

The first Valteri Bottas Duathlon was successful

The first Valteri Bottas Duathlon, organized in Nastola, Pajulahti, on 20th August 2017, succeeded as planned. The spectacular summer weather attracted the public and especially families with children enjoyed the event and activities around the area. Valteri Bottas also participated in the competition and was 11th in a high level race. Valteri's time was 1:25:24.

- This has been a lot of fun. The route is versatile and challenging. The Pajulahti Olympic Training Center is a great setting for such a race. Registration for next year is already open, so we will see again, Valteri Bottas summarized his feelings immediately after the race.

Total of 250 people attended the Valteri Bottas Duathlon and Family Duathlon. Family Duathlon received an enthusiastic acceptance and there were 56 teams competing. Family Duathlon was free of charge and the only requirement for participation was age: one member had to be under 17 years old.

The youngest participants in the competition were Vilho Rajamäki, 4, and 5-year-old Uuno Torpo, both competing with their families. Vilho ran 1.5 km section and Uuno both 1.5 km legs.

- On behalf of the organizers, I can say that we got a great event day and this is a great start for next year. In particular, the popularity of the Family Duathlon was surprisingly positive. The feeling throughout the day was awesome, says Ville Ahtiainen, who himself competed in the Valteri Bottas Duathlon team.

The Winners

Men's and women's competition: 5 km running, 20 km mountain biking and 3 km running. Particularly the bicycle section was challenging.

Markus Vuorela was the winner of the men's series at 1:15:30. The second was Pekka Nieminen 1:16:50 and third Jens Dahlman 1:17:10. The winner of women's series was Elisa Sihvola at 1:34:27, the second was Anniina Hakkarainen and third Hanna Heikkilä.

Family Duathlon: 1.5 km running, 5 km cycling and 1.5 km running.

Team Borremans I, Kasper and Erwin Borremans, won the competition at 24:53. Second came Eetu and Oskari Valtola at 26:08 and third Jere, Arttu and Joona Soinen at 26:26.

Annual event

Next year's event will be held on Sunday 19th August 2018. Preliminary registration for the event is open: <https://www.lyyti.fi/reg/valtteribottasduathlon>

We reserve the right to changes.

Thanks to the event's participants, partners and event visitors - you made the day perfect!

Valteri Bottas Duathlon donated 10 000 euros to UK charity Starlight Children's Foundation.

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