



European Championship 25/50/300m/RT/Shotgun

Men and Women, Junior Men and Junior Women, Individual and Team competitions.

The Shooting Federation of FINLAND

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applies for the Championship in 2027

The Championship will be organized at the **Shooting Center Ruutikangas** in the city of **Liminka, Finland**.
Liminka locates in the northern Finland near the City of Oulu (600 km north from Helsinki).

The Championship will take place in **July - August 2027** (according to the ISSF competition schedule).

The venue has

80 firing points 50m.	70 firing points are required.
10 groups 25m.	6 groups are required.
40 firing points 300m.	30 firing points are required.
4 firing points 50m R T.	2 firing points are required.
5 Trap/Double Trap ranges	3 ranges are required.
5 Skeet ranges	3 ranges are required.

Notes

Final ranges for 25 m and 50 m will be temporary ranges.

Trap and skeet ranges are combined.

We confirm that all ESC Member Federations will be invited according to the ESC decisions on eligible nations and that all the requirements of the ESC General Regulations, especially art. 8.2 - 9.2.3, and the ISSF Rules will be strictly observed.

Vesa Nissinen

President of the Finnish Shooting Sport Federation

championship it is critical that the EST systems which Shooting Center Ruutikangas will purchase for its regular use can be used in the championships in 2027.

The shotgun ranges will be equipped with a SIUS compatible RTS system with compatible electronic score boards.

In the finals of 25 m and 50 m disciplines the SIUS targets will be used if it is mandatory according to the contracts between ISSF/ESC and Sius corporation.

Firearms permission management

According to Finnish laws a person importing/exporting and possessing firearms in Finland needs a firearm permission by the police authorities. A firearm holder must be minimum at age of 18. The use of firearms is allowed for younger persons controlled by a firearm holder.

The most convenient way to import a firearm for personal use in Finland is to have a European Firearm Pass (EFP). The EFP permits also to purchase ammunition (etc) which are applicable in the firearm stated in the EFP. There is no principled restriction for importing firearms for personal use from European Union countries. Nordic countries do not have to have an EFP but they must have a national firearm permission of their country. In both of these cases an athlete needs an invitation from the local organising committee.

In cases that athletes of a team do not have EFPs, the respective national team needs to apply for a team permission from the local police authority of Oulu Region. The LOC will assist in the application process. The detailed procedure for applying for temporary team firearm permissions will be explained in the invitation to the championships.

The local organising committee does not take any responsibility for any third country policies for arrival or departure to/from Finland. These must be handled by the respective national federations.

Preliminary airport and travel details

The Oulu municipality has an own international airport about 15 kilometers from the city of Oulu, which is the point-of-entry/exit to international teams. The airport is about 35 kilometers from the Shooting Center Ruutikangas.



The main air carrier to Oulu is Finnair being a member of the OneWorld Airlines which have six flights daily (July 2023) from Helsinki airport. The flight from Helsinki takes an hour. Helsinki airport is the main hub in Finland where all the major international air carriers operate.

Oulu Region may be easily reached also by car via Haparanda (SWE).

During competitions a transport service will be organised between specific official hotels and Shooting Center Ruutikangas.

Support measures for competitors.

The local organising committee will reserve proper amount of 2 – 4 stars hotel resources in advance. Hotels are located in the city of Oulu about 40 km from venues. International hotel brands like Radisson Blu Group and Scandic Hotel Group are available. The list of hotels and prizes will be published in the invitation.

The LOC will arrange transportation from/to the point-of-entry/exit to hotels and between hotels and shooting range.

The LOC will organise catering services in the shooting range.

The LOC will arrange opportunities for gun storage, gunsmith services and shooting equipment shop (ammunition included) in the range area.

All support measures will be noticed in the invitation of the championships.

Conference facilities

In the Shooting Center Ruutikangas there will be plenary room to organise competition based meetings.

All formal ESC meetings will be organised in an official championship's hotel.

Presentation facilities

The presentation area for shooting industry and other partners will be organised in the event site. The facilities will be of additional price according to the ESC championships guidance.

Relevant information about the geographical area

The City of Oulu is the capital of the northern Finland. The Oulu Region has about 250 000 inhabitants and it is one of the fastest growing regions in Finland.

The Oulu Region is well known for its technology, the hi-tech growth having started after the establishment of Oulu University in 1958. There are two science parks in the region: Technopolis Plc, Scandinavia's first science park, and Medipolis Ltd., as well as a technology center, Ii Micropolis Ltd. The region is home to many hi-tech companies, such as Nokia, and the sector currently employs over 10,000 people.

There are several research institutes, including VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, the University of Oulu and the University Hospital of Oulu. There is also the multidisciplinary Oulu University of Applied Sciences.

The City of Oulu will be the European Capital of Culture in year 2026.

The ultimate regional attraction in July in Oulu region is unique long summer day without sun barely not going at all behind the horizon. You may also be attracted of Tietomaa Technology Park, Kierikki Stone Age Village, Turkansaari Peasant Museum, University Botanical Garden and beaches of Nallikari (Nordic Riviera).

The temperature in Oulu in July varies a lot and is statistically between 11 – 20 °C (25 °C on 17th of July 2023). The average number of rainy days is 8. The sun raises in July about 4:00 h and goes down at about 23:45 h, which makes the daylight as long as 20 hours a day.

Further information

More information about Ruutikangas Shooting Center can be found

- <https://ruutikangas.fi/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqOmJsveLdA>
- <https://www.facebook.com/Ruutikangas>

The city of Oulu official webpage: <https://www.ouka.fi/etusivu>

Persons responsible

The LOC has not been founded yet (July 2023). The Finnish Shooting Sport Federation made the decision to send an application for the ESC European Championships 2027 on June 20th, 2023.

The point-of-contact besides secretary general of the FSSF during the applying process is Mr Mikko Taussi, email mikko.taussi@ruutikangas.fi, tel +358 400 436 416.

The competition director will be Curt Sjöblom (ISSF A3001).

The core of the LOC will be formed from the personnel of the Association of the Shooting Center Ruutikangas, the Finnish Shooting Sport Federation and municipalities of Oulu region to prepare a project plan for the championships should the Finland be accepted as an organiser of the championships 2027.

ENTRY PACKAGES

Entry fees

Entry fees for the European championships 2027 will be according to the rules and regulations and further guidance of the European Shooting Confederation. The entry fees include only the registration.

Additional fees (Guidelines for organizing ESC championships 4.3.2)

- 1. Transportation Fee of Euro 100 per person (athletes and officials).** This fee is for airport transportation (Airport of Oulu) to/from equipment storage and hotels. All firearms will be stored on the range, which is in the opposite direction from the city of Oulu, and thus demands extra transportation. The airport is located 15 km from the city of Oulu and 35 km from the shooting range. The distance between the city of Oulu and the shooting range is 40 km.
- 2. Practice/Training Fees for Shotgun.** Euro 8.00 per round for Trap/Skeet (25 targets) and Euro 10.00 per round for Double Trap (30 targets).
- 3. Gun license fees.** Firearm permission service according to the authority costs (Euro 35 in 2023). Should an athlete have a European Firearm Pass or Firearm Permission in Nordic countries, there will be no extra costs.

Accommodation

Delegations will be accommodated in selected 2* - 4* hotels located at the distance of 40 km from the venue. Accommodation will be offered at the maximum price of Euro 190, per person per night, breakfast and tax included.

Food service

Food service is possible either on the range area and in the city of Oulu organized by the common service providers. Normally lunch costs about Euro 15 and basic dinner about Euro 25 in Finland.

Banquettes

Banquettes tickets are for juniors Euro 30 and for seniors Euro 40.

Letter of support

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European Shooting Confederation

European Shooting Confederation's Championships 2027

As Minister for Science and Culture responsible for Sport, I write to offer my full support for Finnish Shooting Sport Federation's bid, to host the 2027 European shooting 25 m, 50 m, 300 m, running target and shotgun championships in the Ruutikangas Shooting Center in Liminka.

Should the bid prove successful; we are ready to meet the requirements of the European Shooting Confederation for the candidate governments within the limits of national and EU legislation.

The Ministry of Education and Culture is looking forward to cooperating with you, the Finnish Shooting Sport Federation and the Municipality of Liminka and Oulu Region in organising a high standard event. Finnish Shooting Sport Federation is a reliable organiser of competitions. There is a long experience in hosting international shooting events in Finland.

We welcome the European shooting community to Finland.

Helsinki, 14th July 2023



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