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WORLD **ICE FISHING**
CHAMPIONSHIP **2023**

Estonia/Tartu 20-26.02.2023

Lake Võrtsjärv



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Dear friends, both old and new ones, it is a pleasure to welcome you to the 19th WIFC which takes place in Estonia on lake Võrtsjärv on 25 and 26 February 2023. We sincerely hope that the winter's ice conditions are favourable, and that the political situation has taken a turn towards peace.

Võrtsjärv is one of Estonia's biggest lakes with a wide range of fish species, and therefore offers an excellent environment for an interesting competition with diverse options. Since Estonia has taken part in all previous winter world championships and thus has sufficient experience, we hope to be able to ensure pleasing competition circumstances for all participants.

There are good transport connections to the venue of the competition and various accommodation options, and we can also offer special solutions if necessary.

We are delighted to offer you a warm welcome!



Mati Banhard
Estonian Sportfishing Federation



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XIX WORLD ICE FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP

20-26 FEBRUARY 2023 TARTU, ESTONIA

INVITATION

To FIPSeD Member Nations, National Fishing Federations and National Ice Fishing Teams

Estonian Sportfishing Federation is honoured to be FIPSeD appointed organizer of FIPSeD XIX World Ice Fishing Championship, which will be held in Tartu, Estonia, on February 20-26.02.2023.

We are delighted to present our official invitation to FIPSeD XIX World Ice Fishing Championship. Invitation is valid to all member nations and national fishing federations recognized by the FIPSeD.

The official website of the championship is [XIX World Ice Fishing Championship Estonia/Tartu 2023](#) (Facebook) where you will be able to find all information regarding event venue, fishing ground, a detailed schedule and also we will keep you updated on the organization process.

Best regards,

Mati Banhard

Estonian Sportfishing Federation

Ivo Sööt

Estonian Sportfishing Federation



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HOST CITY TARTU



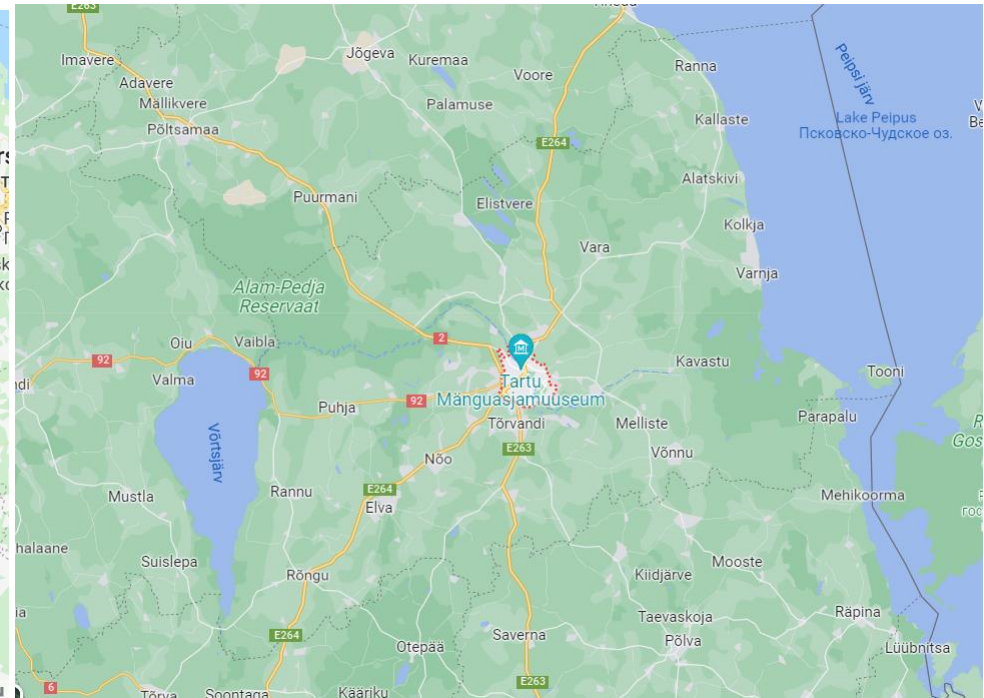
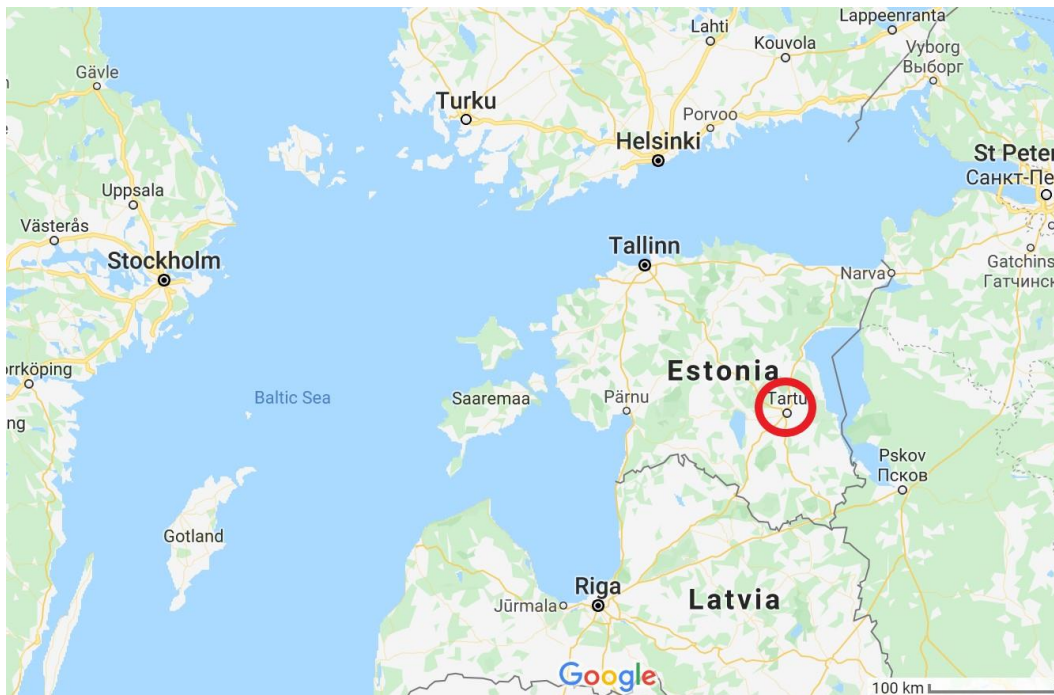


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Tartu is the second largest city in [Estonia](#). Tartu has a population of 91,407 (as of 2021). It is 186 kilometres (116 miles) southeast of Tallinn (the capital) and 245 kilometres (152 miles) northeast of Riga, Latvia. Tartu lies on the [Emajõgi](#) river, which connects the two largest lakes in Estonia, [Lake Võrtsjärv](#) and [Lake Peipus](#). Tartu is easily accessible by car, train, or bus. Tartu will be the European Capital of Culture in 2024.



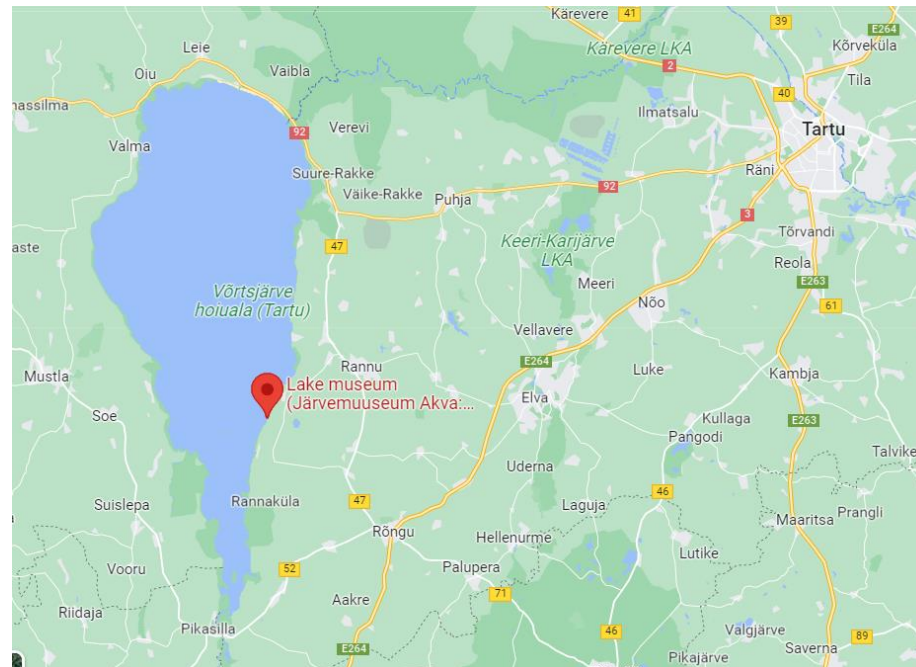


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EVENT VENUE

Lake Võrtsjärv (270 km², catchment area 3374 km²) in South Estonia is the second largest lake in Baltic countries and the largest lake within the boundaries of Estonia. It is a shallow and turbid eutrophic lake with an average depth of 2.8 m and maximum depth of 6 m. The water level changes with annual mean amplitude 1.4 m, and this, together with winds, is the main factor influencing the biota in the lake. Võrtsjärv is covered with ice on average 130 days a year (from the end of November till April). The competition sectors will be located on the eastern shore of the lake. The venue is located 45 km from the centre.





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Fish and fishing Information – Lake Võrtsjärv

According to current data, 31 fish species permanently inhabit L. Võrtsjärv (Pihu, 1998; Järvalt et al, 2003). The main commercial fishes are eel, pikeperch, northern pike and bream, while perch, roach *Rutilus rutilus* (L.), ruffe *Gymnocephalus cernuus* (L.) and burbot are of secondary economic importance. L. Võrtsjärv has all the qualities characterizing a pikeperch lake, shallow, eutrophic, relatively warm and turbid in summer. Presence of vegetation in the lake (except in its southern part) is rather poor.

Catch limits and minimum length

In Estonia it is forbidden to catch the following species, in the case of catching one of these species, the fish should be returned to water immediately:

- **Grayling** (*Thymallus thymallus*)
- **Asp** (*Leuciscus aspius*)
- **Catfish** (*Silurus glanis*)

The catch limit for **bream** (*Abramis brama*) is 15pcs per day. This should be followed on all training days, exception will be granted for competition days.

Minimum length for pike (*Esox lucius*) is 45cm, **eel** (*Anguilla anguilla*) 55cm, **tench** (*Tinca tinca*) 30cm, **zander** (*Sander lucioperca*) 51cm and **burbot** (*Lota lota*) 40cm.



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No fishing in the competition area on Lake Võrtsjärv from 11.2.2023. Fishing is permitted again from 22.2.2023.

Training at the venue shall be forbidden for all Nations in the entire area chosen for the championship, as well as 500 metres around it.



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LAKE VÕRTSJÄRV





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TEAM COMPOSITION

Official Team Composition

- a maximum of 6 competitors (5 primary + 1 reserve)
- 2 Captains
- 1 Delegate

Non – Official Team Support Personnel, Media and Others

Teams are allowed to bring additional support personnel, in addition to the Official Team.

Participation fees

Registration fee is 1450 € per team (6 competitors, 2 captains, 1 delegate), which includes the FIPSeD fee of 150 € per team, the closing banquet, awards, 6 fishing permits etc.

Federations, in addition to the medals devoted to the official members of the Delegation, will be allowed to ask for extra medals (up to a maximum of 3 per team) on place, upon payment of a contribution of € 25 per extra medal, which will also include the diploma. The fees for extra medals shall be paid to the organisers, who will then transfer the sum to FIPSeD.



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CONTACT

For media accreditations and any other questions:

E-mail: xixwifc@gmail.com

Tel.: +372 566 933 97

Ivo Sööt, responsible of communications

For better communication use (Facebook) [XIX World Ice Fishing Championship Estonia/Tartu 2023](#). A WhatsApp group for team captains' communication will be created during the event.

PAYMENT

Payment Details

All payments shall be made in one bank transfer in EUR currency directly to the bank account stated by the organizers. Please make sure your payment details contain name of your country, for example: "Team Sweden".

For contact – e-mail: xixwifc@gmail.com

Beneficiary and beneficiary bank details:

MTU Eesti Ongitsejate Liit

BANK: [AS SEB Pank](#)

BANK ACCOUNT: EE 9710 1022 00328 77013

SWIFT CODE: EEUHEE2X

Payment deadline: 31.01.2023



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ACCOMMODATION

Discounted rates for the following accommodation have been negotiated:

Hotel Sophia

<https://sophia.tartuhotels.ee/en/>

For the duration of the competition the room rates with breakfast are as follows:

- Single room 65eur/day
- Double room 75eur/day

Buses from this hotel to the venue and back have been organized.

When booking the hotel, please use code: **Ice Fishing**



Other accommodation options can be found on [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com)



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REMINDERS

All teams that require visas for their travel to Estonia, please remember to apply for these well in advance of the competition.

Each country should bring their national flag and national anthem.

The organizer can arrange bus-transports from Tallinn or from Riga airport to the hotel in Tartu at a cost price. It is necessary to write your request to xixwifc@gmail.com no later than 31.01.2023.

BAITS

2 litres of groundbaits and 1 litre of live baits is allowed for each round of this championship.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

Monday 20.02.2023

- Arrival of teams

Tuesday 21.02.2023 – Training

The competition office is open all day in Hotel Sophia



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- 09:00 Departure from the hotel to the official training area
- 10:00 Arriving to the official training and competition area <https://goo.gl/maps/LP6f8MgXWoTc4wBv5>
- 10:30 –12:30 Performing a view to the training and official competition area
- 12:30 End of the competition area view and departure to the hotel
- 17:00 Information assembly for team representatives in Hotel Sophia

Wednesday 22.02.2023 – Training

- 08:00 Departure from the hotel to the official training area
- 09:30 – 13:30 Training
- 14:00 Departure from official training area

Thursday 23.02.2023 – Official 2023 19th WIFC Opening

- 08:00 Departure from the hotel to the official training area
- 09:30 – 13:30 Training
- 14:00 Departure from official training area
- 18:00 Official Opening Ceremony in University Hall

Friday 24.02.2023 – Official training

- 08.00 Departure from the hotel to the official training area
- 08:45 – 09:30 Photoshoot of the teams
- 10:00 – 13:00 Official training



Ceremony



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- 13:30 Departure from official training area
- 16:00 Captain's Meeting in Hotel Sophia

Saturday 25.02.2023 – Official WIFC Competition – Round one

- 07:30 Departure from the hotel to the official fishing area
- 09:15 Official inspection, bait control and allocation of fishermen at section
- 09:50 First Signal - Competitors enter the fishing section
- 10:00 Second Signal - Official start of Round one
- 12:55 Third Signal – Five Minute Warning to End of Round one
- 13:00 Fourth Signal – Official End of Round One
- 14:00 Departure from the competition area
- 16:00 Official Weigh-in begins in Rannu
- 18:00 Captain's Meeting in Hotel Sophia

Sunday 26.02.2023 – Official WIFC Competition – Round two

- 07:30 Departure from the hotel to the official fishing area
- 09:15 Official inspection, bait control and allocation of fishermen at section
- 09:50 First Signal - Competitors enter the fishing section
- 10:00 Second Signal - Official start of Round one
- 12:55 Third Signal – Five Minute Warning to End of Round one
- 13:00 Fourth Signal – Official End of Round One
- 14:00 Departure from the competition area



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- 16:00 Official Weigh-in begins in Rannu
- 20:00 Award and gala dinner in Estonian National Museum <https://www.erm.ee/en>

Monday 13.2.2021 – Departure



USEFUL INFORMATION

- All payments in Estonia are in Euro
- You can make currency exchange at any bank office or at the airports.
- Emergency phone in Estonia is **112**.
- Don't forget to send Inscription forms A, B, C before dates set on this presentation



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ANTI-DOPING INFORMATION TUE REQUESTS

The athletes participating in the Championship, with the registration, implicitly accept all WADA anti-doping rules. Athlete whose illness or condition requires treatment with a prohibited substance or method must apply to CIPS for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) following the CIPS strict TUE application process.

He/she shall then use the application form, which can be downloaded from the ITA website: https://ita.sport/uploads/2021/02/ITA_TUE_Form.pdf

The TUE request has to be sent to the following address: tue@ita.sport

Athletes must therefore consult the Prohibited List https://www.wada-ama.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/2023list_en_final_9_september_2022.pdf

COVID REGULATIONS

During any FIPSeD championship scheduled in calendar, the COVID-19 regulations in force in the event hosting Nation are applied. Any National delegation, teams, club, individual, are invited to inquire about any possible restrictions before leaving from their Country of origin.

Latest Covid rules for Estonia can be found online:

<https://www.kriis.ee/en/covid-crisis-management-qa/crisis-management/current-restrictions>

FIPSeD OFFICIAL RULES

FIPSeD Rules are available and can be downloaded by: [FIPSeD Ice Fishing Rules](#)



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REGISTRATION FORM (A)

COUNTRY: _____

FEDERATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TEL: _____

E-MAIL: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

Position in delegation	First name	Last name
Angler		
Angler		
Angler		
Angler		
Angler		
Angler		
Captain 1		
Captain 2		
Delegate		

AMOUNT 1300 +150 € FIPSEd fee, **TOTAL 1450 €**

DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____

Please send the completed form **by 31.01.2023** to the Estonian Sportfishing Federation by e-mail:

xixwifc@gmail.com



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APPLICATION FORM FOR ACCOMPANYING PERSON (B)

COUNTRY: _____

FEDERATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TEL: _____

E-MAIL: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

Accompanying person	First name	Last name	Closing banquet
Accompanying person 1			
Accompanying person 2			
Accompanying person 3			
Accompanying person 4			
Accompanying person 5			

DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____

Please send the completed form **by 31.01.2023** to the Estonian Sportfishing Federation by e-mail:

xixwifc@gmail.com



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GROUNDBAITS AND BAIT ORDER FORM (C)

Country: _____

	(Euro)	22/02	23/02	24/02	25/02	26/02
Groundbait 1kg	Available					
Leam 1 kg	Available					
Maggots white 1 lit	8					
Maggots mix color 1 lit	9					
Pinkies 1 lit	10					
Earth worms 0,5 kg	17					
Joker 1 kg	30					
Bloodworm 1 kg	55					

***NOTICE:** Prices in this table are informative. Final prices will be confirmed on the day of delivery. Delivery is set to the fishing venue. Organizer allows purchase of ground bait and baits on fishing venue only from official distributor, which is listed below.

Official groundbait and bait distributor:

Vobler OÜ

Tel: +372 53406454

E- mail: sales@vobler.ee

***All orders must be paced before 31 January 2023**

Subscriber's information:

Name and surname: _____

Address in Estonia: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____