



**CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DU SPORT MILITAIRE
INTERNATIONAL MILITARY SPORTS COUNCIL**
Délégation finlandaise Finnish Delegation



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The Finnish Defence Forces will host the

OPEN NORDIC MILITARY ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

The Finnish Delegation to CISM has the honour of inviting a Military team representing the Armed Forces of your country to participate in the Open Nordic Military Orienteering Championship, which will be organised in Hamina - Lappeenranta area (South Karelia – Kymenlaakso region) from 21 to 23 September 2026.

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Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, Training
(DACOS J7), Finnish Defence Forces*

*Major Juha Kokko
Chief of the Finnish Delegation to CISM*

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OPEN NORDIC MILITARY ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

Hamina - Lappeenranta 21-23 September 2026

1. PARTICIPATION

Finland, Denmark, Sweden, Latvia, Poland, Lithuania and Estonia are invited to the Open Nordic Championship. The Championship will be arranged on the Nordic and the Open Nordic categories.

Composition of Mission

<i>Chief of mission</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Team captain</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Male athletes</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Female athletes</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>12</i>

Team officials may serve as substitutes for competitors.

2. REGULATIONS

Organizer will apply following regulations:

- General Regulations governing Military Championships in the Nordic framework 2022 edition*
- Regulations Governing MC in Orienteering in the Nordic Framework_2023 edition*
- CISM Sports Regulation Orienteering 2020*
- International Orienteering Federation (IOF) regulations*

3. ORGANIZERS AND TRANSPORTATION

The Army Academy is responsible for the practical arrangements of Championships.

Accommodation is situated in city of Hamina approximately 150 km from Helsinki airport and Helsinki harbour. The participating missions are requested to arrive at the Helsinki airport or harbour.

*The missions are responsible for the travel expenses to and from Helsinki. **Missions are also welcome to Hamina by own vehicles.** The organizer is responsible for local transportation in Finland during the stay.*

4. CONDITIONS OF STAY

*During the stay in Finland, the missions are the guests of the Finnish Defence Forces from 21 to 23 September 2026. Normal board and lodging are at the expense of the organizer. All mission members are accommodated **at the garrison (6-8 persons in the room).** The mission members must pay all other expenses.*



5. COMPETITION INFORMATION

Individual and team competition will be held at Ylämaa in city of Lappeenranta:

The course length shall be planned for an estimated winning time of 60 min for men and 45 min for women.

Relay:

The course length shall be planned for an estimated winning time of 40 min/leg for men and 30 min/leg for women, respectively. The example of terrain is in the Annex III.

6. WEATHER CONDITIONS

The average weather conditions in September in Hamina - Lappeenranta

- Daytime temperature: +9 to +15 °C,

- Rain is very possible.

7. UNIFORMS AND ENTRY PROTOCOLS TO FINLAND

*The participating missions are permitted to wear military uniform during the stay, **on the scheduled occasions.***

*Participating countries are requested to send an **application for a permit for a military person for entering Finnish territory** (Annex IV) to the address: **permit.defcom@mil.fi** by the Embassy or Military Attaché of your country.*

- Separate request for visit -application (RfV) is not needed.

8. DATES OF APPLICATION

*Please, send your country participation shortly (Yes/No) to email **liikunta.maask@mil.fi** by **15th August 2026***

*Final entry with composition of mission (annex II), **before 6 September 2026** by email. **liikunta.maask@mil.fi***

*Permit to enter Finland, **before 1 September 2026.***

9. ADDRESS DURING THE CHAMPIONSHIP

*Reserve officer's school
Kadettikoulunkatu 7, 49401 Hamina
Finland*

10. CORRESPONDENCE

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ANNEX I

OPEN NORDIC MILITARY ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIP 2026
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PROGRAMME (Draft)

Monday 21 September

10.00 - 14.00	Arrival
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch (Restaurant Rokka)
14.00 - 16.00	Model event at Ylämaa aprox. 60km from Hamina (60min)
17:30	Technical meeting with the checking of starting orders for individual competition. Security information and ID bracelets are given to participants (uniform)
18.00 - 19.00	Dinner - Restaurant Rokka

Tuesday 22 September

07.00 - 08.00	Breakfast & lunch packet (Restaurant Rokka)
From 09.00	Transport to competition center 60min, individual and team Championship, Start 11:00 - Prize Giving Ceremony (National sport dress)
17.30	Nordic meeting (uniform) - accomodation
19:00	Nordic Dinner(uniform) - Restaurant Rokka - Host by Commandant of Army Academy Col Timo Hänninen

Wednesday 23 September

06.00 - 08:00	Breakfast Restaurant Rokka
From 08.30	Transport to competition area 60min, Relay Championship
~11.30	Prize Giving Ceremony (National sport dress) - Competition center
~12.30	Lunch or lunch packet Restaurant Rokka
	Departure of missions



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ANNEX II

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Hamina - Lappeenranta, 21 -23 September 2026

To: liikunta.maask@mil.fi by 6th September 2026.

NATION			
Travel timetable:			
<i>Day of arrival:</i>	<i>Time of arrival:</i>	<i>Place of arrival:</i>	<i>Means of transport:</i>
<i>Day of departure:</i>	<i>Time of departure:</i>	<i>Place of departure:</i>	<i>Means of transport:</i>

Officials

<i>Function</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Family name</i>	<i>First name</i>
<i>Chief of mission</i>			
<i>Team Captain</i>			

Competitors

<i>Gender</i>	<i>Starting group</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Family name</i>	<i>First name</i>
<i>male</i>	<i>1</i>			
<i>male</i>	<i>2</i>			
<i>male</i>	<i>3</i>			
<i>male</i>	<i>4</i>			
<i>male</i>	<i>5</i>			
<i>male</i>	<i>6</i>			
<i>female</i>	<i>1</i>			
<i>female</i>	<i>2</i>			
<i>female</i>	<i>3</i>			
<i>female</i>	<i>4</i>			



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ANNEX II (2)

*In strict compliance with applicable CISM Regulations (CISM Regulations (December 2021), Part: II, Ch.VII, art:7.23): I, the undersigned Chief of the Delegation, hereby officially confirm that all athletes representing my nation in the CISM event are **on active duty** in my nation's Armed Forces. I understand that sanctions may be against my nation, my mission, my team, individual athletes, or myself for violation of this provision (CISM Policy Manual Ch1, Art: 1.11).*

Date:

Signature:

Surname, Name, Rank

Your Contact

<i>Rank/Name</i>	
<i>Phone</i>	
<i>E-Mail</i>	



ANNEX III

Individual & relay Competition terrain (Example)



Map scale 1:10 000

Distances:

Individual: H21: 10,4 km and D21 7,8 km

Relay: H21: 5,9 km and D21: 4,2 km

Description: Terrain is located in Southern part of Lappeenranta and it is typical orienteering terrain for the area. The terrain consists of commercial forest, where running is mainly easy or very easy. Height differences are moderate. Some hilltops contain bare cliffs. The terrain is a continuous forest area intersected by a few forest roads.

