

## **FLUOR TESTING**

During the Vuokatti Scandinavia Cup competitions, there will be fluorine testing on every competition day. The testing will take place in a closed-off area immediately adjacent to the start and finish area. Any detection of fluorine in the pre-race testing will result in the athlete being denied participation in the competition for that day (NPS, not permitted to start). The same consequence will result from the late submission of skis for testing. A post-race fluorine detection, on the other hand, will lead to the disqualification (DSQ) of the athlete's result.

### **Preparation (athlete / service):**

Clean your skis thoroughly of fluorine waxes and residues multiple times. Use wax removers, non-fluorinated waxes, brass brushes, and scrapers for this purpose.

Avoid using old brushes or similar tools for ski maintenance or cleaning that might contain traces of fluorine.

### **On the competition day:**

Mark your competition skis (both) with stickers provided in advance by the organizers. The marking on the sticker must be clear and done with a permanent marker.

The sticker should contain your race number (bib) and the last 4 digits of the ski pair's production number (ski).

Place the stickers on dry skis, below the binding.

### **At the competition area:**

Collect your bib number and timekeeping transponder from the competition area.

Wear your bib number and attach the transponder.

Submit your skis (only one pair allowed) to the fluorine testing area before the specified deadline. Deadlines for ski submission will be announced in the competition information and team meetings.

Present your bib number to the fluorine testing official when submitting your skis.

The sticker number on the skis must match your bib number.

### **Fluorine Testing:**

All ski pairs will pass through the testing tent in the order of the start list.

After the test, skis without fluorine will be taken to a rack in the ski pick-up area, available for athletes to collect approximately 5 minutes before the start. Present your bib number, and the official will hand over your ski pair.

A positive fluorine test will lead to a retest. If this also indicates the presence of fluorine, the ski pair will be set aside, and the athlete will not be allowed to start the competition. The official fluorine testers (EC) will inform the team management, the athlete, and the competition's jury about this.

Post-competition, skis will undergo testing again, focusing on the top finishers and random sampling. Especially in Sunday's mass start races, emphasis will be placed on post-race testing.