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# FINNISH HOBBYHORSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

17TH JUNE 2023

## COMPETITION LETTER



*INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DAY OF THE EVENT FOR SPECTATORS, COMPETITORS, GUARDIANS, MERCHANTS AND  
VOLUNTEERS*

All information about the event at <https://keppihevostensm.fi/>.

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### **Tickets:**

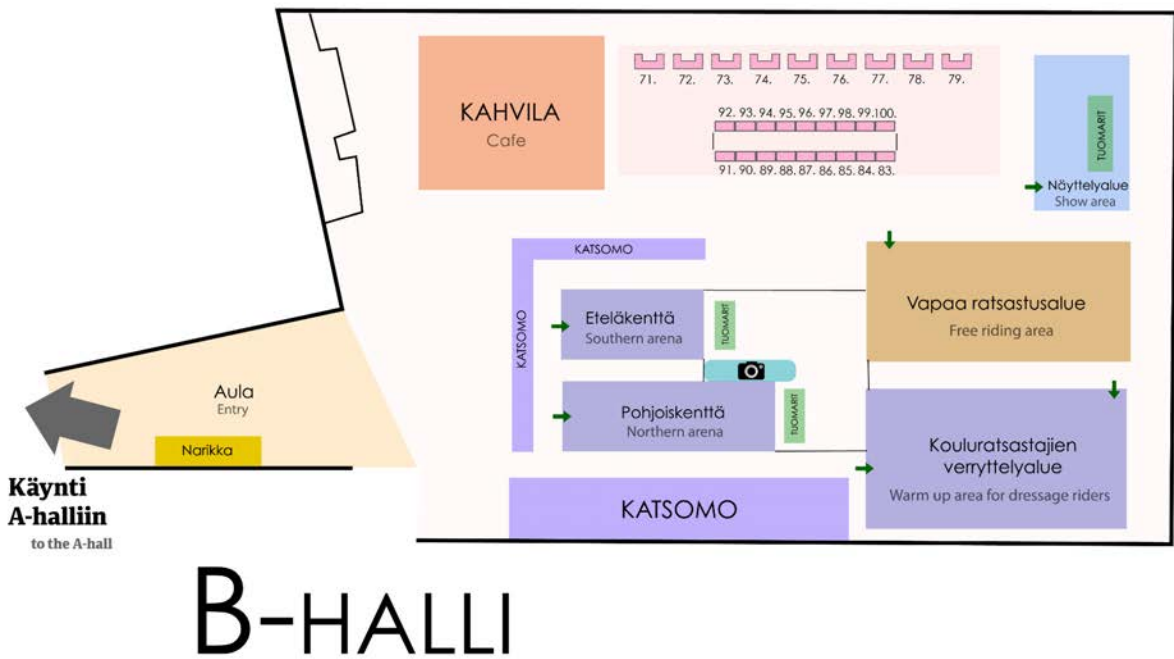
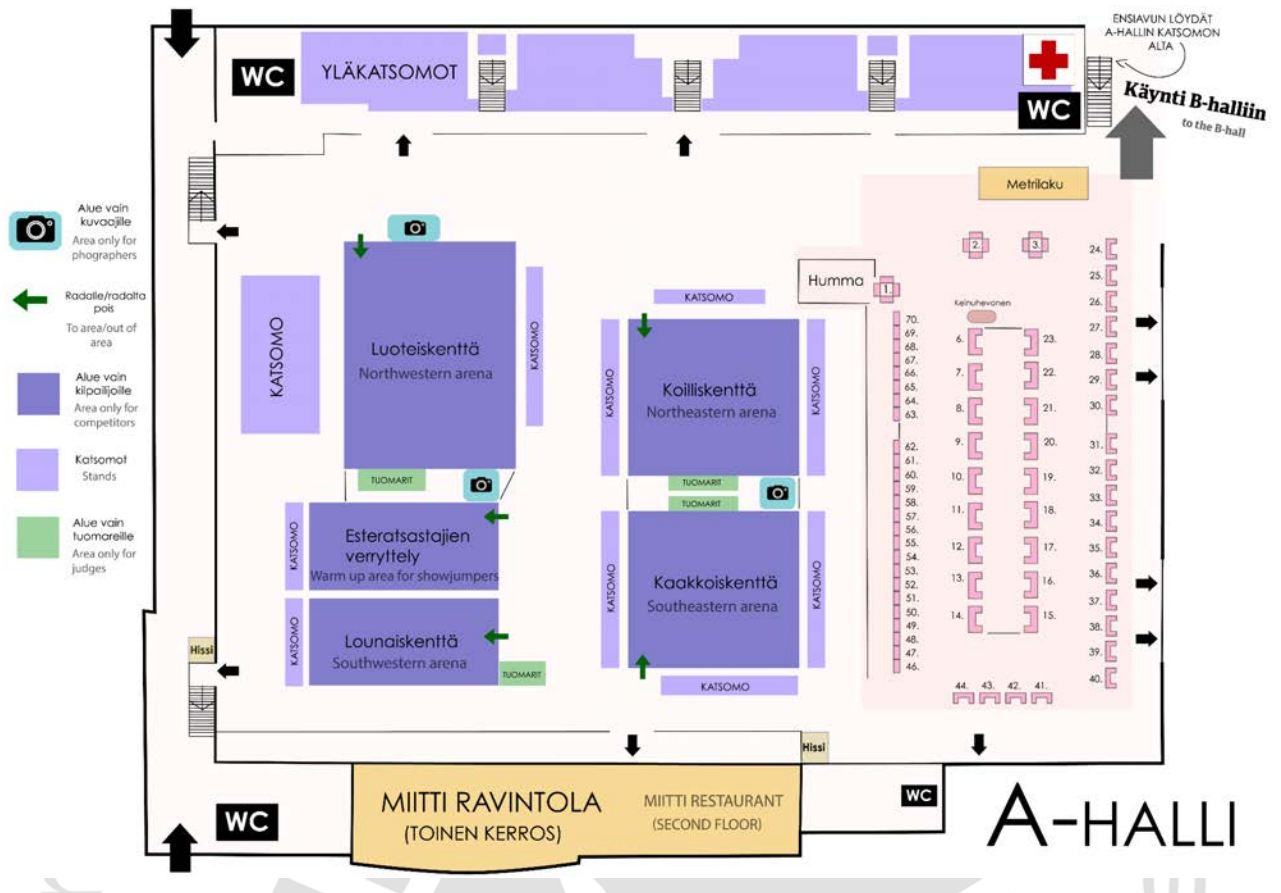
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MAPS (SEE BIGGER MAPS THROUGH LINKS: [A HALL](#), [B HALL](#))



## PROGRAM (SEE THE PROGRAM BIGGER HERE)

	HALL A				HALL B	
	NORTHWESTERN ARENA	NORTHEASTERN ARENA	SOUTHEASTERN ARENA	SOUTHWESTERN ARENA	NORTHERN ARENA	SOUTHERN ARENA
8.30	Merchants get in around 8.30					
9.00	Doors 10:00					
10.00				SKILL TRACK		
10.15				10.00-13.45		
10.30						
10.45		<b>OPENING CEREMONY 10.45</b>				
11.00	<b>JUNIOR SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>OPEN 90 cm</b>				<b>SHOW CLASSES</b>
11.15	70-80 cm	A.2.0				11.00-11.30
11.30	A.2.0	11.00-12.30				
11.45	11.00-12.45		<b>WESTERN RIDING</b>		<b>DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	
12.00			Level 3		Grand Prix	
12.15			12.00-13.15		11.30-13.15	
12.30						
12.45						
13.00	<b>SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL 70 cm</b>				<b>ADVANCED B</b>
13.15	100-110 cm	A.2.0				13.00-15.00
13.30	A.2.0	13.00-14.30				
13.45	13.00-14.45		Performance 13.45-14.00		Break	
14.00			Break			
14.15			Show riding performance 14.45-15.00			
14.30				<b>OPEN 70 cm</b>		
14.45				Style evaluation		
15.00		<b>OPEN 60 cm</b>		14.00-15.15		
15.15	<b>TEAM SHOWJUMPING</b>	A.2.0				
15.30	80 cm	15.00-16.30				
15.45	A. 2.0		Break			
16.00	15.15-16.45			<b>SKILL TRACK</b>		
16.15				15.30-18.00		
16.30						
16.45		Show riding performance 16.45-17.00				
17.00			<b>HIGH JUMPING</b>			
17.15			17.00-18.30			
17.30						
17.45						
18.00						
18.15						
18.30						
	THANK YOU AND GOOD NIGHT					



## VENUE AND PARKING

### Seinäjoki Areena, Kirkkokatu 23, 60220 Seinäjoki

The event is spread over two halls of Seinäjoki Areena, halls A and B, which are connected to each other. The halls are on the same level. The entrance is from the A doors of Hall B. The entrance is at ground level, but is not completely accessible. Accessible toilets can be found in hall B and on the 2nd floor of hall A. The second floor can be reached by elevator. The facilities have an induction loop.

There are excellent transportation connections to Seinäjoki, both by train and bus. There are places to eat and shops in the center near the Seinäjoki railway station. It is a 1.6 km walk from the railway station to Areena. We also recommend carpooling! The Seinäjoki public transport travel guide can be found here: <https://opas.matka.fi/?locale=en>.

Seinäjoki Areena has a **parking space** for 300 cars. Parking is free. There will be traffic control in the morning.

## ENTRANCE

**Doors open for visitors and competitors at 10:00. The event ends around 18:30.**

Entry takes place through **doors A in hall B** (see the map of hall B above).

Ticket door sales start at 10:00 on the day of the event and the ticket price is €18. Sellers, competitors and volunteers do not need a visitor ticket, as entry is included in the competition and sales fees. Children under the age of 3 and personal assistants can enter the event for free.

**The family ticket** allows the whole family to come to the games cheaply. The family ticket includes 2 over 25 + 1-3 under 15 access to the event for a total price of €50. You can only buy a family ticket at the door, not in advance.

**Competitors' and merchants'** names are on the list at the check-in counter. We recommend that you bring a proof of payment with you, e.g. a printout or a screenshot.

## CLOAKROOM AND INFO

There is a guarded **cloakroom** in the lobby, where you can leave your belongings for the duration of the competitions. The price of the cloakroom is €1. Goods must not be left lying around in the



event area, but everything will be taken to storage. Similarly, found goods are taken to the same point.

**Info** is located in the Cloakroom. If you have any problems or questions, you can come and get help from there..

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DAY O THE EVENT

### MERCHANTS AND THEIR ASSISTANTS

Merchants can enter the Arena on Saturday at around 8:30 through door D of Hall B (see map). Before the actual opening of the event, **only pre-announced assistants** and possible short-term carrying help can enter with the merchant. If you share your sales place, the other seller must buy and pay for a normal visitor ticket. Likewise, if your sales table includes only one entrance, the assistant must get themselves a visitor ticket. Visitor tickets do not have the right to enter earlier than the doors open to the public (excl. those acting as a carrying aid).

The sales areas will open when the first visitors enter at 10. Before that, you may not form queues at the sales tables. Organizers and security monitor this. When the doors open at 10:0, merchants and assistants are expected to sit in their seats and receive customers.

### COMPETITORS AND GUARDIANS

Doors open for competitors and guardians at 10:00. The event ends at around 18:30. Competitors receive wristbands at the wristband exchange point at the entrance. Guardians etc. must buy their own entrance ticket either in advance from [Tiketti](#) or at the door.

Competitors are expected to arrive well in advance of the start of their class and are expected to follow the competition rules during the competitions. The warm up takes place in separately defined warm up areas (see maps) and course walks are announced in the beginning of each show jumping class.

The participants in the kür class give a hand signal to the judges when they want their music to start. The starting permit for dressage riders is "welcome".

Every dressage class' score sheets will be completely electronic to minimize the use of paper in the event. Score sheets will be available for everyone to see on our websites after the prize ceremony which also gives more transparency to judging.





In Western riding, the rider must greet the judge at the beginning of the course with a head nod. The judge gives the go-ahead by nodding back.

In show jumping, the two next riders can wait for their turn on the arena, in dressage one next rider outside the dressage arena fence. Start permission for show jumpers is given by ringing the bell once, interruption by two. In the show jumping warm up, jump in the marked jumping direction (red shield on the right).

The competition rules for all disciplines can be found at the bottom of the Classes page: <https://keppihevostensm.fi/luokat/>.

## VOLUNTEERS

The reward for the volunteering work, i.e. free entry, t-shirt and meal, requires at least six hours of work. Still, even a little help is necessary and gratefully received. In order to get good instructions for volunteering, we recommend arriving at the times mentioned below.

**Construction and demolition:** Friday 16.6. at 18:30-> Info and assignments at the Arena. Demolition Sat 17.6. at approx. 18:30 -> Further instructions are given in the WhatsApp group.

**Volunteers on the day of the event - course staff, lobby staff, first aid, etc.:** The volunteering info of the day will be in the lobby (use the doors of Hall B) at 8:10. The show jumping course staff will be instructed separately at 9:30 in the northwest field. If you come later, you can call or text Vivi (+35840 1820800).

In general, especially on the day of the event, volunteers are expected to be cheerful and helpful. In the Finnish Hobbyhorse Championships staff shirt, you represent the event staff, so if you don't know the answers to the questions yourself, guide the person looking for help to the right person. In addition, good teamwork with other volunteers is important. Remember to listen to the announcements in case there is a need for help somewhere, for example a need for track staff somewhere. However, on the day of the competition, volunteers can also freely enjoy the day and rest between tasks!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Vivi (+35840 1820800) or email keppihevostensm@gmail.com in the period before the competitions. In addition, at the venue, you can ask for instructions or tasks from any organizer who is wearing the staff shirt. In particular, volunteer manager Vivi assigns tasks on the day of the event.

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## SKILLFULLY!



The Skillfully! -track is open all day in the southwestern arena, where you can complete the track for a small fee and earn prizes. The courses are obstacle courses of different heights and Working Equitation tasks. You register for the skills course on the spot by buying a skills course card, which entitles you to two performances per card. You can get a skill track card from the skill track field.

The Taidolla! track is temporarily suspended during the day due to the Open 70 cm skill evaluation class (see schedule).

## CONTACT INFORMATION AND EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

The event is organized by the Finnish Hobbyhorse Association (SKHH ry). **The staff** can be identified on the day of the competition by black t-shirts with the yellow logo of the Finnish Championships and the words STAFF on the chest. Feel free to ask the organizers anything during the day of the event. It is also important for us to offer a safe and bullying-free event, so if anything makes you feel uncomfortable, feel free to contact the organizers or the security guards.

### Producers

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In the event of a disturbance, contact the security or any of the organizers. The first aid station is located in the corridor between the halls. Always act according to the instructions given by the organizers.

A warm welcome to the world's biggest hobbyhorse event organized by enthusiasts themselves!

- Vilma, Tiina and the whole organization team

*"one should be less serious and more unhinged"*

