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## **FLUOR TESTING Scandinavian Cup Otepää 2024**

There will be fluor testing on every competition day during the Otepää Scandinavia Cup competitions. The testing will take place in a closed area near the start and finish area. Any detection of fluor in the pre-race testing will result in the athlete being denied participation in the competition for that day (NPS, not permitted to start). The same consequence will result from the late submission of skis for testing. A post-race fluor detection, will lead to the disqualification (DSQ) of the athlete's result.

### **Preparation (athlete / service):**

Clean your skis thoroughly of fluor waxes and residues multiple times. Use wax removers, non-fluorinated waxes, brass brushes, and scrapers for this purpose.

Avoid using old brushes or similar tools for ski maintenance or cleaning that might contain traces of fluor.

General information about Fluor ban implementation and ski cleaning methods is published in [FIS website](#).

### **On the competition day:**

Mark your competition skis (both) with stickers provided in advance by the organizers. The marking on the sticker must be clear and done with a permanent marker.

The sticker should contain your race number (bib) and country code (EST, FIN, LAT, NOR, SWE, USA, AUS).

Place the stickers on dry skis, below the binding.

### **At the competition area:**

Collect your bib number and timekeeping transponder from the competition area.

Wear your bib number and attach the transponder.

Submit your skis (only one pair allowed) to the fluor testing area before the specified deadline. Deadlines for ski submission will be announced in the competition information and team meetings.

Present your bib number to the fluor testing official when submitting your skis.

The sticker number on the skis must match your bib number.

**Fluor Testing:**

All ski pairs will pass through the testing tent in the order of the start list.

After the test, skis without fluor will be taken to a rack in the ski pick-up area, available for athletes to collect approximately 5 minutes before the start. Present your bib number, and the official will hand over your ski pair.

A positive fluor test will lead to a retest. If this also indicates the presence of fluor, the ski pair will be set aside, and the athlete will not be allowed to start the competition. The official fluor testers (EC) will inform the team management, the athlete, and the competition's jury about this.

Post-competition, skis will undergo testing again, focusing on the top finishers and random sampling.

**FLUOR TESTING PRIOR TO COMPETITION (OPTIONAL)**

The competition organizer offers ski pre-testing on Thursday from 14 to 17, Friday and Saturday evening from 16 to 18. Pre-testing is primarily intended for athletes who have not yet been included in the fluor testing this season. Each athlete (or athlete's representative) can bring a maximum of two (2) pairs of skis per athlete. The goal is to only confirm the success of the cleaning procedures.

**STICKERS**

Skis intended for the race will be labeled by the athlete/team member with the following stickers (image), which can be obtained from the organizer in advance. Skis for the women's events will be labeled with orange stickers, and skis for the men's events will be labeled with blue stickers. The stickers will have the race number added to the "BIB" section and the country code (EST, FIN, LAT, NOR, SWE, USA, AUS) added to the "SKI" section. The stickers will be attached to the skis below the heel/binding.

**SKI DELIVERY TO THE PRE-START TESTING**

Test Station will be open from 45 min before the 1st start. Skis can be brought to the pre-start test by the athlete or team member, by the deadline:

- Interval starts: Latest 30 minutes before athlete's start time
- Sprint qualification: Latest 30 minutes before the athlete's start time
- Sprint quarter finals: Latest 15 minutes before the specific heat

Skis must have stickers with the competitor's start number and country code.