



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND

Orienteering is more than just a sport. Combining tradition and modernity, it reflects the Finnish mental landscape and appeals to many outdoor enthusiasts. Participants in national competitions include teams from orienteering clubs, as well as families and workplaces.

This year, the international Jukola orienteering relay race will take place in Mikkeli, at the heart of Finland's beautiful lake district. The region of South Savo, with its physically challenging yet rewarding terrain, is an ideal location for the event. At the mass start in the twilight of a Nordic summer night, thousands of headlamps transform the forest into a sea of light. It's a thrilling sight!

The annual Jukola relay is one of the highlights of the Finnish summer sporting calendar. It offers a unique combination of exercise, team spirit and nature experiences. Every competition creates its own story that will live on in our memories.

I would like to thank the organisers, event partners and many volunteers of the Jukola Relay who once again made this top-class orienteering event possible.

I wish all the orienteers, service teams and supporters an enjoyable and memorable experience.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Alexander Stubb'.

Alexander Stubb  
President of the Republic of Finland  
Patron of the Mikkeli-Jukola 2025