JUKOLAN VIESTI

VUOKATTI 2027

EVENT INVITATION

International orienteering relay competitions, the 78th Jukola relay and the 49th Venla relay, Vuokatti-Jukola, 19–20 June 2027 in Sotkamo. Organised by Sotkamon Jymy ry and Vuokatti Sport Resort Ltd.

49th Venla relay

An orienteering relay competition with four legs for women's teams from orienteering clubs and other associations. Winning team will be awarded challenge trophy "Lintukoto" ("Bird home"), donated by Kaukametsäläiset association.

Estimated distance		Estimated time	Climb
1.	6,3–6,4 km	42 min	200 m
2.	5,5–5,6 km	37 min	200 m
3.	8,3–8,4 km	60 min	300 m
4.	8,0–8,1 km	56 min	280 m
Total	**28,3 km**	**3 h 15 min**	**980 m**

Forking is used in all legs. Race starts with a mass start at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, 19 June 2027.

78th Jukola relay

An orienteering relay competition with seven legs for teams from orienteering clubs and other associations. Winning team will be awarded challenge trophy "Havuoksa, rauhan viiri" ("Conifer branch, a pennon of peace"), donated by the Kaukametsäläiset association.

Estimated distance		Estimated time	Climb
1.	10,2–10,4 km daylight/dusk	59 min	370 m
2.	9,9–10,1 km daylight/dusk	58 min	400 m
3.	dusk	41min	290 m
4.	7,0–7,1 km daylight/dusk	42 min	290 m
5.	13,6–13,8 km daylight	85 min	570 m
6.	12,8–12,9 km daylight	80 min	490 m
7.	13,4–13,5 km daylight	84 min	550 m
Total	**74,3 km**	**7 h 29 min**	**2 960 m**

Forking is used in all legs. Sun sets at 11.43 p.m. on Saturday, 19 June 2027 and rises at 2:34 a.m. on Sunday, 20 June 2027. Race starts with a mass start at 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, 19 June 2027.

General Information

Event is regulated by rules of Finnish Orienteering Federation (FOF) and instructions provided by organiser. Rules of FOF are available on FOF website: www.suunnistusliitto.fi. Use of spiked shoes is prohibited, but shoes with studs are permitted. GPS trackers will be allocated to chosen teams and must be worn throughout the competition. The chosen teams named by the organisers will use numbered vests. Embargoed area can be found here: **Embargoed Area Map**

Competition Map and Punching

Digitally printed orienteering map, scale 1:10,000, contour interval 5 m, ISOM2017. Mapped by Teemu Köngäs and Jussi Silvennoinen. Map is sealed in plastic. Electronic Emit punching system will be used.

Eligibility to Participate

Participants are not required to obtain a Finnish Orienteering Federation license. It is responsibility of clubs and competing members to ensure that all personal data is correct. Both men and women can participate in Jukola Relay, including those women also competing in Venla Relay. Only competitors born in 2012 or earlier are eligible to participate. Running an underage competitor or under a false name will result in the disqualification of team.

For youngest participants, first two legs of Venla Relay and third and fourth legs of Jukola Relay are recommended.

In community teams, meaning teams other than those representing orienteering clubs, a maximum of two first-class orienteers aged 17–39 may compete. This restriction applies to women only in the Venla Relay.

Only teams representing orienteering clubs are eligible to compete for victory, prize positions and points towards the perpetual trophy.

International orienteers are reminded that in Finland an athlete may represent only one club during the competition season (1 January–31 December). All members of a team must represent the same club.

Participation in more than one team

Same participant may run a leg in two or more different teams of associations (meaning teams other than orienteering clubs) during same race. In a team of associations, same participant may therefore run more than one leg in different community teams.

In a club team, a participant may run only one leg. If a participant runs for both a club team and one or more team of associations teams, they must run their club team leg before their team of associations leg or legs.

In a club team, same participant may not run more than one leg.

Minimum composition of teams of associations

In Venla Relay, a team of associations must consist of at least two different participants. Same participant may not run two consecutive legs in the same team.

In Jukola Relay, a team of associations must consist of at least three different participants. Same participant may not run two consecutive legs in the same team.

These regulations concerning minimum composition of teams of associations and running of multiple legs do not apply to club teams.

Registration and payment

The registration process opens on **October 10th, 2027 at 10:00 a.m.** on Jukola's website. Contact person for club will do enrolment and pay for teams in electronic enrolment system. Registering teams happens as follows:

- Contact person for club creates a personal Jukola account at jukola.com
- Contact person logs into enrolment system with his/her Jukola account
- Contact person enrols teams and pays for teams and extra services in the system

NB: An invitation link and detailed instructions for enrolment will be sent by e-mail in October 2026 to all the clubs and associations who participated in Kotka-Jukola 2026.

Each team must have at least four (4) Emit cards in Jukola Relay and three (3) in Venla Relay. Same Emit cards may not be used by two different teams in same relay. However, same Emit card can be used in both Jukola and Venla Relays. Emit cards can be rented from organisers until April 12th, 2027 for 20 € per card. After this date, rental price will be 40 € per card. Required number of rental cards must be indicated when registering. Emit card numbers do not need to be reported in advance; they will be registered into result system at competition centre when entering start/changeover area.

Schedule for registration, entry fees and other advance payments are shown in table below. Payment must be made online at time of registration or reservation. If a reservation is not paid within valid price category dates, next price category fee will be charged. After registration has been paid, any changes require extra work from organisers and a processing fee of 20 €/change will be charged. All clubs are asked to carefully check all details when registering teams and paying.

Entry fees

	by Thu 14.1.2027 until 11:59 p.m.	by Mon 12.4.2027 until 1:59 p.m.	by Thu 27.5.2027 until 11:59 p.m.
Venla / team	225 €	285 €	410 €
Jukola / team	395 €	500 €	715 €

A team has right to cancel their participation before April 12th, 2027 at 11:59 p.m. Entry fee will be refunded, but a processing fee of 20 € per cancelled team will be charged. After April 12th, 2027, entry fee will not be refunded. Participation and cancellation of extra services can be made by sending an e-mail to secretary general: sami.leinonen@jukola.fi.

Starting order of teams registered before April 12th, 2027 is determined by results from previous year's Jukola. Teams registered and paid later will be placed at end of starting list. Teams disqualified or not finished in Kotka-Jukola will also be drawn to end of the list. Organiser reserves right to assign smaller free numbers to disqualified teams. Questions regarding starting lists should be addressed to technical advisor: **teijo.oksanen@jukola.com**.

Other fees

	by Mon 12.4.2027	by Thu 27.5.2027
Camping pitch 10m × 10m	40–60 €	70–85 €
Tent provided by organiser	Prices will be confirmed later	
Wind shelter pitch, 6 m × 5 m	65 €	100 €
Camper / Caravan	60 €	115 €
Camper (electricity point)	100 €	155 €
Emit-card rent	20 €	40 €

Parking fee for a car, a motorbike and moped is €20 when purchased via Eventilla system. If purchased at competition info, parking fee is €25.

Running order

Running orders of teams are entered into electronic enrolment system either during entry or later. Running orders for both relays, Jukola and Venla, must be entered into electronic enrolment system no later than:

- for teams numbered 1–100: Thursday, 17 June 2027 at 18:00
- for all other teams: Friday, 18 June 2027 at 18:00

Running orders may also be submitted as non-public. In that case, they will become public:

- for teams numbered 1–100: Thursday, 17 June 2027 at 18:00
- for all other teams: Friday, 18 June 2027 at 18:00

Late registration of the running order will result in a penalty of 100 €. After entering system, changes can only be made in exceptional circumstances. Changes will be approved by competition's technical advisor (TA). More specific information will be published in June 2027 in Competition Instructions on website of Vuokatti-Jukola.

Number bibs (note: no safety pins are provided by organisers) and other team-specific competition material will not be available until running order has been submitted and all fees have been paid.

Accommodation

All accommodation located within competition centre area has to be booked and paid for through electronic enrolment system on **October 10th, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** Accommodation will be confirmed after organisers have received the payment. Prices for accommodation can be found from table above (Other fees).

- Camping area for tents is situated in wooded areas near competition centre and size of each pitch is 10 × 10 m. Tent areas are located 700–1 500 metres from competition centre.
- Organisers will provide non-heated tents (16 persons each), set up by organisers, for use of teams. These tents may be reserved exclusively by foreign teams until January 14, 2027. After this date, any tents that remain unreserved or become available may be booked by all teams. Tents are located 1300–1600 metres from competition centre. These team tents are to be booked per tent.
- Foreign teams should reserve their tents by emailing **sami.leinonen@jukola.fi** and payment will be done through Jukola registration system no later than April 12th, 2027. Please see other accommodation options on website of Vuokatti-Jukola.
- Advertisements from local residents offering private accommodation can be viewed on Vuokatti-Jukola website.
- Parking and accommodation areas for campers and camper vans are located at Koulurinne area from where it is 3.6 km to competition centre. Places are limited and distributed in order of registration. Places must be reserved and paid in advance through the Eventilla-system before May 27th, 2027.
- There are 56 parking spaces with electricity for campers in Vuokatinrinteet area, which is 500 metres from competition centre.

Wind Shelter Area

Competing clubs have an opportunity to book a place for a wind shelter near changeover and finish area. There are 300 wind shelter places. All competing clubs making an entry for at least four (4) teams (Jukola and Venla combined) will have right to book three (3) wind shelter places. All competing clubs that wish to have a wind shelter place must book it through electronic enrolment system. Top 25 teams from Jukola 2026 have the right to reserve wind shelter places 1–101.

Arrival and guidance

Detailed instructions for arrival and guidance will be published in May 2027 in the "Guide to Vuokatti-Jukola" on Vuokatti-Jukola's website. **Road signs directing to parking areas will be in place on Friday, June 18th, 2027, at 8:00 a.m.** Driving instructions issued by organizers must be strictly adhered to. Information on other means of transportation to competition centre will be published later the Vuokatti-Jukola website.

- **Competition Centre:** Competition centre is situated within the grounds of the Vuokatti Sports Institute. **Competition centre will open on Friday, June 18th, 2027, at 10:00 a.m.** Facilities located at competition centre include, for example, a canteen, first aid services and competition info as well as shops and exhibition areas. No accommodation or movement in camping areas is allowed before official opening time of competition centre!
- **Parking and Parking Fees:** All parking relating to event must take place in car parks designated by the organiser. Parking spaces for passenger cars are located approximately 2000–3000 metres walking distance from competition centre. Parking for invited guests, media, and special groups is located approximately 200–1 000 metres from competition centre. Parking fees are listed in table above.
- **Campers and Caravans:** See the section "Accommodation".
- **Club Buses:** Bus stops (drop-off and pick-up points) for club buses are

located in immediate vicinity of tent areas, in car park at Tenetti School (Opintie 2, Vuokatti), 1300 metres from competition centre.

- **Showers and Changing Rooms:** Changing facilities are not provided. There will be showers with warm water free of charge as well as a sauna (entrance fee to sauna) at competition centre.
- **Photos and Filming:** During event, photos and videos will be taken. By registering and participating in event, you confirm that photos or videos taken of you may be used for event-related marketing and other purposes. Material will not be sold or given to third parties in any other way.
- **Training:** Pre-race trainings are available using training maps of Vuokatti-Jukola. Trainings can be purchased from Vuokatti-Jukola´s website. Training outside official training terrains is prohibited.

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