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The Finlandia Ski Race has had its share of issues for the past few years and 2026 has dealt us with another. The trail system that the race sits on is entirely private property from several different owners. This year we are not able to use portions of the course and thus need to make some cuts and changes. The trail system as it stands now is a 21k loop with most of the same challenging terrain.

The board has done its best to come up with solutions and this is what we are hosting this year:

1. We will only have 2 races (21k classic and the 21k Free) and a 10k tour. We have dropped the 25k pursuit and 50k Marathon.
2. The Friday night registration will NOT be held this year. Registration and bib pickup will be at the Buena Vista ski Chalet Saturday morning starting at 8am- 9:30am. We request that you pre-register prior to Saturday morning if possible so that things go smoother that morning with timing.
3. The awards ceremony will be held on the 3rd floor of the ski chalet shortly after the last skier comes in. It will be much earlier this year as the longest race is 21k. We will only have drinks and light snacks.
4. We have cut the number of feed stations down to two, (1) at the 11k point and (1) at the Finish.

Registration is now available online at <https://www.skireg.com/minnesota-finlandia>
The paper form is available on our website.

We will update more as we get closer to the race.

For information and updates or to volunteer with races, check out
www.minnesotafinlandia.com