

# World Masters Ski Orienteering Championships Võru, Estonia

23-25.02.2024

## BULLETIN 2



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### **Dear ski-orienteeers family!**

It is again with great pleasure to invite You to compete in Estonia. We invite You to Haanja, the second largest ski resort in Southern Estonia to offer You interesting ski orienteering challenges in three disciplines. We are confident that we will be able to handle the organizing of yet another World Ski-Orienteering event in Estonia. We believe in our efforts to provide You a good competition as the last event in 2021, the WSOC in Kääriku were held in much more difficult viral conditions.

The Ski-Orienteering community in Estonia is not large however it is very close and supportive of each other. The organising team is largely made up of members of the two South-Estonian clubs Värskä OK Peko and OK Võru, supplemented with our best orienteering experts from various teams.

We hope to offer athletes and other guests exciting and interesting competitions in a cool atmosphere. The aim is to spread the word about orienteering in Estonia and around the world.

Welcome to the city of Võru and the village of Haanja in Estonia.

We wish you all success and of course expect good snow conditions!

Raul Kudre  
Chief organiser



### **Dear Participants!**

We welcome You to the World Masters Ski-Orienteering World Championships in Estonia!

Over the years we have organized several major orienteering competitions, and now it is once again time for ski-orienteeers to come to Estonia and compete in excellent nature and interesting orienteering landscapes.

We have selected Kubija and Haanja forests in Southern Estonia for this World Cup. In my youth I have tested my athletic abilities and orienteering skills in this area – therefore I can say with full confidence that this area is very suitable for orienteering enthusiasts to determine who is best of the best.

Enjoy every moment of Your time in Estonia and achieve the best result in Your sports career so far.

Our entire organizing team will do their best to make the competition memorable and successful. I wish You slick track and clever approaches to solving our orienteering riddle. Stay Safe and secure!

Aigar Pindmaa  
President of the Estonian Orienteering Federation

## **Organizers**

Orienteering Club Värskä OK Peko, [www.peko.ee](http://www.peko.ee)

Orienteering Club Võru, [www.okvoru.ee](http://www.okvoru.ee)

Estonian Orienteering Federation, [www.orienteerumine.ee](http://www.orienteerumine.ee)

## **Contact info**

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Course setter: Tõnis Erm, Taivo Timmusk

Event secretary: Mare Parve, e-mail: [WMSOC2024@peko.ee](mailto:WMSOC2024@peko.ee)

## **Controllers**

IOF Senior Event Adviser: Mattias Johansson

Estonian National Controller: Kuno Rooba

## **Media contact**

Media coordinator/press manager Einar Raudkepp

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## **Venue**

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

<https://www.kubija.ee>

Competition Centre will be in Haanja, Võrumaa, Estonia

[link from Event Center to Competition center](#)

## Event Program

Date/ Place	WMSOC
Thursday, Feb 22 Kubija	Model
Friday, Feb 23 Kubija	Sprint
Saturday, Feb 24 Haanja	Long
Sunday, Feb 25 Haanja	Middle
Sunday, Feb 25 Kubija	Banquet

### THURSDAY 22/2

09.00-21.00	Event office is open – accreditation	Event centre Kubija Hotel
09.00-13.00	Model Event	Kubija/Haanja

### 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
10.30	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

### 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	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
<b>SUNDAY 25/2</b>		
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
10.00	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

### Classes

W35, M35, W40, M40, W45, M45, W50, M50, W55, M55, W60, M60

W65, M65, W70, M70, W75, M75, W80, M80, W85, M85

### Participation

Competitors participate at their own risk. Insurance against accidents must be the responsibility of their Federation or themselves, according to national regulations.

Citizens of RUS and BLR are not allowed to participate.

### Entry fees and entry deadlines

Entry fee for all distances (sprint, long middle,)	Entry fee per competition	Entry fee Model Event	Participation fee for banquet
<b>84€</b>	<b>28€</b>	<b>10€</b>	<b>40€</b>

All entries are to be done via IOF Eventor. <https://eventor.orienteering.org/>

When paying the fee, please indicate the competitor's class, first and surname in the explanation of the payment. Prepaid banquet vouchers will be distributed in event office.

## **Payment**

Payment deadline for the registration and payment 10.02.2024.

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

Entries are not valid until full payment is received.

## **Accommodation**

Available accommodation can be found in [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com), [www.visitvoru.ee](http://www.visitvoru.ee), [www.visitestonia.ee](http://www.visitestonia.ee).

Organisers suggest to use keyword „Võru“ or „Võrumaa“.

## **Catering during competition**

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.

## **Waxing possibilities**

The organisers will set up a tent/shelter and provide an electricity connection.

2 ski wax table's will be brought under the tent for use.

No other equipment will be provided by the organisers.

## **Embargoed areas**

Detailed Embargoed areas info: (link to Google maps)

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/1/viewer?mid=1pMm9i4OY53rhoSpahyo1GMRA5aD-rvNA&ll=57.756942406182006%2C27.039036000000002&z=12>

Old maps available in Eventor:

<https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Show/8161>

## **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: Long 1:10000

Scale: Middle 1:7500

Material all days waterproof. Fasteners can be pressed through

## **Punching System**

SPORTident touch free punching will be used.

Participants in the WMSOC classes may use their personal SIAC.

Please provide the SIAC number when registering in IOF Eventor.

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 fluorinated waxes in all distances during WMSOC. Each athlete must sign and submit the IOF Declaration of Conformity before the competition starts. Completed declarations must be brought to the event center before the competition or sent by email to [WMSOC2024@peko.ee](mailto:WMSOC2024@peko.ee)

Link to [Declaration of Conformity](#).

Additional information <https://orienteering.sport/skio/faq-ban-of-fluorinated-waxes-in-skiio/>.

## **Terrain, altitude, climate and any hazards**

### **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 lope, 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, 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 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 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.

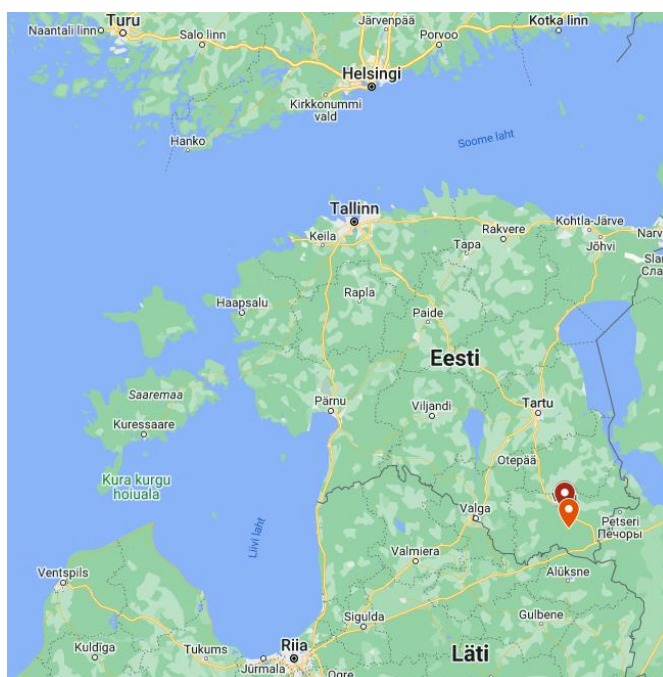
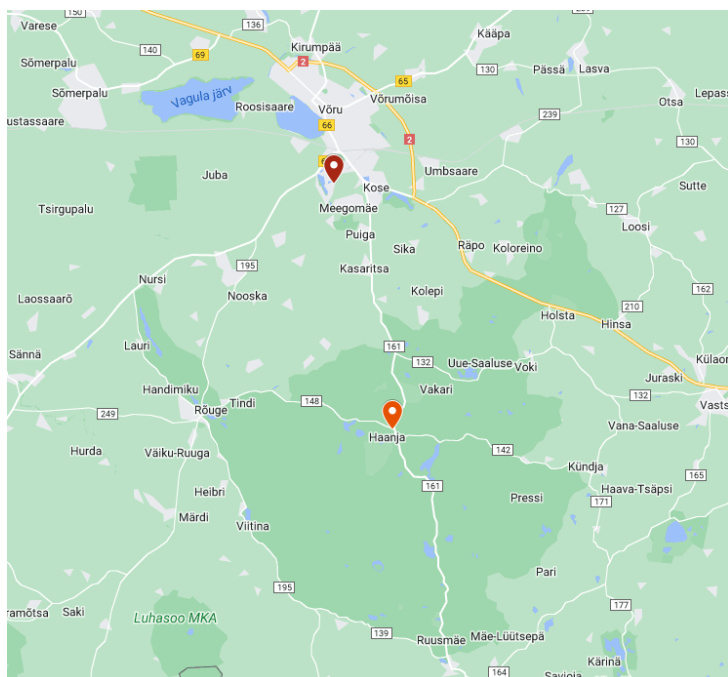
## Winning time

Class	Sprint	Long	Middle
W/M 35,40,45,50,60	20 min	60 min	30-40 min
W/M 65	20 min	50 min	30-40 min
W/M 70,75,80,85	20 min	45 min	30-40 min

## Opportunities for training

Ski orienteering competitions: <https://orienteerumine.ee/kalender/kuu-kalendervaade/>

## 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/>



## **Additional Information**

Ski Orienteering Worldcup Round 2 2024 and Open SkiO competition will be organized simultaneously 23-25.02.2024 Link to competition info on the webpage: <https://wcup2024.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](#) Visa information

Those who need a visa are kindly requested to send passport copies to [WMSOC2024@peko.ee](mailto:WMSOC2024@peko.ee) no later than 1 month before the competition so that the organizers can make visa invitations.