

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 and both the scenery and the historical setting are incomparable. Finnish people are interested in open water swimming and we have one of the best opportunities in the world for open water swimming. In the summer of 2011 the Vanajavesi Swim has, for the second time, Finnish Championship Status granted by the Finnish Swimming Association. The 3000 m individual and team events have Finnish Championship status. There are also events suitable for amateur open water swimmers: 1000 m, 3000 m and 5000 m races and the children have their own 400 m open water race. At the request of aqua joggers they have their own 400 meter race.

Riihimäen Uimaseura ry. (Riihimäki Swimming Club) organizes the Finnish Open Water Swimming Championships in co-operation 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 13.8.2011.

The swimming competition races

3000 m Finnish Championship individual race is 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 13.8.2011.

International competition: The competition is internationally open Finnish Championship competition. The Finnish Championship medals will, however, only be awarded to Finns.

Entry fee 35 euros.

3000 m Finnish team Championship. Clubs can register the individual swimmers of the 3000 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 13.8.2011.

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

1000 m, 3000 m, 5000 m Categories Women, Men, Without wetsuit and With wetsuit.

Entry fee 1000 meters 30 euro

Entry Fee 3000 meters 35 euro

Entry Fee 5000 meters 50 euro

Children and juniors

Categories for children and juniors

400 m Girls 15 and Boys 16

Entry Fee 25 euro

Aqua jogging

400 m, Entry Fee 25 euro

General information

Entry Fees include 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 1000 m. The 400 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

7.30	Competition office opens
8.15	Opening of the event
8.20	Technical meeting, Amateur swims
9.30	Amateurs 3000 meters
9.35	Amateurs 5000 meters
9.40	Amateurs 1000 meters
12.00	Children and juniors 400 meters
12.10	Aqua Jogging 400 meters
13.00	Award Ceremony

13.30	Finnish Championships Opening
13.35	Technical Meeting Finnish Championships
14.30	Finnish Championships Boys 18
15.00	Finnish Championships Men 18+/Men 35-49/50+ years
15.30	Finnish Championships Girls 17/ Woman 17+/ Woman 35-49/50+ years
17.00	Award Ceremony

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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