

STATEMENT FROM THE HEAD OF THE COURSE TEAM

The Finnish Sprint Orienteering Championships, taking place in 17.9.2016, is also a WRE competition. The event centre is the Kaarlen kenttä sports centre including service buildings. The location of Kaarlen kenttä enables that both the qualification, B final, Group1 A final and Group2 A final races are located in different terrains. The city blocks of the race areas include small apartment buildings with gardens as well as parklands and forest areas of different sizes. The roads of the competition area are blacktop coated but a smaller part of the roads are sand/fine gravel coated.

Course planning has aimed to enable a fast approach of the controls, direction changes and the maintaining of a high speed during the race which all are typical elements of sprint orienteering. At the same time quick decisions are needed to find the fastest routes. The height differences are moderate. The controls are located in terrain points which unambiguously can be identified from the map.

Some of the controls are located near each other! Be careful! Remember that the race begins at the latest at the K mark location!

Forbidden areas and obstacles are clearly illustrated on the competition maps. All smaller play racks, sandboxes, garbage cans or park benches are not illustrated on the competition maps because their influence on the competition performance is low.

There is traffic in the competition areas during the event. The competitors will also meet each other on narrow passages during their performance. Be careful! Pay attention also to other people than competitors!

Good luck to all the competitors in sea located environments!

On behalf of the Course Team,

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