



**JOENSUUN
RAJAJOTOS**

Invitation

"Let it be known that the Borderguard of Joensuu will move to the Höytiäinen barracks. The war ministry has handed over the barracks to the borderguards from until further notice. They will move tomorrow with their cadres and all with their belongings to the mentioned premises."

This is how newspaper Karjalainen wrote 30.3.1922. From that day to this day there have been borderguards of North Karelia on the "Hill of Onttola". In nowadays there are headquarters and one company of Borderjaegers which trains conscripts.

This year we have the honor of compete our jotos in these traditional landscapes, where generations of soldiers have been sweating for the fatherland. Now it's your turn!



Source: SA-Kuva

Joensuun Rajajotos 24. –25.2.2018 Kontiolahti – Joensuu – Liperi

The national Talvijotos (wintermarch) of the Reserviläisurheiluliitto (Reservist Sports Organization of Finland) will be held in Kontiolahti, Joensuu and Liperi (Northern Karelia) in February 24th- 25th 2016. The march (Jotos) is an open competition and physical education event between patrols and it is open for everyone who is at least 18-years old. Organizers of the Jotos are Joensuun Reserviupseerit and Joensuun Reserviläiset in cooperation with the other reservists unions of the area and Maanpuolustuskoulutusyhdistys (MPK ; The National Defence Training Association of Finland).

The Jotos suits excellently to all those who like to hike in the nature and even though it is organized by reservist's organizations, you don't need to have special interest in reservist things to participate. You can participate also as an individual in which case the patrols are established by the organizer.

Patrols

There is one class on the Jotos. The standard size of the patrol is three (3) people but also four (4) and five (5) people patrols are accepted. The first patrol will start on Saturday morning February 24th and the Jotos will end on Sunday afternoon February 25th. **The participation does not require the membership of any defense organizations or performed military service.**

Route and tasks

The Jotos comprises a compulsory route and the possible optional tasks. The journey is about 35km and in case of doing all the additional tasks the journey will be longer. With a compulsory route there are tasks which are connected to the soldier knowledge and skills, orienteering and map reading, first aid and rescue, outdoor surviving skills and knowledge of nature and general know-how.

If the weather allows, the march shall be run through with skis.

Equipment of patrols

The patrol must have at least these items with them during the Jotos: the needed food, the cooking tools and supplies, night orientation equipment's, mobile phone, and clothing which is in accordance with a situation and weather. Take note that except Sundays dinner every patrol must have their own foodstuffs.

Equipment distributed by the organizer

The sleeping bags and sleeping mats be offered by the organizer and the overnight sleeping place for competitors is arranged. The use of own terrain accommodations is allowed.

Patrol and personal compulsory equipment is ordered at the latest 2 weeks before the Jotos with separately sent advance instructions. You may want to notice that it still is winter with minus degrees in Finland, but you will get better instructions about the current weather closer the event.

Registration

The registration is performed through the web page of MPK by **9.2.2018. Every one participating in the competition must be personally registered** for the competition by the MPK web pages. The registration requires that the person has been registered to the MPK information processing system. This way every competitor's insurance protection is valid.

The course number in the MPK systems for the competition is 9100 18 12008.

The competition has maximum of 40 patrols.

Instructions in registration:

1. If you have not yet registered yourself to the MPK system, register yourself here:

<https://www.mpk.fi/Etusivu/Kirjautuminen>

Browse downwards, if necessary, and click LUO TUNNUKSET (create username). Fill the fields and finally click TALLENNA (save). The valid e-mail address is compulsory. The fields are as follows: First name (etunimi) / Last name (sukunimi) / E-mail address (sähköposti) /Date of birth (syntymäpäivä) /Username (käyttäjätunnus) /Password (salasana) /Repeat password (salasana uudestaan).

2. If you have registered yourself before, or **when you have registered yourself**, you are able to sign in to the event of Joensuun Jotos 2018 through here:

<https://www.mpk.fi/Koulutuskalenteri/Tutustu-tarkemmin/id/93991>

During the registration, every competitor must inform:

1. Name and domicile of the patrol
2. In which role, you will participate the jotos: As a leader of the patrol, member of patrol or individual competitor (Individual competitor acts as contact person, and the leader of the patrol is determined before starting the Talvijotos).
3. Possible food allergies
4. Participation payment will be sent to one member of patrol. Write to the answer field the payer of your own patrol's participation payment. If the payment will be made by community/company, write the name and the address to the answer field. Participation payment will be sent to individual competitor automatically.

If you have a need to use Finnish Military equipment reserved by the organizer;

5. The organizer has prepared to share these equipment's to the competitors, if necessary:
 - Skis with their bandages
 - Ski poles
 - Rubber boots with their felt linings
 - Snow camouflage outfit (highly recommended)

You can also send greetings/ask questions to the organizer and request starting time.

Participation payments

Patrol: 155,00 euros and individual participant 60 euros. MPK will send bill to the contact person. The payment must be made by that time what reads in the bill. The post-participating payment is 175.00 euros/patrol after February 10th, and it must be paid 21.2.2018 at the latest.

The participation payment will include dining and washing facilities at the goal of the Jotos on Sunday, Jotos record and diploma.

A 50% of the paid sum will be compensated from the cancelling of the participation, if the canceling announcement comes by 21.2.2018 (a medical certificate is required).

Rewards

The three best patrols of the whole competition are rewarded.

Insurance

The MPK insurance protection becomes valid when the patrol and its participants have reported on the competition place. The competitors are responsible for their own insurance protection when traveling to the competition place and off the competition place. The MPK insurance protection does not replace the breaking down or disappearing of personal material, which may take place during the competition.

The official Jotos rules of Reserviläisurheiluliitto are followed.

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Jotos – official webpage: Will open later

Facebook: [Joensuun rajajotos 2018](#)

Joensuun Rajajotos competition centre: Rajasotilaskoti, ampujantie 2, 80510, Onttola

With warmest welcome, we invite you to Joensuun Rajajotos at Northern Karelia!

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