



Ice Cross World Championship ATSX250 Rautalampi, FIN 2022 **Welcome Letter for athletes**

Welcome to Rautalampi - again!

We are happy to welcome you all to Rautalampi in February 2022. Rautalampi has been hosting Ice Cross races many times before. This is sixth time when Ice Cross World Championship tour stops at Rautalampi.

Rautalampi is a small and cozy village in the middle of Finland. If you don't like traffic lights or crowded hotels we are happy to tell; we don't have those either. Instead we have chill atmosphere, beautiful frozen lakes and forests, lots of snow and of course permanent Ice Cross track.

This Welcome letter includes essential information for Ice Cross attending ATSX250 Rautalampi. Please read all the information carefully!

You will find extended and updated information on website: www.fsxa.fi/atsx250

ATSX250 Rautalampi - race info

RACE CATEGORY: ATSX250, part of World Championship

DATE: 3.-5.2.2022

LOCATION: Rautalampi, Finland

ORGANIZER: RautU (Ice Cross Rautalampi) & FSXA (Finnish Ice Cross Association)

Race Fee

After registration you will get payment link to your email.

- Men/ Women 80€
- Juniors 50€*

We have cool race beanies available for riders. 1 per rider, only pre order. Pre order and pay your beanie same time as your registration fee. Price 20€. You will get your beanie at Rautalampi!

^{*} Juniors can compete in the Men/Women category but they need to pay at both categories

Rules and regulations

Competition is open to everyone, who is older than 16 years, registered at <u>data.atsx.org</u>, has paid the ATSX athlete licence and race fee.

Participants 16-17 yrs. should provide a letter from their parent(s) (or legal guardian) allowing them to compete in this extreme sport event. (Full name and signature of the parents necessary, ID card (or at least copy) of the parent who signed should be available to show upon request).

Race will follow ATSX Ice Cross rules 2021-2022. Please note also jersey restrictions.

Rulebook: ATSX Rulebook 2021-2022

Online Registration

- Create your ATSX profile in case you do not have one: data.atsx.org/Account/Register
- Register for the race: Rautalampi 2022
- You will receive an email with the link to our payment site
- Note: In addition to our registration fee you need to purchase an ATSX license
- Contact your national federation (you can look it up in the list below). If your country is not listed please write an email to: pvirta@gmail.com
- Read through all of the information in this document
- Registration will close 7 days prior to the race, OR before, if the race's capacity has been reached.

Insurance and license

Every rider should have insurance for the whole period of competition (that's a mandatory and includes the training runs). Without payment of the international licence, the athlete is not allowed to participate.

COVID-19 Actions

PLEASE NOTE, COVID ACTION AND RESTRICTIONS CAN CHANGE BEFORE THE EVENT. RACE ORGANIZER DO NOT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY OF THAT.

• Guidelines for entering Finland:

https://www.finentry.fi/en/.

https://www.finentry.fi/fr/

https://www.finentry.fi/ru/

https://raja.fi/en/guidelines-for-border-traffic-during-pandemic

PLEASE NOTE: Negative PCR-test is required for entering Finland!

- FFP2 mask duty, You should wear mask everywhere else than on track.
- Keep 2 meters of distance and focus on hygiene.
- Only athletes and competition staff are allowed on site. No audience.
- All the athletes and staff members needs to show one of these options:

Negative PCR-test result (less than 72hrs)

Negative Antigen test result. Tested on site, at Athletes parking lot..

Medical proof of being infected with COVID-19 (More than 10 days, less than 6 months).

Antigen testing is available only on mentioned opening hours, it's not available any other time. Please be aware that antigen testing will take 0,5-1 hours, so don't be late.

- Access to the track and locker rooms is strictly controlled.
- No skate-sharpening on-site.

National Federations / Clubs

The national federations are coordinating the steps to enable the athletes to compete at the event in Rautalampi. Please contact your national federation if you are planning to attend this race. Keep in mind that most of the federations are small and may need some time to answer your emails.

- Austria info@ice-cross.at
- Czech Republic <u>info@icecross.cz</u>
- Finland arttu.pihlainen@gmail.com
- France ldeville@ffsg.org

- Poland robertheisig@gmail.com
- Germany info@germanicecross.com
- Russia lawerdina@mail.ru
- Switzerland switzerland <a href="

Accommodation and Travel

- National teams should stay in same accommodation and not to mix with other teams.
 If possible choose single rooms instead of shared rooms. Please contact your national federation about accommodation options.
- There are no hotels in Rautalampi. Unfortunately we do not arrange shared "Riders BNB" this year. Links to accommodation options: http://fsxa.fi/atsx250
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 If you need proof of attendance from race organization please contact pvirta@gmail.com

How to get to Rautalampi?

By train

Nearest train station is Suonenjoki. It's about 20km from Rautalampi. Train schedules can be found from: https://www.vr.fi/

By bus

Most of the buses (also Onnibus) stops at Koskelo, Suonenjoki (also named Koskelo Ysitie) if asked. This bus stop is next to the gas station and it's about 13km from Rautalampi.

There might be some buses coming straight to Rautalampi, but that's quite rare.

Bus schedules could be found from:

https://www.matkakeisari.fi/?lng=en (combines schedules from different bus companies)

By plane

Nearest airports are at Kuopio and Jyväskylä, around 80km away. Transfer connections from these airports to Rautalampi are really bad, taxi might be the best solution.

Restaurants and other sevices

More info on website: http://fsxa.fi/atsx250

Location and Parking

Athlete parking and covid -testing location

Restaurant Nuapuri Parking lot (Kuopiontie 21, Rautalampi). Short walking to locker rooms. NO PARKING on locker rooms!

Google maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/WD5UJk5hhhhN1XVj7

Track location

Ice Cross Track Rautalampi (Satakielistentie 17, 77700 Rautalampi) Shortwalk from the locker rooms. NO PARKING at the track

Google maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/JPjUCWC8ty3MR6Hc8

The track

Track is filled with obstacles, steep start, jumps, step-downs, step-ups and rollers.

Location: Water Tower Hill, Rautalampi FIN

Lenght: 350m **Width:** 4-6m

Vertical Drop: 25m

Turns: 5
Ice: Natural

Sidewalls: partially

Changing Rooms.

We have big gym hall for changing room. 2 meter distance between athletes. FFP2-mask required all the time. Short walk to the track.

At the track there is outdoor tent where you can put your skates on.

Skate sharpening and blade guards

Please take your own blade guards with you to the track, you will need it there. We don't have any skate guard to borrow.

Skate sharpening NOT available.

Training on site

Track is open for training:

- Saturday 29.1.2022 12.00 14.00 (Track fee 20€ paid by cash, open for everyone)
- Wednesday 2.2.2022 12.00 14.00 (Track fee 20€ paid by cash, only for ATSX250 Riders. Covid-testing has to be done before this session. Covid testing available 10.00 11.30.)
- Thursday 3.2.2022 12.00 14.00 (Free training, only for ATSX250 riders)
- Friday 4.2.2022, schedule TBA (2 runs per rider, only for ATSX250 riders)

Race Schedule

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and local weather changes the schedule may change. Updated schedule will be on website: http://fsxa.fi/atsx250

Wednesday, Feb. 2nd

- 10:00 11.30 Covid testing or PCR-test result checking at the Athlete parking
- 12:00 14:00 Free training (Additional training session. Track fee 20€ paid by cash. Covid testing and Registration has to be done before entering the track.)

Thursday, Feb. 3rd

- 09:30 12.00 Covid testing or PCR-test result checking at the Athlete parking.
 Registration at the locker rooms (Covid testing /checking has to be done before registration)
- 12:00 14:00 Free training (Covid testing and Registration has to be done before.)

Friday, Feb. 4th

- 08.00 09.00 Covid testing & Registration.
- 10:00 11:00 Women (2 practice runs + 2 time trial runs)
- 11:00 12:00 Juniors (2 practice runs + 2 time trial runs)
- 12:00 14:30 Men (2 practice runs + 2 time trial runs)
- 14.00 15.30 Food available at the locker room

Saturday, Feb. 5th

- 10:30 11:00 Last Chance Qualifier
- 12:00 15:00 Finals
- Medal ceremony after the race.