

Skär till skär swimrun 2023 race rules

1. Organization

1.1 Race organization

Skär till skär swimrun is organized by Brunskärs byalag and Pargas IF Orientering.

Race director: Christian Lindberg

Track responsible: Tommi Lindqvist

Logistics and transportation: Andreas von Bergmann

2. Entry prerequisites

2.1 The competition is individual, separate classes for women and men

2.2 To be able to participate in Skär till skär swimrun you have to be at least 18 years old and able to swim. Younger persons can be admitted to the race by jury approval and with their parents' consent.

2.3 Your registration is final. The Race Organization will not reimburse entry fee. In case of pre-race injury preventing participation, entry fee can be reimbursed, by jury, against a medical certificate.

2.4 Contestants are not allowed to sell their race registration to third parties without consent of the organizer.

3. Race course

3.1 Race course

3.1.1 The race course is clearly marked

3.1.2 The participants must follow the marked course

3.1.3 Any participants who do not follow the marked course will be disqualified

3.2 Water stations

3.2.1 There will be several water / food stations throughout the course

3.3 First-aid stations

3.3.1 There will be First-aid equipment and personnel for medical help if needed

3.4 Changes to the race course

3.4.1 The organizer has the right to change the race course before or during the race based on a good cause and considering the safety of the participants and the right to cancel the race.

3.5 Crossing fairways

3.5.1 When the race course crosses official fairways the participants must follow given instructions and stay as close as possible to the marked course.

4. Equipment

4.1 Equipment: General Rules

4.1.1 All participants must bring all of their equipment from start to finish.

If a participant fails to bring all of his/her equipment to the finish line, they will be disqualified.

4.2 Mandatory equipment

4.2.1 Wetsuit (long- or short sleeve)

4.2.2 Whistle

4.2.3. A swim cap (handed out by the race organization)

4.2.4 Number vest (handed out by the race organization)

4.3 Equipment checks

Participants without mandatory equipment may face disqualification.

4.4 Recommended equipment

4.4.1 Paddles

4.4.2 Floating device (pull buoy), not bigger than 40 x 30 x 15 cm

4.4.3 Goggles

4.5 Equipment that is not allowed

4.5.1 Spiked shoes (studded shoes allowed)

4.5.2 Flotation help that is bigger than 40 x 30 x 15 cm

5. Timing

5.1 Timing

5.1.1 The time is from the start until the finish line

5.1.2 The timing is handled manually

5.2. Cut off times

5.2.1 The max time for the competition is 4 hours

6. Racers' responsibility

6.1 General

6.1.1 The participants must know the rules and follow them.

6.1.2 The participants must respect all other participants, the race organization, spectators, and the people living in the race area.

6.1.3 The participants are not allowed to use unfair methods to gain advantage.

6.1.4 All forms of doping are forbidden.

6.2 During the race

6.2.1 The participants participate at their own risk and cannot hold the organization responsible for any accident during the race. The participants are recommended to have a valid insurance coverage.

6.2.2 The participants are obliged to help any other participant that has sustained an injury or who requires first aid.

6.2.3 A participant that has abandoned the race shall report it to the organization as soon as possible.

6.3.4 The participants are not allowed to leave any trash in nature. If a participant does so, they will be disqualified.

7. Race jury and protests

7.1 Race jury

7.1.1 Race jury consists of the race director and two other persons from the race organization.

7.1.2 The race jury:

- Enforces the rules
- Makes decisions on the outcome of a protest
- Makes decisions on disqualification
- Makes decisions on course changes and changes to the rules

7.1.3 At least two members of the race jury are needed for taking a race jury decision.

7.1.4 The race jury has the right to use “common sense” to make a decision about any situation that arises, if a clear solution to it is not stated in the rules.

7.1.5 The decisions of the race jury are final.

7.2 Protests

7.2.1 Any protest must be made in writing to the race organization within an hour after finishing the race.

7.2.2 A protest must include:

- Time and location
- Racing number and signatures of the participant
- Racing number or name of the participant that the protest is against
- Reason(s) for the protest
- (If possible) witness and their name or race number

7.2.3 A protest that does not meet the criteria set under point 7.2.2 will be ignored.

7.2.4 Decision of the race jury will be communicated to those involved as soon as possible.

7.3 Disqualifications

Failure to follow the rules leads to disqualification by decision of the race jury.

7.4 External assistance

Receiving assistance from persons outside the race organization is forbidden. Each participant must make his/her own way from start to finish.

8. Safety

8.1 General safety rules

8.1.1 The race organization can refuse a participant his/her right to continue in the race, if the organization judges the participant is too fatigued or in such a physical condition that continuing to race would pose an unnecessary risk.

8.1.2 A participant that has started the race but is for some reason unable to continue racing, must notify the race organization about abandoning the race as soon as possible. The personnel will give instructions about transport back to the race venue.

9. Media and sponsor exposure

9.1 Race vests

Race vests must be worn visible at all times during the race. Modifying the race vest in any way is prohibited, and the race bibs must be worn from start to finish. Please return the vest at the race venue.

9.2 Photograph and video rights

The participants grant the race organization and cooperation partners the right to use photographs and video material taken during the race free of charge in marketing, press material, and on their website.

9.3 Publishing of the results

The organizer will publish the names and results on their website and through other channels.

9.4 Protection of personal data

When signing up for the race, the participant approves of the way the organizer handles personal data <https://www.brunskar.fi/datapolicy>

10. Force majeure

In case of Force majeure, such as but not limited to weather conditions for example storm, thunderstorm, mist, poor water quality or government restrictions the organizer keeps the right not to refund the entry fee.

11. Accepting the rules

By registration to the event, each participant accepts the rules in full.