



WRE Bulletin 2

Competition Instructions (WRE)

National Orienteering Competition, World Ranking Event (WRE)

FinnSpring in Ilmajoki , Finland, on 27 April 2024 Individual Competition, long distance

These competition instructions are preliminary. The final version can be seen in the competition centre on 27 April.

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Event Information

Rules

IOF WRE rules are primary: [IOF rules](#)

The rules of the Finnish Orienteering Federation as well as instructions given by the organiser will be also applied in the competition. The rules of the Finnish Orienteering Federation are available on the website www.suunnistusliitto.fi.

WRE classes and course lengths

M21E	15,2 km	24 controls	2 water points
W21E	12,5 km	19 controls	2 water points
M21EB	13,0 km	22 controls	2 water points

Competition Terrain

The competition terrain consists of wide bare rock hills and Finnish coniferous forests, with marks of forestry. There are 17 windmills in the area, and roads leading to platforms, but just a few trails. Visibility is mostly good, but there are also some thickets and flat sections where the compass may come in handy. Detailed hilltops and slopes with precipices may also prove to be a challenge. The Finnish Masters Relay was successfully held in the same terrain in 2016.

It was a snowy winter in Finland, but a couple of weeks have been warm, and the snow has melted very rapidly. On the north side of hills there may still be some small patches of snow left not causing a hindrance to running. Day temperatures at the end of April are typically from +5 to +15 degrees Celsius. Check the weather forecast before travelling.

Competition Map

The map was made by Jussi Silvennoinen in 2016 and revised by Ari Salonen in 2023. Scale 1:15 000, contour interval 2,5 m, print 4/2024. Map size is A3+. A model map can be seen at the start. The competition maps are in sealed plastic cases.

[Link to old maps](#)

Out-of-Bounds Areas

Areas indicated with purple cross hatch or purple boundary line on the competition map as well as all settlement areas are forbidden to enter. Entering an out-of-bounds

area leads to disqualification. A competitor is allowed to enter the competition area only during his/her own competition performance.

Model Control

A model control with the possibility to test Emit card is next to the guiding pole in the competition centre.

Punching System and Emit Cards

Electronic Emit punching system is in use. A competitor is responsible for that he/she has a functional Emit card. It is not allowed to compete with a broken card. A competitor competing with an Emit card not marked in the start list will be disqualified, if the card change is not made at the Info prior to the start.

A card can be used only once during the competition. Check the functionality of your card at the model control prior to your start. Note that punching units on actual competition controls do not have a blinking function.

Check your Emit card number on the start list and, if needed, make a number change at the Info prior to the start.

It's possible to hire an Emit card at the Info for 5 €. The number of hire cards is limited. A change of the Emit card number at the Info costs 10 €.

Hired Emit cards must be returned to the Info after the competition. Hired cards not returned will be charged at 95 € each.

Competition Centre

Enter the competition centre only through the guidance. The starting point of guidance is the crossing of road 67 and Varpahaiskyläntie. [Starting point in Google Maps](#). Address of the competition centre is Varpahaiskyläntie 301, 61330 Ilmajoki.

First Aid and Water Points

There is a first aid point in the competition centre. In the terrain, there are no specific first aid points.

There are several water points in the terrain described in the map.

Start Lists

Start lists can be seen on the results board in the competition centre and at the start as well as on the website. [Start lists](#)

Starts

First starts at 11:00 a.m.

Start n:o 1: Classes M/W21E and M21EB. Distance from the competition centre: 400 metres.

Check the direction from the guiding pole. The Color of guidance is orange. There is no quarantine zone in any class.

Competition Numbers, Emit Control Slips and Control Descriptions

Competition numbers are used in classes M/W21E. The numbers are available at the competition centre as self service. Note: take your own safety pins!

Emit card control slips are available at the start.

Control descriptions are printed on the competition map and also available separately at the start before calling. There are neither attaching equipment nor covers available. Height of the separate control descriptions are max. 16cm

Start Procedure

The competitor is called out four minutes prior to his/her starting time.

Emit card is reset three minutes prior to the starting time; this is on the responsibility of the competitor.

The competition map can be seen two minutes prior to the starting time.

The competitor moves next to his/her map one minute prior to the starting time.

The competitor can take the map at the starting moment. There is a signposted route to the starting point. The Competitor must follow the signposted route.

Finish

There is a marked route from the last control to the finish. Remember to punch on the finish line! After the finish, the competitor continues to the Emit data extraction point. Unclear cases are solved immediately. The finish will be closed at 5:00 p.m.

Competitors are not allowed to show the map to anyone before the final start, fair play!

Drop-Outs

Dropped out competitors must report at the finish or, alternatively, pass on the information about dropping out to the finish through another person.

Complaints

Possible complaints regarding results can be filed at the Info next to the finish no later than 15 minutes after the final results of the class in question have been published. Complaints filed thereafter will not be dealt with.

Prizes

Prize-giving takes place after the results are clear. The number of awarded competitors can be seen on the results board. Prizes that are not picked up will not be sent or delivered afterwards. In classes M/W21E, there will be a prize-giving ceremony.

Returning Maps

Competitors keep their maps after their performance. According to the rules, it is forbidden to show the map or competition course to other competitors or coaches. This also applies to showing courses on old maps. If this ethical guidance is violated, all concerned competitors may be disqualified.

Dressing and Washing

Dressing and washing take place in the competition centre in outdoor conditions. The water in the washing place is in buckets and the water is warm. No washing place for gear.

Ban on Spike Shoes

Wearing spike shoes in the competition is forbidden, but shoes with studs are permitted

Toilets and Waste Management

Toilets are located in the competition centre, see marked route from the guiding pole.

There are garbage collection points in the competition centre.

Food and Beverage

There is a restaurant in the competition centre serving food, sandwiches, coffee, other beverages etc.

Open Courses

An open course orienteering available at 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Course alternatives: 3 km (easy), 5 km (demanding) and 7 km (demanding). Entries to open courses at competition centre info (cash or card payment); map fee 12 €/course, under 16-year-olds 6 €/course. Different courses Saturday and Sunday. Both days 20€, under 16-year-olds 10€.

The open course start and finish are located approximately 1 km from the competition centre.

The organiser wishes everyone welcome as well as good luck in the competition!

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Saturday

