# Finnish Champs Middle 2021

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## 1. General information - be careful when reading organizers infos'

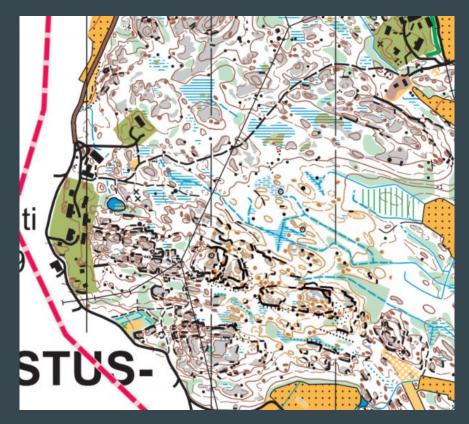
- Need-to-know -stuff: guidance marks towards start, distance to start, where are number bibs, own safety bins, control descriptions(!), how the start works, punching and routines in finish.
- This all may sound irrelevant, but in my opinion play a big role on a hectic day.
- Go through all this data with your coach/friend long beforehand.
- If something feels really annoying and too exciting still some days/hours before your start, just be brave and ask for help. That is not a sign of weakness!



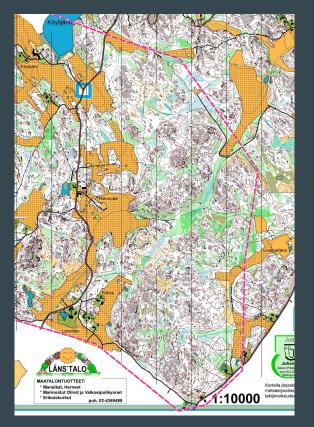
# 2. Course planning on old maps

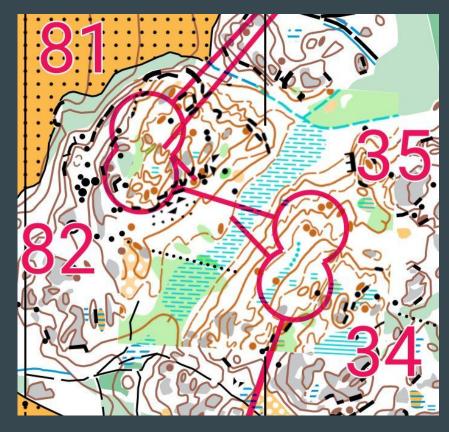
- It is really difficult to guess courses and map
- It might even be harmful to your performance
- Better to examine the map samples and try to find similar places on training maps
- Lots of repeats on relevant terrains
- Take notes of which orienteering actions are beneficial for your o-performance

When chatting with friends & rivals (about the race) try to stay cool and breathe calmly ;-)

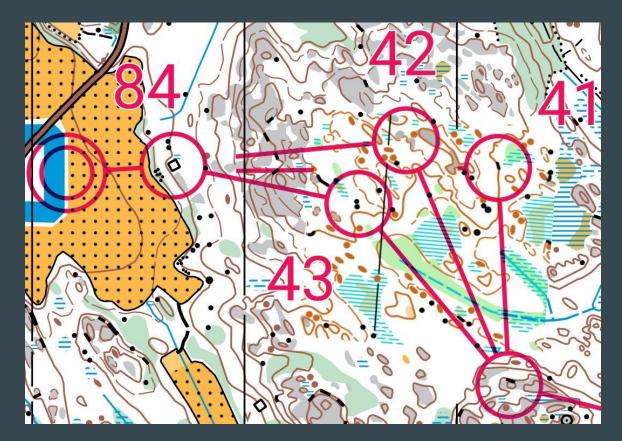


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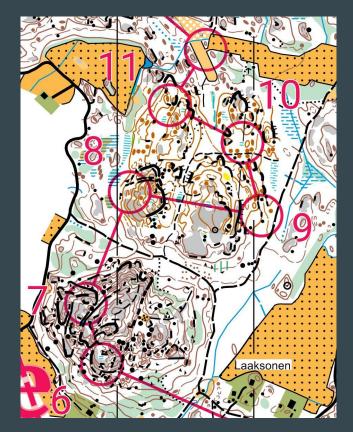


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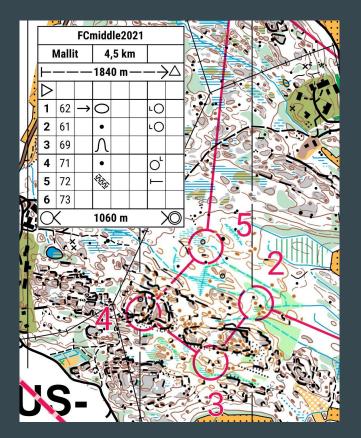


## 2. Course planning on old maps - Final case 1





#### 2. Course planning on old maps - Final case 2





# 3. Example of a FC-middle day

- Wake-up @6AM (~4hrs of sleep...) -
- Close to my home 🕂
- Starts @9.54AM & @2.13PM =
- Rainy day and had to stay in car 🗕
- Own porridge-bags, protein shakes, bananas 🕂
- Long warm-ups + cool-downs -
- Race times 20.50 & 31.45 🕂
- Excitement level between the races



"The key thing to remember is - everyone faces the same tough challenges during this great race day!"

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## 4. Importance of relaxation and nutrition

- Eat enough, whole week!
- Be sure that you have some spare time
- Do your technical preparations in advance
- Massage/stretching plan
- Prepare your liquids and food for the race day

- Straight after qualification refuel and cool-down
- Short analysis of orienteering plan for final
- If hot, stay in shadow + put your feet in water
- Not too much speculations with friends/rivals
- Music/reading/audiobooks etc.



# 5. Official training in Kaanaa

- Focus: 4 x start of a middle race
- Better with some company
- Was it really relevant at all ;-)?
- Even though there were only stripes on controls my focus was poor
- Conclusion: slow down the pace every time you feel unsure.





# 6. Take-home message

- Be well prepared and still open to changes
- Examine the terrain-type and plan legs on relevant maps only
- Stay as relaxed as possible
- Follow your race-day-plan
- Enjoy and perform your best!

Thanks, tack ja kiitos. Good luck on Sunday!

