

Hungarian Middle Distance and Relay National Championships 2022

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The organising clubs from Kalocsa and Kecskemét welcome all competitors at the 2022 Hungarian Middle Distance and Relay Championships!

Dear Orienteering Friends!

It is an honour for me to be able to return to my beloved country to be part of this important event where a great number of orienteers are participating in my homeland, the Hungarian Plain. During my orienteering years I collected a lot of friends and experiences and they are part of my life to this day. With every competition I learnt a lot on how to be a better orienteer. Terrains in the Hungarian Plain seem very simple and easy at first sight, but anyone who ran on them knows that they can be really challenging, even without mountains. This terrain sprinkled with junipers is ideal for middle distance and relay so I definitely recommend it! ☺

I wish all competitors to enjoy the competition and reach the goals you set!

Best of luck to everyone!

Katalin Oláh

Two-time world champion orienteer



Most Important Information (see details further down)

Location: Leave the road between Ágasegyháza and Izsák at the place marked with an orienteering flag - the finish is about 20 minutes from there.

GPS coordinates: 46.810379, 19.453733

First start:	Distance to start:	Quarantine:
Qualif.: 10:00	Qualif.: 600 m	Qualif. - start quarantine: From 10:00
Final: 15:00	Final: 1100 m	Final - start quarantine: From 15:30
Relay: 10:00		

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Patrons

Main patron: Katalin Oláh, two-time orienteering world champion
Dr. Imre Bozóky, vice-mayor of the town of Izsák
János Füređi, mayor of the village of Ágasegyháza
Ferenc Sulyok, CEO of the Kiskunság Forestry and Timber Company

Competition Jury

President	Zsolt Hajnal	
Vice President	Zoltán Dénes	
Secretary	Anikó Rostás	
	Course setter	Controller
Middle Qualification	Kornél Szőri	Dávid Marosán
Middle Final	Péter Szakál	
Relay	János Spiegl	Sándor Ambrus
WRE Event Adviser	Péter Molnár	
SI and IT	Balázs Kovács	
Start	Zoltán Dénes	
Finish	Dolli Csuka	
Relay finish line jury	Máté Spiegl	
Control setting	János Spiegl	

Competition format

Middle Distance	Individual open middle distance championships with two rounds: qualification + final. Only one round (final) in categories W55+ and M70+. WRE Event in M/W 21E.
Relay	Open Relay championships for teams of 3x1.
Open categories	Middle distance competition - only one round on Saturday morning.

Programme, first start, venue, time limit

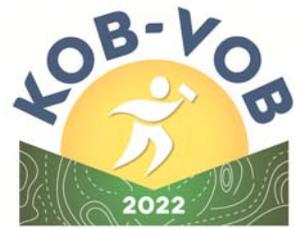
DATE	First Start	Competition round	Time limit	Venue
2022.06.11. Saturday	10:00	Middle Qualification	90 minutes	Area between Ágasegyháza and Izsák
	15:00	Middle Final	90 minutes	
2022.06.12. Sunday	10:00	Relay	90 mins by runner	

Event Centre, parking

To reach the Event Centre, turn off the road between Ágasegyháza and Izsák (about 1,6 km from the Western edge of Ágasegyháza). The turning point will be marked with orienteering flags. From there drive Southeast for about 1800m on the bad quality concrete road (potholes in places). Buses can park at the end of the concrete road. Parking tickets have to be bought there (see details below). From there on, drive further 1500m on the good quality but narrow dirt road. Signs will mark the direction at junctions. From the main road it takes at least 20 minutes to reach the Event Centre.

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Distance car Event Centre: 0-100m.

Bus Parking: at the end of the concrete road, 1500m from the Event Centre.

When parking, please follow the organisers' orders and only park at the designated places! The ground is sandy, drive carefully! It is recommended that the passengers get out before turning into the parking area. If the car gets stuck, ask for help! The organisers have the appropriate vehicles to free you.

Parking tickets have to be bought at the end of the concrete road. Price: 500 HUF per day. If possible, please have the exact sum ready to avoid queuing. Please place the parking ticket behind the windscreen so it is well visible.

Attention! The area of the competition centre and finish is completely open with no shades. Please bring tents and set them up in the designated area (see maps of finish area below).

Please do not set up tents in the area marked as "spectator zone" on the below maps, so that runners approaching the finish/spectator control are visible to everyone.

During the Middle Distance Final, after the closure of the start quarantine, spectators can climb the small hill next to the last control - from there, the last part of the courses is well visible. The "spectator hill" can also be visited during the relay.

Registration (handover of start number bibs and rented SI cards)

In the Event Centre:

On Friday, 10th June 19:00-20:00

On Saturday, 11th June 8:00-9:30, for final-only senior categories 13:30-14:30.

On Sunday, 12th June 8:00-9:30.

At registration, the start number bibs and rented SI cards are handed over. **We only hand over full club packages**, there is no possibility for individual registration.

In championship categories (with the exception of the eventual SI-number modification) **there is no possibility for any change, late entry or cancellation.** The entry fee has to be paid for all competitors entered.

Late entries are only possible in open categories (Open Beginner, Open Advanced) to the extent of the available maps.

Gym Accomodation

Entry is possible with the accommodation ticket received at registration. The gym is available from 19h on Friday. On Saturday, the gym will be closed from 9:00 till the end of the prizegiving ceremony (around 19:00). On Sunday, the gym has to be left until 8:30.

Address of the gym: Közösségi Sport és Tornacsarnok (Community Sports Hall), Ágasegyháza, Kossuth tér 4.

Rented SI cards

Competitors who asked for rented SI cards will receive them at registration. A limited number of SI cards will be available for rent at the competition centre. Traditional SI cards can be rented for 500 HUF per competition round, SIAC cards for 800 HUF per competition round.

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Terrain

No orienteering map was made before of this area characterised by sand dunes. The terrain is very varied, both contour- and vegetation-wise. There are height differences of 10-20m with sand dunes and depressions of variable forms. The sides of the sand dunes opposite to the wind are quite steep (35-40 degrees), and the deep sand also makes it challenging to climb them. A large part of the area burnt down in a forest fire a few years ago, therefore some charred juniper trunks can still be found among the newly grown poplar and acacia trees. However there are juniper areas that were not affected by the fire, and also old pine forests. All in all, the terrain is a real orienteering delicacy, where it is really important to find the balance between running and orienteering both in the very fast parts and the very slow juniper areas. The weak will fall and the strong will bleed here.

Map

Made spring 2022 from LIDAR base as per ISOM2017.

Scale: 1:10 000, in senior categories 1:7 500. Contours: 2m.

Special signs:

- In juniper areas, standalone juniper bushes will be marked with green dots.
- Tank stands (rectangular pits) have their own special sign.

Maps are digitally colour-printed on waterproof Pretex. Size of map: see specific info for competition rounds below.

Symbols

Symbols are printed on the map.

At the Middle Qualification and Final, extra symbols will be available in the start corridor in the third minute.

At the Relay, symbols are printed on the map. Extra symbols are not available.

Sportident

SI boxes will be in Air+ mode.

Controls

Orange-white orienteering flags on stands with SI box and needle punch.

In all three competition rounds, there will be controls placed close each other but not closer than 30m. We recommend checking the codes!

If the SI box does not work, punch on the map and show it to the organisers at the finish.

Refreshments

Please bring your glasses! After every run, mineral water will be available **in your own glasses**.

In the quarantine areas, glasses and water will both be available.

Collecting of maps

After the Middle Qualification, we will not collect the maps.

At the Middle Final and Relay, please place your maps in your club's bag. Maps will be handed over after the Relay on Sunday.

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Information in the Event Centre, results

A printed version of this bulletin will be available in the Event Centre.
There will be no continuous paper-based result posting.
Results can be followed as per the below:

- On the internet, at <http://live.mtfsz.hu> .
- On screens at the Event Centre.

At the Relay, the spectator control will serve as a radio control, so runners passing through can also be followed via internet (refreshed every few minutes).

At the end of each competition day (for the Middle Qualification, latest at the same time as the Start list for the Final), the results will be uploaded to the competition's webpage and also published on paper at the Event Centre..

Children's competition, kindergarten

A kindergarten will be open in the Event Centre during the competitions.
Children's competition: on Saturday during the Qualification, on Sunday during the Relay.

Prizegiving ceremony

Middle Distance: Saturday at 18:00.
Relay: Sunday at 14:00.
There will be no prizegiving in the Open categories.

Additional information

- There will be no waste collection at the Event Centre. Please take your waste home, thank you!
- In case you need medical help, please look for the ambulance car in the Event Centre.
- Mobile toilets will be available at the Event Centre.
- Water for washing will be available from a water tank. Please use the water sparingly.
- There will be a buffet at the Event Centre.
- Any commercial activity is only possible upon agreement with the president of the jury.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash both in the Event Centre and in the competition area.
- By participating, the participants (competitors and spectators) accept that pictures and videos made at the competition - in lack of a written statement forbidding this - can be published in printed and electronic media, including the internet.
- Everyone competes at their own risk, the organisers take no responsibility for eventual accidents and time losses!
- Lighting a fire and smoking is strictly forbidden!
- The area south of the Middle Final and Relay map is strictly protected, entry is forbidden!

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MIDDLE DISTANCE QUALIFICATION

Registration: on Friday between 19:00 and 20:00, on Saturday between 8:00 and 9:30 in the Event Centre..

First start („0” time): 10:00.

Distance to start: 600m, marked with blue stripes.

Start quarantine: 50m from the Event Centre on the way to the Start.

Every competitor has to enter the start quarantine until 10:00.

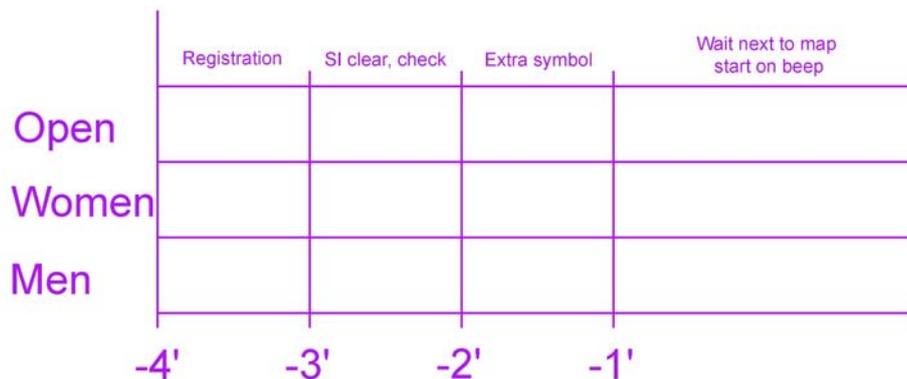
Right after the entry to the start quarantine there will be mobile toilets, changing tents and drinking water available. Items left in the changing tents can be collected after the competition.

No electronic device (mobile phone, tablet, laptop) is allowed in the start quarantine! Competitors not following this rule can be disqualified.

Start

Championship and Open categories start from the same place, but Open categories start from a different corridor. There is a startlist also for Open categories.

Entrance to start corridor is at -4 minutes compared to your start time. The start clock will show the entrance time.



Start number bib

The number bibs will contain the competitor's name, SI card number, the category and Middle Qualification start time. Start number bibs have to be worn on the chest! You won't be allowed to start with a number bib worn on the thigh, back etc.

Please bring your own safety pins for the start number bibs!

Map scale: 1:7500 for senior categories (M/W 35+), 1:10000 for all other categories.

Size of map: 305 x 215 mm in all categories.

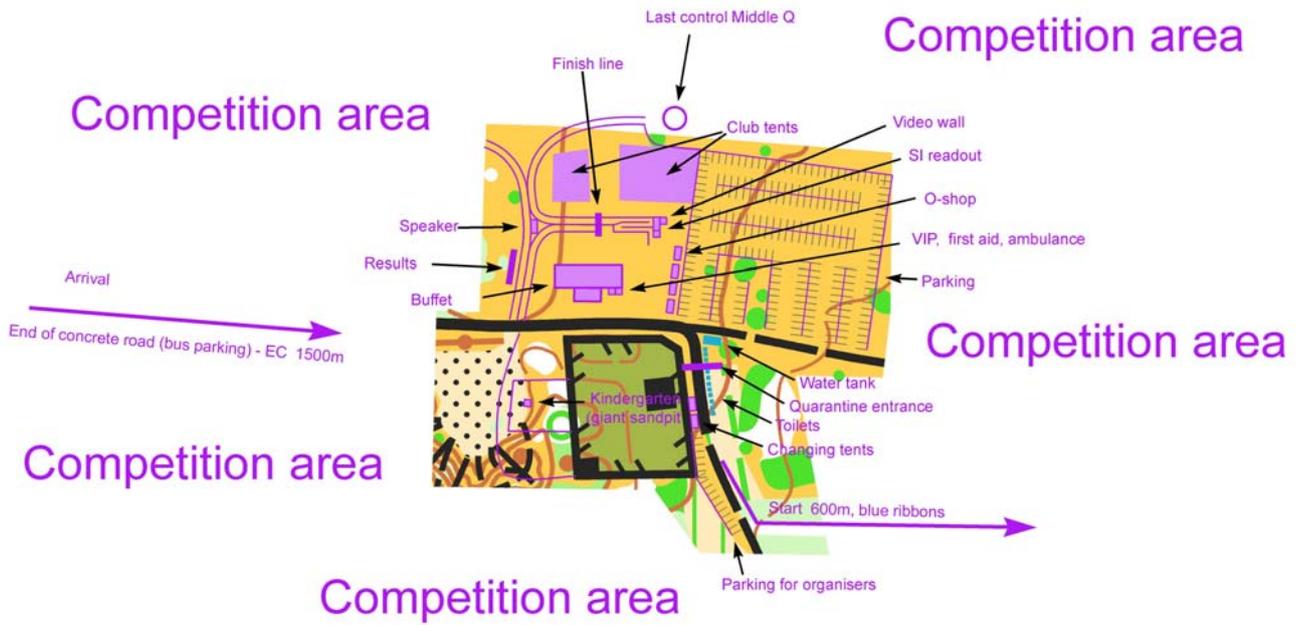
Qualification to the final

- In case of 48 or more competitors in a category, the top 24 competitors as per the qualification results go to the A final, the next 24 to the B final etc.
- In case of 10 to 47 competitors in a category, the top 50% of the qualification result list go to the A final, the rest of the competitors to the B final.
- In case of 9 or less competitors in a category, all competitors go to the A final.

If there were less than 5 competitors in a B or C final, those competitors can start in the higher-level final.

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Middle Q - Finish Area



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MIDDLE DISTANCE FINAL

Registration for final-only categories (W55+, M70+) on Saturday between 13:30-14:30 at the Event Centre.

First start („0” time): 15:00.

Distance to start: 1100 m, blue stripes.

Start quarantine: 50m from the Event Centre on the way to the Start.

Every competitor has to enter the start quarantine until 15:30.

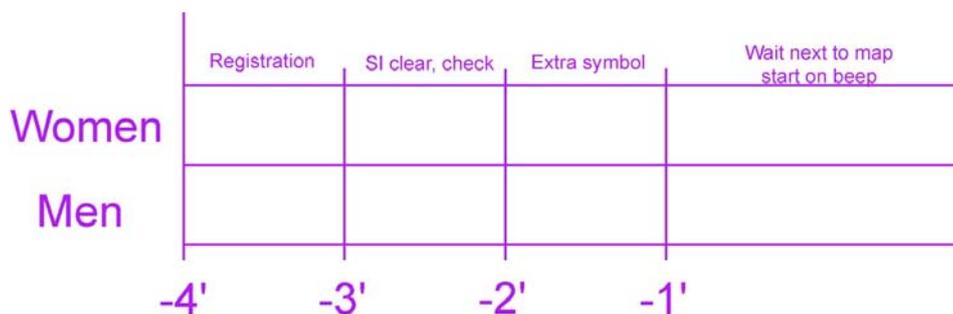
Right after the entry to the start quarantine there will be mobile toilets, changing tents and drinking water available. Items left in the changing tents can be collected after the competition.

At about halfway to the start there is a nice piece of forest with shade - water will also be available here, also a tent in case of rain. Club tents can also be set up at this place.

No electronic device (mobile phone, tablet, laptop) is allowed in the start quarantine! Competitors not following this rule can be disqualified.

Start

Entrance to start corridor is at -4 minutes compared to your start time. The start clock will show the entrance time.



Start number bibs

For final-only categories (W55+, M70+), the number bib will contain the name, SI card nr., category and start time. For the categories with a qualification round, please write your start time and the letter for your final on the number bib yourselves (A, B or C final).

Start number bibs have to be worn on the chest! You won't be allowed to start with a number bib worn on the thigh, back etc.

Please bring your own safety pins for the start number bibs!

Scale of map: 1:7 500 for senior categories (M/W 35+, for all other categories 1:10 000).

Size of map: M35-A, M40-A, M45-A, M50-A, M55-A, M35-B, W35-A 305x430 mm; for all other categories 215x305 mm.

Starting order in the final

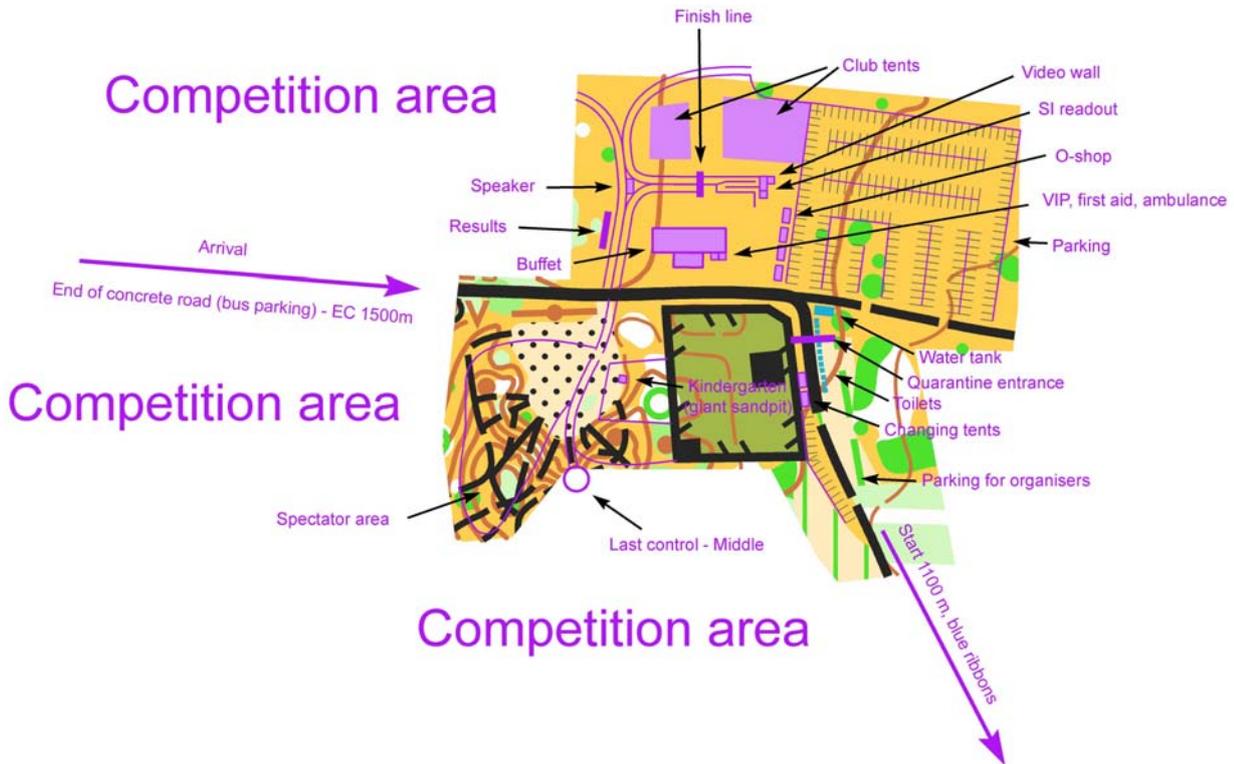
Competitors start in reverse order of the qualification results.

In case of a tied result at the qualification limit to a final, both competitors start in the higher-level final.

For categories without a qualification, the start list is randomly drawn.

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Middle F - Finish Area



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RELAY

Running order with names to be submitted till 11th June 20:00 in e-nevezes.hu.

If a club has multiple relay teams in the same category, please assign the lower start number to the stronger team. Registration: on Sunday between 8:00 and 9:30 at the Event Centre..

„0” time: 10:00. Please see mass start times for the different categories below.

Relay format: 1x3 farsta relay in all categories..

Presentation

Pickup of maps, mass start, passage, finish, exchange, start of 2nd and 3rd runners process will be presented at the finish at 9:45.

Relay start numbers:

First 2-3 digits show the age group, 3-4/4-5. Digits show the identification number for the team (men: from 1, women: from 51), the digit after the dot shows the running order.

For example: a second runner for a team in M16 can have the start number 1605.2. A third runner for a team in W20 can have the start number 2052.3.

Start number bibs have to be worn on the chest! You won't be allowed to start with a number bib worn on the thigh, back etc.

Please bring your own safety pins for the start number bibs!

Scale of map: for categories M/W 14-21 it is 1:10 000, for senior categories 1:7 500;

Size of map: M105, M125 and M145: 305 x 430, for all other categories: 305 x 215 mm.

Maps will be rolled up so that only the start number is visible on them. First runners will receive their maps from the organisers before the mass start, but **double-checking the correctness of the start number printed on the map is the responsibility of the competitor.**

2nd and 3rd runners will take their maps from stands in the start zone themselves.

Start: When entering the start zone, all competitors must delete and check their SI cards.

1st runners will stand up for the mass start in rows per categories, in the order of their start numbers, following instructions from the organisers. Before the start they will receive their rolled-up maps that they can only open after the start signal. Please double-check the start number printed on your map!

2nd and 3rd runners take their own maps themselves corresponding to their start numbers from stands in the start zone. Picking up the correct map is the responsibility of the competitor. After picking up your map, the organisers will check that you picked the correct one. After picking up your map, you can only leave the start zone in the direction of the map start.

Distance from exchange zone to map start: 220 m (with 12 m climb!) in the corridor, which is a mandatory route.

Time of mass starts (F=M-men, N=W-women)

Mass start time	1st row	2nd row	3rd row	4th row	5th row
10:00	F20A	F18A	F105A	F145A	N105A
10:05	F16A	F125A	N18A	N125A	N165A
10:10	N20A	N16A	F165A	F205A	
10:15	F14A	N14A	F185A	N145A	N185A
10:20	F21A	N21A			

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Mass start for late teams:

Planned time of mass start for all 2nd and 3rd runners not started until that point: 13:00.

Passage (run-through):

In every course there is a common spectator control, after which there is a 190m long mandatory route in a corridor. The spectator control is not visible from the finish, but it is visible from the "spectator hill".

The last 110m of the passage corridor is visible from the finish so all can see their teammates passing through.

The spectator control will be a radio control, but the speaker will not announce everyone passing through.

The mandatory passage (run-through) ends at the end of the corridor, there will be no other marker in the terrain - from this point, it is free orienteering again for the last loop. The last loop is 500-1000m long depending on category and has 3-6 controls.

Exchange:

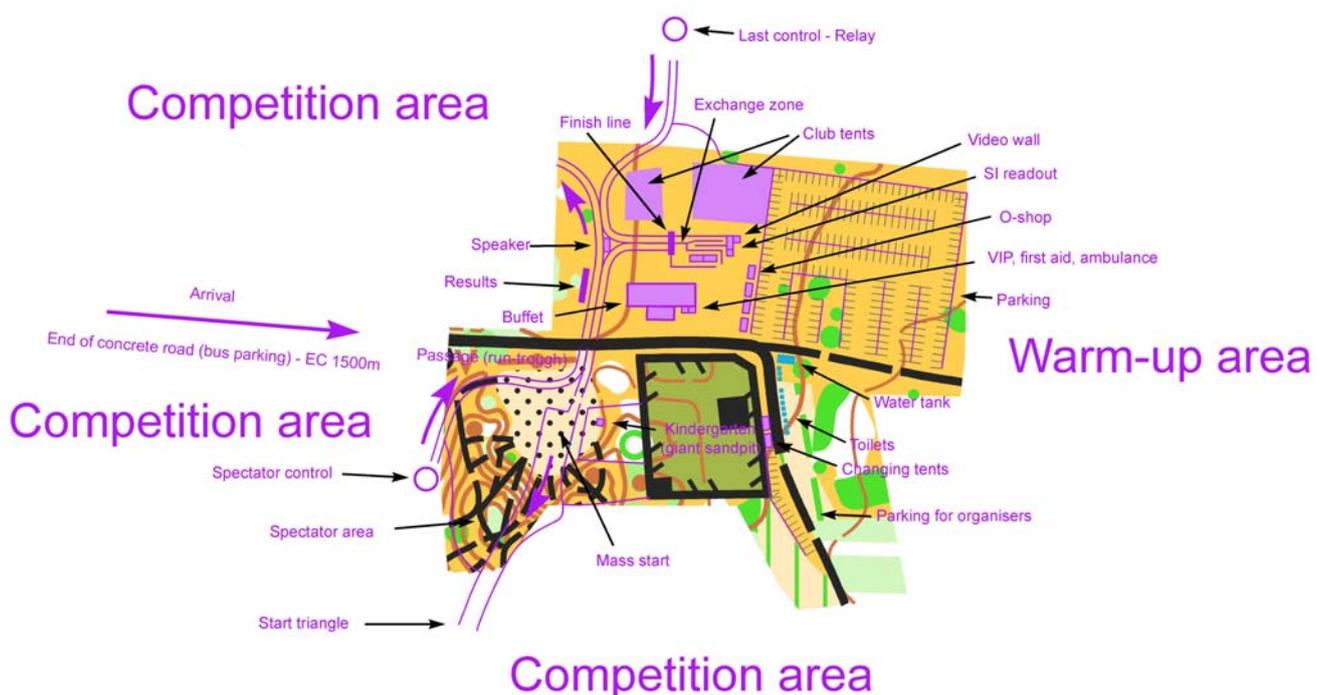
It is the relay teams' responsibility to notice their teammates arriving. Once your teammate has passed through at the spectator control, you can enter the start zone. Exchange happens by the touch of hand. The competitor starting can only open their map after the exchange has happened.

Finish procedure:

Every finishing competitor (1st and 2nd runners after the exchange) has to mark the Finish SI box, which will be placed behind the finish line. **The Finish SI box will NOT be in Air+ mode, you have to insert your SI card in it.** This should happen in the order of arrival to the finish - please cooperate with the organisers so that the order can be kept.

In case of a tight finish for 3rd runners, the order is decided by the finish jury based on the passage of the competitor's chest through the finish line. A tied result is not possible, all finish orders will be decided.

Finish area - Relay



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COURSE DATA:

Middle Qualification (F=M-men, N=W-women):

Category	Length (km)	Nr. of controls	Category	Length (km)	Nr. of controls
F14-1	2.8	13	N14-1	2.5	11
F14-2	2.7	13	N14-2	2.6	11
F16-1	3.6	14	N16-1	2.8	13
F16-2	3.6	14	N16-2	2.8	13
F18	4.8	17	N18	3.4	14
F20	5.0	19	N20	3.6	15
F21-1	5.5	21	N21	4.3	17
F21-2	5.5	21			
F35	4.6	16	N35	3.9	17
F40	4.2	15	N40	3.4	14
F45-1	3.6	16	N45	2.8	12
F45-2	3.6	16			
F50-1	3.4	13	N50-1	2.6	11
F50-2	3.4	13	N50-2	2.5	11
F55	3.2	12			
F60	3.0	12			
F65	2.8	12			

Nyílt K (Open Beginner)	3.1	10
Nyílt T (Open Advanced)	3.0	14

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Middle Final (F=M-men, N=W-women):

Category	Length (km)	Nr. of controls	Category	Length (km)	Nr. of controls
F14-A	3.3	12	N14-A	3.0	11
F14-B	2.9	9	N14-B	2.6	9
F14-C	2.4	7	N14-C	2.1	8
F16-A	3.8	17	N16-A	3.9	15
F16-B	2.9	10	N16-B	2.9	10
F18-A	4.8	20	N18-A	4.7	17
F18-B	4.1	11	N18-B	4.0	11
F20-A	5.9	20	N20-A	5.3	20
F20-B	4.7	17	N20-B	4.1	11
F21-A	5.9	20	N21-A	5.3	20
F21-B	5.0	16	N21-B	4.6	14
F21-C	4.0	11			
F35-A	5.1	20	N35-A	4.7	17
F35-B	4.7	17			
F40-A	4.7	19	N40-A	4.4	15
F40-B	4.4	15	N40-B	3.6	12
F45-A	4.4	18	N45-A	3.6	12
F45-B	4.0	15	N45-B	3.2	11
F45-C	3.6	12			
F50-A	4.1	15	N50-A	3.2	11
F50-B	3.6	14	N50-B	2.9	11
F55-A	3.8	14	N55-A	2.9	11
F55-B	3.6	12			
F60-A	3.6	12	N60-A	2.6	11
F60-B	3.2	13			
F65-A	3.2	13	N65-A	2.4	10
F65-B	2.4	10			
F70-A	2.7	11	N70-A	2.1	8
F75-A	2.4	9	N75-A	1.9	7
F80-A	2.0	9	N80-A	1.6	7
F85-A	1.6	7			

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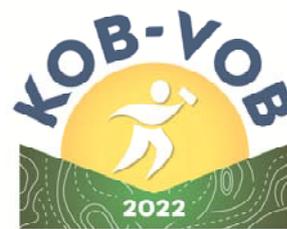


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Relay (F=M-men, N=W-women):

Category	Length (km)	Nr. of controls	Category	Length (km)	Nr. of controls
F14A	3.4-3.5	12	N14A	2.9-3.0	11
F16A	4.5-4.6	14	N16A	3.3-3.5	12
F18A	5.7-5.8	17	N18A	4.0-4.1	14
F20A	5.9-6.1	18	N20A	4.2-4.3	15
F21A	6.4-6.5	20	N21A	4.9-5.0	16
F105A	5.5-5.7	18	N105A	3.7-3.8	14
F125A	5.1-5.2	16	N125A	3.4-3.5	14
F145A	4.7-4.8	14	N145A	2.8-3.0	12
F165A	3.7-3.8	14	N165A	2.3-2.4	12
F185A	3.3-3.4	13	N185A	2.0-2.1	10
F205A	2.4-2.5	12			

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