

ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES & SAFETY

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SANTASPORT ADVENTURE CENTER

Adventure & Outdoor Sports Education & Training

Education

 Vocational qualifications = Outdoor Experience Instructor (16 months training) Physical Education Assistant (120 credits)

- Polytechnic degrees
- University

Programme services

- "at Sea, air and Land" - Year round

Training for instructors , guides, ski instructors and ski patrols

- **Climbing** Finnish Climbing Association
- Paddling Finnish Canoeing and Rowing Federation & Finnish Canoeing Instructors
- **Rafting** Finnish Rafting Federation
- Ski instructors Finnish National Association of Ski Instructors & IVSS
- Ski patrols The Finnish Ski Area Association & FIPS
- Travel Industry Safety Passport & Matupa –Course Leader
 - The Finnish National Rescue Association



PRODUCT SAFETY LEGISLATION

Finnish product safety legislation gives the background for the programme services

• The Consumer Safety Act 920-2012

- Goverment Degree 1110-2011
 - Programme service companies and other parties with the obligation to notify a supervisory authority about their operations must prepare a **safety document**.

http://www.tukes.fi/en/Branches/consumer-safety/Product-Safety-Legislation/



GUIDELINES

- Finnish Consumer Agency's Guidelines for the Promotion of Safety in Program Services 11/2003
 - nb! Finnish Safety and Chemical Agency supervises and promotes the safety of products and services since 2010
- On top special guidelines for
 - Ski Slopes
 - Swimming pools and Spas
 - Karting
 - Equestrian services
- Guidelines for the given Information of the Consumer Goods and Consumer Services 10/2006

http://www.tukes.fi/en/For-Consumers/Leisure-time/



BASIC REQUIMENTS FOR PERSONEL

Personnel should have appropriate training and should be given proper orientation when they are hired, which includes going over the safety document

Travel Industry Safety Passport

- In the case of special activities instructors should have the necessary qualification
 - for example a sport association certificate in climbing, paddling, rafting, etc.
- Adequate first aid skills
 - Red Cross FA 2 or equivalent information and skills
- Emergency preparedness
- Fire safety skills



PADDLING AS A PROGRAMME SERVICE

- ~ 10 000 paddlers
- Four organisations
 - Finnish Canoeing and Rowing Federation
 - Finnish Canoeing Instructors
 - NIL
 - BCU
- \sim ~ 3000 instructors and guides since 1995
- EURO PADDLE PASS STANDARD(level 1-5) skill test
 - France, Ireland, GB, Slovenia, Sweden, Denmark and Finland (coming 2013)
- Open canoe for tourists
- Risks
 - Cold water (season April -> November)
 - Equipments (PPE & PFD)
 - Skills (self rescue)
 - Accidents & serious near -miss situations
 - <10/ season</p>





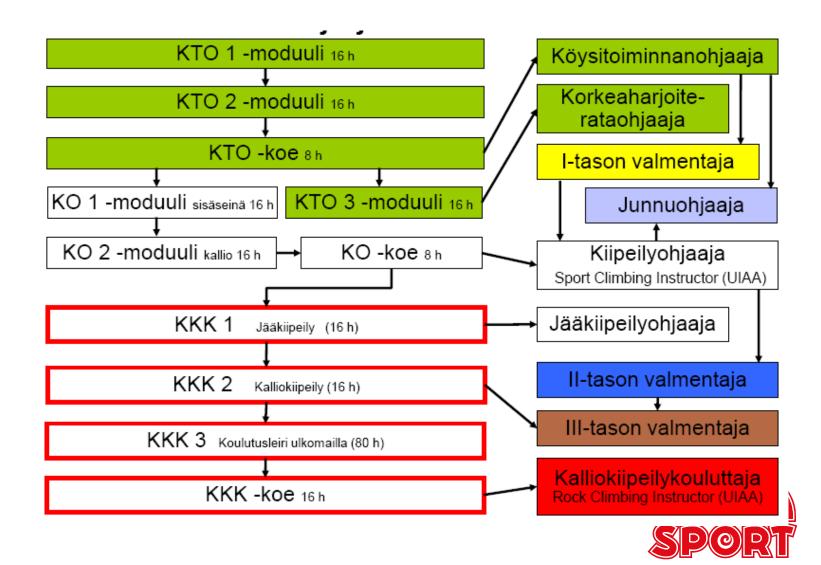


CLIMBING AS A PROGRAMME SERVICE

- ~ 20 000 climbers
- 3000 FSA members
- Finnish Climbing Association
 - Member of UIAA (Union Internationale des Associations d'Alpinisme)
- UIAA Model Training Standard
- 3200 KTO 2 (ropework superivisor module 2 since 1999)
- 1300 qualified instructors -> 450 valid 2013
- Top roping & adventure parks for tourists
 - No mountains in Finland
- Risks
 - Bouldering & poor falling
 - Bealying error
 - Conditions/ weather in the mountains (abroad)
- Accidents & serious near -miss situations
 - < 20/ season</p>
 - 1-2 severe accidents/ season



FCA SCHEME



RAFTING AS A PROGRAMME SERVICE



- Northest entrepreneur in Muonio, southest in Kotka
- Finnish Rafting Federation
 - Member on IRF
- At the moment Finland is harmonizing the training with the IRF
 - National rafting guide training = 60 hours / 18 age/ FRC FA 2
- Programme service & sport
 - First visit 2009 WC Bosnia & Hertzegovina / Marathon in river Tara!
- ~ 1000 rafting guides
 - < 10 IRF raft guides & trip leaders</p>
- Risks
 - Cold water
 - Long season (May -> October)
 - Poor equipments (PPE = raining jackets & trousers)
- Accidents & serious near -miss situations
 - < 5 flips with customers/ season</p>
 - Severe accidents very seldom



PPE & PDF ???



http://www.tianis.net/excursions.html

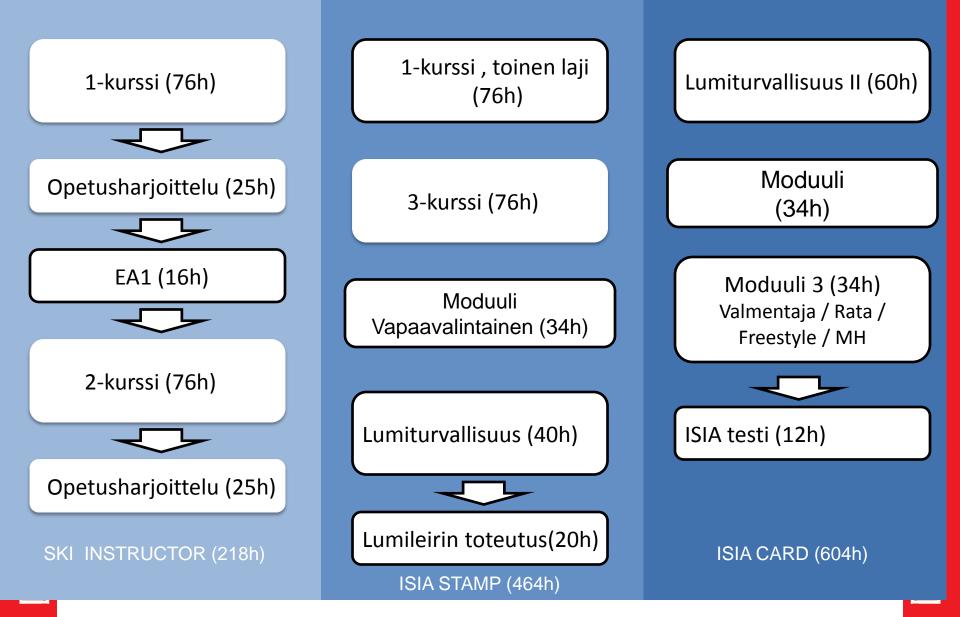


SKI SCHOOL AS A PROGRAMME SERVICE

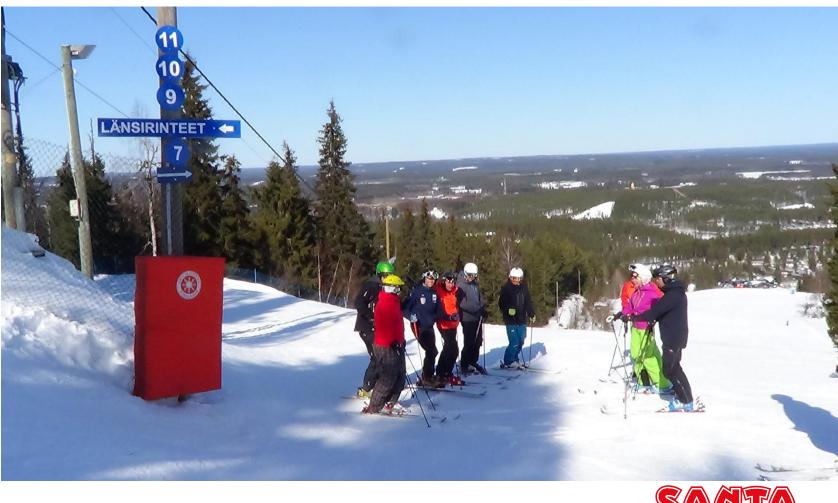
- Finnish National Association of Ski Instructors
 - Member of ISIA
- 49 ski schools
- 1,2 million skiers & snowboarders
- Ski School selling < 2,5 million €/ 2012
- > 1000 ski instructors
- > 200 ISIA –instructor
- Risks
 - Cold weather
 - Poor physical performance & skils
- Accidents & serious near -miss situations
 - ~2500 accidents overall/ season
 - 1-2 serious accidents/ season



SHOry-ISIA SCHEME









STANDARDS &CERTIFACATES IN OUTDOOR SPORTS

- Standards for equipments & constructions
 - EN -Standards
 - PPE in climbing & adventure parks
 - PFD in water sports
- Standards for training instructors
- Association's own guidelines for safe paddling, rafting, whitewater swimming, etc.











SAFETY –TIPS by TUKES for:

Winter Outdoor Swimming
Skiing and Cross Country Skiing
Snow and Ice constructions, etc.

http://94.199.118.186/en/For-Consumers/Leisure-time/

