

Vuokatti Hiihto – Fluorine Testing

National enforcement of the fluorine ban continues in the 2025–2026 season

The use of fluorine-containing ski waxes or other fluorine-based products related to ski preparation was prohibited in all competitions under the International Ski Federation (FIS) at all levels starting from the 2023–2024 season. In the 2024–2025 season, enforcement of the fluorine ban was also introduced in domestic competitions. The use of fluorine is prohibited in all competitions under FIS and the Finnish Ski Association (FSA) at all levels. Both national and international enforcement of the fluorine ban will continue in the 2025–2026 season.

Mass start races are subject to the fluorine ban and testing, as the ban applies to all competitions organized under the Finnish Ski Association and to all participants. In mass start events, and especially in Vuokatti Hiihto, particular attention is paid to the top athletes in the competitive categories, among whom the most prestigious medals are decided and prize money is awarded. The aim of fluorine control in mass start races is to ensure fair competition.

The testing protocol is carried out by a tester certified by the International Ski Federation (FIS) and the Finnish Ski Association (FSA).

We strongly recommend that all participants ensure, no later than now, that their skis are completely fluorine-free. When using new fluorine-free products, it is essential to make sure that all tools are either thoroughly cleaned or completely new. The Finnish Ski Association has prepared clear guidelines for transitioning to fluorine-free skiing – these can be found on the Association’s website via the link below. Please also familiarize yourself with competition-specific instructions related to fluorine testing before the event.

At Vuokatti Hiihto, skis must be handed over for fluorine testing at the finish area upon request.

Vuokatti Hiihto wishes all participants good luck in the upcoming challenges. Let’s enjoy ski events together responsibly and in the spirit of fair play!

We also encourage you to explore the services offered by Vuokatti Hiihto’s long-term partner, Vuokatti Ski Service, including ski cleaning and waxing services.

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