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FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships
FIS U23 World Ski Championships Cross-Country

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Welcome

Dear Athletes, Team Officials and Friends of Nordic Skiing,

On behalf of the Estonian Ski Association and the Organising Committee, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to Otepää for the FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships 2027, taking place from 18th to 24th January 2027.

Otepää, proudly known as the winter capital of Estonia, has a long-standing tradition in hosting international Nordic skiing events. We are delighted to welcome the world's most promising young athletes to compete on our renowned competition venues and to experience the unique atmosphere of Nordic sport in Estonia.

The 2027 Championships mark a special occasion for our organising community. Sixteen years have passed since Otepää last hosted the FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships in 2011. During this time, our venues, organisational capacity and passion for winter sports have continued to grow, while our commitment to providing excellent competition conditions and outstanding hospitality remains unchanged. Otepää has firmly established itself as a trusted host of FIS World Cup events across Nordic disciplines. In 2027 we bring it all together as the Championships will commence immediately after the FIS Nordic Combined World Cup in Otepää. This close connection between the highest level of elite competition and the world's leading junior athletes reflects Otepää's enduring commitment to Nordic skiing and its proven capability to deliver events of the highest international standard.

These Championships represent more than a competition. They bring together talented young athletes from across the world, united by their dedication, ambition and love for Nordic skiing. We are proud to provide a stage where future champions can pursue their dreams and create lasting memories.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS), our partners, volunteers and all stakeholders whose dedication makes this event possible.

I wish all athletes success in their preparations and look forward to welcoming you to Otepää in January 2027. May the Championships be memorable, inspiring and filled with outstanding sporting achievements.

We look forward to seeing you in Estonia.

Yours sincerely,

Kristjan Koll

Chief Executive Officer

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Local organizing committee and FIS

Local organizing committee

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Nordic Combined

FIS Coordinator	Michael Neumayer	
Technical Delegate	Torben Hirsch	GER
Technical Delegate Assistant	Margarita Mitenberga	LAT

Ski Jumping

FIS Coordinator	Berni Schödler	
Technical Delegate	Kristian Brenden	NOR
Technical Delegate Assistant	Alissa Johnsson	USA
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Other officials

FIS Nordic Operations Coordinator	Madeline Nappey	
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Judge	Axel Ravel	FRA
Judge	Jaroslaw Poloczek	POL
Judge	Yeliz Biber Vangolu	TUR
Judge	Blair Tomten	USA
Judge	Valentin Cacina	ROU

Event program

The accreditations can be picked up from the Race Office in Tehvandi *Ski Stadium* building. All Info meetings and Cross-Country Team Captains Meetings take place in the same building. All Team Captains Meetings following a Ski Jumping take place in the Sub-Race Office at the ski jumping hill. All the event related information will be available in **www.owc.ee** and will be updated continuously with major changes communicated directly to National Ski Associations.

Cross-Country*

17.01.2027	**Sunday**		
17:00	Women/Men	Arrivals and accreditations	JUN/U23
20:00	Women/Men	Info meeting	JUN/U23
18.01.2027	**Monday**		
10:00	Women/Men	Official training Sprint (C)	JUN/U23
15:30	Women/Men	TCM Sprint	JUN
19.01.2027	**Tuesday**		
09:00	**Women/Men**	**Sprint Qualification (C)**	**JUN**
11:30	**Women/Men**	**Sprint Finals (C)**	**JUN**
14:00	Women/Men	Official training (C)	U23
16:00	Women/Men	TCM Sprint	U23
20.01.2027	**Wednesday**		
09:00	**Women/Men**	**Sprint Qualification (C)**	**U23**
11:30	**Women/Men**	**Sprint Finals (C)**	**U23**
18:00	Women/Men	Official training Individual	JUN/U23
19:30	Women/Men	TCM Individual	JUN/U23
21.01.2027	**Thursday**		
08:45	**Women**	**Individual 10 km (F)**	**JUN**
11:15	**Men**	**Individual 10 km (F)**	**JUN**
14:15	**Women**	**Individual 10 km (F)**	**U23**
16:45	**Men**	**Individual 10 km (F)**	**U23**
19:30	Women/Men	Official training Mass start (C)	JUN
19:30	Women/Men	TCM Mass start	JUN
22.01.2027	**Friday**		
08:45	**Women**	**Mass start 20 km (C)**	**JUN**
11:15	**Men**	**Mass start 20 km (C)**	**JUN**
17:45	Women/Men	Official training Mass start (C)	U23
19:00	Women/Men	TCM Mass start	U23
23.01.2027	**Saturday**		
08:45	**Women**	**Mass start 20 km (C)**	**U23**
11:15	**Men**	**Mass start 20 km (C)**	**U23**
13:45	Women/Men	Official training Mixed Team Relay (C + F)	JUN/U23
15:15	Women/Men	TCM Mixed Team Relay	JUN/U23
24.01.2027	**Sunday**		
08:45	**Women/Men**	**Mixed Team Relay (C + F)**	**JUN**
11:15	**Women/Men**	**Mixed Team Relay (C + F)**	**U23**

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Nordic Combined*

17.01.2027	**Sunday**	
17:00	Women/Men	Arrivals and accreditations
18.01.2027	**Monday**	
14:00	Women/Men	Arrivals and accreditations
16:00	Women/Men	Info meeting
19.01.2027	**Tuesday**	
09:00	Women	Official training HS 97 (2 rounds)
10:15	**Women**	**PCR Team sprint HS 97**
11:00	Men	Official training HS 97 (2 rounds)
12:45	**Men**	**PCR Team sprint HS 97**
13:30	Women/Men	TCM Team sprint
17:00	Women/Men	Official training Cross-Country
20.01.2027	**Wednesday**	
09:00	Women	Team sprint Trial round HS 97
09:45	**Women**	**Team sprint Competition round HS 97**
10:30	Men	Team sprint Trial round HS 97
11:30	**Men**	**Team sprint Competition round HS 97**
14:45	**Women**	**Team sprint Cross-Country**
16:15	**Men**	**Team sprint Cross-Country**
21.01.2027	**Thursday**	
09:00	Women	Official training HS 97 (2 rounds)
10:15	**Women**	**PCR Individual Gundersen HS 97**
11:00	Men	Official training HS 97 (2 rounds)
12:45	**Men**	**PCR Individual Gundersen HS 97**
13:30	Women/Men	TCM Individual Gundersen
19:30	Women/Men	Official training Cross-Country
22.01.2027	**Friday**	
09:00	Women	Individual Gundersen Trial round HS 97
09:45	**Women**	**Individual Gundersen Competition round HS 97**
10:30	Men	Individual Gundersen Trial round HS 97
11:30	**Men**	**Individual Gundersen Competition round HS 97**
14:30	**Women**	**Individual Gundersen Cross-Country**
15:45	**Men**	**Individual Gundersen Cross-Country**
17:00	Women/Men	TCM Mixed team
23.01.2027	**Saturday**	
09:00	Women/Men	Official training HS 97 (2 rounds)
10:30	**Women/Men**	**PCR Mixed team HS 97**
11:30	Women/Men	TCM Mixed team
16:30	Women/Men	Official training Cross-Country
24.01.2027	**Sunday**	
09:00	Women/Men	Mixed team Trial round HS 97
09:45	**Women/Men**	**Mixed team Competition round HS 97**
12:30	**Women/Men**	**Mixed team Cross-Country**

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All info available at owc.ee

Ski Jumping*

17.01.2027	**Sunday**	
17:00	Women	Arrivals and accreditations
19:00	Women	Info meeting
18.01.2027	**Monday**	
15:00	Women	Official training Individual HS 97 (2 rounds)
15:00	Men	Arrivals and accreditations
17:30	Men	Info meeting
19.01.2027	**Tuesday**	
15:00	Women	Official training Individual HS 97 (2 rounds)
16:30	Women	TCM Individual
17:30	Men	Official training Individual HS 97 (2 rounds)
20.01.2027	**Wednesday**	
14:30	Men	Official training Individual HS 97 (2 rounds)
16:30	Men	TCM Individual
17:30	Women	Individual Trial round HS 97
18:30	**Women**	**Individual Competition HS 97**
20:30	Women	TCM Team
21.01.2027	**Thursday**	
14:30	Women	Official training Team HS 97 (2 rounds)
16:00	Women	TCM Team
17:00	Men	Individual Trial round HS 97
18:30	**Men**	**Individual Competition HS 97**
20:30	Men	TCM Team
22.01.2027	**Friday**	
14:30	Men	Official training Team HS 97 (2 rounds)
16:30	Men	TCM Team
17:30	Women	Team Trial round HS 97
18:15	**Women**	**Team Competition HS 97**
23.01.2027	**Saturday**	
16:30	Men	Team Trial round HS 97
17:30	**Men**	**Team Competition HS 97**
19:45	Women/Men	TCM Mixed team
24.01.2027	**Sunday**	
11:00	Women/Men	Mixed team Trial round HS 97
12:00	**Women/Men**	**Mixed team Competition HS 97**

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Important dates and deadlines

30.11.2026	Preliminary entry with numbers	
30.11.2026	Accommodation requests	
30.11.2026	Wax cabins / wax truck requests	
30.11.2026	Frequency applications	
11.01.2027	Entry by name of the athletes and team staff	
17.01.2027	First arrivals and accreditations starting from 17:00 LOC	Tehvandi Ski Stadium
18.01.2027	First official trainings	Tehvandi Sports Center
19.01.2027	First competition day	Tehvandi Sports Center
24.01.2027	Last competition day	Tehvandi Sports Center

Accommodation

Important dates

Please include the accommodation request along with the preliminary entry by **30.11.2026** and specify the following:

- Arrival date
- Departure date
- Number of participants
- Number of double and single rooms

The number of single rooms is limited, but the LOC will try to meet all requests and contacts the teams if alternative options should be discussed. For any accommodation related questions please write to merlin@tehvandi.ee. Only the official accommodation reserves the free shuttle service for teams between the hotel and venue. Breakfast and dinner is served in hotels and the lunch is served at the venue.

After booking the accommodation, the LOC will issue an invoice from which 90 % must be paid in advance by **21.12.2026** and the rest (10 %) should be paid 7 days prior to the arrival of the team.

The final number of the team members must be provided latest by **11.01.2027**.

Lunch at the venue

Lunch is provided to the teams at the venue and is **included** in the official accommodation price. For the teams not using the official accommodation, the price for lunch is **15 €** per person per day. The lunch requests must be done along with the entry by name (deadline **11.01.2027**).

Depending on the event schedule, some lunches might be served at the hotels and more detailed information will be provided closer to the event.

Each accreditation will have a unique **QR-code** which will be scanned by the LOC at the venue for the access to the lunch area. The QR-code is valid for a single use on each day of the event. The teams not using the official accommodation but have requested and paid for the lunch at the venue will have their corresponding QR-codes activated for the selected days. This means that

the lunch requests of those teams **must include names** for the LOC to activate correct QR-codes.

Early arrivals

Please note that the teams arriving earlier than **17.01.2027** will have an accommodation farther away from the venue with no access to competition cross-country tracks or ski jumping hill and would need to move from one accommodation to another on **17.01.2027**. The prices for accommodation earlier than 17.01.2027 are:

- **CHF 100** per person per day in a double room
- **CHF 200** per person per day in a single room

The prices include three meals per day.

Cancellation

The booking can be cancelled free of charge until **30.11.2026**.

From **01.12.2026** and until **11.01.2027** a change in number of rooms by **+/- 10 %** is allowed free of charge (Art. 13.3.2).

Cancellation of accommodation after **11.01.2027** or no-show will be charged with a **100 %** fee.

Accommodations for the event

The LOC offers 15 accommodation options from which most are within 10 km range.

- 3 at the venue in Otepää, walking distance
- 2 in Otepää, walking distance
- 3 in Pühajärve, 4 km from the venue
- 3 in Kääriku, 10 km from the venue
- 3 around Otepää, within 8 km from the venue
- 1 in Tartu, 44 km from the venue

The teams will be allocated according to the booking registration immediately after receiving it. The teams will be contacted by the accommodation coordinator Merlin Müür (merlin@tehvandi.ee). Early registrations will be given priority, but teams will not be able to request specific hotels.

The cost of the accommodation with full board (three meals per day):

- **CHF 100** per person per day in a double room. The number of single rooms at this price is limited (Art. 13.3).
    - 1 to 4 competitors = 1 single room
    - 5 to 10 competitors = 2 single rooms
    - more than 11 competitors = 3 single rooms
- **CHF 200** per **extra** single room per day

NB! All quotas are subject to Art. 7: Number of competitors and officials.

Accreditation

The accreditation cards can be collected from the Race Office starting from **17:00 on 17.01.2027**. This includes the Press and Media accreditations. The Race Office location can be seen on the Tehvandi *Ski Stadium* map.

The accreditations are approved according to the registrations in the FIS Entry.

Those who don't register through the FIS online entry system need to apply for accreditation.

For the application form or other questions regarding accreditation please contact team@suusaliit.ee.

Transport

Transportation from Tallinn or Tartu airport can be booked by writing to alvrental@gmail.com.

The LOC will provide free scheduled shuttle service between the venue and official team hotels.

Teams who booked their own accommodation are responsible for arranging their own transportation from and to the venue.

Prices for transportation between airports and the venue*:

- Tallinn airport to venue
  - 50-seat charter coach: **775 €** one way
  - 16 to 19-seat minibus: **550 €** one way
  - 8-seat minivan: **350 €** one way
- Tartu airport to venue
  - Can be booked and agreed separately with Veiko Tammeorg (alvrental@gmail.com).

***All transportation prices are subject to change. Final price is determined after the preliminary entry deadline (30.11.2026).**

Wax cabins and -trucks

Wax cabins will be provided on site according to the technical regulations of the FIS Nordic Junior World Championships & U23 Cross-Country World Championships. The cabins are located at the Ski Jumping hill and near the Ski Stadium. The cabins can be accessed starting from **17:00 LOC on 17.01.2027**.

The requests from NSA and SRS for wax cabins must be registered by **30.11.2026**.

The price for additional wax cabins is **CHF 1200.00** excl. VAT. A fine of **CHF 900.00** will be charged to the NSA if additional cabin is ordered but did not show up.

The cabins at the Ski Jumping hill will be shared between Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined.

One wax truck per team with a maximum size of 20 x 10 meters when extended will be permitted. Teams and SRS arriving with a wax truck are not entitled to the wax cabin. Wax trucks can arrive

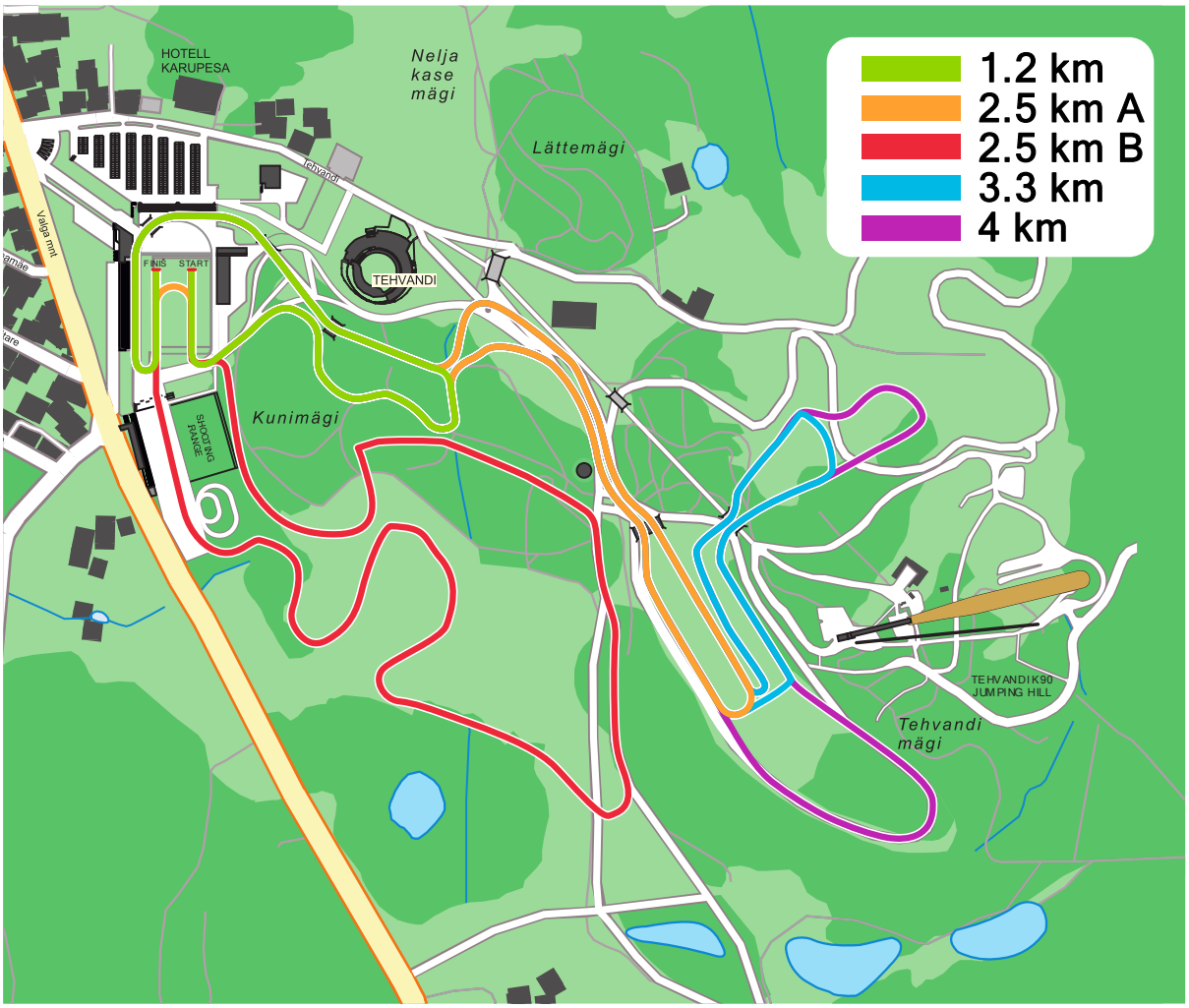
to the venue starting from **17:00 LOC on 17.01.2027**. For the requests on the electrical output for the wax trucks, please contact karl@suusaliit.ee.

Press and media

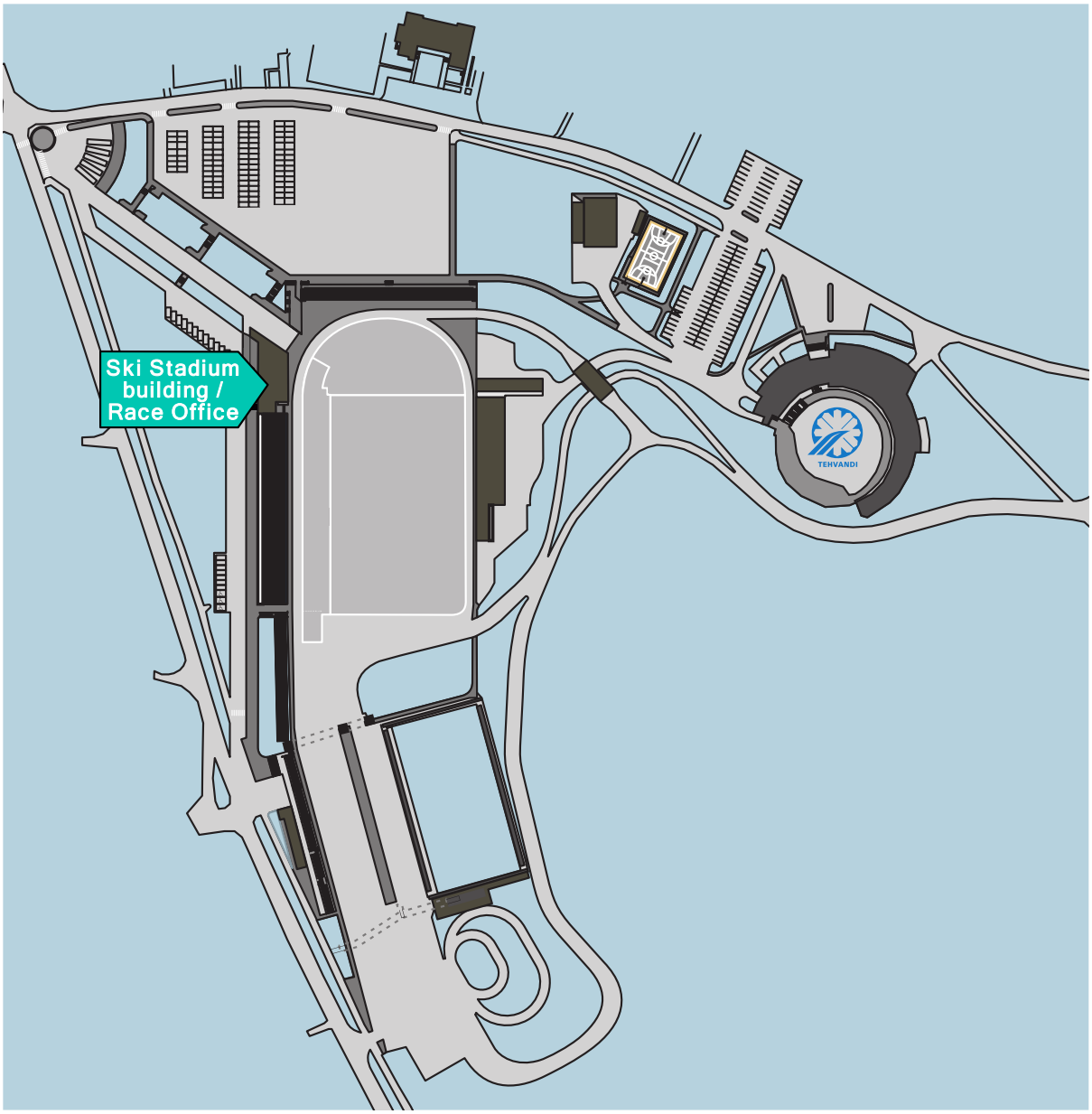
For all media related questions (including accreditation for media), please contact us at laura@suusaliit.ee.

Maps

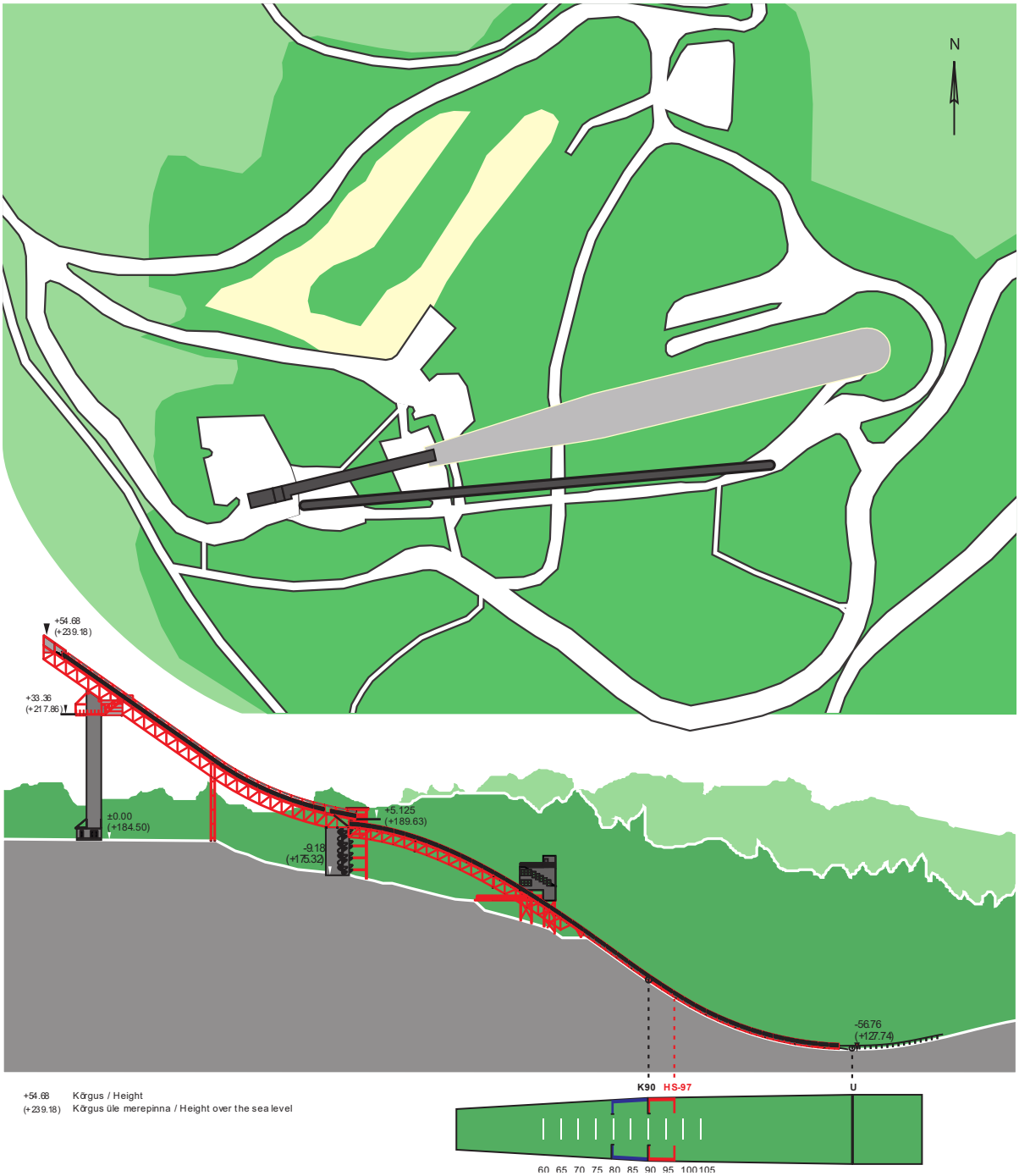
Venue



Ski Stadium

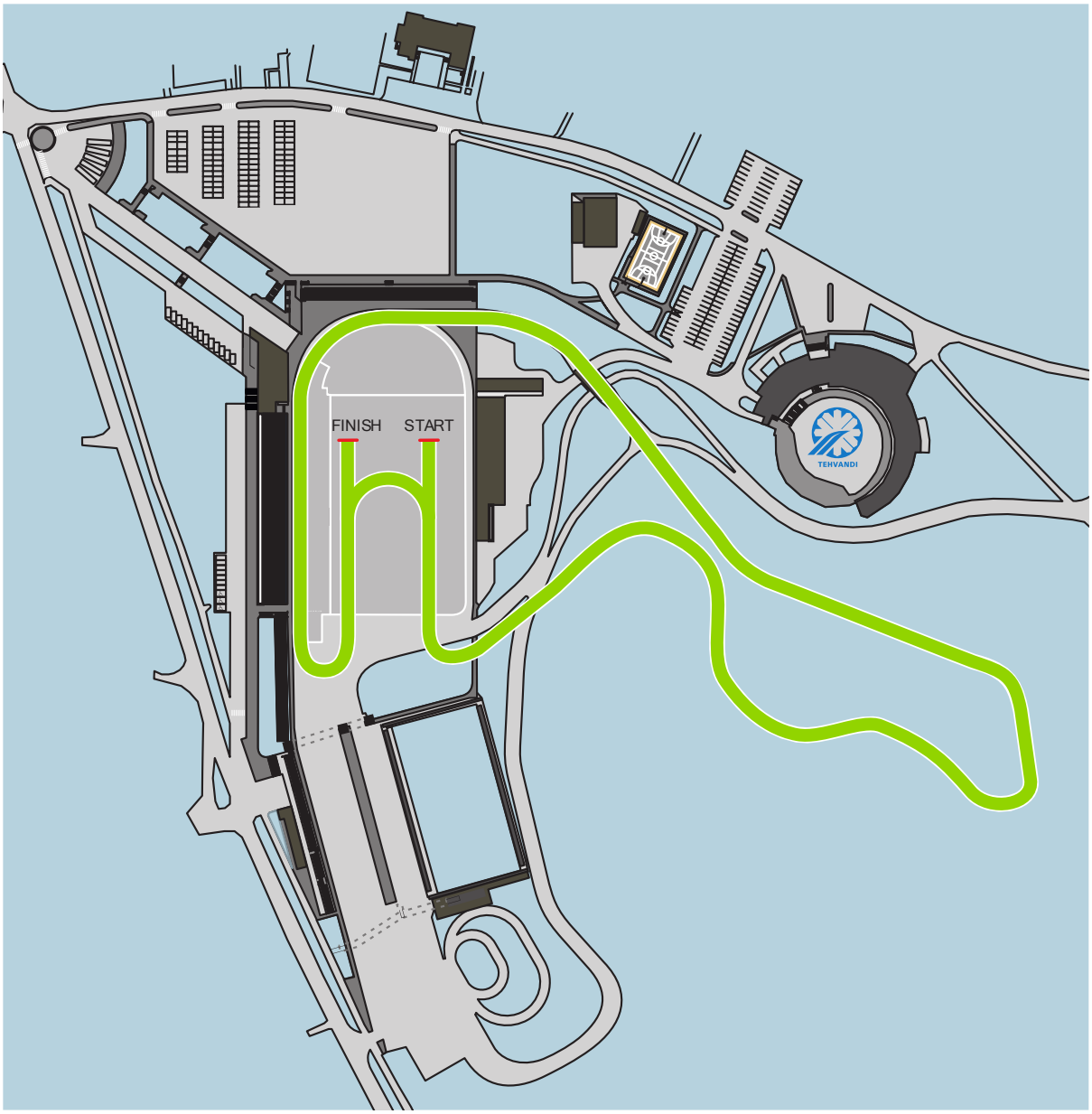


Ski Jumping hill



All info available at [owc.ee](owc.ee)

1.2 km Sprint



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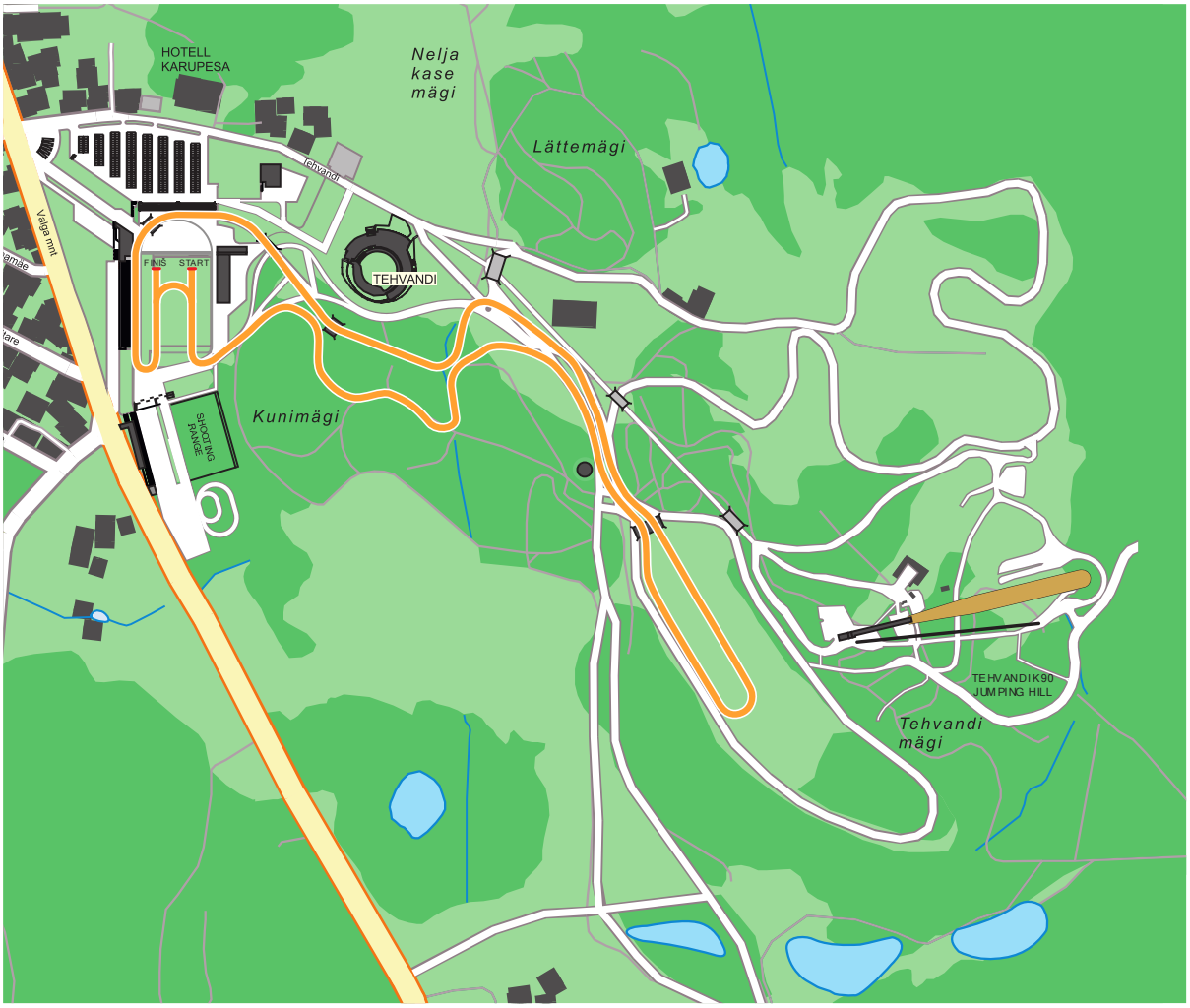
2.5 km A



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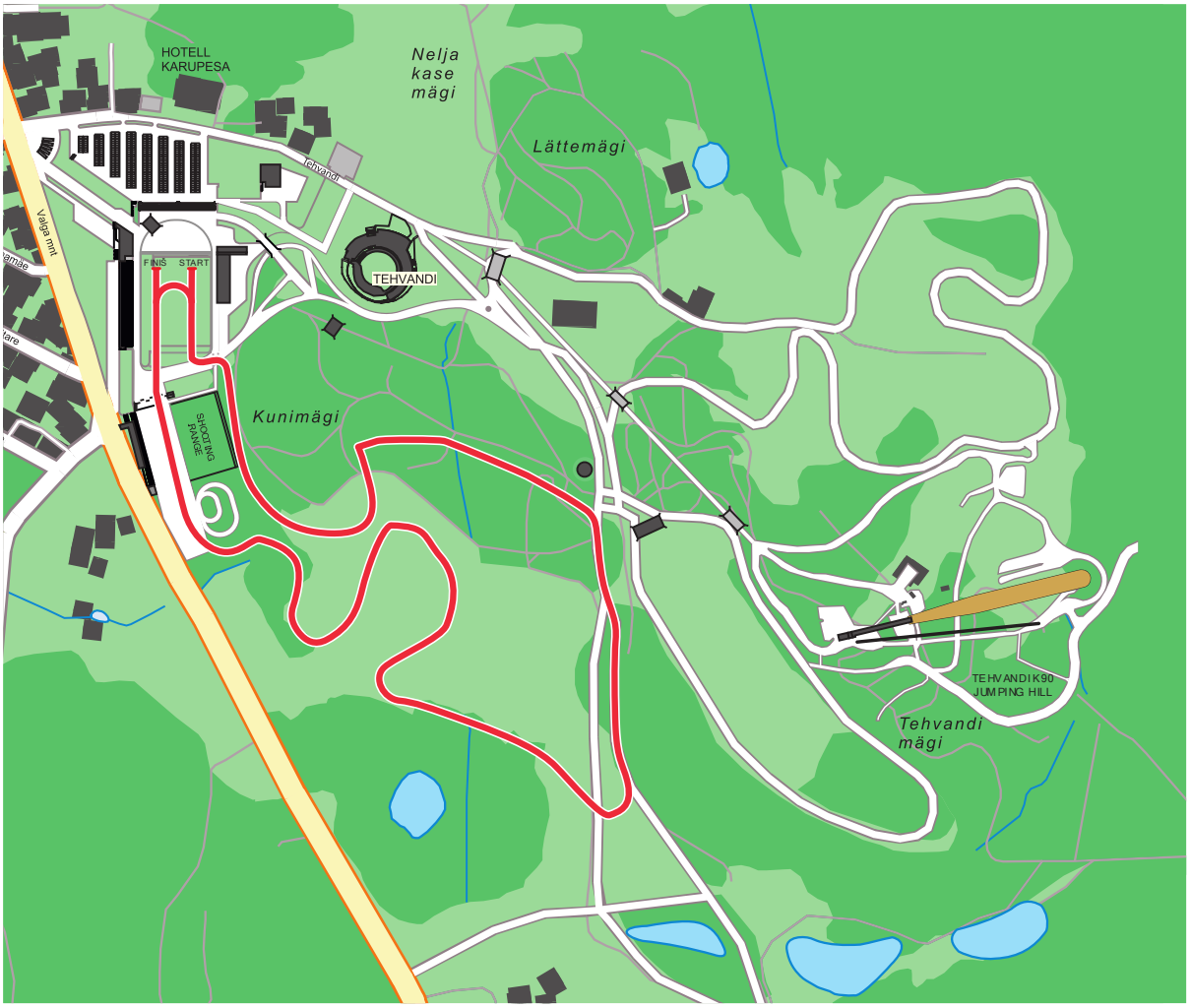
2.5 km B Relay Freestyle



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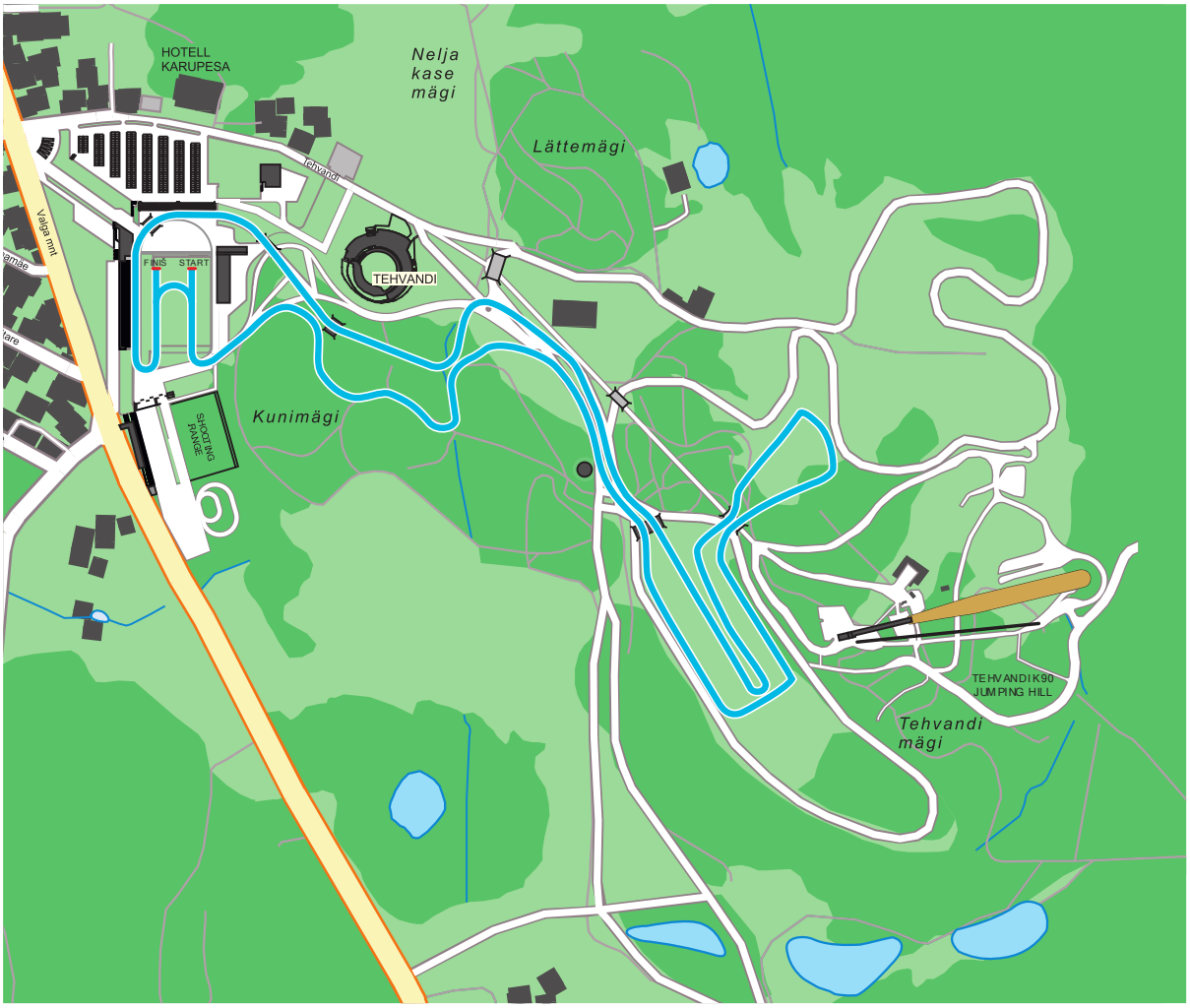
3.3 km Individual Freestyle



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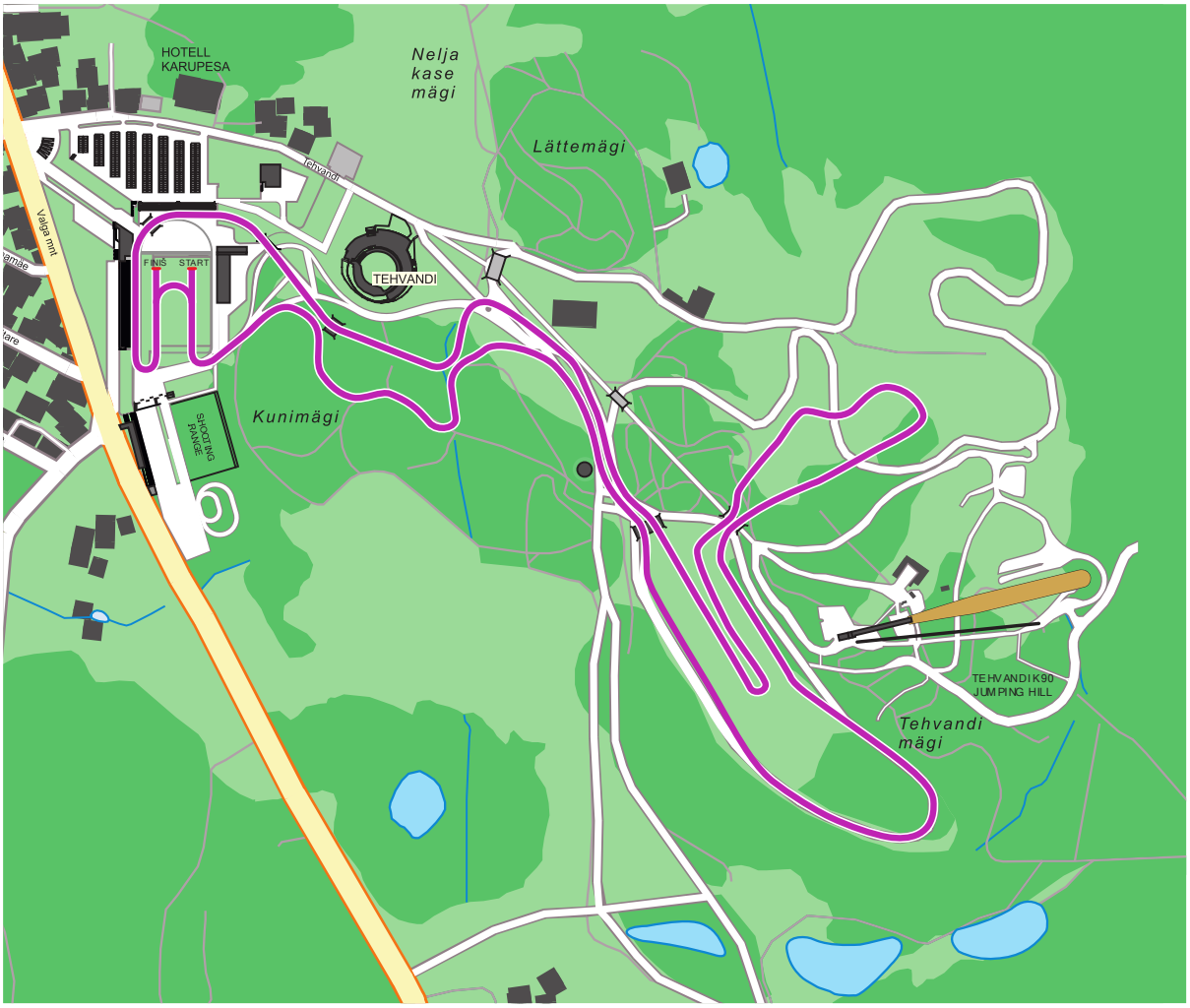
4 km Mass-start Classic



Team radios

All radio equipment must have a CE mark (meaning it can be used in EU) according to the Radio Equipment Directive (RED 2014/53/EU). It is not allowed to set up and use private Wi-Fi networks or similar and other non-authorised devices operating in the 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz frequency bands within the venue.

Frequency applications must be submitted by pre-entry (**30.11.2026**) via application form available at www.owc.ee.

Summary of the rules

7. Number of competitors and officials

Every National Ski Association can send the following maximum number of competitors and officials:

7.1 Junior World Ski Championships

7.1.1 Competitors

8 Cross-Country competitors per gender	4 allowed to start per event
5 Ski Jumping competitors per gender	4 allowed to start per event
5 Nordic Combined competitors per gender	4 allowed to start per event

In all, a national team may thus comprise maximum 36 competitors.

7.2 U23 World Ski Championships Cross-Country

Competitor

8 Men Cross-Country	4 allowed to start per event
8 Women Cross-Country	4 allowed to start per event

8. Age limits

In order to compete in international competitions a competitor must have reached their 16th birthday before the end of the calendar year (1st January – 31st December) in question.

Nordic Junior World Ski Championships

Season	Age	Years of birth
2025/26	16-20	2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010
2026/27	**16-20**	**2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011**
2027/28	16-20	2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

U23 World Ski Championships Cross-Country

Season	Age	Years of birth
2025/26	21-23	2003, 2004, 2005
2026/27	**21-23**	**2004, 2005, 2006**
2027/28	21-23	2005, 2006, 2007

12.1 FIS online registration system

Entries (provisional team selection, final team entry) must be made by NSAs in the FIS online registration system. Entries made by email, or paper will not be accepted.

12.2 Preliminary entry

Each National Ski Association must send to the Organising Committee the preliminary entry with the number of competitors, coaches and service staff according to 6.1 by November 30th latest.

The official deadline will be published in the FIS JWSC & U23 WSC CC Invitation.

Important: Preliminary entries are mandatory for all the teams (see 11.3 for accommodation rules).

Late entry

After the deadline the FIS online registration remains open, however, the LOC is not obliged to arrange accommodation for the NSA, which makes the late entry.

12.3 Entry by name

All the participating NSAs must send their entries by names through the online registration system. The system will be opened for entry by name as soon as the preliminary entry has been done.

Entries by name will be used by the LOC to prepare accreditations and to prepare the final entry list.

Change of names will still be possible until the day before the first TCM (23:59 CET). After the deadline the system will be closed and any changes of the names are only possible after the approval from the respective Jury.

12.4 Final entries

The final entry for each competition has to be done in the race office until 2 hours before the respective Team Captains Meeting.

Only competitors from the final entry by name (see article 12.3) can be chosen.

Replacement of Competitors after the first TCM
In case of "force majeure" the Jury may permit a substitute to be entered in place of another athlete after the first team captains' meeting.