

World Cup 2024 / Public races

Statement from the Course Setters and Controller

The 2024 Orienteering World Cup season will conclude with the finals at Lastukoski in Nilsjä at the end of September. At the same time, on September 28-29, there will also be two public competitions.

The competition terrain for these events is relatively small, so both days will feature middle-distance races. This also allows time to watch the performances of the top competitors in the Cup. To ensure something "new" for orienteers on both Saturday and Sunday, the distances to the starting points have been extended. The routes to the starts mostly run through the forest, so please allow enough time.

The competition courses are typical middle-distance courses, with many controls and utilizing the best parts of the terrain. The course lengths are slightly shorter due to the World Cup schedule. The children's courses rely on roads, paths, and boundaries, making them safe even for beginners.

The competition terrain is varied Finnish forest management terrain, with vegetation in different stages of forest growth affecting runnability and visibility. For Savonian terrain, it is quite easy to traverse. The forest is predominantly pine. In the depressions, the vegetation is usually denser, and the leaves of the deciduous trees have not yet fallen. The terrain includes small-scale slope areas and areas with few terrain features to aid navigation. The elevation differences are small.

The competition map has been worked on by Timo Joensuu and Janne Weckman. The latest changes due to thinning are from this summer.

Wishing you a successful competition weekend,

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