

Finice2026 sustainability plan

With the creation of this sustainability plan, we want to make visible the actions we have taken and walk through the competition organising process to find out what we have not been thinking before. We wish this serves as an example to all UIAA competition organisers also!

Ecological sustainability

Carbon footprint

We act to reduce our carbon footprint. Finice2026 will take into use the UIAA carbon calculator. It contains the travel to the competition site, electricity and fuel usage, materials and meals. By measuring, we can find the largest problems and find where better choices are needed and are most significant in the future. From the last competitions, we have noticed that coming to Oulu is biggest carbon footprint. For that we try to help competitors to share rides.

Ice climbing tower facility

The OKS ice tower is a permanent structure which functions as a year-round training facility for ice climbers. Summer season provides drytooling routes. Winter months will also provide ice. The ice is made by freezing temperatures. We pump water to the top of the tower and let it rain down in small drops - size depending on the wind direction, speed and temperature. Water comes from a settling basin, originally from a nearby stone pit.

For the competition we rent all needed infrastructure: tents, portable toilets, portable audio etc. Last years we have used our volunteers electric cars to power up our own kiosk. We will have a one big tent and we will rent gas radiators to warm up. We can save energy by keeping the radiators at moderate temperatures - people have their winter clothes on.

Food

We will minimise food waste by estimating the need of meals with enrollment to each meal in Finice2026. Estimating especially the amount of food for the closing party has been difficult. Meals at the competition site have not provided almost any food waste.

Dinner is going to be vegetarian food. Also during the competition our volunteers can choose vegetarian option.

Materials

Last years we have done Finice t-shirts. This year we did fabric bags with Finice logo. This year we have asked Vaatelaastari to make our own Finice batch.

Waste management

We will minimise the amount of waste produced in the competition. In Finice2026, the meals are not single-packed. We will ask people to take their own cup for hot drinks. We will sort wood, biowaste, clean plastic, combustible waste, paper, metal and glass.

Social sustainability

Climbing

Climbing takes the enthusiasts to enjoy the outdoors in winter and summer. It builds personal relationships between the climber and nature, cliffs, icefalls or mountains. Climbing enhances responsibility and taking care of each other and nature. Rope climbing requires cooperation between the climber and the belayer. Climbers build strong communities.

Meaning of Finice

Finice has been organized yearly since 2017 and it has had European Cup status since 2018. In 2019 and 2023 we also hosted the Youth World Championships. Since then, we have also provided open competition for Youth to support the youth competition ice climbing that was started in Finland. Finice 2026 is going to be last competition of continental cup So it's clear that Finice has a special meaning to the competition climbing in Finland.

Oulu climbing club has a bit over 400 members and every year we will get 80 - 100 volunteers helping with creating the competition. For volunteers and Finnish climbers Finice is a great opportunity to get to know international climbers and be part of the international climbing community. Competition organising is also a good learning experience for the volunteers and also it builds the local community tightly together.

Equal opportunity

Within Finice organisation we advance equal opportunity and encourage everyone equally to enjoy climbing. We see there are less women athletes in competition ice climbing compared to men, the community would benefit having more women competing also. This is an issue that needs attention. The awards are the same value for men and women.

Code of Conduct

We respect all participants in the event. We do not discriminate against any person on the basis of age, gender, sexual expression, ability to function, background or religion. We will instruct those who act against these rules.

Accessibility

The competition site is partially accessible for e.g. wheelchair. The area for the audience in the lead competition is accessible, but terrain can be soft due to snow. Car can be parked close to the lead audience with disabled's permit. We provide a larger toilet. The stand for speed competition is unfortunately not accessible for a wheelchair.

Cultural sustainability

Promoting local culture

We will provide the competitors a possibility to enjoy the local culture once they have come to Oulu. We will organise a closing party at the local climbing center after the competition. The closing party provides a possibility to a sauna experience with locals. We will help climbers to visit to Finland's best ice climbing area Korouoma and provide also shorter Oulu-programs after the competition. We have been organising Alvar Aalto tour and ice swimming. We will also provide Oulu - must see & do list and basics of Finnish to the competitors.

Economical sustainability

Finice event has large positive impact on local economy. Our organisation uses local companies when possible for instance in foods and materials, renting infrastructure and in live streaming. The impact of competitors is also large due to long competition, the teams will stay, move and eat in Oulu from Friday to Sunday/Monday.

We try to arrange competition with economical responsibility. Our climbing club takes big economical risks every year from organising this competition and even though we do a lot by ourselves, there are certain things we have to buy and do because of safety. Every year we are trying to contact new companies to get some economical support.