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1. Registration, entrance fee and payment

Registration for PAKE opens December 21th on www.lappis.fi and closes on January 31th. In the application form we ask for information about your snow kite-, extreme sports- and extreme winter outdoor experience. We will not let you compete in PAKE unless we think you are physically capable and have enough experience to embark on a 36 hour challenge in the national park of Pallas.

The participation fee for PAKE is **450 EUR for each team** when staying in the hotel (including 2 nights, 2 breakfast and 2 dinners) or **250 EUR per team** when camping (campsite next to the hotel[camping only in cars, vans or campers], bathroom and showerfacilities in the hotel. Includes breakfast in race morning and dinner after the race)

When you are accepted as a participant, the fee of 450 (or 250) EUR for each team must be transferred to us within February 31th 2017.

In case of open slots in the race we can take late entries. For all entries given after the deadline will have +50€ extra cost due to camping and accomodation arrangements.

If you withdraw from the competition before March 15th, we will refund 50 % of the fee.

If you withdraw from the competition after March 15th, there will be no refund of the fee unless PAKE is cancelled. If you have not paid the entrance fee within

February 31th, your team will be disqualified.

2. Cancellation

If PAKE is cancelled, we will refund the participation fee. We cannot refund any travel expenses.

3. Race description

PAKE is a team competition where teams of two contestants are kite skiing back on forth from Hotel Pallastunturi to Hetta. The team covering most checkpoints wins the competition.

The teams navigate freely between mandatory checkpoints. The race lasts from Thursday morning (8am) to Friday afternoon (2pm) and the teams must be self-sufficient, carrying all equipment to survive for at least 3 days.

Pallas - Yllästunturi national park offers very scenic landscape and the race course has up to 20 mellow mountains. Small forest areas between the course add the touch to the competition as even with good winds it is not possible to cover the race without taking down kites. In Pallas you are breathing the purest oxygen in the world.

All of this you will experience competing in PAKE. The variation of nature will create abrupt changes in wind, weather and snow conditions along the route.



The route is as follows (the route can be changed due to weather, snow or practical conditions - check www.pallaskite-enduro.net for updates) :

From starting point Hotel Pallastunturi the race course follows the summer hiking track all the way until Ounastunturi with total distance aprox 50km. The total distance can multiply depending on the wind direction.

When moving north north west from the hotel at first the hilltops are more steep and get more mellow when closing to Ounastunturi.

Hilltops along the way are varying from 500m to 800m with treelevel being around 450-500m

It is impossible to cover the whole course with kites and there are locations where kites need to be taken down to ski thru some woods.

4. Weather- and snow conditions in Pallas

In april spring weather is well kicking in with the average temperature being around zero degrees. During the night time might be still -20 celsius.

Generally the wind conditions are pretty solid and totally non windy days aren't common.

Conditions in Pallas can change rather fast and particularly with your location. Depending on the direction when climbing up to a hill the wind can increase substantially within short distance.

Participants can also expect periods of no wind, and can be forced to ski tour long distances with their sleds.

The snow cover in late april is hard packed in the mornings and on cloudy days. On sunny days the snowpack can get soft during the day.

5. Safety and insurance

You participate in PAKE at your own risk. A valid accident insurance is required for all contestants. A declaration form must be signed and handed over to us before the race.

All teams must have a team leader who is responsible for communication with the Race Management. All teams must bring first aid equipment and signal flares.

All teams are required to provide help and medical assistance to other teams and to take part in searches if necessary! Violations will cause disqualification.

Individuals or teams in need of assistance should wear yellow reflective vest. Use signal flares if you need emergency assistance. If you observe flares, report the position as accurately as possible to the Race Management and try to track down and help the needy.

We will provide each team with a GPS tracking device. This must be switched on at all times. You are responsible for the unit. Losing the GPS tracker provided will cost 150,- EUR.

Important phone numbers:

112 = Medical emergency in Finland. To be contacted in emergency situations.

Race Management = (number given prior to the competition). Contact for help that is not acute. Report position and needs.

Checkpoints, rest and deadlines

The PAKE route does not follow marked trails. Participants navigate freely between checkpoints.

Checkpoint*	Type	Note
Pallashotelli	Start	
Bottom of Palkaskero	Manned	Checkpoint when startin round 2
Monttelinmaja	Manned	Manned Checkpoint
Hannukuru	Manned	Manned checkpoint
Sijoskuru	Manned	Manned checkpoint
Top of pyhäkero	Turning point	Unmanned turningpoint

*There can be some additional manned and unmanned checkpoints along the route. List of coordinates given to the contestants prior to the competition. **Deadlines

and mandatory rest can be changed at any time before start.

Manned checkpoints have no mandatory rest. When teams arrive, checkpoint personnel will sign up the team. The team must stay at the checkpoint until the cp personnel give them the signal to continue the race. This is important for the organisation to follow the race.

The last moments of the race

From each manned checkpoint to the next there will be a minimum time it will take to get there. At the last moments of the race checkpoints will inform teams if they have a change to get to the next one. If teams have no change their race will finish at that checkpoint.

Unmanned checkpoints will be marked with three red sign-sticks in a cross. Both participants must pass the unmanned checkpoint within a radius of 50 meters, or to the side given in the list of waypoints (starboard or port).

7. Race-regulations

Ways of moving

You are allowed to:

kite/sail using kite or skisail. Maximum line-length is 50 metres have one team-member sailing and towing the other

walk (tour) on skis

use snowshoes

You are not allowed to:

walk (tour) on skis when conditions allow sailing

walk on feet/snowshoes as a replacement for touring skis to use other sailing equipment than kites or skisails

Classes

There is only one class in PAKE. The team shall consist of two persons, of which one is the team leader. The teams can be males, females or mixed and compete on the same terms.

You have to be over 18 years of age to participate in Pallas Kite Enduro.

Experience requirements

Both participants must have broad experience in snow kiting and be able to kite with sled in varied and rough terrain and wind.

Experience from overnight trips in cold winter conditions are mandatory.

Participants must be able to stay out in the cold, have experience and knowledge of winter touring equipment and know how to pitch and secure a tent in bad weather.

Both participants should have knowledge of map-, compass- and GPS-navigation.

Food

The teams must be totally self-sufficient during the competition. Teams cannot receive care, food or supplies from others during the race, nor leave equipment or waste behind.

We allow handlers, but those may only carry excess luggage, which is not used during the competition at all. You can receive moral support and medical help.

Equipment



The equipment requirements for PAKE are strict. Read the Packing List carefully before you register! Lack of mandatory equipment will lead to exclusion from PAKE.

In PAKE you can attend the race with skis or snowboard. With snowboard it either needs to be a splitboard or you need to have touring skis.

The skis should be equipped with touring (randonnée) or telemark bindings. If pure alpine bindings are used, the participant must have extra touring skis for walking.

NB: You cannot receive equipment from handlers. You cannot leave equipment behind. If a team loses a kite (taken by the wind), **you must find it before continuing the race.**

Failure/breakage of essential equipment during the race, can lead to exclusion from the race at the next manned checkpoint or a penalty at the final total time. Malfunction of life saving equipment such as stoves will lead to exclusion. We strongly recommend you to have a reserve!

A jury will consider each case during the race.

Lower weight limit (LWL)

A lower limit of 38 kg of equipment (including sleds and backpacks) per team has been set.

This does NOT include: Water supplies, skis, skins, kites, harness, helmets and clothes worn at start.

Failure to meet this limit may result in denial from starting in PAKE, so prepare carefully!

Daily sailing window /night rest

Start Hotel Pallastunturi Thursday April 20th 8:00

Sailing window closes Thursday April 20th at 22:00

Sailing window continues Friday April 21th at 6.00

Sailing window and the competition closes at 14.00

This means that between 22:00 and 06:00, the teams will stay at one spot and set camp. This could be at checkpoint or anywhere along the route.



Exclusion and deadlines

Final result:

When racing in PAKE teams will aim to pass as many checkpoints as possible. The team with most manned checkpoints during the sailing window wins the race.

If sailing time ends in between the checkpoints the last passed checkpoint remains as final score. If on a tie the order of passing the last checkpoint determines the order.

Aborting or leaving the race

You have applied to PAKE and should have the skills, stamina, equipment and food to stay out for three days.

If you find PAKE too hard and have to abort the race due to exhaustion or equipment failure that is not considered as an emergency, you cannot expect any transport arrangement by PAKE organisation.

If you choose to abort early (1st or 2nd day) you have the following options:

Carry on kiting towards Hotel Pallastunturi where the race organisation is located.
Move towards the closest manned checkpoint



No wind?The race will go on despite periods of calm. Teams need to consider whether they want to tour or wait for wind.

Interruptions/pauses

Race Master can stop the race temporarily by extreme weather forecasts and severe weather, or by sudden changes in the position of reindeer herds. By such an announcement, all teams must stay at their positions or set camp until further notice is given by Race Master.

By long lasting bad weather like snowstorms or polar lows, the race can be cancelled.

Way of right / sailing behaviour

The national park is vast and there is plenty of space. The main rule is to show good sportsmanship and respect your fellow kiting friends.

In PAKE the way of right rules counts TEAM-wise, not for the individual kiter.

The teammates shall, especially in heavy traffic, like at the start from the hotel, stay close and sail on the same path and change directions together. Hence, also give way and keep right of way together.

The main right of way rules will be reviewed at the race meeting.

Authorized personnel at checkpoints can also disqualify or stop teams from continuing at any time due to violation of rules or for safety reasons.

Protests

If your team wants to protest on results, other teams' behavior / violation of rules, the organizing of PAKE or other issues, a written statement/protest must be presented within two hours after the race window is closed.

You can also file a protest at the manned checkpoints. Contact the checkpoint leader for instructions.

A jury consisting of Race Master, Head of Security and an external judge will handle all protests.

8. Wildlife and nature considerations

The entire competition is held in the precious Pallas - Ylläs national park. It is somewhat exceptional for national park to permit race like PAKE in the park and we need to respect that.

When using the National Park for kite skiing and having a competition like PAKE, all of you should show the utmost respect and care for the wildlife and nature in this unique area.

Be careful and keep your distance from reindeer herds! Follow further instructions from Race Master if given on race meeting.

It is strictly forbidden to leave any kind of garbage behind during PAKE! This also counts for food waste. If teams leave any garbage to the national park they will be disqualified from the race.

Please study the instructions of the national park

<http://www.nationalparks.fi/en/pallas-yllastunturinp/instructionsandrules>

9. Declaration form

You must read, understand and sign the declaration form before you can participate in PAKE.

Declaration form Pallas Kite Enduro 2016

By signing this document, I acknowledge and accept the following:

I am aware of the risks and dangers of participating in PAKE. I certify that I am in good physical and mental shape.

I know what to do if an emergency arises.

All my personal equipment is in good condition, and I assume full responsibility for my personal belongings from start to finish.

Race master or authorized personal can take me out of the race if it is harmful or dangerous for me to continue the race, or I have caused risk for others.

I participate at my own risk.

The trails are not marked or groomed. I can navigate in the mountains in winter, with GPS, map and compass.

I am obliged to help others in the event of an emergency.

I am obliged to be the best teammate I can be during PAKE. I have a valid insurance that covers kite related injuries.

I accept that photos and videos of me is published by PAKE in all thinkable ways to promote and document the competition.

For TEAM LEADER:

I can add waypoints / routes to the GPS and use GPS without help in the mountains. I have the experience of sleeping in tents and using a stove in winter conditions.

I know what I will do if I get surprised by a storm.

I have knowledge and experience in leading a team in difficult conditions in the mountains.

Team

Date& Signature: