



Bulletin 2

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. Climate and Altitude

In early March, Rusutsu, Japan, experiences cold temperatures with average highs around 5°C and lows near -10°C. During this period, the average depth of snow is 100-180cm.

The village of Rusutsu is situated at an elevation of approximately 400 meters above sea level, and the competition will be held on altitude between 400m and 600m.

5. Program, Dates and Type of competition

Feb 25 (Wed)	Public Race
Feb 26 (Thu)	Public Race
Feb 28 (Sat)	The event center opens / Arrival day 14:00- Open Competition (Model Event Area)
March 1 (Sun)	Model Event, Opening ceremony
March 2 (Mon)	Sprint
March 3 (Thu)	Pursuit
March 4 (Wed)	Rest day
March 5 (Thr)	Middle distance (Mass start)
March 6 (Fri)	Sprint Relay/ Closing ceremony and banquet
March 7(Sat)	Departure Open Competition (WSOC Competition Area)

6. Classes

Women

Men

Mixed Relay

Participation restrictions as per the IOF Ski Orienteering Rules.

7. Entries & Entry Deadlines

All entries are to be done via IOF Eventor.

- Team Size deadline : Jan 1st 2026
- Team names deadline : Feb 19th 2026

8. Entry Fees

	Regular Entry Until Jan. 1st 2026	Late Entry Until Feb.19 th 2026	Very Late Entry Until Feb. 25 th 2026
Accreditation fee (Competitor)	20,000 yen	+20% (withdrawal -80%)	+50% (withdrawal -50%)
Accreditation fee (team official)	20,000 yen	+20% (withdrawal -80%)	+50% (withdrawal -50%)
Entry fee per competition	14,000 yen (Relay: 28,000 yen)	+20% (withdrawal -80%)	+50% (withdrawal -50%)
Name Change			10,000 yen

The accreditation and entry fees include access to the race venues, the model event, any mandatory transport, Emitag rental, team official meetings and competition maps.

9. Payment

Payment deadline for the accreditation and entry fees is February 25th 2026
Payments shall be done to the following bank account:

SWIFT Code / BIC: RAKTJPJT

Beneficiary Bank Name: RAKUTEN BANK, LTD.

Branch Name: HEAD OFFICE

Beneficiary Bank Address: 2-16-5 KONAN, MINATO-KU, TOKYO, JAPAN

[Intermediary Bank Information]

SWIFT Code / BIC: SMBCJPJT

Intermediary Bank Name: SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION, TOKYO, JAPAN

[Beneficiary Information]

Beneficiary Account Number: 253-7589186

Beneficiary Name: Japan Orienteering Association

Beneficiary Address: 4-2, Kasumigaokamachi, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, 160-0013, Japan”

Entries and accommodations are not valid until full payment is received.

10. Punching System

Emitag punching will be used.

All competitors will be provided with two Emitag by the organizer for the duration of the event (primary and secondary card). Only these may be used in the competitions.

11. Map Scales and Contour Intervals

Sprint	Pursuit	Middle	Sprint Relay
1:5,000 / 5m	1:10,000 / 5m	1:10,000 / 5m	1:5,000 / 5m

Format of all maps will be A4 (210 × 297mm)

12. Winning Times

Sprint	Pursuit	Middle	Sprint Relay
12' -15'	50' -60'	40' -45'	6' -8' per leg

13. Accommodation and other fee

Rank	Room Size	Number of guests to use the room	Price/Per night/Person
S	66m2	1	105,000 yen
A	33m2	1	30,000 yen
B	33m2	2	24,000 yen
C	33m2	3 or 4	18,000 yen
D	Lodge	-	18,000 yen

Half board meal and during the competition and the fee for banquet is included. Lunch can be purchased at Rusutsu Resort or at a convenience store within walking distance.

There are two types of lodges available: one for 16 people and one for 24 people. Reservations can be made by country, or the lodge may be shared by guests from multiple countries. For more details, please contact us.

Please contact : wsoc2026_hotel@o-hokkaido.com for accommodation during the competition or training camp.

Staying outside Rusutsu Resort is not recommended, but who want to stay outside Rusutsu Resort, please make your accommodation reservations by yourself.

(Buses to the competition area will be depart from Rusutsu Resort.)

Item	Period	Fee
Wax table	For whole period	50,000 yen
Transportation	Chitose Airport to Rusutsu	10,000 yen (For round trip)
Banquet		9,000 yen (If you are staying at Rusutsu Resort, it is included in the accommodation fee and therefore free of charge.)

14. Entering Japan / Visa Requirements

Please kindly check the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan's website for information regarding visas required for entry into Japan.

https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html

15. Opportunities for training

There are several cross country skiing course near Rusutsu resort.

(Kutcyan: 2×2km course, Kyogoku:2km course, Kimobetsu:3km)

Bus transportation will be prepared by request from 1 week(Feb/23 Mon) before the competition. (Bus will departs on around 9:00 and 13:30 every day by request, only for who stays at Rusutsu resort.

There are cross country ski courses only, no snowmobile track but map will be prepared.

For this service, you need to pay 10,000 yen for whole period or 3,000 yen/per day.

We can offer the same price for accommodation at Rusutsu-resort for the training camp.

16. Ban of Fluorinated Waxes

The use of fluorinated waxes is forbidden.

For background and FAQs in this regards, please see the information provided by the IOF:

<https://orienteering.sport/skio/faq-ban-of-fluorinated-waxes-in-ski/>

Details of the implementation during the competitions in Rusutsu will be given in a later bulletin.

17. Anti-Doping

Doping is strictly forbidden, and the Event Organization is dedicated to supporting the Anti doping Authorities in their work.

Doping controls may be carried out any time during the event in accordance with the procedures described in the WADA International Standard of Testing and Investigations. The IOF Anti-Doping Rules and the World Anti-Doping Code apply

18. Registration of Media and Federation Representatives

Please direct media enquiries and other questions or requests to the Media office or the Event Office via contacts given below.

Media kit,

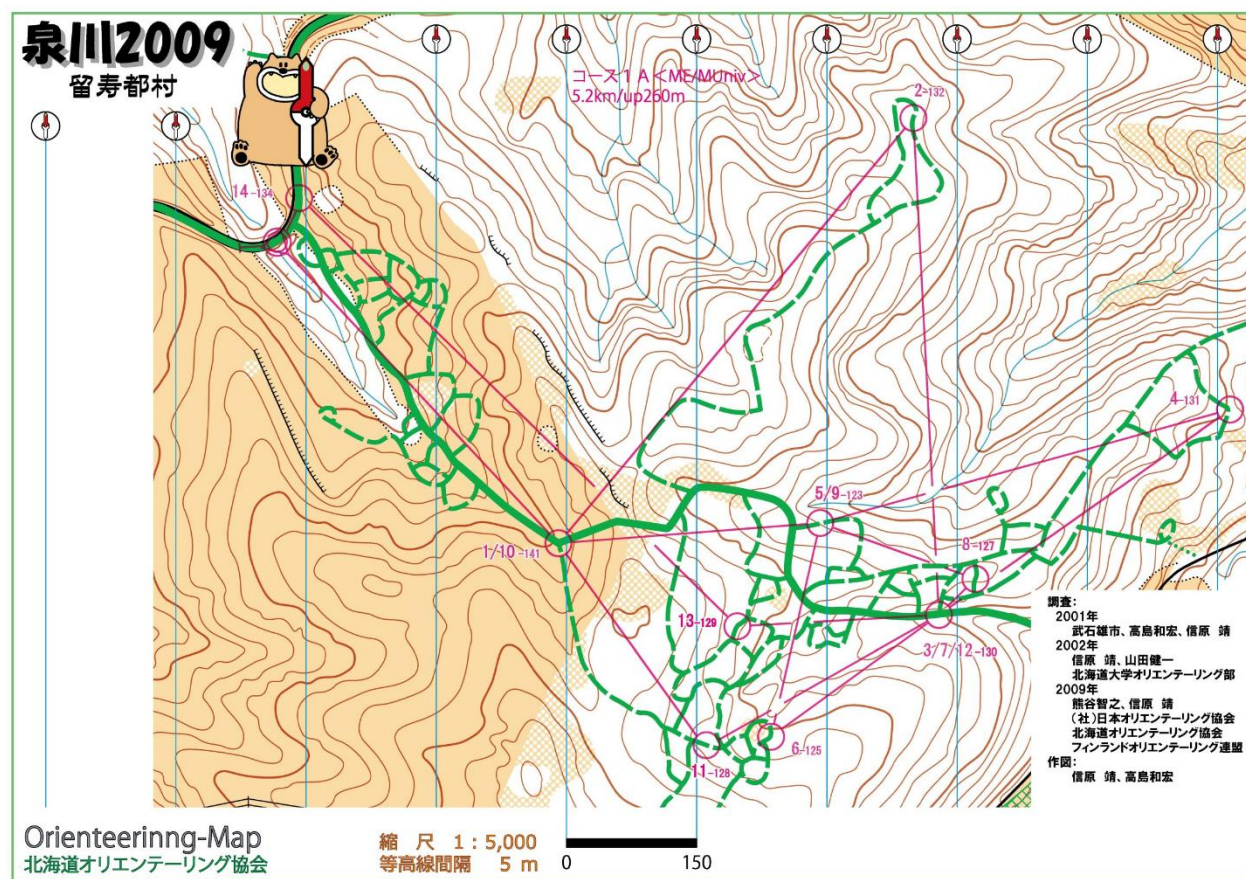
19. Embargoed Area

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.

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1zeFyCTig3MxKrCtPq5ZwN3VXBk41H3g&ll=42.78795267478356%2C140.99828200000002&z=12>

20. Maps

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



21. 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/>