



Bulletin 2

Helsinki O-Games WRE 7.6.2026

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Chair of the jury is Otto Simosas TP. Names of the other jury members will be announced later.

Event website

<https://2026.helsinkiogames.fi/>

<https://eventor.orienteering.sport/Events/Show/8994>

The competition follows the SSL competition rules, the IOF WRE rules for WRE classes and the competition instructions given by the organizers.

Competition schedule

Event	Time
Event office at the arena opens	8 am
First starts	10 am
Finish closed	After the last competitor, latest 3.30 pm

Classes, entry fees and winning times

M21E, W21E; Long Distance. Estimated winning times: 88-92 minutes

Map and control descriptions

Orienteering map at scale 1: 10 000 (approved by event adviser) and contour interval of 5 meters, 2026. Update by Kimmo Nykänen, 2025/10 -- 2026/05, printed by Mapline. The map size is A3 and it is in a plastic cover.

Detached control descriptions (maximum size 200 mm x 49 mm) are available at the starting points. Control descriptions are also printed on the maps.

Terrain description

The competition area is located within the Nuuksio National Park as well as the outdoor areas of Espoo and Helsinki. The competition area is bounded to the west by the level of Velskolan Pitkäjärvi, to the east by the west side of Meerlampi, to the north by Velskola, and to the south by the west side of Hynkänlampi. The competition terrain features a variety of small-scale, well-navigable open rocky areas and spruce-covered hills and slopes. The elevation differences in the area are moderate, with individual hills rising 20–50 meters above the surrounding landscape. Overall accessibility is generally good, although fallen trees in some places may slow down movement. The area's [old maps](#) date back to 2017.

Course planner's notes

The routes for Start 1 are spread over a fairly large area where the overall accessibility is quite good, and paths in some places facilitate movement. Elevation differences will slow down the pace, so this has also been taken into account when determining the lengths of the courses. There is plenty of open rocky and pine-dominated forest, where visibility is quite good.

The longest courses of Start 1 include areas with slow passage due to fallen trees, which have been avoided in the course design. The longest courses also have mandatory signage that crosses a restricted area; the signage begins at the control point. There are a few restricted areas that aim to avoid the most sensitive natural sites as well as private property areas. There will also be other outdoor visitors in the area, so it is important to be mindful of them.

Travel directions and parking

Parking is available at Solvalla Swinghill. The address is Nuuksiontie 88, Espoo.

The parking fee is 10 euros per car for both days combined. For one day, the fee is 5 euros. Payment is made at the information desk of the competition center, preferably via MobilePay (number 35338) or by card. Please remember to pay before your departure.

Transportation has been arranged from the parking area to the competition center for very young children (with strollers) and their parents, as well as for participants over 85 years old. Please contact the parking staff upon your arrival at the parking area.

Arena, info and first aid

The competition center will open on Saturday, June 6, at 9:00 AM and on Sunday, June 7, at 8:00 AM. The competition center can be reached via the pedestrian path along Solvalla Road, which is approximately 2900 meters long, and the route is marked with blue and white ribbons. The competition center is located on a meadow on Meerlammentie, on private land. There are private property areas nearby, and there are restricted planting areas within the competition center that are off-limits.

At the competition center, you will find the finish line, competition information, first aid, restrooms (portable toilets), Suunnistajan kauppa (selling orienteering gear), a café, and a sausage stand.

The café offers coffee, tea, refreshments, sandwiches, pastries, candy, and grilled sausages. Lactose-free and gluten-free options are also available at the café.

Located near the parking area is the Luontokeskus Haltia restaurant.

Two tents have been set up for changing clothes for competitors—any gear storage will be the competitor's own responsibility in the outdoor areas of the competition center. There will be no washing stations or childcare available on site.

Emit rental cards and Emit changes

Redemption of Emit rental cards will take place at the competition information desk. Pre-arranged rental cards can be picked up by name at the competition center's info desk. The rental card costs 5 euros per day. Payment can be made by bank card, MobilePay (35338; please show the payment confirmation to the official), or in cash, preferably with exact change. A fee of 90 euros will be charged for unreturned rental cards.

Changes to the Emit card numbers after registration must be reported by email to jyrki.louhi@helsinginsuunnistajat.fi by Friday, June 5, at 12:00 PM. Changes submitted after this deadline will need to be made on the competition day via the competition center's information desk, with a payment of 5 euros.

Emit card check

The Emit card verification station is located near the competition information desk. Please check the functionality of your Emit card at the 0 punch. The use of a non-functional Emit card will result in disqualification. An Emit card can be rented at the competition information desk to replace a non-functional card.

Race bibs and Emit backup patches

Competition numbers will be available at the competition center. Please bring your own safety pins. Emit verification strips will be available at the starting points.

Course information

Class	Start	Length	Number of controls	Total ascent	Drinking points
M21E	1	13.8 km	25	680 m	2
W21E	1	11.1 km	20	560 m	2

Distance to start

The distance to the start 1 from the competition center is 300 m. The route to the start is marked by ribbons, and run mainly along roads and paths. Check the color of the ribbons from the info pole.

Start times and start lists

First start on Sunday June 7th at 10:00.

If there are more than 60 entries to a WRE class, competitors will be divided into parallel classes (E1 and E2). 55 competitors will be selected based on IOF World Ranking as of 2.6.2026 and maximum of 5 "wild cards" are awarded on organiser's discretion.

Starting order will be based on IOF World Ranking as of 2.6.2026. The best ranked competitors will start last.

The start lists will be published by Thursday, June 4, at 11:00 AM at the latest, with start times available on the website. Link to the start lists: <https://navisport.com/events/hog2026>

Paper copies of the start lists will be displayed at the competition center and at the starting areas.

The numbers will be located near the competition information desk.

Equipment Transportation

There will be no equipment transportation from the starting points to the competition center.

Start procedures

At the starting area, control descriptions without protective covers and Emit verification slips will be available before the start. The organizers do not provide fastening materials for the control descriptions.

4 minutes: The competitor is called to the start corral. The competitor picks up the control descriptions.

3 minutes: The competitor resets their Emit card.

2 minutes: The competition area map will be visible.

1 minute: The competitor moves next to the map holder corresponding to their class.

At the start time: The competitor takes the map themselves after receiving the start signal. The maps are in plastic covers in holders marked with the class identifier. The competitor is responsible for taking the correct map.

There will be signage directing to the K point from the starting areas.

Forbidden and Dangerous Areas

Forbidden areas include all land areas marked in “olive green” as well as areas marked with a purple forbidden area raster. Some of the forbidden areas are marked in the terrain with red-yellow forbidden area tape.

Drinking points

Drinking points will be marked on the map or control descriptions. Water will be available at the drinking points.

Finish and Results

There is a marked route to the finish line from the last control. A finish punch will be used in the competition. A missing finish punch will result in disqualification. Competitors who do not finish must report to the finish. The finish will close after the last competitor has arrived or at the latest on at 15:30.

Results and split times will be published only here: <https://navisport.com/events/hog2026/>

Complaints

Any complaint must be made in writing to the Info as soon as possible. The time limit for complaints is 16.00

Prizes

On Sunday only, M21E and W21E have cash prizes: 1. place 300 euros, 2. place 200 euros and 3. place 100 euros. (In case parallel classes are used, only the best ranked class has cash prizes.)

We warmly welcome you to Helsinki O-Games 2026!