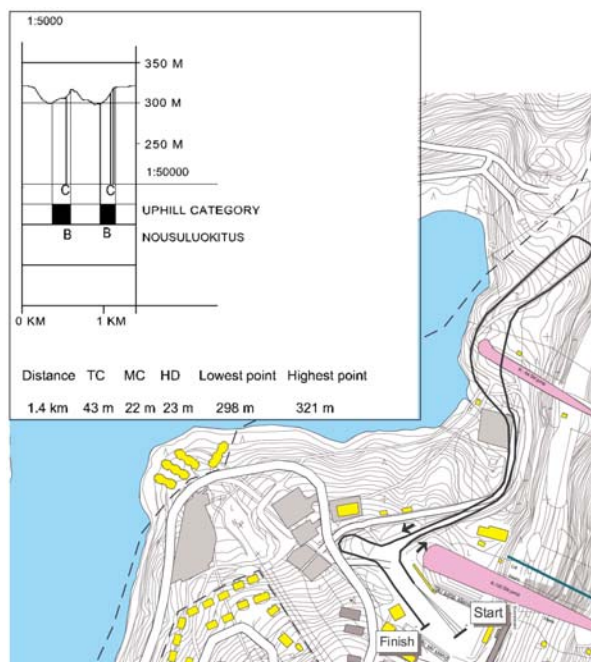
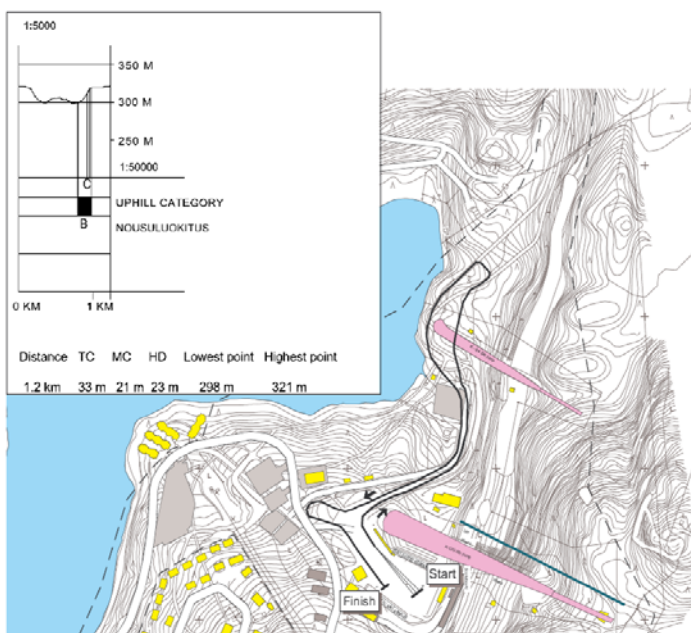


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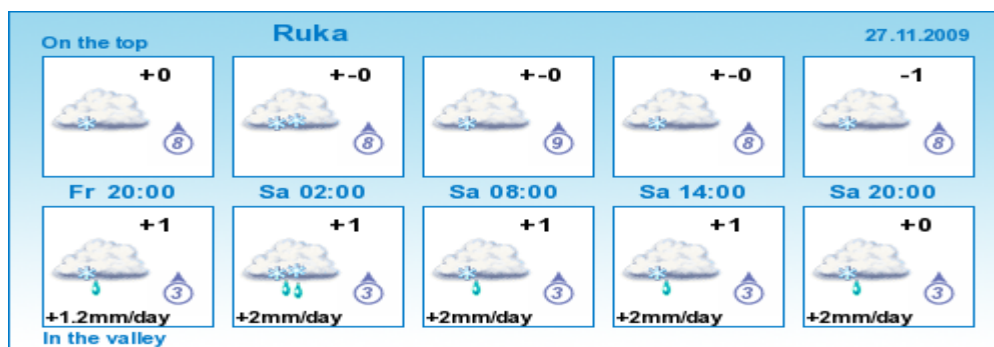
Used Course

Ladies: 1,2 km;

Men 1,4 km



Weather forecast



Special remarks to the participants:

Both World Cup leaders, Ronny Andre Hafsaas and Marit Bjoergen, are not competing in tomorrow's race. Bjoergen was sick and Hafsaas will concentrate now on the biathlon races. Sick was during this week as well Anna Haag, she is back on training but not ready for the competition. Also Petter Northug was sick and maybe is back in the World Cup for Sunday's race.

Race Director Jürg Capol's remark:

We have again a nice winterlandscape with 40 cm of snow. Tomorrow we expect quite a humite snow with a high humidity in the air. The track in Kuusamo is tough and ideal for a classical sprint. In the ladies race the lady to beat will be Petra Majdic after winning three times in a row.

Additional remarks:

Tomorrow we will have the first sprint World Cup race without a B Final. This gives us more time to show the finalist and present them in a better way before their race as well it gives the ladies a better platform to celebrate their success. The coach of Canada Inge Braaten felt on Thursday and broke his hip, he had the surgery already and the head coach Dave Wood is on the way to Kuusamo to join the team.

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