

COMPETITION INSTRUCTIONS

Two-day national Pasi Ikonen race and Barents Games orienteering, Soidinharju, Kiiminki, 22–23 August 2026

Long distance on Saturday 22 August and middle distance on Sunday 23 August.

Key officials

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- Jury

Rules

The competitions are conducted in accordance with the rules of the Finnish Orienteering Federation (SSL) and the organiser's instructions. Take particular care when crossing bridges.

Competition terrain

A largely new area is available to orienteers, with a map produced by professionals. The terrain consists of varied forest and marshland broken up by meandering river channels and pond formations.

Course planner's comments

The courses are at the lower end of the expected winning-time ranges. A separate area is used on each day. Recent rainfall has raised the water level in the streams considerably, by approximately 2 m over the past two weeks. The current is also very strong. For this reason, the streams may only be crossed at the marked crossing points. The depressions along the streams are also flooded, so some controls may be located on the edges of the depressions. The marshes are wet, and the distinction between marsh and marshy ground may be difficult to identify in the terrain.

The children's courses stay close to the competition centre and do not involve any stream crossings.

Map and control descriptions

Mapping Mapline Oy 2024, revision Heikki Grekelä 05/2026.

Map size A4. Maps are in plastic bags and may be taken at the start time. Control descriptions are printed on the map; no separate control descriptions are available. Scales are given under Classes and distances.

Directions and parking

From the OuluZone junction, 34 km northeast of Oulu on Highway 20 (VT20), the driving distance is approximately 2 km along a road that is narrow and uneven in places. Signposting will be in place from 09:00 on Saturday. Parking is immediately adjacent to the competition centre. When leaving the competition area, turn your car around in the parking area and return along the same route to Kuusamontie. Please carpool whenever possible.

Info

The competition Info is located at the competition centre. Rental Emit cards can be collected from Info. Prizes for the masters and junior (H/D16-20) classes can be collected from Info once the results are final.

Competition numbers

Competition numbers are used in the Barents Games classes H/D16-H/D21. The same number is used on both days. Competitors must bring their own safety pins. The number must be returned to the officials at the finish on Sunday.

Punching system and Emit card

The Emit punching system is used. Each competitor is responsible for ensuring that their Emit card is in working order. Competitors must check that their Emit card matches the registered card number and that the number is correct in the start list. Use of the wrong card may result in disqualification. An incorrect Emit number must be corrected at Info. Check that your Emit card works at the model control. Use a backup card with your Emit card; backup cards are available at the start.

Rental Emit cards can be collected from Info and must also be returned there after finishing and punch checking. Loan Emit cards are available free of charge from info for Barents Games competitors. A fee of €70 will be charged for an unreturned Emit card.

Model control

The model control is located at the competition centre.

Start

There are two start locations on both days.

- Saturday: first start at 12:00. The distance to Start 1 is 1.2 km along a marked route. Start 2 is at the competition centre.
- Sunday: first start at 10:30. The distance to Start 1 is 1.6 km along a marked route. Start 2 is at the competition centre.

Competitors are called into the start area 4 minutes before their start time. A model map is on display. The children's start uses a separate lane marked off with plastic tape.

	Classes H/D16-85	Classes H/D10RR-H/D14 and 10RR OPEN
4 min before start		
3 min before start	Reset Emit card	
2 min before start	Model map on display.	H/D10 competitors receive the competition map and instructions. H/D12TR competitors receive the competition map.

		H/D12, H/D13 and H/D14 competitors study the model map, which shows the K-point (start point).
1 min before start	Move next to the map container. The map may be taken at the start signal. The competitor is responsible for taking the correct map.	H/D12, H/D13 and H/D14 competitors may take the competition map and study the course.

Classes and distances

Saturday	Length		Ctrls	Scale	Start
H21	10,19		21	1:10000	1
D21,H20,H35	7,26		17	1:10000	1
H18,H40,H45	6,63		16	1:10000	1
D18,D20,D35,H50,H55	5,71		15	1:10000	1
H16,D40,D45,H60,H65	3,8		11	1:7500	1
D16,D50,D55,H70	3,12		9	1:7500	1
D60,D65,H75,H80	2,82		8	1:7500	1
H14,D14,D70,D75,H85	2,83		8	1:7500	1
H12,D12,D80,D85	1,2		5	1:7500	2
H12TR,D12TR	1,2		5	1:7500	2
H10RR,D10RR,H8RR,D8RR	1,68/1,08		5	1:7500	2
Sunday				All 1:7500	
H21	5,23		16		1
D21,H20,H35	4,34		13		1
H18,H40,H45	4,24		13		1
D18,D20,D35,H50,H55	3,77		12		1
H16,D40,D45,H60,H65	3,63		11		1
D16,D50,D55,H70	3,02		11		1
D60,D65,H75,H80	2,92		9		1
H14,D14,D70,D75,H85	2,60		8		1
H12,D12,D80,D85	1,3		6		2
H12TR,D12TR	1,2		5		2
H10RR,D10RR,H8RR,D8RR	1,85/0,94		5		2

Finish

At the final control there are two punching units, one marked RR and the other with a numerical code. You may punch at either unit at the final control. A marked route leads from the final controls to the finish and must be followed. Finish punching is used. The finish closes at 15:00 on both days.

Results



Online results are available on the competition website <https://skpohjantahti.fi/index.php/pasi-ikosen-rastit-2026/>

Combined results will be displayed on the results board at the competition centre.

Retiring

A competitor who retires must report to the results service at the competition centre.

Changing, washing and toilets

There are no changing or washing facilities at the competition centre. Toilets are available at the competition centre.

Prizes

In the main classes, the top three in the combined results will receive gift cards provided by Hulluna.com, a specialist store for skiing, running and cycling. Winners of the age classes will receive product bags from Putaan Pulla, and winners of the junior classes (H/D14–20) will receive merchandise prizes. In the children's classes H/D8RR–12, all competitors receive a prize. More detailed lists of prize recipients are available on the competition information board.

In the Barents classes H/D16–21, medals and honorary prizes will be awarded to the top three representatives of the Barents national teams on both days.

The prize-giving ceremony for the main classes and children's classes (H/D8–12) will be held on Sunday once the combined results are final. Prizes for the other classes can be collected from Info once the results for the class are final.

First aid

At the competition centre. Person in charge: Johanna Liinamaa, telephone 040 702 4524

Café

At the competition centre.

The café serves a hot lunch to the Barents teams.