



# Media Bulletin

## ORIENTEERING WORLD CUP

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ROUTE-MAP-TO-WOC2025

2024

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# Welcome to Kuopio – the capital of good living!

I am delighted to welcome all competitors and participants in the orienteering World Cup event to the Kuopio region. The setting and scenery in Northern Savonia and Kuopio provide the race with a unique element and make it an unforgettable experience. Kuopio region is a clean and safe but versatile place to run the race. The water and air quality are one of the best in the world and they will boost the performances to the best.

Kuopio is the 8<sup>th</sup> biggest city in Finland, with nearly 123,000 inhabitants. Kuopio residents are statistically very satisfied with the recreational opportunities and residential environment of their hometown. In addition to the World Cup you are welcomed to Kuopio Market Place or "Mualiman napa" "The center of the Universe, as we locals call it.

Looking forward to seeing you in September 2024!"

Soile Lahti  
Mayor of Kuopio



# Welcome

ROUTE-MAP-TO-WOC2025, KUOPIO is reaching its exciting last stages while all the best athletes meet at Northern Savonia terrain and will decide the overall World Cup winners for the long orienteering season 2024. This late season event will set the pace for preparations towards the WOC2025 and winners will have to bear the biggest pressure over the soon starting long training season all the way until our reunion Mid July next year at Kuopio-Tahko.

You are most welcome to Finland, Northern Savonia and Kuopio-Tahko – let the best orienteers take home the overall victories of the season!

Jari Kymäläinen

Event Director

Orienteering World Cup, Final Round 2024



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# 1. ORGANISATION AND CONTACTS

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Assistant controller	Pekka Hiltunen (FIN)

## 2. EVENT PROGRAMME

Wednesday	25th September	Where
08.00–19.30	Event office open	<a href="#">Break Sokos Hotel Tahko</a>
10.00–12.00	Technical model event	Tahko, <a href="#">Google Maps</a>
by 12.00	Name entries (long)	<a href="#">IOF Eventor</a>
12.00–15.00	Model event	Parking, <a href="#">Google Maps</a>
by 15.00	Deadline TOM Q&A	<a href="#">IOF Eventor</a>
18.00–19.00	Team officials' meeting (long)	Break Sokos Hotel Tahko (hybrid)
18.00–19.00	Quarantine 1 open (team's own material)	<a href="#">Nilsia Sports Hall</a>

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>26th September</b>	<b>Where</b>
07.00–10.00	Event office open	<a href="#">Break Sokos Hotel Tahko</a>
08.00	Quarantine 1 open	<a href="#">Nilsinä Sports Hall</a>
08.35	First bus to pre-start	Nilsinä Sports Hall
09.25	Quarantine 1 entry closing	Nilsinä Sports Hall
09.29.30	First start men	
09.56	First start women	
11.00–17.00	Event office open	<a href="#">Arena Lastulahti</a>
13.46	Last bus to pre-start	Nilsinä Sports Hall
After competition	W & M Flower ceremony (long)	Arena Lastulahti
16.35	W & M Prize giving ceremony (long)	Arena Lastulahti

<b>Friday</b>	<b>27th September</b>	<b>Where</b>
8.00–12.30	Event office open	<a href="#">Break Sokos Hotel Tahko</a>
10.00–14.00	Model event training	Parking, <a href="#">Google Maps</a>
by 12.00	Name entries (middle)	<a href="#">IOF Eventor</a>
15.00–19.30	Event office open	Break Sokos Hotel Tahko
by 15.00	Deadline TOM Q&A (middle/relay)	<a href="#">IOF Eventor</a>
18.00–19.00	Team officials' meeting (middle/relay)	Break Sokos Hotel Tahko (hybrid)

<b>Friday</b>	<b>27th September</b>	<b>Where</b>
8.00–12.30	Event office open	<a href="#">Break Sokos Hotel Tahko</a>
10.00–14.00	Model event training	Parking, <a href="#">Google Maps</a>
by 12.00	Name entries (middle)	<a href="#">IOF Eventor</a>
15.00–19.30	Event office open	Break Sokos Hotel Tahko
by 15.00	Deadline TOM Q&A (middle/relay)	<a href="#">IOF Eventor</a>
18.00–19.00	Team officials' meeting (middle/relay)	Break Sokos Hotel Tahko (hybrid)

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>28th September</b>	<b>Where</b>
07.00–09.30	Event office open	<a href="#">Break Sokos Hotel Tahko</a>
08.00	Quarantine 1 open	<a href="#">Nilsiä Sports Hall</a>
08.31	First bus to pre-start	Nilsiä Sports Hall
09.30	Quarantine 1 entry closing	Nilsiä Sports Hall
09.40	First start women	
10.30–17.30	Event office open	<a href="#">Arena Lastulahti</a>
10.25	First start men	
13.58	Last bus to pre-start	Nilsiä Sports Hall
After competition	W & M Flower ceremony (middle)	Arena Lastulahti
16.05	W & M Prize giving ceremony (middle)	Arena Lastulahti
18.00	Relay team entries and changes	<a href="#">IOF Eventor</a> , Event Office

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29th September</b>	<b>Where</b>
08.00–10.00	Event office open	<a href="#">Break Sokos Hotel Tahko</a>
09.30	Quarantine 1 open	<a href="#">Nilsinä Sports Hall</a>
10.45–17.00	Event office open	<a href="#">Arena Lastulahti</a>
10.00	First bus to pre-start	Nilsinä Sports Hall
10.59	Men start	Arena Lastulahti
11.00	Quarantine 1 entry closing	Nilsinä Sports Hall
After competition	Flower ceremony men	Arena Lastulahti
13.02	Women start	Arena Lastulahti
13.07	Last bus to pre-start	Nilsinä Sports Hall

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29th September</b>	<b>Where</b>
After competition	Flower ceremony women	<a href="#">Arena Lastulahti</a>
15.10	Prize giving ceremony (relay)	Arena Lastulahti
15.15	Prize Giving ceremony WC2024 overall	Arena Lastulahti
15.20	Tribute to Best Team 2024	Arena Lastulahti
18.00	World Cup 2024 final dinner and party	<a href="#">Break Sokos Hotel Tahko</a>
<b>Monday</b>		
09.00–10.00	Lost&found etc	Break Sokos Hotel Tahko

### 3. VENUE, ACCESS AND TRANSPORTATION

General information [Google Maps](#).

The event will take place in Lastukoski, which is located 22 kilometres from holiday resort Tahko and 60 kilometres from Kuopio. It is the major city of eastern part of Finland.

#### Competition centre

Arena Lastulahti

Address

Lastulahdentie 188, 73320 Kuopio

[63°11'07.6"N 28°15'06.3"E](#)

#### Event Office

[Break Sokos Hotel Tahko](#).

Meeting room Tahko/Vuori

Address

Sääskiniementie 560, 73310 Tahkovuori

[63°17'29.9"N 28°02'17.8"E](#)

#### Technical model event

Tahko

Address

Tahkolaaksontie 61, 73310 Kuopio

[63°17'09.3"N 28°02'02.2"E](#)

#### Model Event

Address for parking

Aniaisentie 382, 73320 Kuopio.

[63°10'20.9"N 28°13'45.5"E](#)

# Entry summary

Federation	Men	Women	Team officials	Total
 Australia	4	2		6
 Austria	6	6	4	16
 Belgium	2	3		5
 Canada	3			3
 Czechia	6	6	3	15
 Denmark	8	10	3	21
 Estonia	6	4	1	11
 Finland	10	10	9	29
 France	9	6	4	19
 Germany	10	5	3	18
 Great Britain	9	9	3	21
 Hong Kong China	4	4	2	10
 Hungary	4	1	1	6
 Ireland	4	2		6
 Israel	4			4
 Italy	4	3	1	8
 Japan	3	1		4
 Latvia	9	6	1	16
 Lithuania	2	1		3
 Moldova, Republic of	1			1
 Netherlands	1	2	1	4
 New Zealand	3	2		5
 Norway	11	9	4	24
 Poland	3	4	1	8
 Portugal	3	1		4
 Romania	1		1	2
 Slovakia	4	2		6
 Spain	5	5		10
 Sweden	10	10	4	24
 Switzerland	10	10	4	24
 Ukraine	4	4	1	9
 United States	2	1		3
Sum	165	129	51	345

## 4. MEDIA SERVICES

### Services for accredited media include:

- Working facilities with Wi-Fi access and power supply
- Maps and start lists
- Coffee/tea and water
- Parking close to arena
- Access to photo controls/zones
- Access to mixed zone
- ID cards and photo vests

Media facilities are located in Lastukoski arena. There will be no dedicated media services in Tahko. Event office is available in general questions concerning the event. Please note the opening hours of the office (see the information in this bulletin ( event programme, section 2.).

The media facilities in the tent are open on all the competition days (subject to changes)

- Thursday, from 8:30–17:00
- Saturday, 8:30–17:00
- Sunday, 9:00–16:00

## Photo and Video

During the competitions, all photographers and video operators have to wear a special photo vest. The vests will be handed out at the event office at the arenas of each competition day. We will charge 50 € for missing vest. The official photographers of the organisers will upload photos from each competition day to [SSL Media](#). These photos can be used free of charge, but please remember always to credit the author.

## Transportation and Parking

There will be no dedicated transportation for the media to the arena. Media is expected to use their own transportation. In the competitions, Media representatives can use the VIP parking marked in the arena map. A permit for parking is needed and sent to the accredited media by e-mail. Please place the permit in the windshield of your car to ensure smooth access to the parking,

## Live production

There will be live productions from all races on YLE Finland, SVT, Sweden, NRK Norway, TV8, France and on [IOF Live Center](#) with German and English commentary. During the competitions, athletes may encounter camera crews in the terrain. Camera controls and intermediate time controls are not marked on the control description. Athletes may also be followed by a running camera or by camera-drones during the race. The drones will keep a proper distance from the athletes.



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## **Mixed zone**

The Mixed Zone area is set up after the Finish area for each race. There will be space outside for media representatives to take photos and conduct interviews. You must follow any instructions from officials to ensure a smooth operation.

## **Guided access to photo control points**

A guided access to photo control points will be provided on each competition day. A start time for a guided walk to the control points will be informed to the photographers separately.

More information and inquiries:

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## 5. MEDIA BRIEFINGS

There will be short media briefings on each competition day at the Lastukoski arena in the media facilities:

### **Thursday, Sept 26**

briefing at the media tent at 8:45

### **Saturday, Sept 28**

to be confirmed

### **Sunday, Sept 29**

to be confirmed

## 6. PROGRAMME

### THURSDAY 26TH LONG DISTANCE

#### Format

Long distance with the start interval 3 minutes for the best ranked 40 competitors in competition and 2 minutes for all others.

#### Participation

The number of participants per nation and additional participants is defined in the official document about national quotas.

#### First start (preliminary):

Women 09.56

Men 09.29.30

#### Map

1:15 000, contour interval 5m, mapped by Janne Weckman and Timo Joensuu

#### Course planner Jarmo Puttonen

- Women 11.7 km, 290 m climb, 23 controls
- Men 14.5 km, 370 climb, 25 controls
- Expected winning times 88 minutes
- Number of refreshments at the controls 3
- Loose control descriptions will be handed out at -3 min and are printed on the competition map as well

# SATURDAY 28TH MIDDLE DISTANCE

## Format

Middle distance with the start interval 2.

## Participation

The number of participants per nation and additional participants is defined in the official document about national quotas.

## First start (preliminary)

Women 09.40

Men 10.25

## Map

1:10 000, contour interval 5m, mapped by Janne Weckman and Timo Joensuu

## Course planner Marko Uotila

- Women 4.5 km, 185 m climb, 16 controls
- Men 5.5 km, 220 climb, 20 controls
- Expected winning time 32 minutes
- Number of refreshment at the controls 1
- Loose control descriptions will be handed out at -3 min and are printed on the competition map as well

# SUNDAY 29TH RELAY

## Format

Relay, separate classes for men and women with 3 legs, mass start.

## Participation

A Federation may enter 3 teams each consisting of 3 competitors in each class. Incomplete teams, and teams with runners from more than one Federation are allowed to start, but are not included in the official results. Instructions to MIX team entries will be given in Team Officials Meeting Wed 25<sup>th</sup> of September.

## First start:

Men 10.59

Women 13.00

## Map

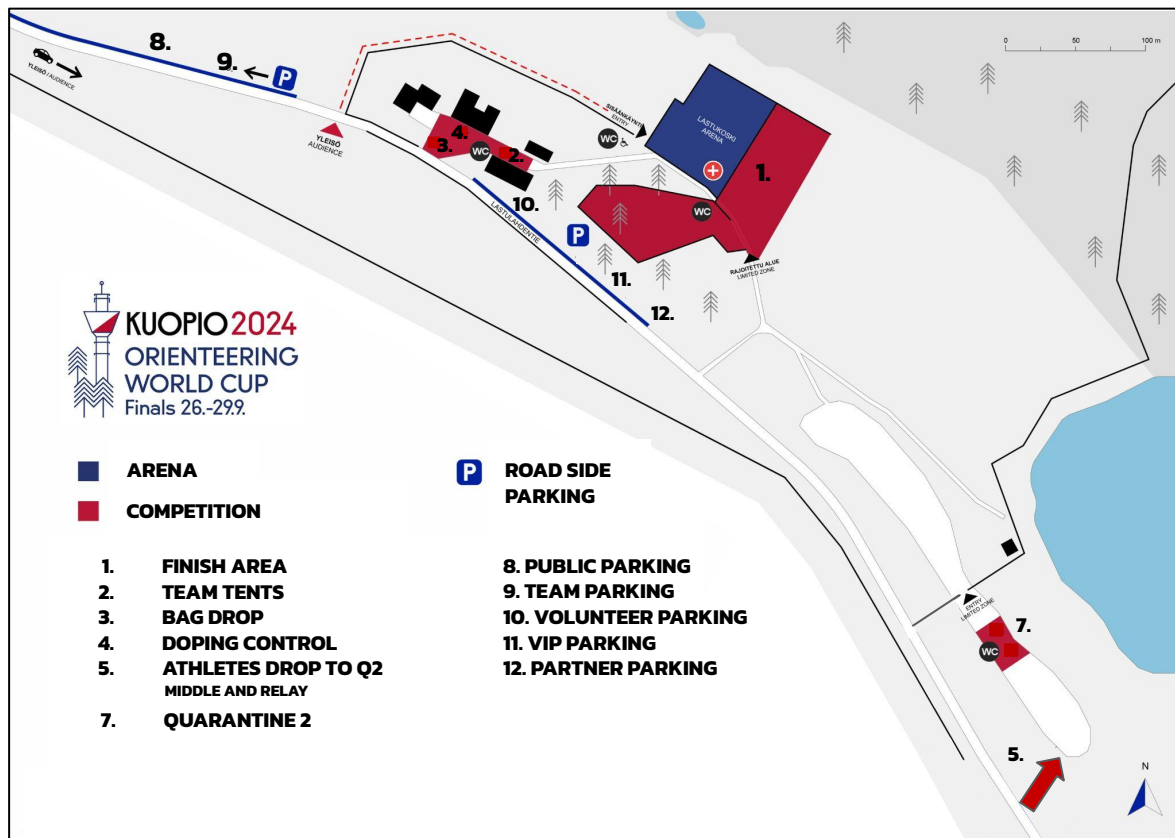
1:10 000, contour interval 5m, mapped by Janne Weckman and Timo Joensuu

## Course planner Olli-Jussi Korpinen

- Women 4.7–4.9 km, 135 m climb, 13–15 controls
- Men 5.5–5.6 km, 155 m climb, 15–17 controls
- Expected winning times women 34/102 min, men 33 min/99
- Number of refreshment 1
- Control descriptions are printed on the competition map

## 7. ARENA

Address :  
Lastulahdentie 188,  
73320 Kuopio



# Welcome to the World Cup Finals in Kuopio

