



Bulletin 2

IOF World Ranking Event (WRE), Finnish Long Distance Orienteering Championships in Siikainen, Finland, 12-13 September 2020

Welcome to the Finnish Long Distance Orienteering Championships in Siikainen with WRE status in the M/W21 (H/D21) classes!

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<https://www.kansu.fi/sm2020/>

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Competition office

The competition office is located at the arena in Siikainen in the place indicated on the arena map that will be published on the competition website. The competition office will open on both Saturday 12 September and Sunday 13 September at 8 am. The office will close both at 5 pm. Contact details of the office: seijakpeltomaki@gmail.com, +358 40 536 8108.

Terrain

The competition terrain consists mostly of typical Western-Finnish forests with moderate runnability. Bare cliffs and marshes are common, but there are also some areas with slower runnability. Hight differences and the amount of small details varies from a part to another. Max height difference is about 25 meters.

On Sunday there is a dangerous cliff in the terrain marked with white ribbons.

There are no any previous orienteering maps of the terrain.

Map

Scale: 1:15 000, contour interval: 2,5 m, 6-colour offset printing 8/2020. Mapping made by Kimmo Viertola. The size of the map is A4 in the qualifications and A3 in the finals. The competition maps are in closed plastic cases.

The maps are collected after the finish in plastic bags which are named by orienteering clubs. After the last competitor has started, a representative of an orienteering club can retrieve competition maps. There are disinfection wipes in plastic bags to disinfect maps. One wipe can be used for several maps.

Entries received

Entries via Finnish IRMA system can be viewed via this link:

<https://irma.suunnistusliitto.fi:8443/irma/public/competition/entries?id=1208113&pageuid=75ed724b-c54f-45d1-9b7a-e83821d6224d>

Entries via IOF Eventor can be viewed via this link:

<https://eventor.orienteering.org/Events/Entries?eventId=6566&groupBy=EventClass>

Start lists

Start lists will be published on the competition website no later than on Thursday 10 September, when the lists have been compiled after the deadline for entries on 3 September 2020, according to the Finnish and IOF ranking lists and the principles described in the special rules for Finnish Championships (available in Finnish at the website <http://www.suunnistusliitto.fi>).

Competition rules

The event follows the rules of the Finnish Orienteering Federation, the IOF guidelines for World Ranking Events, the special rules for the Finnish Championships, and the instructions given by the organisers. The rules of the Finnish Orienteering Federation and the special rules for the Finnish Championships are available at the website <http://www.suunnistusliitto.fi> (only in Finnish).

Spiked shoes are forbidden in the competition, but shoes with studs are permitted.

Competitors qualified for the A-final must carry a GPS-tracking device provided by the organizers. Please remember that IOF Competition Rules forbid the use of GPS devices unless there is 'no display or audible feedback'.

Classes and winning times

The H21 (=M21) and D21 (=W21) classes have WRE status. To enter the WRE competition, participation in the qualification race is mandatory. Estimated winning times in the A final are 70–80 minutes for women and 90–100 minutes for men. The Finnish Long Distance Orienteering Championships take place at the same time with classes from H/D15 to H/D85. There are more than 1600 orienteers in the competition.

Punching system

The electronic punching system Emit will be used. Rental Emit cards are available from the event organizer, fee 5 €. If a competitor does not provide an Emit number in the entry, the organizers will provide a rental Emit card, which must be collected at the info desk. If the rental Emit card is not returned after the competition, a charge of 80 € will be imposed.

Event program

The first start of the qualifying competition is at 10 am on both days. On Saturday the quarantine closes at 10.45 am and on Sunday at 11 am. On Sunday the quarantine is used only for M/W21 A-finalists. On both days the quarantine is in the same place, located in the terrain, with no weather protection. There are toilets in the quarantine zone, and drinking water will be provided.

The quarantine is located 700 meters from the arena on both days. Number bibs are at the quarantine and are available to the athletes after they have entered the quarantine. Bring your own safety pins.

If an athlete fails to enter the quarantine within the set time, she or he will not be allowed to start. If a competitor leaves the quarantine without going through pre- start to start and course, she or he will lose the right to participate in the competition. Accompanying persons are not allowed in the quarantine after its closure. The use of mobile phones or other communication devices is forbidden in the quarantine.

Clothing and equipment transport from quarantine to finish is not provided. You can leave your clothes and equipment on the marked area and get them after the competition.

From the quarantine there is 600 meters to start on Saturday and 150 meters to start on Sunday. On Saturday the competitors are allowed to proceed from the quarantine to the start 15 minutes before their starting time. On Sunday they are allowed to proceed from the quarantine to the start 10 minutes before starting time. Follow the route marked with tapes. The signposting will start from the quarantine zone.

Map exchange

In classes M/W21 there are map exchange in the audience control. That control is also a refreshment control where water is offered by the event organizers. In addition, competitor's own refreshment is also allowed in the marked area.

Start and start procedure

WRE classes use start 1 on both days.

Emit safety slips are available in the quarantine on both days.

There are detailed instructions regarding control descriptions in the class M21 (Sunday, A-final). The instructions are available in the quarantine zone.

Competitors are responsible for taking the correct control definitions and map.

5 minutes before start: Call-in, inspection of number bibs and hand sanitizer

4 minutes before start: Control descriptions

3 minutes before start: Emit clearing

2 minutes before start: the competition map can be inspected

1 minute before start: the athlete moves next to his/her map

Start signal: the athlete takes the map at the moment of starting the course.

Number bibs

The number bibs for the qualification race on Saturday are given upon entry in the quarantine zone and must be picked up before the closure of the quarantine. No access to the course terrain without a bib! Do not fold the bib. Own safety pins.

On Sunday, the A finalists get new number bibs in the quarantine. They must be picked up before the closure of the quarantine. No access to the course terrain without a bib! Do not fold the bib. Own safety pins.

The B finalists use the same number bib as on Saturday. The bibs are not collected at the finish.

Course length, total climb, number of controls and refreshment controls

Class	Start	Course length	Total climb	Controls
Qualification				
M21K1	Start 1	8,78	145	18
M21K2	Start 1	8,66	150	18
M21K3	Start 1	8,66	125	19
W21K1	Start 1	6,22	115	16
W21K2	Start 1	6,32	115	17
Finals				
M21	Start 1	16,84	210	30
W21	Start 1	11,50	170	17

There are several refreshment controls in the terrain located on paths and trails by likeliest route selections.

Number of refreshment controls:

W21: 3 controls (estimated running time: 25min - 47 min- 58 min)

M21: 4 controls (estimated running time: 18 min-42 min-62 min -83 min)

Control descriptions

Control descriptions are available at the start, 4 minutes prior to start. No equipment is provided for fastening the control descriptions. The control descriptions are also printed on the map. The

dimensions of the control description are as follows (the given dimensions are those of the description tables, to which margins of some millimeters should be added):

Saturday

M21, all qualification classes: 65 mm x 150 mm

W21K1: 64 mm x 125 mm

W21K2: 68 mm x 142 mm

Sunday

M21 A final: 65 mm x 173 mm

W21 A final: 65 mm x 122 mm

M21B1 final: 65 mm x 135 mm

M21B2 final: 65 mm x 140 mm

W21B1 final: 65 mm x 111 mm

Complaints

Complaints must be submitted in written form within 15 minutes after the last WRE- competitor in the class in question has finished. Complaints can be submitted at the finish or at the info desk.

Prizes

In the A final of the WRE competition on Sunday, the three best competitors of the classes M21 (H21) and W21 (D21) who are eligible to competing in Finnish Championships will receive medals and honorary prizes. The fourth to tenth best eligible to compete in Finnish Championships will receive a plaque. The prizes are given after the finalizing of the results. The prize giving ceremony will be announced by loudspeaker.

In the classes H/D21, the three best competitors in the A final of the WRE competition who are not eligible to competing in Finnish Championships will receive honorary prizes corresponding to the honorary prizes of the Finnish Championships. The prizes will be given immediately after the prize giving ceremony of the Championships, upon announcement by loudspeaker.

In the B final only the winners will be awarded.

In the prize giving ceremony we do not shake hands due to Covid-19.

Venue

The arena is located in Vuorijärvi, Siikainen, in a field. A more detailed overview of the venue is shown in a venue map on the website.

Open fire and smoking are prohibited in the entire arena. Any waste must be removed or put into the bins provided by the organizers. In addition, spending the night at the arena is not allowed.

There is a limited amount of space for wind shelter tents. Please sign up your tent in advance to the address kallionsamuli@gmail.com.

Parking and transport schedule

The organizers do not provide any separate transportation to the arena. Competitors make their own transportation arrangements and have to park their cars in the parking lots indicated by the organizers. Parking lots are located in fields right next to competition arena. Distance from the parking to the event center is about 500 meters.

The signposting starts from the junctions in Tuorila between roads 8 and 270 (west), as well as in Alahonkajoki between roads 44 and 270 (east). The distance from the signposts to the parking area is about 25-30 minutes from Tuorila and about 30-35 minutes from Alahonkajoki.

The parking fee is 5 €/vehicle/day, to be paid at the information desk. The parking ticket must be shown when exiting the parking lot.

Caravans and buses must sign up in advance, seppo.vehkala@gmail.com.

Food and snacks

There is café as well as a restaurant at the arena. The café will open at 8.00. A warm lunch will be served at low cost in the restaurant both on Saturday and Sunday. The restaurant serves warm lunch (minced meat pasta on Saturday and chicken pasta on Sunday) at a moderate cost from 10.30 onwards. Also, gluten free, dairy free and lacto-ovo-vegetarian options available. Bread rolls, snacks etc. can be bought at the café.

Toilets and shower

Available at the arena; warm water in the shower. No soap or shampoo allowed! Due to Covid-19, the amount of shower users at the same time is limited. Please be patient when queue to showers. If possible, use showers at your accommodation. Toilets and hand sanitizers are available on the venue.

There are also toilets in the quarantine zone.

Weather

In September the weather in southernmost Finland can be anything from warm and sunny (18–23 degrees Celsius) to chilly, windy and rainy (5–10 degrees C). Competitors should be prepared for changeable weather.

Final event instructions and start times

There will be more information on the organizer's webpage <https://www.kansu.fi/sm2020/>.

Kankaanpään Suunnistajat and Siikaisten Sisu welcome all athletes to Siikainen!