

## Kairacross Vätsäri 2022 – BULLETIN 2

Greetings from Sevettijärvi!

The racers are already deep in Vätsäri, the number one part of the race office has been established at the Sanila reindeer farm, and the last organizers are packing Lapland equipment, so the race fever is on the rise here.

I hope that your preparations have also gone well and you have remained healthy. This post contains the additions and clarifications to the previous guidelines that have come out since the previous advance instructions were published. Again, it's worth reading thoughtfully and asking if something is unclear!

### PROGRAM

#### Saturday 30.7.

- 18:00 Event centre opens
- 18:00–21:00 The race material (excl. control definitions) can be retrieved from the event office

#### Sunday 31.7.

- 8:00–11:45 The race material (including control definitions) can be retrieved from the event office
- 8:30–10:00 Breakfast (orders beforehand from <https://forms.gle/dXCzSgw1uLGjt1B3A>)
- 12:00 Team meeting, equipment check, distribution of GPS devices, team photography
- 14:00 Start

#### Thursday 4.8.

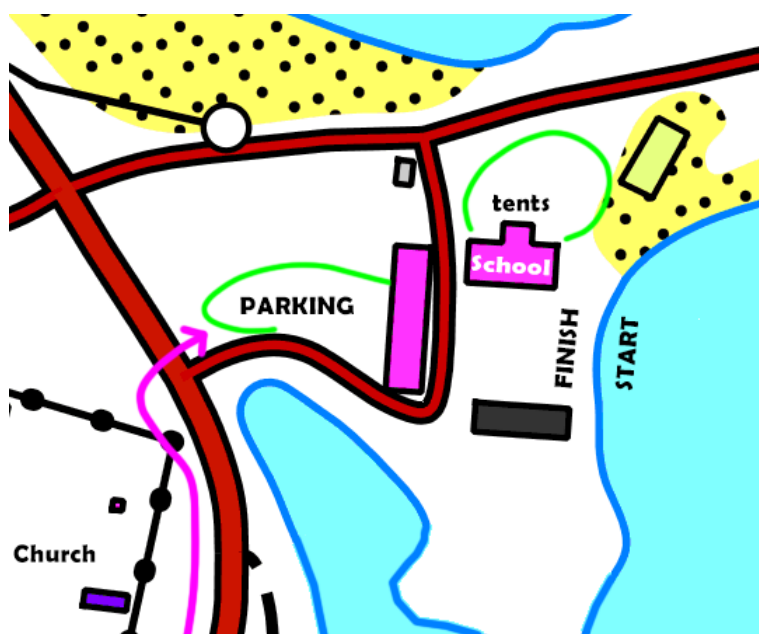
- 18:00 Competition deadline (100 hours)
- 18:15 Finish closes.
- 19:00 Award ceremony and banquet. Grill food are available at cost price.

### EVENT CENTRE

The competitors' tent sites are behind the school, around the playing field and between the field and the school.

The school toilets can be used and after the competition you can take the school showers and sleep on the gym floor.

There is no shops in Sevettijärvi, the nearest shop and gas station are in Näätämö (30 km).



## Race material

The race material includes:

### Maps

- General map
  - whole course, scale 1:150,000
  - sheet size SRA3 (450×320 mm), i.e. slightly larger than A3 sheet
  - printed on waterproof paper (it is still worth protecting, since the material does not withstand lots of folding and abrasion)
  - 1 pc in a map set
- Orienteering maps
  - sections of the course, scale 1:50 000
  - sheet size SRA3 (450×320 mm), i.e. slightly larger than A3 sheet
  - printed on waterproof paper
  - less than 10 sheets in one map set (the exact amount is indicated in the material distribution)
  - map sample: <http://bit.ly/kxv21esimkartakuva>

Each team will get two map sets.

The place of the last check point is not marked on the actual map, but on the map in the control definitions, because it is so close to the start and finish that a clear marking on the 1:50,000 map is not possible.

The finish is not marked on the map at all, since it is in the same place as the start (marked on the map with a triangle).

Several checkpoints have staff with mobile phones. At CP 29 there is a satellite phone.

### Number bib

- Number bib must be attached to the front of the body (not to the backpack).
- We recommend getting a number bib belt (for example, <http://bit.ly/nrolappuvyo>) or making one yourself (see example: <http://bit.ly/omanrolappuvyo>)
- You can get a thin elastic band and safety pins from the organizers, if needed.

### Competition card

- Each team receives one control card.
- On CPs, punching is done with a pin punch
  - There are 3 CPs that have neither flag nor a pin punch, *but small wooden discs attached to the trunk or branch of the tree with a yellow tape*. At these CPs, write the number of wooden discs to the control card. You'll see from the control descriptions, which CPs have these special elements.
- The size of the control card is approximately 200×100 mm and it is printed on waterproof paper. It's still a good idea to protect your card well. We recommend coating the card with contact plastic.

## Number stickers

- Stickers must be attached to the front of the packraft. Clean the attachment point to keep the sticker attached.
- If the sticker starts to loosen, please tape it on or remove it completely so that the sticker does not come off unnoticed and remain in the terrain. The sticker can be removed after the race so that it does not leave a trace on the packraft.

## Control descriptions

- Control descriptions indicate the exact location of the check point both verbally and with the help of a more accurate map image.
- Control descriptions are printed on water-resistant paper, but you should protect them as well as possible. When it comes to finding some CPs, the descriptions are very relevant - and contain other important information as well.

## EQUIPMENT

- ALARM CLOCK: GPS watches with some kind of display are prohibited, but it pays off to have a watch with an alarm. (Garmin devices that have [Adventure Racing mode](#) are allowed.)
- MAGNIFIER: some kind of loupe or good reading glasses will help a lot in interpreting a \*very\* fine-grained map
- CELLPHONE:
  - If you'll have a smartphone as emergency phone, please install the *Suomi 112* app on your phone. <https://112.fi/en/112-suomi-application>
  - Save race director Jouni Junkkaala's number 040 342 4493 and reserve number 050 344 8894 and Poppis Suomela's number 040 042 0002 on your phone.
  - Be sure to fully charge the battery.
  - Put the phone in a case where it cannot accidentally turn on. The phone is sealed before start by the organizers in a plastic bag, which still needs to be put inside a waterproof protective bag. There is no need for a case if you can do anything else (such as removing the battery) to ensure that the phone's power switch cannot be pressed on accidentally when the phone is inside your backpack.

## GPS TRACKERS

Each team receives two GPS devices, packed in vacuum. One has the power on and the other is turned off. The turned off device is turned on during the race by the organizers if the battery of the first device starts to run low.

Place the turned-on GPS device in such a place that it cannot fall and so that it has as unobstructed a view of the sky as possible at all times. The best place is usually the top pocket of the backpack or the side pocket at the top. Here, too, care should be taken to ensure that the device is not under other equipment and, above all, that when the backpack is on the ground for the night or attached to the packraft while paddling, the device does not remain under the backpack against the ground or the boat.

If the backpack does not have a suitable pocket, bring some kind of loose pocket that you can attach, for example, to the strap of the backpack or even to the helmet. The device can also be attached to the helmet if you take several cable ties with you. Remember to place the helmet during hikes and breaks so that the device has a good view of the sky.

The device can also be attached inside the backpack, for example, with gorilla tape, if there is no suitable pocket in the backpack. And even in your pocket, adhesive tape fixation will help the device to stay in a convenient place.

The worse the connection the device has to the cellular network, the faster its battery will drain. Gps tracking is very important not only for race tracking but also for safety, so please make sure to follow these instructions.

Also, place the spare GPS device in such a place that it cannot fall or disappear. The price of the lost device is 200 euros.

## **MAP AND TERRAIN**

The names open wilderness huts (autiotupa, AT) and rented huts (vuokratupa, VT), as well as border guard (RK ) and reindeer herders' huts (PK), are marked on the map, and the name is followed by the abbreviation, which describes the type of hut.

- Only the wilderness huts are open, but we are not allowed to stay in them except in an emergency.
- If necessary, you can visit the wilderness hut if you do not disturb its other users. It is allowed to use the toilet and you can stay and prepare food in the surroundings of the hut (as long as you do not settle in a place where you interfere with the activities of other users).

Reindeer fences

- if there is no gate, always go under the fence (stuff can be thrown over), the fence cannot withstand climbing
- if you are passing through a closed gate, be sure to close it

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

A picture of each team is taken before start and at the finish line. Teams are also photographed and videotaped in the start and finish areas as well as in terrain, and may be interviewed for an online live broadcast during the competition.

The participants grant the organiser the right to use the photographs and video material taken during the competition without compensation in marketing and press materials, as well as on the event website and social media. We reserve the rights to all footage of the event

Participants can freely use the photos and videos from the event on their own personal social media channels.

## TEAM PRESENTATION

Team introductions can be found at <https://kairacross.fi/en/vatsari/2022/teams>

If you have not yet filled in your team's presentation form, please do so on [the page https://kairacross.fi/vatsari/2022/team-presentation](https://kairacross.fi/vatsari/2022/team-presentation)

## FOLLOWING THE RACE

The race can be followed on the website, Facebook and GPS tracking service.

- <https://kairacross.fi/live>: pictures and news, chat
- <https://www.facebook.com/events/1311151722665174>: pictures and stories from the race, live video of the start and finish, maybe even from the terrain. Mark yourself as a participant of the event and encourage your friends to click on the "Interested" button!
- The GPS tracking link will appear on <https://kairacross.fi> shortly before start.

## MORE HELP

- <https://kairacross.fi/en/vatsari/2022/race-instructions>
- <https://kairacross.fi/en/vatsari/2022/rules>
- <https://kairacross.fi/en/vatsari/equipment>
- <https://kxoy.squarespace.com/s/Kx-Vatsari-2022-BULLETIN-1.pdf>

Any changes and additions will be announced on the race website and at the race morning info event.

Welcome to Vätsäri!



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