

# RALLY GUIDE



## Hotelli IsoValkeinen SM-ralli Kuopio 250 v

**17.-18.1.2025**

## PROGRAM AND IMPORTANT DATES

<b>16.01.2025</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
at 18.00–21.00	Rally office open. Location: Hotel IsoValkeinen, Majaniementie 2, 70420 Kuopio. Competitor admin check and distribution of recce materials for classes 1–15.
at 20:00	Competitors must submit the required documents for the scrutineering to <a href="mailto:rallismkatsastus@autourheilu.fi">rallismkatsastus@autourheilu.fi</a>
<b>17.1.2025</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
at 6:30	Rally office open. Location: Hotel IsoValkeinen, Majaniementie 2, 70420 Kuopio. Competitor admin check and distribution of recce materials for classes 1–15 continues.
at 7:00	Reconnaissance SS 1,2,3,6,7,8 starts, classes 1–15.
at 18:00–22.00	Rally car scrutineering (according to scheduled appointments) starts for classes 1-7, including sealing of turbochargers and pop-off valves. Pohjois-Savon Katsastus, Kallantie 7, 70400 Kuopio
at 16:00	Reconnaissance SS 4 ja 5 starts classes 1–15.
at 19:00	Deadline to submit tire code forms to <a href="mailto:rallismkatsastus@autourheilu.fi">rallismkatsastus@autourheilu.fi</a>
at 20:00	Reconnaissance ends, classes 1–15.
<b>18.1.2025</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
at 6:00	Rally office opens. Hotelli IsoValkeinen Majaniementie 2, 70420 Kuopio.
at 6:00	Competitor admin check for classes 16-22 begins
at 6:00	Media center opens. Hotelli IsoValkeinen Majaniementie 2, 70420 Kuopio.
at 6:00	Rally car scrutineering (according to scheduled appointments) continues. Turbocharger and pop-off valve sealing, Pohjois-Savon Katsastus, Kallantie 7, 70400 Kuopio.
at 7:00	The list of competitors eligible to start is published on the electronic notice board, updated according to the scrutineering schedule.
at 9:15	Start of the competition for SM classes. Starting point: Hotel IsoValkeinen, Majaniementie 2, 70420 Kuopio.
at 12:10	Service at Kuopio Race track, Puikkarintie 41, 70420 Kuopio
at ~19:20	Rally finish and award ceremony at Kuopio Market Square, Kauppakatu 45, 70110 Kuopio.

### 1. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD, RALLY OFFICE, AND PRESS CENTER

RALLY OFFICE		MEDIA CENTER	
Place	Hotelli IsoValkeinen	Place	Hotelli IsoValkeinen
Address	Majaniementie 2, 70420 Kuopio	Address	Majaniementie 2, 70420 Kuopio
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Contact person	Vuokko Haikonen Pia Viippola	Contact person	Arto Ylhävaara
Opening hours	17.1.2025 at 6:30 – 21:00, other hours via phone. 18.1.2025 klo 6:00 – one (1) hour of last competitor finishes the rally.	Opening hours	17.1.2025 klo 6:30 – 21:00 other hours via phone. 18.1.2025 klo 6:00 – one (1) hour of last competitor finishes the rally.

The Virtual Official Notice Board is available at Sportity app, code Kuopio2025 (can be loaded free of charge at Google Play and Apple Store) also at [webapp.sportity.com/channel/kuopio2025](https://webapp.sportity.com/channel/kuopio2025)

## Competitors' Relations Officers



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE THE COMPETITION

### Accommodation and Catering

Hotel IsoValkeinen provides accommodation and meals.

**Service Area:** Kuopio Race Track, Puikkarintie 41. The racetrack has a café and a lunch restaurant. Nearby, Neste Sorsasalo offers dining options (open 7:30–19:00). On 18 January 2025, breakfast will be served at the racetrack starting at 7:00. Warm meals and grilled sausages are available throughout the day at the racetrack.

### Trailer parking

Recce cars and other extra vehicles must be parked at the Trailer Park, **address Takojantie 16, 70900 Toivala**. The service areas are reserved for competition cars and the allowed number of service vehicles only.

### Trailer Park Availability:

- Area 1: Open Friday, 17 January, from 15:00 onward.
- Area 2: Open Friday, 17 January, 15:00–21:00, and Saturday, 18 January, 6:00–23:00.  
(**Note:** Area 2 is behind a barrier and is only accessible during the specified times.)

### Competitor Dressing and Shower Facilities

Available at Hotel IsoValkeinen on 18 January 2025 from 6:00–17:00 and at the racetrack from 7:00–17:00.

## Documentation Checks

Competitor documentation checks are conducted electronically via the Sportity app. All forms must be submitted by 13 January 2025 at 23:59.

The organizer will confirm approved documents to the competitors, but all necessary documentation must still be present in the vehicle during the competition. During registration and material collection at the rally office, an official ID (such as an ID card, driving licence or passport) will be checked.

## COMPETITOR MATERIALS

### Classes 1–15:

Competitors will receive the following upon material collection at the rally office starting **Thursday, 18 January 2025, starting at 18:00:**

- One (1) road book detailing the route.
- Two (2) route maps.
- Timecards.
- Recce materials.

### Classes 16–22:

Competitors will receive the following upon registration at the rally office on **Saturday, 18 January 2025, starting at 6:00:**

- One (1) road book.
- Two (2) route maps.
- Timecards.

During registration and material collection at the rally office, official identification (e.g., ID card, driver's license, or passport) will be checked. It is sufficient for one member of the competitor pair to collect the materials.

## Distributed Materials for Competitors:

- One (1) road book.
- Timecards.
- Two (2) route maps.
- Two (2) identification numbers for recce cars (classes 1–15).
- One (1) servicecar pass per competition car (except for teams competing from team points).
- One (1) service area map.
- Four (4) competition numbers (two for doors and two for windows).
- Two (2) wristbands for each competitor, granting access to special stages SS 4 and SS 5 at Kuopio Race Track.

## TIRES

The **tire code form** must be submitted before **Friday, 17 January 2025, at 19:00**, to **rallismkatsastus@autourheilu.fi**. This requirement applies only to competitors specified in the rules.

## SCRUTINEERING

Before arriving for the scrutineering:

- The competition numbers, series advertisements, and GPS tracking device mounts (RAM mounts) must already be attached to the car.
- Cars must be equipped with tires compliant with road traffic regulations.

**RAM Mounts:** Available at the rally office.

### Scrutineering Location:

- **Address:** Pohjois-Savon Katsastus / A-Katsastus, Kallantie 7, 70340 Kuopio.
- Trailers and service vehicles are not allowed in the inspection area. A service vehicle may only be brought in if the competition car encounters technical issues during inspection.

Competitors must book an scrutineering time through <https://slotti.fi/booking/rallism/> between 11 January 2025 at 12:00 and 13 January 2025 at 22:00.

### Document Submission:

Required documents must be submitted electronically (scanned or photographed) by **16 January 2025, at 20:00**, to **rallismkatsastus@autourheilu.fi**.

Scrutineering end **10 minutes after the last scheduled scrutineering time**.

If a competitor wishes to change their scrutineering time after the booking system closes, they must contact the head of inspections, **Jari Hassinen (+358 400654113)**. The organizer does not guarantee time changes and will charge a **€50 fee** for modifications.

Competitors (or their representatives) must arrive at the scrutineering area (Kallantie 7) **10 minutes before their scheduled time**. They must confirm the competition car's presence, leave the car in the designated area, and proceed to the scrutineering hall for equipment checks. The vehicle will be moved into the hall upon request.

### Sealing:

Cars without the **2025 turbo seal** must have turbos pre-wired. These will be sealed during the scrutineering. Spare parts requiring sealing and registration will also be checked and sealed during the scrutineering on **17 and 18 January 2025**.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION DURING THE COMPETITION

### Competition:

- Provisional start times for competitors will be announced as per the schedule on the official notice board.
- Competitors must have a GPS tracking device provided by the organizer in their vehicle during the competition.
- Timing devices will be distributed at the starting area, and competitors must attach them according to the instructions before the start of the competition.
- The competition starts on **Saturday, 18 January 2025, at 09:15**, with one-minute intervals between competitors.
- The race management reserves the right to extend or shorten starting intervals for different parts of the competition or special stages.
- There is no Parc Fermé area at the starting point, but competitors are advised to gather at the waiting area no earlier than **15 minutes** and no later than **5 minutes** before their start time.
- **Starting location:** Hotel IsoValkeinen, Majaniementie 2, 70430 Kuopio.

### Timecards and Time Control Operations

- International timecards will be used during the competition.
- At time control points (TC), the timecards are not physically handled. The competitor pair will write the time announced by the time control officer directly onto the timecard.
- The competitor pair is responsible for the timing accuracy when presenting the timecard.

### Timecard Presentation Process:

- The competitor pair presents the timecard by holding it clearly visible to the time control officer through the vehicle's side window.
- The officer announces the time to be recorded, using a writing instrument for clarity.
- The competitor acknowledges receipt of the time by clearly giving a thumbs-up gesture.

**Note:** TC 8C (Finish) is the only time control point allowing early check-in.

### Communication and Emergency Preparedness

- Competitors must carry an open GSM phone in the vehicle during the race for emergency purposes and communication with the rally organization.
- The phone number must be registered with the rally office before the competition.
- Communication will occur via a WhatsApp group created by the organizer, with additional instructions sent as text messages.



## Withdrawal from the Competition

If a competitor withdraws from the competition, they must immediately notify the withdrawal hotline (number provided in the road book) or inform the nearest TC officer.

## GPS and Timing Device Returns

- All competitors must return the GPS tracking device and timing transponder to the finish TC at the end of the competition.
- If a competitor withdraws, the devices must be returned immediately to the rally office or handed over to the personnel of the sweeper car.
- Failure to return or damage to the timing transponder will result in a **€150 charge**.

## REFUELING DURING THE COMPETITION

Refueling is permitted only at designated locations specified in the road book, including:

- Service stations on the route (ABC Kaavi, ABC Karttula, ABC Pitkälähti, GT-Kaavi, and Neste Sorsasalo).
- Refueling from own cans on service stations, refueling must be done on pump fuel area
- Refueling zones within the service area.

## VIRTUAL CHICANES

Virtual chicanes are located on **SS 1** and **SS 3**, where the speed must remain below **30 km/h** throughout the chicane.

- Advance warning signs are placed at **300m**, **200m**, and **100m** before the zone.
- Speed is monitored via displays showing red numbers if exceeding 30 km/h. Once the speed drops below 30 km/h, the numbers turn green.
- Speed is monitored and enforced by appointed judges.
- Photo of the virtual chicane below
- Virtual chicanes must be used on SS1 and SS3 (bridges) by order of local authorities





## SERVICE

- The service park is located at **Kuopio Race Track, Puikkarintie 41, 70420 Kuopio.**
- Service breaks last a maximum of **100 minutes** and a minimum of **70 minutes**.
- For classes 1–7, a **60-minute FLEXI service** applies. Competitors can start their service period at a self-determined time, noting the start time on their road book and placing it visibly on the windshield. No further markings are allowed on the road book until the service ends.
- Classes 8–22 use the entire allocated service period as service time.

### Special Notes:

- After SS 4, there is a service break, preceded by a technical area where competition cars may be inspected.
- Service vehicles must have a fire extinguisher and an oil-absorbent mat readily available. Cars must be placed on a non-permeable protective sheet covering the vehicle's footprint area.
- External fuel containers and generators must also be placed on non-permeable mats.
- Service vehicles must display the organizer's "Service Car" sticker with the competitor's number on the windshield.

## RESULTS, LIVE BROADCAST

- Provisional results will be published class by class according to the schedule outlined in the competitor instructions on the **official notice board**.
- Final official results will be available in the KIT1 system, as well as on the Sportity app and the website [www.rallism.fi](http://www.rallism.fi).
- LIVE broadcast (need to be paid) can be found during the rally from: [www.rallism.fi](http://www.rallism.fi)
- ONLINE results and GPS Tracing also available on: [www.rallism.fi](http://www.rallism.fi)

## PRIZES AND AWARD CEREMONY

- The number of awards to be distributed will be announced on the official notice board.
- Prizes will be awarded to both drivers at the **Kuopio Market Square (Kauppakatu 45, 70110 Kuopio)**

## APPENDICES

The following forms can be completed via the **Sportity app** using the password **Kuopio2025**:

- Recce registration form
- Announcer information form
- Amendment information form
- Tire code form

**Welcome to the Hotel IsoValkeinen SM Rally Kuopio 250-Year Competition!**





