

# 19<sup>th</sup> European Rogaining Championship 2023

Turku, Finland

## Bulletin I

<b>Date</b>	September 9-10, 2023
<b>Organizer</b>	Turun Metsänkävijät (TuMe) orienteering club
<b>Format</b>	European Rogaining Championship 2023 (ERC 2023) are held as a 24 hour rogaine.
<b>Rules</b>	In accordance with IRF council, WRC2023 will follow the rules of the International Rogaining Federation, with a reservation to have some deviations based on local circumstances.

### Competition classes

**MO, WO, XO** (open class – men, women, and mixed teams)

**MJ, WJ, XJ** (youth, under 23 years of age – men, women, and mixed teams)

**MV, WV, XV** (veterans, at least 40 years of age – men, women, and mixed teams)

**MSV, WSV, XSV** (super veterans, at least 55 years of age – men, women, and mixed teams)

**MUV, WUV, XUV** (ultra veterans, at least 65 years of age – men, women, and mixed teams)

The age requirements specified for the given classes should be satisfied as on the first day of competition, 9th September 2023. Any team that has a member under 14 years of age shall also have a member 18 years of age or over. All participants under 18 years entered for a 24-hour rogaine should present written permission from parents or legal guardians upon registration. A team shall consist of 2-5 members.

## Location

Southwest Finland, Pöytyä.

Distance from Helsinki-Vantaa Airport about 180 km and from the Port of Turku about 50 km. Two event centers with a distance of 17 km, driving time between the centers is 20 min:

**Riihi** - pre-start floor accommodation, showers after the competition, catering and prize-giving ceremony.

Address: Yläneentie 66, Pöytyä

60.722, 22.593 (60°43'19.2"N 22°35'34.8"E)

**Raasi** – camping before the competition, start and finish, hash-house.

Address: Raasintie 500, Pöytyä.

60.785, 22.360 (60°47'06.0"N 22°21'36.0"E)

## Entry fees

Entry date	Entry fee
before 31.12.2022	To be announced in Bulletin II
1.1.2023 – 31.3.2023	
1.4.2023 – 25.8.2023	

## Embargoed area

and location of event centers, pre-competition training map, airports, Turku harbor, and Naantali harbor:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1C7ydlitXB9EgAFupNOXS5uPxeji9kfkT&ll=60.644499460873874%2C23.50527174999997&z=9>

**Kurjenrahka National Park** is within the embargoed area. From August 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 ERC competitors are not allowed to enter the National Park, with the following exception: you can use the circular paths marked on the map at <https://julkaisut.metsa.fi/assets/pdf/lp/Esitteet/kurjenrahkafinsveeng.pdf> (second page). However, it is strictly forbidden to leave the paths. You can also use the public roads in the embargoed area for cycling, walking and running, but leaving the roads is, of course, strictly forbidden.

**All the embargoed area** (including the paths in Kurjenrahka and the public roads) is out of bounds **from 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2023** until the start of the competition.

## **Programme**      **Saturday, 9 September**

10.00 Map handout for ERC 2023 in ***Raasi***

13.00 ERC 2023 mass start in ***Raasi***

20.11 Sunset

## **Sunday 10 September**

06.43 Sunrise

13.00 ERC 2023 finish

More detailed programme will follow in subsequent bulletins. On Saturday September 9, the sunset will take place at 20:12 and the twilight will last for 45 minutes. The sun will rise at 6:45 and the twilight will last 44 minutes. Thus, darkness will last slightly longer than 9 hours.

## **Map**

A rogaining map produced for the ERC. At the writing of Bulletin I, we assume the scale of the map will 1:30 000 and contour intervals will be 5 meters. The map is based on high quality digital cartography data from National Land Survey of Finland. Fieldwork and cartography will take place from summer 2022 to summer 2023.

## **Terrain**

The area is next to FinRC 2019 terrain, with exceptionally interesting types of terrains from large marsh areas to some of the oldest forest in the southern Finland. The area is characterized by two specific areas: the Kurjenrahka National Park and the military administrated Raasinkorpi forests. The remaining areas are typical Finnish forests used as a source of timber for the forest industry.

In general, 2/3 of the competition area (the Northern part) is surprisingly sparsely inhabited, considering the fact that the area is in Southern Finland and very close to one of main cities in Finland (Turku). One could state that the Northern half of the terrain only includes houses and farms by the roads delimiting the competition area in West and in East. The contrast to the Southern part of the terrain is clear: in South, there are also agriculture and permanent

habitation. Still the whole area is mainly forests, and fields only cover some 15% of the Southern part of the terrain.

Even though the area is covered by forest roads serving forest industry, there are also wide areas where the closest roads are more than 1 kilometer away. We are thus able to create a course in which the participants also need to proceed in terrain without roads or paths. The terrain includes all the possible terrain types one can find in Southern Finland: forests of different ages, open forests, logged areas, thickets, large open marshes, forest marshes, lakesides, and open rocky hills very typical for the Southwestern Finland.

## **Climate and typical weather**

In September, the average maximum daytime temperature lies around 16.0°C. During daytime, the temperature can easily get above 20 degrees, but days above 25 degree are rare. During the night, it is possible to have close to zero temperatures. Precipitation is common in September – there are on average 9 rainy days in September.

## **Accommodation**

We will provide with hard floor sleepover possibilities as well as information on local accommodation providers. More information on these options in the subsequent bulletins.

## **Public transportation**

It will be possible to travel to the competition centers by public transportation from the city of Turku. Turku has an airport with some international connections; a harbor that has ferry connections to Stockholm in Sweden; railway station with connections to Helsinki and Tampere, and a bus station with connections to the other main cities in Finland.

We will arrange bus transportation from Turku harbor to the competition center on Saturday morning, September 9, 2023. Those arriving to Turku harbor on Saturday morning will be able to arrive to the competition center before the map handout (competition map handout is at 10.00 and the start at 13.00).