

COMPETITION INVITATION

Two-day national Pasi Ikonen Orienteering Event and Barents Games Orienteering in Soidinharju, Kiiminki, 22–23 August 2026

The event offers orienteers a largely new area with a professionally produced map. The terrain consists of varied forest and marshland shaped by meandering river channels and riverine pond formations. Part of the entry fees will be donated to the Pasi Ikonen Fund of the Finnish Orienteering Foundation.

Distances: Sat 22 Aug long distance and Sun 23 Aug middle distance

Classes and fees:

- M/W21–85: €20/day
- M/W16–20: €15/day
- M/W12–14, M/W12TR, M/W10RR, M/W RR Open: €13/day
- No motion orienteering (Oulurastit event from the competition centre on Tue 25 Aug)

Entries: Via the IRMA/Rastilippu service by Mon 17 Aug at 23:59. Those entering the two-day competition must enter separately for each day. €2 from every entry fee will be donated to the Pasi Ikonen Fund of the Finnish Orienteering Foundation.

Late entries: Accepted at 1.5 times the standard fee by Wed 20 Aug at 23:59 via the IRMA service or by email at kilpailut@skpohjantahti.fi

Starts: From 12:00 on Saturday and from 10:30 on Sunday. Barents teams will be drawn in a separate start draw group.

Map: On both days, scale 1:10,000, contour interval 2.5 m. For M/W14 and younger and M/W50 and older, scale 1:7,500. Maps will be in plastic covers. Map size A3 or A4 depending on class. Mapping by Mapline Oy in 2024, updated by Heikki Grekelä in 05/2026.

Punching system: Emit, with finish punching used. Emit card rental €5/day, payable at the information desk when collecting the card. Changing an Emit number at the competition venue: €5.

Start times: On the competition website <https://skpohjantahti.fi/index.php/pasi-ikosen-rastit-2026/> by Thu 21 Aug at 21:00.

Competition rules: The competitions will be held in accordance with the competition rules of the Finnish Orienteering Federation and the instructions provided by the organiser.

Directions and parking: From the OuluZone junction 34 km north-east of Oulu on road Vt20, followed by approximately 2 km along a partly narrow and potholed road. Signposting will be in place from 09:00 on Saturday. Parking is located in the immediate vicinity of the competition centre.

Competition centre: In field conditions. No washing facilities. The café will serve coffee, pastries and sausages.

Prizes: Awarded based on combined results. In the Barents classes M/W16–21, medals and honorary prizes will be awarded to the three best representatives of the Barents national teams on both days. In the children's classes M/W10RR–12, all competitors will receive a prize. More detailed prize lists will be available on the competition information board.

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