

Bulletin 1

International Orienteering Competition and World Ranking Event (WRE)

FinnSpring orienteering in Espoo, Finland, April 21rd 2018

We'd like to welcome you to the international FinnSpring Orienteering competition in Espoo with WRE status.

Event organizer

Orienteering clubs Espoon Akilles and Leppävaaran Sisu

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Event information

Rules

The rules of the Finnish Orienteering Federation aswell as instructions given by the organizer and the International Orienteering Federation will be applied in the competition. The rules of The Finnish Orienteering Federation are available on the website www.suunnistusliitto.fi.

Classes

M21E, W21 have WRE status.

If a class have too many entries, the class is split into ranked, similar length courses (W/M21B,C,D) based on the competitors' previous performances with the best competitors entered to the top ranked course.

Participants in the top ranked classes W/M21 will be selected according to the Finnish Orienteering Federation's instructions.

Long distance in WRE classes. Estimated winning time M21 appr. 90 minutes and W21 appr. 70 minutes. In classes W/M21, the competition is also a Finnish national team selection race.

Punching system

Electronic Emit punching system will be in use.

Entries and entry fees

Entries and payments should be made primarily through IRMA service or, alternatively, via email: finnspring2018@gmail.com. All WRE competitors make an entry to classes M/W21 (no entries to EB and EC classes). Entry fee for WRE competitors is 38 €.

Emit card number must be included in the entry. The need for a rental Emit card has to be indicated in the entry. If Emit card number is missing, the organizer will reserve an Emit card and charge 5 €.

The IOF World Ranking system only uses the Latin alphabet from A to Z. It is very important for all runners to check that the information about them is correct. Please check the following: the spelling of your first and last name, birth year and nationality. If you find any mistakes, please report them via email: changes_AthleteData@orienteering.org. When reporting, make sure you add your complete birth date (day, month, year).

It is not possible to pay through Eventor. The bank details for entry fee payment without access to IRMA are as follows:

Account owner: Espoon Akilles

Bank name: Nordea Bank AB

Bank address: Satamaradankatu 5, 00020 NORDEA

IBAN: FI19 1544 3000 0539 88

BIC: NDEAFIHH

Entries and payments have to be made no later than Thursday, April 11, 2018 at 11:59 pm. No late entries allowed!

IOF ID

WRE athletes have to include their IOF IDs in their entry. Athletes who don't yet have an IOF ID will get one by registering a user account in IOF Eventor: <https://eventor.orienteering.org/Register>

Competition map

Scale 1:15 000, contour interval 5 m. 6-colour offset printing in 4/2018. Map size A3. The competition maps are in plastic cases.

Embargoed area

The competition area is indicated on this link: <https://goo.gl/mreh7K> (GoogleMaps)

Competitors are not allowed to train in or otherwise enter the embargoed area prior to the competition.

Terrain

The competition terrain is located within the Nuuksio forest. The terrain consists of rocky hills (max 40 meters) and partly swamps and marshy saggings in between. Most of the terrain has many small details and partly limited visibility and fallen trees. There are some settlements and forest roads in the area.

Timetable of the competition

The first start of the competition is at 10:00 am. A quarantine zone and pre-start, located in nearby event center, is explained in more detail in bulletin 2. In M/W21EB and M/W21EC classes, the start is located at a walking distance of 1.0 km from the competition centre. No quarantine zone in M/W21EB/C classes.

Food and beverage

There will be basic food and beverages at a moderate cost available at the event centre.

Guiding and venue

Serena is situated in Lahnus (Northern Espoo area) along road 120 to Vihti. It is approximately 20 km from Helsinki city center. You can reach Serena easily by public transport or with an own car. Guiding to the competition centre starts from highway 120. The guiding posts are on their places by Saturday 21.4.2018 at 7:00.

There is a hard surface on the parking areas. The distance to the competition centre from the parking areas is 50- 1000 meters. The parking fee is 5€ for the whole weekend. The parking fee is for the costs of the parking arrangement.

Training opportunities

There is an open course event on Tuesday April 17th called Espoorastit suitable for training. More detailed information available from Event website.

Weather and clothing

In April, the weather in south Finland could be anything from pleasantly warm and sunny (up to 20 degrees °C) to very cold, windy and rainy (down to 0 °C). Competitors should be prepared for a changeable weather.

Visa requirements

According to current regulations, citizens of some countries must obtain a visa in order to enter Finland. Please check the following website for more information: <http://www.formin.fi>. Visas should be applied for at your closest Finnish Embassy. Please note that conditions of entry may change and all participants are advised to keep themselves updated on the current situation by consulting their local Finnish Embassy.

Final event instructions, start times and other information

There will be more information on the organizer's web page (www.finnspring2018.com) closer to the date of the competition. Bulletin 2 will be published in early April.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Espoo on Saturday April 21!