

F3A Nordic Championships 2019

2nd-6th July 2019

Seinäjoki – Finland

Bulletin 1



SEINÄJOEN RC-AIR CLUB



1. Introduction F3A Nordic Championship 2019

F3A Team Finland in cooperation with the host club Seinäjoen RC-AirClub welcomes you to participate in the F3A Nordic Championships 2019 held in Kurjenneva model flying field in Seinäjoki, Finland.

This bulletin contains the basic information about the contest. More information will become available on the F3A Team Finland website in www.f3a.fi/nc2019

After all team registration forms have been received there will be a Bulletin No. 2 with additional information.

2. General Information

The general rules mentioned in the FAI Sporting Code regarding model dimensions and weight will be used. Weight, dimensions, failsafe etc. will be verified during model processing prior to the contest, but marking and model certificate according to the sporting code will not be required.

The "Common rules for Nordic championships F3A and Nordic" will also followed.

The P-19 schedule will be flown in the preliminary four F3A rounds and the F-19 schedule will be flown in the last three final F3A rounds.

In the Nordic class the N-19 Nordic schedule will be flown in all four rounds.

3. Location and time

The competition site, Kurjenneva model airfield, is located about 15km east from the Seinäjoki city center, next to road 697 (to "Kuortane"). Signs will be placed on the roadside.

The GPS coordinates for the competition site are: latitude 62°45'47.7"N, longitude 23°07'49.4"E.

The competition will take place on July 2nd-6th 2019. Sunday July 7th is reserved as backup in case of rain/bad weather during the week. It is also possible to arrive earlier to practice.

Kurjenneva model airfield is the home field of Seinäjoki RC-Air club. The club has a long history of hosting national competitions in several classes there (RC-scale, IMAC, F3A etc).

The model airfield has three grass runways. The aerobatic sector is arranged parallel to the NW-SE direction runway, so that the sun is behind the pilot. The sector is marked with large poles with white boards at about 120m distance. Unfortunately, the trees make it impossible to take the poles to full 150m as defined in sporting code.

There are also two other runways in East-West and North-South directions that can be used for takeoff and landing if there is a strong crosswind to the main runway, but the NW-SE runway is preferred.

Sizes of the runways:

Northwest-Southeast 13x110m (main runway during competition)

East-West 16x160m, North-South 10x130m





Location of the airfield on the map.

Location of the airfield and some other places of interest in google maps:

www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1r7U0G1X-iRNGSyj0P3I3XVvtMQw_PEva



The aerobatic sector is arranged parallel to the NW-SE runway





Photo of the airfield taken from the east side. The terrain around the field quite flat with is swamp and forest. More photos of the field and previous events can be found from the club website at <https://seinajoenlennokkikerho.yhdistysavain.fi>

4. Participating teams

This Bulletin will be sent out to the following countries: Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

At the championships each country has the possibility of entering both an F3A team and a Nordic team. There will be a team- and an individual competition in both the F3A and Nordic classes.

Each participating country can enter the following teams:

F3A

- One team consisting of up to 3 pilots and 2 junior pilots. The junior pilots could be substituted by 2 seniors who will then be counted as open participants.

In addition to the above mentioned team, the reigning F3A Nordic Champion Mr. Lassi Nurila from Finland will be invited. He will be regarded as an open participant if he chooses to participate and therefore he will not count as part of the national team ranking.

Nordic

- Up to 4 pilots. The three (3) best individual results for each team will count towards the team competition in the Nordic class. All 4 participants will, however, receive awards as team members.

In both classes the 3 best individual total scores will count as the team result and be awarded.

Each competitor and team manager must own a FAI Sporting License valid for the year of the championship. This license must be registered in the FAI licenses database. The holder of a FAI Sporting



Licence may be required to produce an official document bearing his photograph and signature as proof of identity.

5. Preliminary contest schedule week 27, 2019

Tuesday July 2nd	
09:00-21:00	Participants arrive and unofficial practice at the competition site
Wednesday July 3th	
09:00-15:00	Model processing at the competition site
08:00-09:15	Official practice: Finland
09:15-10:30	Official practice: Denmark
10:30-11:55	Official practice: Norway
11:55-13:10	Official practice: Sweden
13:10-13:25	Official practice: other countries
13:00-15:00	Judge briefing (P-19), including test flights for the judges
15:00-15:30	Pilots briefing and official opening
15:30-19:00	First round F3A
Thursday July 4th	
08:00-10:30	First round Nordic
10:40-14:10	Second round F3A
14:20-16:50	Second round Nordic
17:00-20:30	Third round F3A
Friday July 5th	
08:00-10:30	Third round Nordic
10:40-14:10	Fourth round F3A
14:20-16:50	Fourth round Nordic
16:50-17:00	Photo session at the competition site
17:00-18:00	Judges Briefing (F-19), including test flights for the judges
18:00-20:00	Unofficial practice for finals pilots
20:00-??	Pilots meeting, place to be announced later (regarding the weather conditions)
Saturday July 6th	
09:00-10:00	First round F3A F-19
10:15-11:15	Second round F3A F-19
11:30-12:30	Third final round F3A F-19
13:00-14:00	Award ceremony and Closing of the Nordic Championships 2019
14:00-15:00	Show Flying
19:00-24:00	Banquet
Sunday July 7th	
09:00-18:00	Extra day in case the competition is delayed by bad weather etc.
	Departure of participants.



Note: Estimated time consumption per pilot in each round is 9 minutes. Assumption is full teams from all countries. Judges break between rounds is 10 minutes, except between final rounds that has slightly longer breaks (see above).

6. Radio Frequencies

We assume all competitors will be using 2.4GHz Spread Spectrum, but 35.000 - 35.220 MHz is also allowed.

7. Transmitter Impound

The transmitters will not be stored by the organizers during the contest.

8. Noise Check

There will be no sound tests with a sound level meter during the model processing; however, if a complaint from judges or competitors is raised, or the organizers of the event find a model particularly noisy, a noise check may take place in accordance with the rules mentioned in the FAI Sporting Code. The noise limit is 94 dB(A).

9. Judges

F3A pilots and Nordic pilots will both fly in front of a panel of four judges.

In the F3A class: Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden have to provide 1 (one) judge each. The panel of judges has to do 4 (four) P-19 rounds and 3 (three) F-19 rounds and have to consist of the same judges throughout the whole competition.

In the Nordic class: Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden have to provide 1 (one) pilot each from the F3A class or a competent non-pilot judge to form a panel of judges. It is up to each country to decide if their judge will be the same person through all rounds or if a change of judge will occur between each round.

The panel of judges will be:

F3A class:	Nordic class:
1 judge from Finland	1 judge from Finland (F3A pilot or enlisted person)
1 judge from Norway	1 judge from Norway (F3A pilot or enlisted person)
1 judge from Sweden	1 judge from Sweden (F3A pilot or enlisted person)
1 judge from Denmark	1 judge from Denmark (F3A pilot or enlisted person)

The judges will have to attend a judges briefing, where they will get the required information.

10. Accommodation

Hotels

There are several large events in Seinäjoki during the summer. The date of the competition was chosen not to overlap with the biggest ones. However there is at least a large baseball tournament on the weekend of the finals, so please reserve your accommodations early. In case you want to arrive early, on 27.-29.6.2019 there is a big music festival and hotels are likely full.



We have made preliminary quota (20 pcs) for double economy rooms in **Hotel Sorsanpesä**, tel. +358 20 741 8181, email sorsanpesa@sorsanpesa.fi (www.sorsanpesa.fi/pages/en/home.php?lang=EN) for 118 eur/night. Please book your hotel rooms directly from the hotel before the 31st May 2019 by using code "F3A".

This hotel is located little further away from the city center, next to the camping site (see below).

Other hotels in the Seinäjoki city center:

Scandic Seinäjoki www.scandichotels.com/hotels/finland/seinajoki/scandic-seinajoki

Sokos Hotel Lakeus www.sokoshotels.fi/en/seinajoki/sokos-hotel-lakeus

Hotel Alma www.hotelalma.fi/Front_Page

Camping

It is possible to camp at the competition site in e.g. caravans or tents for free, although the parking space is limited. Please note that there is no electricity or water available at the site. There is however a traditional non-water toilet available.

Real camping sites with adequate services are available in **Seinäjoki Camping** (www.seinajoenleirintaalue.fi) (this camping site is next to the hotel Sorsanpesä, see above).

Accommodation of Judges

F3A judges from the participating countries will be offered accommodation at Hotel Sorsanpesä in Seinäjoki (single rooms) from Tuesday to Sunday. Lunch is offered free of charge to all F3A judges at the flying field. Each F3A judge will also be given 20 Euro to cover dinner expenses from Tuesday to Friday.

If a judge wants to arrange some other accommodation, they will be entitled to maximum value of 90 Euro per day to cover accommodation and food. If the judge expenses exceed 90 Euro per day it has to be covered by the team from the country the judge belongs to.

It would help in calculating our budget if the F3A judges could email us a rough estimate of their travel expenses beforehand.

11. Entry Fees

The entry fee will be:

F3A pilots: 230 Euro

Nordic pilots: 230 Euro

Team manager: 230 Euro

The entry fee includes 1 ticket for the banquet.

If the Team manager also participates as a pilot the total entry fee will be 230 Euro.

Supporters, spouses and other persons part of the team are allowed to attend the banquet for a cost of: 60 Euro.

12. Payment

Payment of entry fees must be done in full by May 31st 2019 to the following account:

Bank name: OP Corporate Bank plc Helsinki, Finland

BIC (SWIFT) code: OKOYFIHH

IBAN: FI88 5419 0120 0876 83



Recipient: Seinäjoen RC-AirClub ry

In the payment details please write "F3A" and the name of your country.

13. Entry form

The Team registration form is attached to this bulletin and should be filled and submitted no later than April 16th 2019.

14. Language

The official language for the contest is English, both spoken and written.

15. Information service

All inquiries about the Nordic Championships 2019 and this bulletin should be sent to:
Tomi Kohtanen, mobile: +358 50 506 2755, e-mail: tomi.kohtanen@netikka.fi

16. Additional Information

Parking

Parking will be at specific places at the competition site.

Battery charging

There is no fixed electricity available on the flying site. Please provide with your own generator etc. for electricity supply.

Meals

Lunch meals will be served at the competition site for a reasonable price (Tuesday-Saturday). We are still working on the details and pricing, more detailed information about this will be published later.

The host club Seinäjoen RC-AirClub will also provide snacks (hot sausages, coffee, lemonade etc.) at the field buffet in the competition site for reasonable prices.

