

64th PIRKKA SKI RACE MARCH 3rd 2019

The 64st Pirkka Ski Race will take place using both classical and free techniques on Sunday Mars 3rd 2019. The original tracks are 90 km (Pirkka), 52 km (Tour-Pirkka) and 45 km (Semi-Pirkka).

Inquiries before the start and during the race

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Weekdays 10am-3 pm, on Saturday 3-7 pm, on Sunday 11am-8pm
+358 45 638 5101 Niinisalo Race office on Sunday 6-11 am
+358 44 999 7669 Hämeenkyrö, Semi-Pirkka Race Office on Sunday 8.30am-2pm

Our own emergency line 050 4086111 (first aid transport from the track). General emergency number 112

Time taking with RFID

In your race number there is a RFID-code for time taking. This should be on your back while you are skiing!

Transportation to start places (10 / 5 euros)

Tampere - Teivo (finish) - Niinisalo 90km and 52km start, payment in a bus 10 €	Classic start 7.00 am	Free start 11.00 am
Tre Keskustori (Center square) in front of The Old Church, Vanhan kirkon edusta	4.40 am	8.40 am
Teivo Horse race trotting area (finish area)	4.55 am	8.55 am
Nokia Swimming Hall	4.30 am	8.30 am
Kyröskoski, old Shell Simpukka	5.15 am	9.15 am

Tampere - Teivo (finish) - Hämeenkyrö 45km start, payment in a bus 5 €	Classic start 7.00 am	Free start 11.00 am
Tre Keskustori (Center square) in front of The Old Church, Vanhan kirkon edusta	8.15 am	12 am
Teivo Horse race trotting area (finish area)	8.30 am	12.15 am

After race, there is transportation from Kyröskoski (52 km Tour-Pirkkas finish) to Teivo, but not from Teivo to startplaces (Niinisalo or Hämeenkyrö).

A night before the race in Jämijärvi School

Välimatkat Oy organizes an accommodation in Jämijärvi School on Saturday 2nd. Transportation from Tampere Center Square and Teivo on Saturday and transportation to a start place Niinisalo on Sunday includes to the price 15 euros. Registrations beforehand are appreciated (www.valimatkat.fi). At the school there is possibility to buy some evening meal and breakfast (sat. from 4 to 10 p.m, sun from 4 a.m to 10.30 a.m). Pyörä- ja suksihuolto Sampo has a ski wax service at the Jämijärvi school from Saturday to Sunday 6am. Payments should be in cash only. Inquiries +358 44 2545 115.



Parking areas

Parking in Teivo finish area is free and you can leave your car there already on Saturday.

Parking in Niinisalo and Hämeenkyrö are guided; please follow the instructions given by traffic guides. Remember that Niinisalo is military place; it is not allowed to walk around the area.



Transportation of equipments

Pack your extra belongings at the starting place carefully, mark your package with the ribbon given with your race number and make sure you put them to the right place.

From Niinisalo there is transportation both to Kyröskoski (yellow ribbons goes to Tour-Pirkkas finish) and to Teivo (all the other colours goes to Pirkkas finish).

Race offices and late entries

If you have decided to pay your entry fee while picking up your race number, you can do it on Saturday on Teivo (3-7pm) or on Sunday morning at the start places.

Late entries

On Saturday in Teivo at 3-7 pm, all series

On Sunday in Niinisalo at 6-11 am, 90 km and 52 km series

On Sunday in Hämeenkyrö at 8.30 am – 2 pm, 45 km series

Starts

Niinisalo	7 a.m.	Classic style 90 and 52 km
	11 a.m.	Free style 90 and 52 km
Hämeenkyrö	10 a.m.	Classic style 45 km
	2 p.m.	Free style 45 km

In Niinisalo there are three different starting groups

Group nr and colour	Target time Classic	Target time Free
1 RED	Under 6.30	Under 6.00
2 GREEN	Under 8.30	Under 7.00
3 YELLOW	Over 8.30	Over 7.00
4 ORANGE (with start group 3)	Tour Pirkka 52 km	Tour Pirkka 52 km



In Hämeenkyrö you can choose between three different starting groups with different target times (under 3 hours, 3-4 hours and over 4 hours).

Ski stickers should be attached to your skies when they are warm and dry. The skiers are requested to arrive at the start gate approximately 15 min prior to their start. Any skier who fails to follow the instructions given by the officials at the start area can be disqualified. Any skier trying a false start or trying to start in a too early starting group can be removed from the track and disqualified.

Walking parts on a course

Along the course there are TWO WALKING PARTS. After 50/5 km skiing we are forced to walk 300m because of a road construction. After Kyröskoski service point (52/7 km) there is 1 km walking which will be sanded.

Service points

There are eleven service and refreshment points along the 90 km course, five along the 52 km course and six along the 45 km course. Ski waxing equipment (no service) and first aid will be available at all stations. There will be some replacement skies and ski poles and equipment also at the service points.

Sport drink in Pirkka is Squeezy Energy Drink (orange).

Service point	serving and possible closing time
Kuninkaanlähde 10km	Fruit juice, water, sport drink
Jämi 18km	Fruit juice, water, sport drink, raisin, pickled cucumber
Varpee 25km	Fruit juice, water, sport drink, raisin, pickled cucumber
Vatula 33km	Fruit juice, water, sport drink, raisin, pickled cucumber, blueberry soup
Lentokenttä 44km	Fruit juice, water, sport drink, raisin, pickled cucumber, blueberry soup
Kyröskoski 52km	Fruit juice, water, sport drink, raisin, pickled cucumber, meat soup, oatmeal gruer, rye bread, coffee. CLOSING TIME 4 PM.
Lintuharju 59km	Fruit juice, water, sport drink, raisin
Rokkakoski 67km	Fruit juice, water, sport drink, raisin, pickled cucumber, coffee, bread, blueberry soup, oatmeal gruer
Pentinmaa 75km	Fruit juice, water, sport drink, raisin, pickled cucumber, bread, orange Juice. CLOSING TIME 6 PM
Topintupa 80 km	Fruit juice, water, sport drink, raisin, pickled cucumber, coffee, oatmeal gear, bread
Pikku Ahvenisto 85 km	Fruit juice, water, sport drink
Finish	Fruit juice and bread

The skier, who arrives to the service point after the closing time, will be obliged to discontinue the race for security reasons. There will be transportation service from the service points to the finish area for the skier who discontinues.



Start offers ski waxes in starts and service points (no service).

There is extra ski wax service in Jämi and Kyröskoski.



Discontinuation

If the skier decides to discontinue the race, he/she must immediately inform the officials of the nearest service station. If exhaustion overcomes you while skiing, try to rest a while and then continue to the next service station, where you can officially discontinue and later be transported to finish. A sledge patrol with a snowmobile will follow all skiers and – if necessary – transport the stricken skiers to the Finish Area

Finish

The Pirkkas and Semi-Pirkkas finish is located at Teivo Horse race trotting area in Tampere. The finish area will be closed at 8.00 pm. Tour-Pirkkas finish is at the Kyröskoski maintenance point and it will be closed at 6 pm.

A special Pirkka Ski Race medal will be given to you at the finish. Trophies are given for three best skiers in every series (not Tour-Pirkka). In Teivos race office there is also lottery among all skiers. Make sure to watch, if you have win something!



There are also trophies for participants in Semi-Pirkka junior series, sponsored by Kiilto.

After 10 Pirkkas (90km) the skier is given a silver medal, after 20 Pirkkas the medal will be golden. The one who skies his/hers 25th Pirkka will be given his/hers own black or red starting number and he/she is named "Kunniahiihtäjä". We also have some men, who already have reached 50 Pirkkas. These men are called "Hiihtokuningas" (Ski King).

In 2019 there will be two new Ski Kings!

You find your equipment inside the trotting hall. There is also restaurant where you can buy some hot meals and refreshments.

It is possible to travel with a bus to Kaleva Swimming hall after the race. The busses to Kaleva and Tampere centrum leave every half an hour between noon and 7 p.m. It is possible to travel with the buss back to Teivo or to the centrum of Tampere. There is also sauna at Lamminpää Sport cottage nearby Teivo.

In Kyröskoski there are showers in schools gym hall.

The Lost and Found Point will be located in Teivos Race Office. After the race day you can ask for missing things from our office.

What else there is to know

Unofficial results are seen in Teivo and later at the same evening also at our homepages www.pirkankierros.fi.

Participants who live in Finland are insured against accident by Turva. Ask for details from the race office.

The organizers uses all photographs and audio/video material taken during the race for the marketing purposes.



Rules

Pirkka Ski Race will be organized according to the cross-country long distance skiing race rules of the Finnish Ski Association. The chosen technique will be watched. The skiers participate in the race at their own risk. Make sure your condition allows you to take part to the race.

If the race must be cancelled because of some force major reasons or especially difficult circumstances, the organizers reserve the right to keep 30 % of the entry fee to cover the already existing costs and the expenses caused by returning the fees. In this case the entry fee can be removed to next year.

Race cancellation

You don't have to inform us, if you can't come to the race. If the registration is cancelled due the illness and you send us a sick note, the entry fees will be paid back (minus EUR 8,50 administrative expenses). It's also possible to transfer the fee to the next year. Sick notes must be sent to our office two weeks after race.

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