the starting order must be drawn in up to 4 starting groups. Competitors ranked 1–15 in the latest available World Ranking list are placed in group 4 competitors ranked 16-30 are placed in group 3, competitors ranked 31-45 are placed in group 2. All other competitors are placed in group 1.

For every athlete ranked 1-45 that is not entered for the competition, the size of the specific start group is reduced by one. Within every group the starting order is drawn at random. Normally, starting group 1 starts first, followed by starting group 2, 3 and at the end starting group 4. The SEA has the authority to change the order of the starting groups due to special snow or weather conditions, but no later than 2 hours before the first start.

The IOF SkiO Commission may provide up to three “wild cards” per class to add further top athletes without a sufficient number of ranking points into starting group 4.

Pursuit is a competition format where an interval start prologue determines the start times for a chasing start final. The prologue is a sprint distance race held in 23.02.24.

Those prologue competitors who are more than 10 minutes after the prologue winner, or who were not placed in the prologue, start in a mass start 10 minutes after the first starter in the chasing start final.

Entry fees

World Cup

Fee type	Fee in EUR per competitor		
	Regular Entry Until 12.01.24	Late Entry Until 10.02.24	Very Late Entry Until 23.02.24
Accreditation fee per competitor	60 €	72 € (withdrawal 80% refund)	90 € (withdrawal 50% refund)
Accreditation fee per team officials	80 €	96 € (withdrawal 80% refund)	120 € (withdrawal 50% refund)
Entry fee per competition	70 €	84 € (withdrawal 80% refund)	105 € (withdrawal 50% refund)
Name change			10 €
Participation fee for banquet	40 €		

The accreditation and entry fees include the model event, team officials meetings, competition maps, and start and result lists.

Nordic Junior Meeting and Ski-o Open

Registration in <https://osport.ee/Calendar/Event/19122> no later than 17.02.2024 at 23.59.

	Entry deadline 17.02.2024
Entry fee per competitor per competition MW18, MW20	20 €
Entry fee Model Event	10 €

Payment

World Cup Payment deadline for the World Cup accreditation and entry fees are 12.01.2024.

Payments shall be done to the following bank account:

IBAN: EE242200001120074669, SWIFT code/BIC: HABAE2X

Bank: Swedbank

Owner: Väraska Orienteerumisklubi Peko, Pikk 48, Väraska, Võru maakond, 64001 Estonia

Reg.nr. 80109099, Vat No EE101509536

Following the deadline for registering the number of participants and team officials, the event organiser will issue invoices for accreditations, entry registration and waxing huts.

Invoices should be paid in full at the latest by 12.01 2024.

Entries are not valid until full payment is received.

Nordic Junior Meeting and Ski Open payment deadline for the entry fees are 19.02.2024.

Symmary of entries received

Federation	Men	Women	Team Officials	Total
Austria	3	1		4
Bulgaria	1	2		3
Czechia	6	2	2	10
Estonia	6	6	2	14
Finland	7	8	4	19
Japan	6	1		7
Latvia	3	1	1	5
Lithuania	4	1	1	6
Norway	8	8	2	18
Sweden	8	8	4	20
Switzerland	8	4	2	14
Sum	60	42	18	120

Punching System

SPORTident touch free punching will be used.

All World Cup competitors will be provided with two (2) SPORTident ActiveCards (SIAC) by the organizer for the duration of the event (primary and secondary card). Only these may be used in the competitions.

Participants in the Nordic Junior Meeting and Open classes may use their private SIAC.

Please provide the SIAC number when registering in www.Osport.ee.

If no SIAC number is given, you will be assigned a rental SIAC by the organizer for a 2€ per day.

Ban on fluorides

It is prohibited to use any fluorinated products in all distances during World Cup, Nordic Junior Meeting and Ski Open events.

Each athlete and team official competing in World Cup and Nordic Junior Meeting must sign and submit the IOF Declaration of Conformity before the competition starts. Team Official could also fill out the Form for the whole team. Completed declarations must be brought to the event center before the competition.

[Link to Declaration of Conformity.](#)

All participants in Ski Open by registering in O-Sport confirm that they will not use fluoride according to FIS regulations for Ski-Open competition.

Doping control

Doping is strictly forbidden, and the organizers are dedicated to supporting the anti-doping authorities in their work. Doping controls may be carried out any time during the competition period. Selected athletes will be given instruction to report to the doping control after finishing their race, and will be escorted by a chaperone. Random doping control may occur even during the days when there are no competitions. Doping tests will always be carried out in accordance with the procedures described in the WADA International Standard for Testing and Investigations. The World Anti-Doping Code 2021 and IOF Anti-Doping Rules 2021 apply.

Map scales, vertical contour intervals and any additional or modified symbols

Maps size all days A4 (297x210mm)

Contour intervall all days 5m

Scale Sprint 1:5000

Scale Pursuit/long 1:10000

Scale middle 1:7500

Material all days waterproof. Fasteners can be pressed through

Climate

The climate of Võrumaa is very varied - the highest and lowest air temperatures in Estonia have been measured here, and there have been record-breaking rainfalls as well as complete droughts, strong storms and long-lasting frosts. One type of precipitation, snow, is more or less guaranteed in the Haanja uplands. According to the Estonian Snow Cover Gazetteer, a snow cover of at least 10 cm is guaranteed with a probability of more than 80% between January and March.

Links to weather forecasts

Võru/Kubija <https://www.ilmateenistus.ee/ilm/prognoosid/asukoha-prognoos/?coordinates=57.847360;26.996063>

Haanja <https://www.ilmateenistus.ee/ilm/prognoosid/asukoha-prognoos/?coordinates=57.718959;27.052252>

Terrain sprint

Kubija competition terrain is located right outside the town of Võru next to Kubija Hotel & Spa. This forest is a popular sports and recreation area and is covered with dense track network also in summer. Elevation difference in the area terrain is 25 meters, with 20 meters in the largest lobe, but the overall characteristic of the terrain is flat.

Snow conditions here are often poor. Kubja sports center maintains 1, 2.2 and 4.4km ski tracks during the winter time, when the conditions allow.

The forest looks quite Scandinavian with generally good visibility. Pine is the dominant species in the area, while spruce trees block some visibility and skiability in the lower parts of the terrain. There are only a few marshes and almost no open areas. Skiing speeds will be very high.

Terrain Pursuit /Long and Middle

The competition terrain is located on the territory of Haanja Nature Park in the middle of Haanja upland featuring several medium size hills with steep slopes, relatively flat grasslands, cultivated fields and marshes between hills. Height difference in the competition terrain is 70 meters, but most "large" hills rarely exceed 20-30 meters of vertical climbing on one slope.

Haanja sports center usually keeps open 1, 2, 3, 5 and 42km ski tracks during the winter time. In past times, several international ski-orienteering competitions, national cross-country skiing and biathlon championships have been taken place there and the tracks are considered to be with the best snow coverage in Estonia.

Spruce is the dominant tree species in the area, but when mixed with alder, aspen, birch and hazel, the natural vegetation ranges from "white" to thick. European spruce bark beetle and strong storms that followed them have made sure that a significant number of trees are placed on the ground horizontally. There are several recently felled areas, where passability ranges from open to overgrown.



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Winning time and approximate length of each course

Sprint

Competition	Class	Length (km)	Shortest sensible route (km)	Expected winning time (min)
World Cup	Men	3,8	4,8	14
	Women	3,2	4,2	14
Nordic Junior Meeting	M20	3,2	4,2	13
	W20	2,8	3,6	13
	M18	2,5	3,3	11
	W18	2,2	2,9	11

Pursuit /Long

Competition	Class	Length (km)	Shortest sensible route (km)	Expected winning time (min)
World Cup	Men	14	19	60
	Women	12	16	58
Nordic Junior Meeting	M20	14	19	65
	W20	12	16	63
	M18	9	12,5	45
	W18	8	11	45

Middle

Competition	Class	Length (km)	Shortest sensible route (km)	Expected winning time (min)
World Cup	Men	10,3	14,5	46
	Women	8,7	12,2	44
Nordic Junior Meeting	M20	6,5	9,1	32
	W20	5,7	8	32
	M18	5	6,3	25
	W18	4,4	5,6	25

Number and type of equipment change zones

Pursuit/long and Middle – there is a coaching zone in Haanja arena, where team officials themselves can deposit equipment. In addition, there is one equipment change zone in the terrain – the organizers will transport equipment there.

There is no coaching zone and no equipment change zone in the Sprint distance.

Undamaged ski-change is not allowed in any of the distances. In case of very dirty snow before pursuit/long distance competition, the team leaders may agree that undamaged ski change is allowed on that distance.

Quarantine

There is start quarantine for all days for all athletes competing in WCUP.

The quarantine area is warmed and includes toilets, drinking water.

Please note that telephones, tablets, computers or other electronic equipment are not permitted within the quarantine and warm-up area.

In quarantine area it is possible to test skis and warm up. The competitor should leave the clothes he/she wishes to send to the finishing area to the specified area in quarantine. The organisers will transport the clothes to the finish.

The quarantine will end when all competitors have started. The rooms can then be used for changing clothes.

The exact area of the quarantine will be published in bulletin 4.

Please note that there is no quarantine for athletes competing in Nordic Junior Meeting and Ski Open

Team officials' meetings

Team officials' meetings open for team leaders and the IOF representatives will be held at Kubija Hotel event center the evening before each respective race. Please look the detailed program above.



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Accommodation

Accommodation: cost per room and night	Cost per type of accommodation in EUR				
	A kubija.ee	B1 oruvilla.ee	B2 haanjamehe.ee	C1 vaskna.ee	C2 rogosimois.ee
Single room	90 €	70 €			
Double room	90 €	70 €			
Extra bed	30 €	18 €	25 €		
2-, 3-, 4- and 6-bed rooms, price per bed			38 €	32 €	25 €
Max No of beds available		20 (person)	40 (person)	30 (person)	40 (person)
Breakfast included in the rates above	Yes	Yes		Yes	
Cost for lunch/person	15 €	15 €		14 €	10 €
Cost for dinner/person	25 €	30 €		14 €	10 €

wcup2024.accommodation@peko.ee

Accommodation and meal booking is possible up until 23.12.2023.

The event organiser or accommodation company will issue invoices. Invoice for accommodation and meals should be paid at latest by 22.01.2024.

Note that availability is on a first come-first served basis so please book as early as possible.

Catering during competition Arena

Cafeteria will be open in the Arena Haanja 24.02 and 25.02.

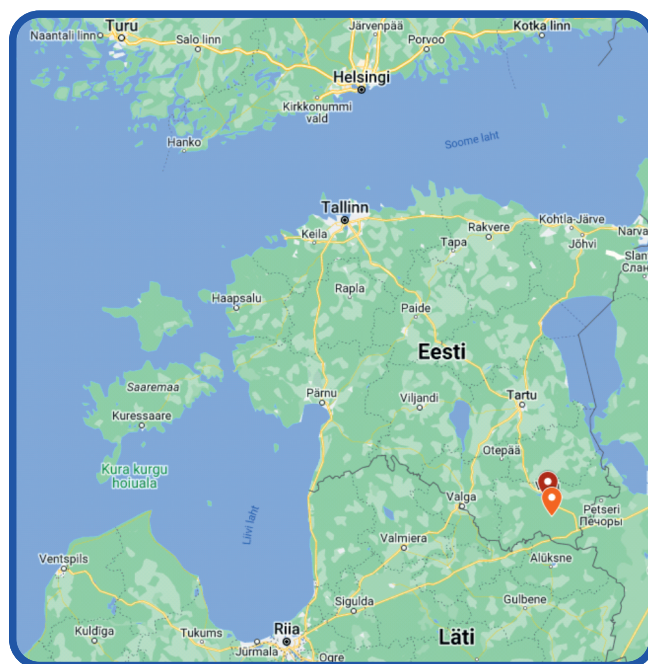
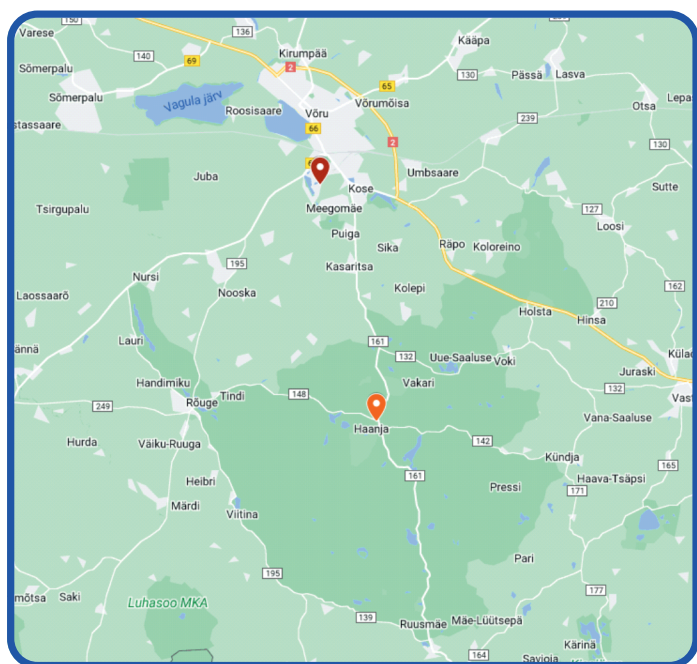
Hot meals, pies, cakes, snacks, hot and cold drinks will be available.

It is possible to order lunch at the competition centre for both days for 10-12 eur per person per lunch.

Lunch preordering should be sent to following e-mail wcup2024.accommodation@peko.ee deadline is 09.02.2024. Invoices for preordered meals should be paid at latest by 16.02.2024.

Preordered meal vouchers will be distributed in event office.

General map of the region



Exact location of each competition area and finish area

The event centre and Arena Kubija will be at Kubija Hotel, Võru, Estonia

57.81848632479836, 27.007571701796213

<https://www.kubija.ee>

Arena in Haanja will be in Haanja, Võrumaa, Estonia

57.72274683221958, 27.048729537957858

<https://haanjasport.ee/>

Media contacts and Accreditation

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Accreditation is issued upon request via e-mail to the address given above with the media coordinator/press manager.

Additional Information

World Masters Ski Orienteering Championships and Ski-O Open competition will be organized on 23-25.02.

Link to competition <https://wcup2024.peko.ee/bulletins/> on the webpage: www.peko.ee

Transport

Organizers do not offer transportation. Our proposal is to rent a car from one of the international rental companies in Tallinn, Tartu or in Riga.

Visa information

Estonia is a member of the Schengen area, meaning that travellers coming from other Schengen countries do not need a visitor visa to enter Estonia. Nationals of the EU, EEA, United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, in addition to further countries, do not need a visitor visa to visit Estonia. Please consult the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs website for a full list and details. If you do require a Schengen area visa, you can submit an application at an Estonian representation abroad. Please visit Visa and travel information

Those who need a visa are kindly requested to send passport copies to wcup2024.secretary@peko.ee no later than 1 month before the competition so that the organizers can make visa invitations.

Summary of important dates and contacts

The final dates for registering entries, booking accommodation etc. are summarised in the table below. Please note the additional fees that apply for late entries.

Entry registration

	team size 23.12.2023
	competitors names 13.02.2024
Payment of entry fees (closing date)	12.01.2024
Booking of accommodation and meals	23.12.2023
Wax box booking	23.12.2023
Late entry	21.02.2024
Event/competition dates	22-25.02.2024
Lunch in Haanja preordering	9.02.2024
Payment of Lunch in Haanja invoices	16.02.2024
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