



Invitation

 **WOC TOUR**
Fins KUOPIO | 2025



Greetings from the WOC Tour event director

The World Orienteering Championships hold a special significance for the competitors, enthusiasts, and fans of any sport. The WOC will be held in Kuopio in July 2025. This competition is particularly important for the Finnish orienteering community for several reasons. There is a great deal of trust in Finnish organizational expertise. The last time the World Orienteering Championships were held in Finland was in 2013 in Vuokatti. Now it is time to experience new exhilarating moments.

The public competition and open categories during the Orienteering Week offer the opportunity to experience the same terrains and atmosphere as the top orienteers in the World Championships. The program includes a sprint, a long-distance race, three middle-distance races, and open courses for fitness orienteers. The event's central location will be the Tahko Tourist Center. Tahko provides excellent facilities for the event village, with plenty of accommodation options, attractions, and summer activities. Our goal is to offer audience-friendly events for both the participants of Orienteering Week and the spectators of the World Championships. As the preparations progress, it has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm of the organizing volunteers to ensure a great event week for you.

Kuopion Suunnistajat are delighted to invite orienteering enthusiasts to the championship arenas and forests to enjoy the atmosphere of this prestigious event.

Welcome to the heart of Savonia, to Kuopio, as a spectator, competitor, or enthusiast!

Ari Kauhanen

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WOC Tour 2025



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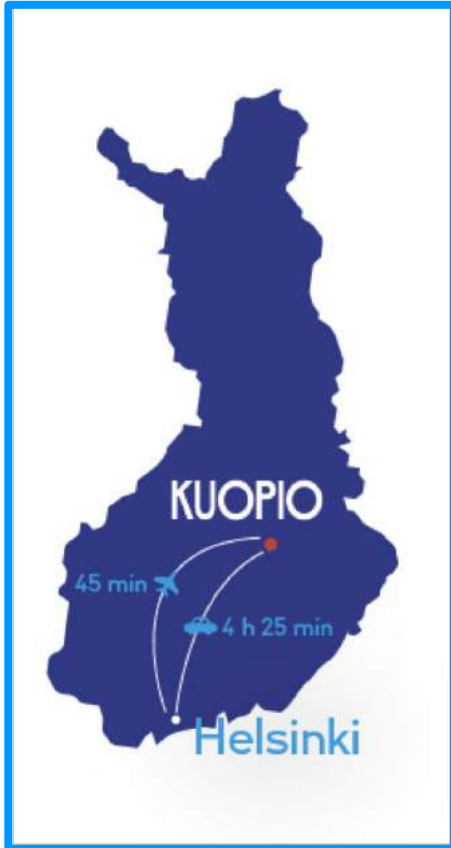
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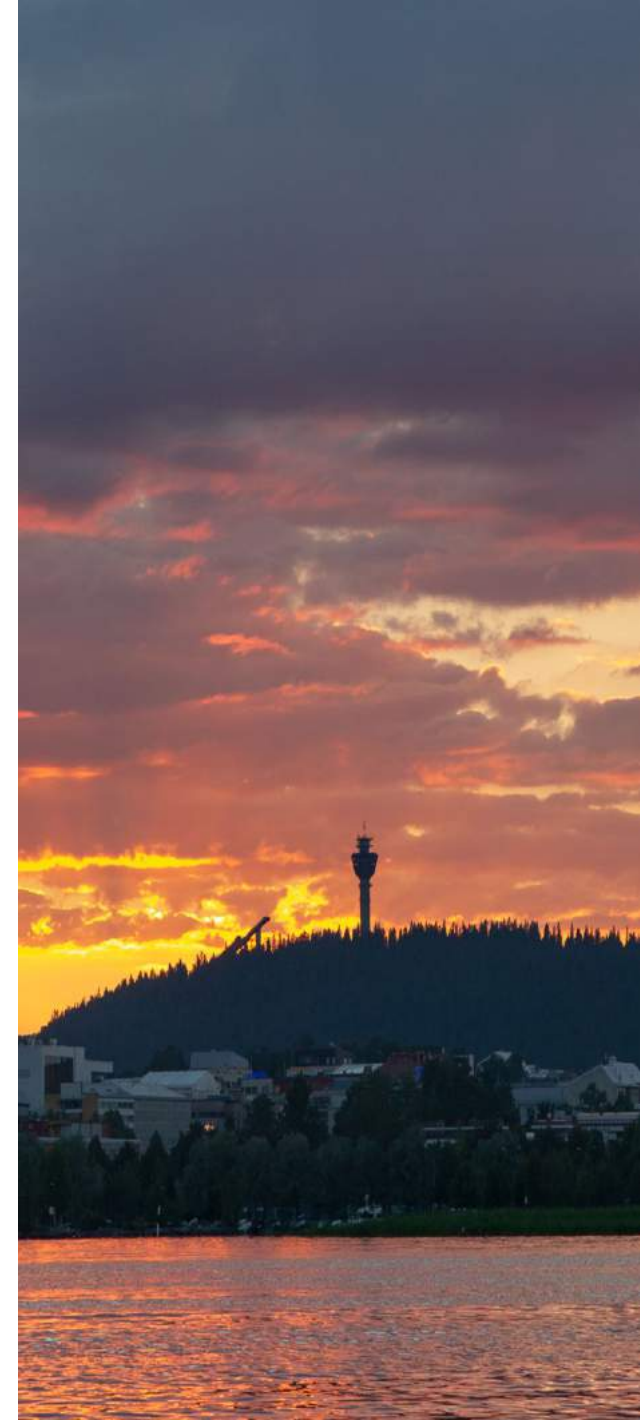
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1. WELCOME TO TAHKO AND KUOPIO!



Kuopio-Tahko enchants visitors with its beautiful lake scenery and diverse activities. Experience the vibrant summer buzz of the city, local delicacies and explore the rich cultural heritage of the Savonia area. The World Championship event week combines sports, natural beauty, and a variety of activities. Welcome to Savo to enjoy the atmosphere and cheer on the world's best orienteers to success.

Feel the heat with top orienteers.



2. COMPETITION DAYS

Date	Time	Event	Competition	Competition center
Mo 7.7.2025	Afternoon	1. stage	Sprint	Nilsinä
Tu 8.7.2025	Afternoon	2. stage	Long distance	Tahko
We 9.7.2025	Morning	3. stage	Middle distance	Tahko
Fr 11.7.2025	Morning	4. stage	Middle distance	Neulaniemi
Sa 12.7.2025	Morning	5. stage	Middle distance	Puijo

3. WOC- AND WOC TOUR ARENAS

Arena, address, Google Maps, date and competition.

Nilsjä	Tahko	Neulamäki	Puijo
Kirkonmäentie 3 73300 Kuopio	Tahkolaaksontie 130 73310 Kuopio	Raiviopolku 70150 Kuopio	Suurmäentie 85 70200 Kuopio
63.202908, 28.080011	63.291629, 28.030114	62.880049, 27.606941	62.907437, 27.649694
Monday 7.7.	Tuesday 8.7.	Wednesday 9.7.	Saturday 12.7.
Tour 1. stage	WOC Middle Distance Qualification	WOC Middle Distance Final	WOC Relay
	Tuesday 8.7.	Thursday 10.7.	Saturday 12.7.
	WOC Tour 2. stage	WOC Long Distance Final	WOC Tour 5. stage
	Wednesday 9.7.	Perjantai 11.7.	
	WOC Tour 3. stage	WOC Tour 4. stage	

4. COMPETITION CLASSES

H21E, H20E, H18E, H16E

H21A, H21AL, H35A, H35AL, H40A, H40AL, H45A, H45AL, H50A, H50AL, H55A, H55AL, H60A, H60AL, H65A, H65AL, H70A, H70AL, H75, H80, H85, H90, H95, H17-20, H16, H14, H13, H12, H12TR, H10, H10RR, H9RR, H8RR

D21E, D20E, D18E, D16E

D21A, D21AL, D35A, D35AL, D40A, D40AL, D45A, D45AL, D50A, D50AL, D55A, D55AL, D60A, D60AL, D65, D70, D75, D80, D85, D90, D95, D17-20, D16, D14, D13, D12, D12TR, D10, D10RR, D9RR, D8RR

5. OPEN CLASSES

A Long, Middle and Short

B Long, Middle and Short

C Long and short

Family RR

Preliminary distances for different categories will be updated on the event website WOC Tour fin5.woc2025.fi
The competition will follow the FOF's (Finnish Orienteering Federation) recommended times. In the elite categories, the starting time cannot be freely chosen. In other categories, the competitor can decide their own starting time (free starting time) according to the guidelines and times provided by the organizers.

6. SELECTIONS FOR H/D21E CLASSES

The organizer reserves the right to limit the number of participants in the H21E and D21E classes. The selection criteria are based on the IOF World Ranking, and for Finnish participants without IOF World Ranking points, the online ranking status as of June 23, 2025, will be used.

REGISTRATION FOR COMPETITION CLASSES

SSL licensed orienteers and competitors with no FOF license should register through the orienteering Irma service. Instructions for obtaining a license can be found on the Finnish Orienteering Federation's website. The participation fee is paid at the time of registration. Registration for the competition opens on August 1, 2024.

A competitors with no FOF license should primarily register through the IRMA service, but can also register via the Holvi online store. In Holvi, select the competition and the class you will participate in. Provide the following information in Holvi:

- Name
- Year of birth
- Phone number
- Email address
- Country
- Club
- Finnish Orienteering Federation license number (if any)
- IOF ID (if any)
- Emit card number (if any)

The participation fee is paid in the Holvi online store. Registration is confirmed once the participation fee has been paid and you have received a confirmation. Registration details can be checked in the IRMA service.

8. REGISTRATION, OPEN CATEGORIES (OPEN CATEGORIES)

You can register for the open categories in advance or on-site. We recommend pre-registration!

A registration for the open categories also grants access to the World Championships finals arena in Neulaniemi for the middle and long-distance events, as well as the Puijo relay finals.

You can rent an Emit card from the open categories info for 20 € entire week or 6 € per day. More detailed instructions can be found on the [Fin5 orienteering week website](#).



Please familiarize yourself with the cancellation and modification terms before registering. When a participant registers for the event through the IRMA service, Holvi online store, or Navisport service, it is considered that the participant has accepted the event's cancellation and modification terms.

9. WOC TOUR – PARTICIPATION FEES (€)

Competition classes	1st 30.9.2024		2nd 31.12.2024		3rd 31.5.2025		Late 22.6.2025		On site	
	week	day	week	day	week	day	week	day	week	day
	H/D16-21E	145	30	150	35	200	40	250	50	---
H/D 8-14	85	20	90	23	110	27	150	30	---	---
Others	95	25	100	28	150	31	200	40	---	---



Competition bib, including Open categories, entitles you to a free entry to WOC arenas!

ENTRY FEES (€)

OPEN CATEGORIES	1st 30.9.2024		2nd 31.12.2024		3rd 31.5.2025		Late 22.6.2025		On-site
	week	day	week	day	week	day	week	day	
Open classes	70	15	80	17	85	19	90	21	30
Open classes (under 14 years)	40	9	45	11	50	13	55	15	20
Family-RR*	40	9	45	11	50	13	55	15	20

* Family-RR includes maps for the entire participating family and one emit card.

10. EMIT CARD CHANGES

In competition classes, changing the Emit card number is free of charge until June 22, 2025. You can change the Emit number yourself directly in the IRMA service until June 22, or by notifying our office at tourinfo@woc2025.fi.

From June 23, 2025, Emit number changes can only be reported via email to tourinfo@woc2025.fi. A handling fee of 10 € will be charged for the change.

In open classes (recreational orienteering), Emit card number changes can be reported in advance by email to tourinfo@woc2025.fi or on-site at the info desk.

11. INFO

The info desk will be available at the Tahko event village on July 6, 2025, and at the competition centers in competition days.

Opening hours will be published on the event website.

Guidance for the Tahko event village will be in place from Sääsiniementie (5775) on Saturday, July 5, 2025, from 8:00 AM.

12. COMPETITION CENTERS

The competition center for the first stage is at the Kankainen sports field in Nilsiä town center, which is 12 km from the Tahko event village. The competition centers for the second and third stages are in the Tahko holiday village. The competition center for the fourth stage is at the Neulamäki sports field in Kuopio. The competition center for the fifth stage is at the Puijo sports stadium in Kuopio.

The competition centers offer the following services: information desk, restaurant, café, and kiosk services, orienteering equipment store, sales and exhibition points, first aid, and toilets. The ample services in the Tahko area are available during the orienteering week. Information about services can be found on the competition website. The competition centers are easily accessible with strollers.

13. GUIDANCE

Information will be updated on the competition website. Access to the competition centers is only permitted via guided routes.



14. PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

On competition days, there will be bus transportation between the Tahko event village and the competition center. You can purchase transportation through the WOC online store. Information about parking areas and transportation will be updated on the competition website WOC Tour woc2025.fi. The event offers excellent opportunities to utilize Kuopio's public transportation system, Vilkku, as well as city bikes, Vilkku bikes.

15. STARTS

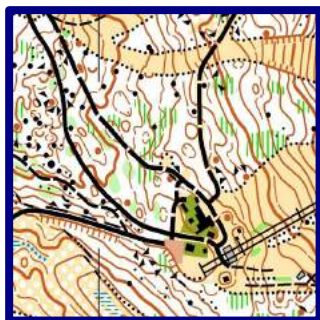
The starts are located approximately 1.0–2.5 km from the competition center, with children's starts as close to the competition center as possible or with bus transportation arranged to the start. Exact distances to the starts will be provided in the competition instructions.



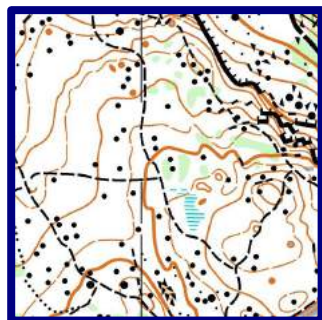
16. Terrains



Stage 1. Nilsjä



Stage 2-3. Tahko



Stage 4. Neulaniemi



Stage 5. Puijo

Stage 1. Nilsjä

The Nilsjä town area has relatively minor elevation changes. It features public service buildings and low-rise apartment buildings. Orienteering here is expected to be relatively easy, though speed and the ingenuity of the course setters may surprise participants. The Swiss national team trained in this area before the World Championships in Vuokatti. A pleasant start to the orienteering week.

Stage 2-3. Tahko

The competition terrain is located around the Tahko ski resort. The highest point of Tahkomäki is 201 meters above the surface of the nearby lake. The terrain around Tahko is partly undulating. Vegetation ranges from open ski slopes to old forest with deciduous trees, spruces, and pines. Some open areas are due to forest logging. Runability is generally good across all areas. Elevation changes and rocky surfaces add physical demands and make running more challenging. Visibility varies from low to excellent. Less favorable sections can be bypassed with good route planning and execution. The trail and path network near the arena is quite dense.



Karttapaikka

MapAnt



Stage 4. Neulaniemi

The Neulaniemi area is characterized by significant elevation changes, high rocky hills, and undulating terrain. Neulamäki rises 200 meters above sea level and 120 meters above Lake Kallavesi. The area's forests are primarily managed forests but have not been logged in the past 30 years. The oldest forests are 100–130 years old, and about half of the forests are over 80 years old. The terrain is mainly coniferous, with spruce dominating about half of the forest and slightly less than half consisting of pines. The proportion of deciduous forest is small and sporadic. Runability varies from good forest terrain to rocky surfaces. Fallen trees in unmanaged forests can slow movement speed. Visibility ranges from good to excellent.

Stage 5. Puijo

The terrain in Puijo is characterized by individual rocks and small cliffs, as well as steep slopes. There are also parts of the terrain that are relatively featureless. The vegetation consists of old forest with deciduous trees, pines, and spruces. Runability is generally good. Elevation changes and fallen trees can slow down movement speed. Visibility is generally good. Puijo is a recreational area in the heart of Kuopio.

17. TRAINING AND COMPETITION RESTRICTED AREA

The northern part of Puijo, known as the Puijonsarvi area, is under a competition and training ban until July 12, 2025, in addition to the previously restricted southern part of Puijo. During winter, skiing is permitted on the Puijonsarvi trail in the restricted area. Detailed information on the training and competition restricted areas can be found from woc2025.fi.

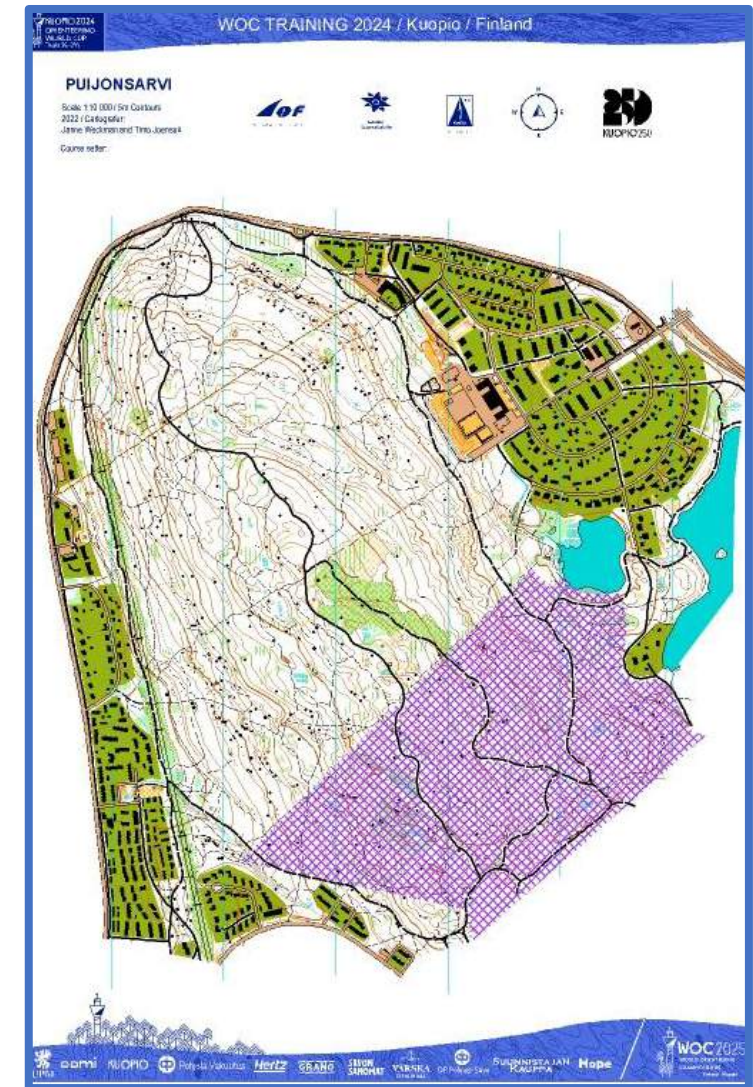
Exception to the Restriction for Athletes Targeting the World Championships

A World Championship test orienteering event will be held in the Puijonsarvi area in June 7, 2025, and athletes registered for this event may participate.

After the test event, athletes selected for the national teams will be allowed to train in the area. Athletes who are not selected for the teams after the national team selections will remain under the WOC Tour training and competition restriction until July 12, 2025.

Thus, athletes from different countries preparing for the World Championships who do not plan to participate in the June 7, 2025, test orienteering may train in the area.

National federations may permit or prohibit training in the area for their potential World Championship athletes. The training restriction also applies to individuals closely associated with those participating in the selection events.



[Google Maps](https://www.google.com/maps)

18. MAPS AND SCALE

Mapping: Janne Weckman, Timo Joensuu 6/2025

Map secretary: Vesa Tiihonen

Competition classes

Stage	Elite	Other	Distance
1. Nilsjä	1:4000	1:4000 1:3000, H/D45-95	Sprint
2. Tahko	1:10 000	1:10 000 1:7500, H/D45-95	Long Distance
3. Tahko	1:10000	1:10000 1:7500, H/D45-95	Middle Distance
4. Neulamäki	1:10 000	1:10000 1:7500, H/D45-95	Middle Distance
5. Puijo	1:10 000	1:10000 1:7500, H/D45-95	Middle Distance



Open categories

Open class	Scale
A- long and middle, B-long and C-long	1:10 000
A-short, B-middle, B-short and C-short	1:7500
Sprint A-course, B-course	1:4000
Sprint C-course	1:3000

19. EMIT PUNCHING AND EMIT CARD RENTAL

Emit punching will be used in all competition and open classes. The Emit card number must be provided at the time of registration. If the competitor does not provide an Emit card number, we will reserve a rental card for the competitor at a cost of 20 € for the week or 6 € for a day.

Emit cards can be rented from the info desk at a rate of 20 € for the week or 6 € for a day. A charge of 95 € will be applied for unreturned Emit cards.



20. OVERALL COMPETITION RESULTS, PRIZES, AND PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY

Results in competition classes will be determined by cumulative time. In open classes (recreational orienteering), cumulative times are not used.

The awards ceremony for the World Championship (WOC middle and long distances) and the WOC Tour orienteering week (stages 1-4) will take place at Tahko on Friday, July 11, 2025. The awards ceremony for the WOC relay and the overall WOC Tour orienteering week results will be at Puijo on Saturday, July 12, 2025.

The top three in the H/D21E classes overall competition will receive cash prizes as follows:

1. 3000 €
2. 1500 €
3. 1000€

The top three in the H/D16-20E classes overall competition will receive cash prizes as follows:

1. 300 €
2. 250 €
3. 200 €

In other competition classes, the top 1-3 will be awarded on overall results. Additionally, winners of the first four stages in each class will be awarded.

The number of prizes per series will be shown in the competition instructions. Open class prizes will be randomized. The number of prizes will be announced later. Participants in the H/D8-10RR and family classes will receive participation prizes.



21. EVENT VILLAGE AND ACCOMMODATION

The event village for the orienteering week will be at the Tahko resort, which has accommodation capacity for 8600 guests. Tahko offers a wide range of accommodation options, from lakeside cottages to hotel stays. The caravan area is located at the end of Tahkolahden. Reservations for accommodations can be made through the accommodation links on the WOC Tour website. Check out the accommodations and take advantage of the lodging benefits.

[Accommodation – Woc2025.](#)

Tahko



Kuopio



Use code WOC2025 while booking your accommodation!





22. CHILD CARE

At the competition centers, there will be a children's area called Muksula. Registration instructions, opening hours, and other details will be published on the competition website.

23. TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

There are several training terrains available. More detailed information about training opportunities can be found on the competition website <https://www.woc2025.fi/for-teams/>.

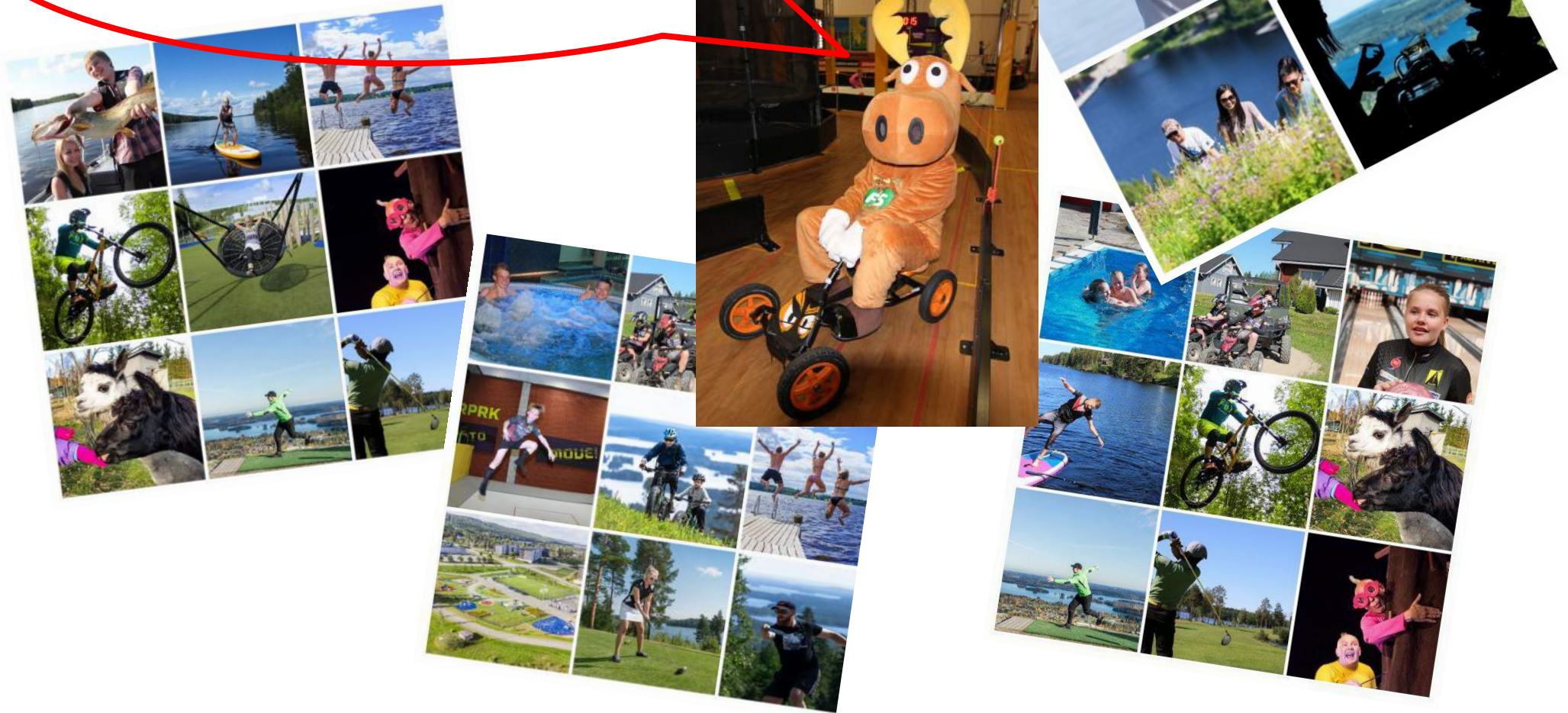
24. SHOWER FACILITIES

There will be no shower facilities at the competition centers. At Tahko, there is a public swimming beach on Tahkolahti. In Kuopio, there are several swimming beaches, as well as two swimming pools and one spa.

24. TAHKO FOR CHILDREN

There's plenty to do in Tahko!

[Check out Tahko's amazing summer offerings here](#)



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Cheer your team mates to victory!



Welcome to WOC Tour orienteering and the World Championship celebration atmosphere!



Welcome!



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