

# BULLETIN 1

## Väraska Originaal Finnish Spring 2026

IOF WORLD RANKING EVENT (WRE)

Lakianummi, Salo, Finland — Saturday 25 April 2026

International Orienteering Competition — Long Distance (WRE)

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### 1. Event Status

The **Väraska Originaal Finnish Spring 2026** will host an **IOF World Ranking Event (WRE)** for the elite classes M21E and W21E.

The WRE competition will take place on:

**Saturday 25 April 2026 — Long Distance**

The event is organised under the authority of the **International Orienteering Federation (IOF)** and the **Finnish Orienteering Federation**, and will be conducted according to:

- IOF Competition Rules for Foot Orienteering
- IOF World Ranking Scheme Rules
- Regulations of the Finnish Orienteering Federation

### 2. Organiser

**Organising Club:** Angelniemen Ankkuri

**Event Director:** Jarmo Reiman, jarmo.reiman@nyved.fi

**Event Website:** <https://www.finnishspring.fi>

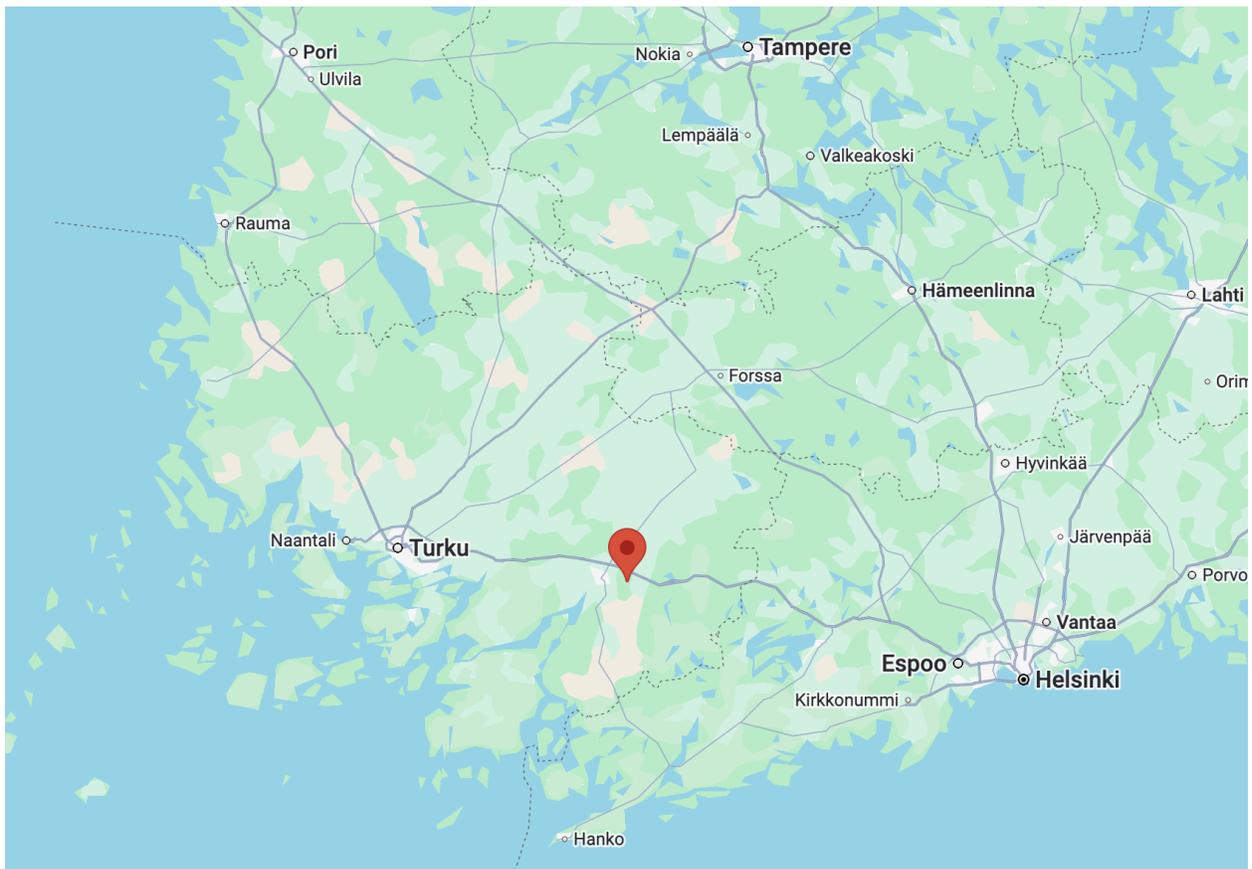
### 3. Event Officials

- **IOF Event Adviser (IOF EA):** Johan Uusimäki

- **Course Setter:** Mikko Lähdekorpi
- **Course Controller:** Risto Gustafsson (Rasti-Perniö)
- **Results Service / Entries Contact:**  
Risto Kivinen / Result Fellows  
risto.kivinen@resultfellows.com

## 4. Event venue

Overall map:

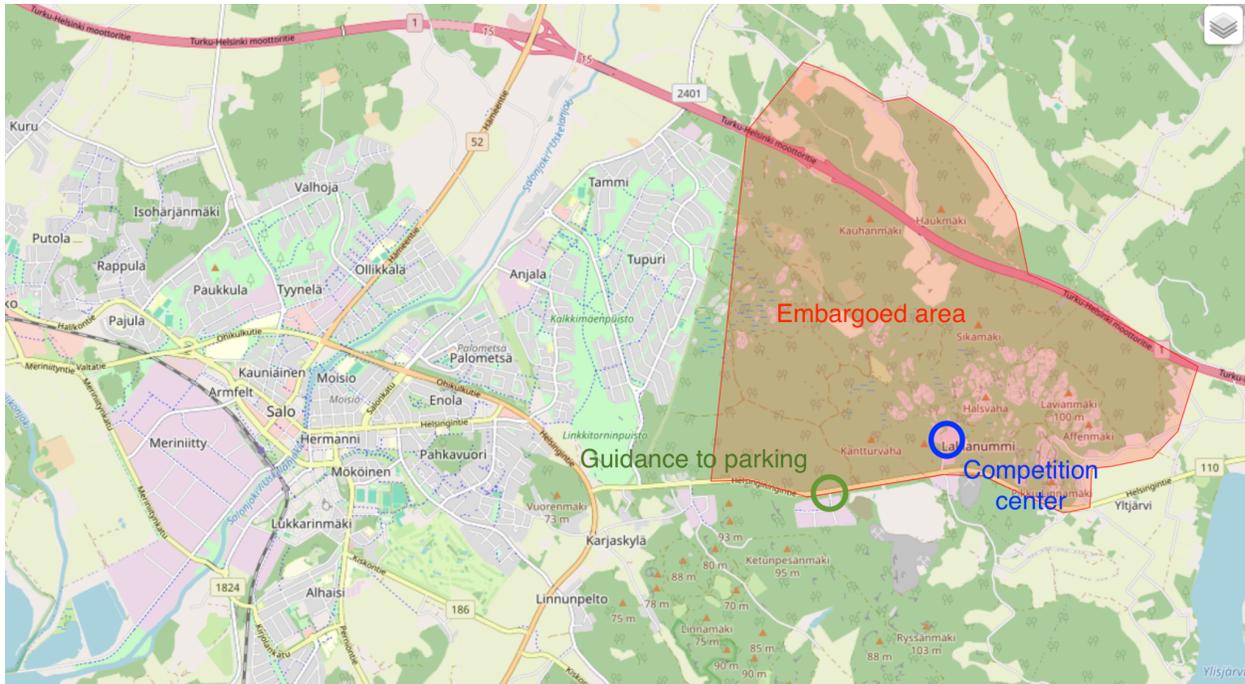


### Competition centre:

Ruusulehto industrial area

Ruusulehdontie 13, 25130 Muurla, Finland

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/nkeSzR5m4ub8ifVW8>



## 5. Climate

The weather at the end of April in Southwest Finland is usually mild, depending on how spring has progressed. The mean temperature in Salo in late April is approximately +10 °C. However, lower temperatures are possible. Check the weather forecast before travelling.

## 6. Directions for obtaining entry permits (visas)

According to current regulations, citizens of certain countries must obtain a visa before travelling to Finland. For official information on visa requirements, visa application procedures and travel document rules, please see the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland's guidance on entering Finland and travelling abroad:

<https://um.fi/entering-finland-and-travelling-abroad>

## 7. Event program

- 7:00 Parking opens
- 11:00 First start in the WRE classes
- 14:00 Last start in the WRE classes
- 16:00 Prize-giving ceremony

## 8. Access and parking

There is no public transport to the competition centre, and the organiser does not provide transportation.

Car parking is located at the Metsä-Jaanu industrial area. Navigation address for parking: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/2YB1GnFjA6mE4SRa8>

Distance to competition centre: 1.5–2 km

Parking fee: 3 € per day (payable at the info desk)

## 9. Accommodation

Organizer doesn't offer accommodation, but information about accommodation options will be updated on the competition website: <https://www.finnishspring.fi>

## 10. Terrain

The eastern part of the competition terrain consists of sharply contoured hills with areas of bare rock. Runnability on the hilltops is generally good. The maximum elevation difference in the area is approximately 50 metres.

The western part of the terrain features gentler forest landscape, crossed by several forest roads. The area has been subject to a moderate amount of forestry activity. Runnability in clear-cut areas and young forest stands varies, but in mature forest it is good.

Old map of the terrain. The northeast part of the embargoed area has not been previously mapped.



## 11. Map

Orienteering map, ISOM2017-2  
Mapped by Ari Salonen and Jussi Silvennoinen.  
Updated in 2025 by Ari Salonen.  
Partial new mapping in 2025 by Vesa Elovaara.

**Scale:** 1:15 000

**Contour interval:** 5 m

## 12. Classes and entry fees

- **M21E:** 40 €
- **W21E:** 40 €

There are other age classes in the competition; see the [event invitation](#) for more details:

## 13. WRE Selection Procedure (M/W21E)

If there are more than 60 entries per class, participants will be divided into parallel classes M/W21E1 and M/W21E2. Both classes will be WRE classes.

Selection will be based on:

1. IOF World Ranking points (as of 21 April 2026) — 45 competitors
2. Finnish Forest Ranking (2025) — 10 competitors
3. Selected by the Finnish Orienteering Federation's coaching management and approved by the IOF event adviser — 5 competitors

## 14. Entries

Entries must primarily be submitted via IRMA (<https://irma.suunnistusliitto.fi>). See IRMA-instructions for foreigner:

<https://www.suunnistusliitto.fi/irma/irma-instruction-for-foreigners/>

Competitors without IRMA ID can also register through Eventor. Entries made through Eventor must be paid to the following account:

Account owner: Angelniemen Ankkuri  
Bank name: Lounaismaan Osuuspankki  
IBAN: FI07 5410 5010 0010 08  
SWIFT / BIC: OKOYFIHH

**Entry deadline:** Sunday 19 April 2026. No late entries will be accepted.

The same deadline applies to entry fees.

Changes to entry details: [risto.kivinen@resultfellows.com](mailto:risto.kivinen@resultfellows.com)

## 15. Start Information

**First start:** Saturday 25 April 2026 at 11:00. Last start approximately at 14:00.

There is no start quarantine.

Distance to start approximately 1400 m.

## 16. Punching System

Emit punching system will be used.

Competitors must provide their Emit number when entering.

Rental Emit cards are available:

- 5 €/day
- Fee for unreturned card: 95 €

## 17. Services

- Restaurant and café serving a warm meal. The price is approximately €12.
- Washing facilities and warm showers are available close to the competition centre
- Childcare is available at the competition centre

## 18. Prize Giving

At the competition centre, approximately at 16:00.

## 19. Training

Training opportunities are available in the Salo area. See details at <https://www.angelnienankkuri.com/index.php?page=harjoituspaketit>

Training information will be updated in March–April before the competition.

## Welcome

Welcome to the premier spring long distance event in Southwest Finland!

***Angelnien Ankkuri***