

Welcome to Vanajavesi Swim!

Vanajavesi Swim is one of the most beautiful open water swimming competitions in Finland. The front of the castle in Hämeenlinna is excellently suited for open water swimming competitions and both the scenery and the historical setting are incomparable. Finnish people are interested in open water swimming and we have the best opportunities in the world for open water swimming.

In the summer of 2010 the Vanajavesi Swim has, for the first time, Finnish Championship Status granted by the Finnish Swimming Association. The 2500m individual and team events have Finnish Championship status. There are also events suitable for amateur open water swimmers: 1250 m, 2500 m and 5000 m and the children have their own 200 m open water race. At the request of aqua joggers they have their own event for the first time.

Riihimäen Uimaseura ry. (Riihimäki Swimming Club) organizes the first Finnish Open Water Swimming Championships in cooperation with Suomen Latu (Finnish Central Association for Recreational Sports and Outdoor Activities) and with permission by Suomen Uimaliitto (Finnish Swimming Association) in Hämeenlinna on Saturday 7.8.2010.

The swimming competition races

2500 m Finnish Championship individual race

Swum with the FINA Open Water Swimming rules – no wet suit.

A swimmer participating in the Finnish Championship race must have the Finnish Swimming Association or the Finnish Triathlon Association (or FINA or ITU member federation's) competition license.

Every participant must have personal license insurance or a leisure insurance covering competitive sports. Every competitor commits to participating in the event at his or her own risk.

Categories

Girls 17 years and younger, Boys 18 years and younger, Women, Men, Women 35 years and older, Men 35 years and older, Women 50 years and older, Men 50 years and older

In order to participate the event the swimmer must be at least 14 years of age by 7.8.2010.

International competition

The competition is an internationally open Finnish Championship competition.

The Finnish Championship medals will, however, only be awarded to Finns.

2500 m Finnish team Championship

Clubs can register the individual swimmers of the 2500 m individual event ~~race~~ into the team competition. The team members must be registered at the competition site at least one hour before the first Finnish Championship race begins. Three best teams are awarded a prize on the basis of their combined total time. The team must consist of three swimmers (at least one swimmer of each sex). In order to participate the event the swimmer must be at least 14 years of age by 7.8.2010.

Team competition categories:

Finnish Juniors Team Championship (Girls of 17 and Boys of 18 and younger)

Finnish Team Championships (Open age group)

Masters Team Competition (combined age of the team 105 years and minimum age of each swimmer is 35 years).

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Entry fee

10 € / team – members of clubs belonging to the Finnish Swimming Association and Finnish Triathlon Association (or FINA or ITU member federations)

Amateurs

1250 m, 2500 m, 5000 m

Categories Women, Men

Without wetsuit

With wetsuit

Children and juniors

Categories for children and juniors

200 m Girls 15 and Boys 16

Aqua jogging

400 m

General information

Entry fee

30 € / start –The fee includes a swim cap and a Vanajavesi Swim diploma.

Last minute registration is not possible.

Every participant must have personal insurance.

Everyone commits to participating at his or her own risk.

There will be a prize draw among all the participants of the event and the prizes are:

A one-week holiday at Fell Centre Kiilopää, donated by the Finnish Central Association for Recreational Sports and Outdoor Activities

Four gift vouchers / A night at a spa for two / Hotel Aulanko, Spa Hotel Eden, Spa Hotel Laajavuori, Tropiclandia, Imatran Valtionhotelli, the prize donated by Restel Hotel Group, partner of the Finnish Swimming Association.

The races will be swum in on a triangular course of 1250 m.

The 200 m swimming race for children and the 400m aqua running race will take place on a 100 m course.

All categories are international.

Event schedule

Competition office opens at 8.30 hours.

Opening of the event at 9.30 hours.

Welcome to the event, Eki Karlsson, Finnish Central Association for Recreational Sports and Outdoor Activities

Let the Finnish Championships begin, Mikko Sainio, Finnish Swimming Association

Estimated schedule for the event:

Amateurs 5000m starts at 10.00 hours

Amateurs 1250 m starts at 11.00 hours

Amateurs 2500m starts at 11.00 hours

Aqua running at 11.05 hours

Children and juniors at 12.00 hours

200 m

Finnish Championships 2500 m starts at 13.00 hours.

G17, B18, W, M

Finnish Championships 2500 m starts at 13.05 hours.

W35, M35, W 50, M50

We reserve the right to change the schedule.

Safety arrangements

We follow the FINA rules and official requirements.

There are three lifeboat canoes or lifeboats in the middle of the triangular swimming course and outside on each side there is one lifeboat canoe or lifeboat. There are two divers standing by on the shore ready for diving and rescue.

There is a first aid point at the event.

Travel connections

The venue of the Vanajavesi Swim has good travel connections at the shore of the Häme Castle.
Address Kustaa III:n katu 6, 13100 Hämeenlinna

The map of Hämeenlinna on the city website
<http://kartta.hameenlinna.fi/>

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