



Bulletin 1

SKI-WOC 2026 Japan

World Ski Orienteering Championships 2026

March 1st – March 6th, 2026

Rusutsu, Hokkaido, JAPAN

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3. Venue

The event center will be set in the Rusutsu Resort Hotel in Rusutsu, Hokkaido. Rusutsu is in the south west of Hokkaido in the northern Japan. For further information about Rusutsu, visit <https://rusutsu.com/en/>.

All competitions and activities will be held in Rusutsu resort, and the event center will also be there. The resort also provides some rank of accommodations. It takes 2 hours from New Chitose International Airport by bus. There are some direct flight connections from Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka International Airport to New Chitose Airport.

4. Program, Dates and Type of competition

Feb 28	The event center opens / Arrival day
March 1	Model Event, Opening ceremony
March 2	Sprint
March 3	Pursuit
March 4	Rest day
March 5	Middle distance
March 6	Sprint Relay/ Closing ceremony and banquet
March 7	Departure

5. Classes

Women

Men

Mixed Relay

Participation restrictions as per the IOF Ski Orienteering Rules.

6. Opportunities for training

2025 March 1-2, Japan Championship in near Rusutsu.

Details will be announced and updated on the official web site.

The accommodation will be the Rusutsu Resort Hotel, which is at the same place as the Event Center of SKI WOC 2026.

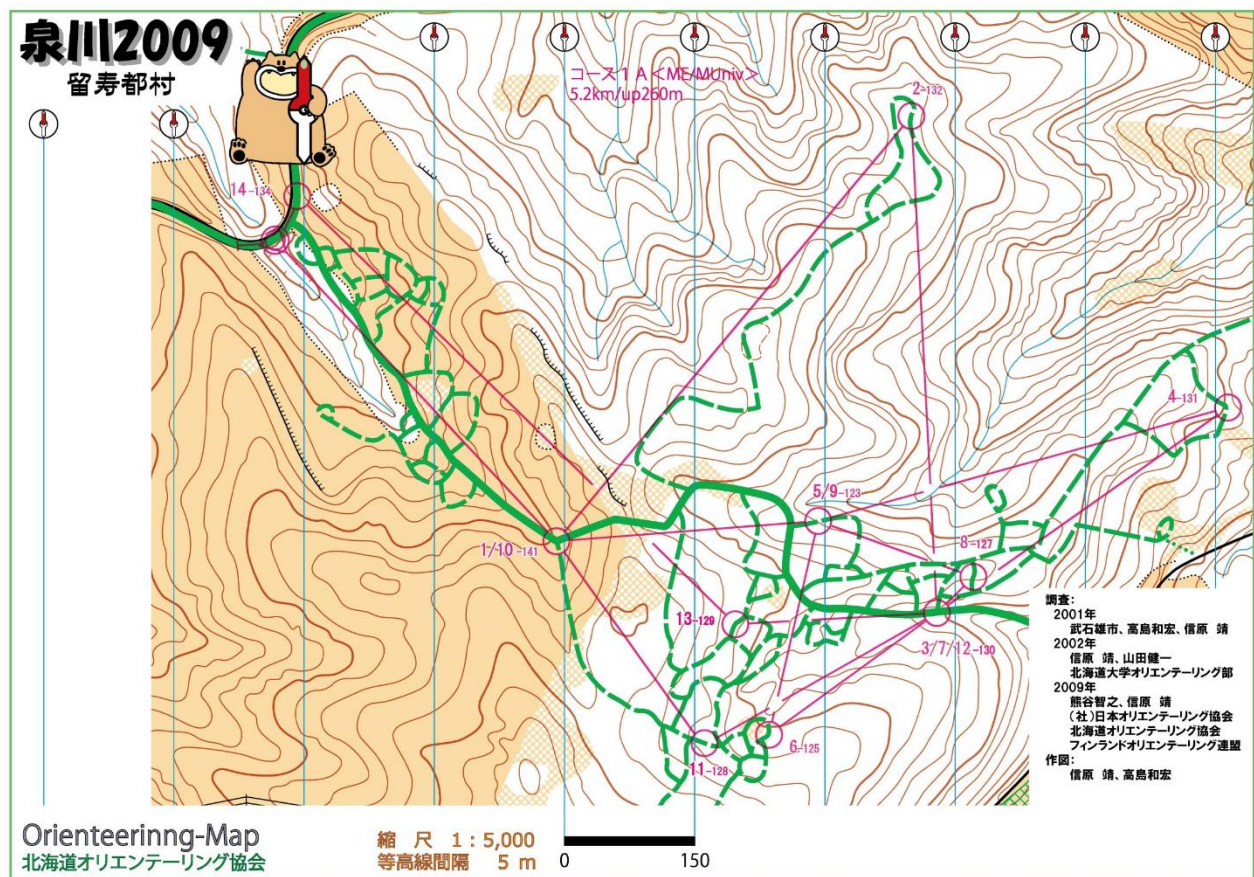
7. Embargoed Area

See the map below. Please note that staying at the Westin Hotel (including access to the Westin Hotel), alpine skiing course, and commercial facilities are included in the embargoed area.

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8. Maps

The latest Ski-Orienteering maps of planned area will be posted and updated on the eventor.



9. Travel Information

If you're planning a trip to Rusutsu Resort from overseas, the journey typically begins with a flight into Japan's northern island of Hokkaido, most conveniently via New Chitose Airport (CTS) near Sapporo. Thanks to its status as a major international hub, New Chitose receives flights from numerous Asian cities and often connects seamlessly with other global destinations through Tokyo's Narita or Haneda airports. For travelers coming from North America or Europe, it's common to book a multi-leg itinerary—either via a major Japanese gateway or another Asian city like Seoul or Hong Kong—before arriving in Sapporo.

Once you've touched down at New Chitose, the next stage is a roughly 120-minute transfer to Rusutsu Resort. Although car rental is an option, for most visitors the easiest and most comfortable method is a door-to-door coach service that runs directly between the airport and the resort.

If you prefer more flexibility, consider renting a car. Hokkaido's well-maintained roads and scenic landscapes make for a pleasant drive, but remember that winters can be snowy and challenging for those unaccustomed to such conditions. Another option is to catch a train from New Chitose to Sapporo Station, then transfer to a bus bound for Rusutsu. While this route takes a bit more effort, it can be an appealing choice if you'd like to explore Sapporo's city center—its eclectic dining scene, smart city innovations, and high-speed internet infrastructure—before heading into the tranquil, snow-kissed world of Rusutsu.

Check more about Rusutsu-resort at <https://rusutsu.com/en/>