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# 1 General about the event

## 1.1 Competitors' Relations Officers' schedule



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**Competitors' Relations Officers can be contacted by phone and email at any time during the event.**

## 1.2 Rally Guide

Start by reading the Supplementary Regulations and the Finnish Rally Championship 2026 Regulations, which have most of the information you need. The matters contained in these regulations have not, in principle, been repeated in the Rally Guide. We have compiled other information in this guide for your reference, including important phone numbers.

Rally Office staff and competitors' relations officers are happy to assist you whenever needed.

## 1.3 Instructions for arriving to the Rally HQ

The Rally Office opens on Monday 26.1.2026 at 16:00 in Santa's Hotel Santa Claus.

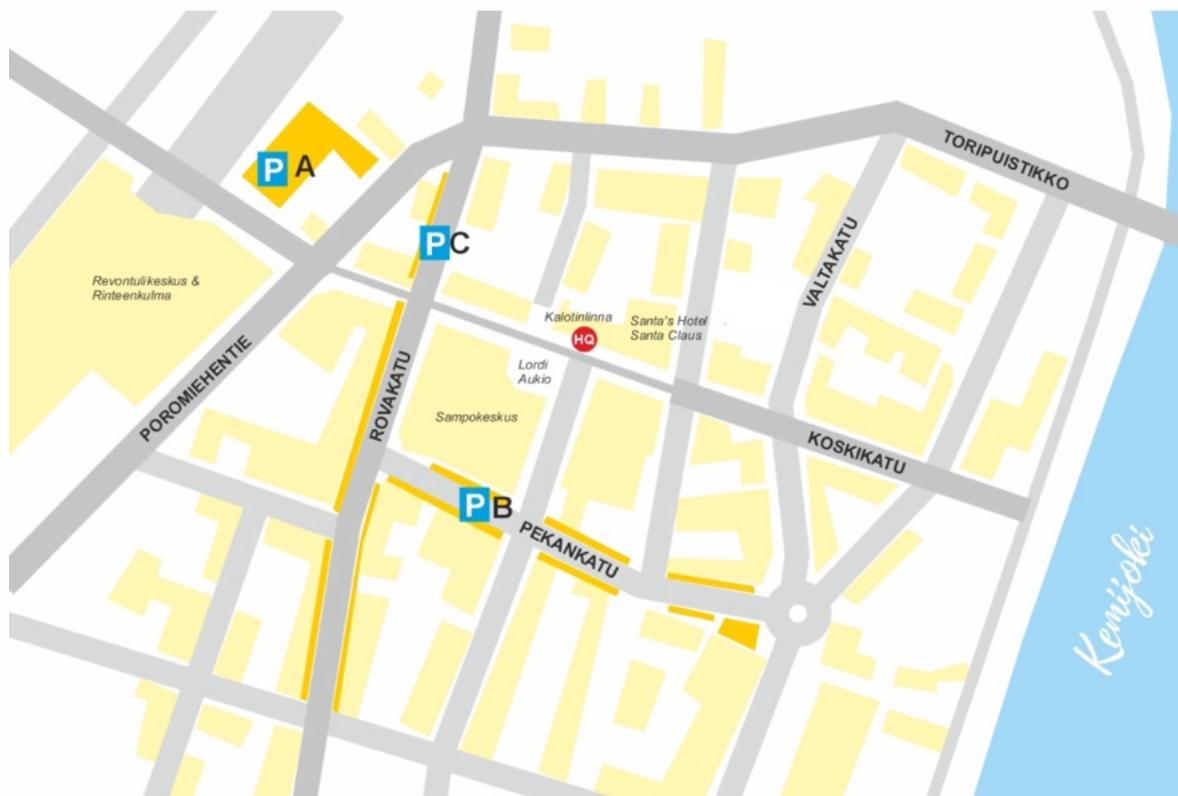
The organizer recommends using the parking areas shown on the map on the following page when visiting the Rally Office:

- The parking area A is large where it is possible to temporarily park large vehicles and small combinations. Address: Poromiehentie 3, Rovaniemi
- The parking area B is parallel to the street and parking may also be possible with vans. Address: Pekankatu 5, Rovaniemi

- The parking area C is diagonal parking and thus, parking is possible only with passenger cars. Address: Rovakatu 27, Rovaniemi

Please note that the parking areas are chargeable.

Please note that there are no changing or showering facilities for competitors at the Rally HQ.



*Picture of the recommended parking areas*

#### **1.4 Shakedown**

Minor adjustments and service activities during Shakedown may be performed in the parking area according to Appendix 2. It is possible to arrive to the parking area with small service cars. There are no officials present at the area coordinating the operations.

#### **1.5. Considering the environment**

The Arctic Lapland Rally is driven in a wonderful arctic environment which is particularly sensitive to human influences. Please ensure that fuel, oil or other hazardous or harmful substances do not spill onto the ground during service and refuelling. When refuelling, place a large enough cover under the fuel tank so that any spilled fuel remains on the cover. Immediately collect any oil, fuel or other hazardous substances that have ended up on the ground. Do not leave any waste or litter in any rally locations or nature. Take hazardous waste with you after the rally and ensure that it is disposed properly. Bring other rubbish and waste to the collection points in the rally area.

## 2 Before the event

### 2.1 Stages compared to previous years

Special Stage	Distances in the SS (2026)	Driven previously
Shakedown		Same as Shakedown 2025
SS 1/5 Aittajärvi		Same as SS 1 2025 (0,33 km – Finish)
SS 2 Venni-Mäntyvaara		Same as SS 2 2025
SS 3 Kellolampi		New
SS 4 Siikakämä	0,00–15,45 km	Same as SS 4 2022 (0,00–15,45 km)
	15,76–28,63 km	Same as SS 7 2024 (14,13 km – Finish)
SS 6 Mäntyvaara		Same as SS 6 2025
SS 7 Veittivaara	0,00–14,21 km	Same as SS 7 2024
	14,21–27,94 km	New
SS 8 Jyrhämäjärvi		Same as SS 1 2023 (6,06 km – Finish)
SS 9 Murtotunturi	0,00–5,35 km	Same as SS 4 2025 (0,41–5,65 km)
	6,99–10,60 km	Same as SS 4 2025 (12,9–16,55 km)
	10,60 – Finish	New
SS 10 Hanhikoski		New
SS 11 Kemijärvi		Same as SS 12 2025
SS 12 Sarriojärvi		Same as SS 12 2024 (0,78 km – Finish)

### 2.2 Ceremonial start

The ceremonial start is mandatory for competitors in classes 1–5 and 7, and optional for other classes. A competitor may request an exemption from participating in the ceremonial start for a justifiable reason.

The competitors will be gathered at the holding area in Rovakatu and sent to the stage mainly in the starting order, mainly every minute, according to the schedule published on the official notice board. Competitors are asked to arrive to Rovakatu holding area 10 minutes before their scheduled time.

The organizer will instruct the competitors in the holding area and send the rally cars to the stage according to the progress of the event. There is no time control at the ceremonial start and time cards aren't used.

After the stage, selected competitors will be stopped for an autograph signing session in the immediate vicinity of the stage. Competitors will be instructed where to park their cars. Competitors must circle close to the spectator fence signing autographs for approximately 5 minutes. The organizer will indicate when the competitor may leave. Autograph signing applies to both the driver and the co-driver. The competitor's PR/personal representative may be present.

Competitors leaving the ceremonial start and autograph signing session will leave the area along a fenced way to Korkalonkatu.

### 2.3 Remote Rally Office in Mäntyvaara

Competitors in classes 22–24 receive their competitor materials on Friday 31.01.2026 one hour before the competitor's start time. The material is collected at the remote Rally Office in Mäntyhovi restaurant at



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Mäntyvaara Service Park. Materials for competitors in classes 22–24 is only available in Mäntyvaara on Friday – not in the Rally Office in the center of Rovaniemi.

### 3. During the event

#### 3.1 Identification of Officials

- The officials are identified as follows:
- Stage Commander: red tabard
- Stage Safety Commander: green tabard
- Doctor: white tabard
- Competitors' Relations Officer: orange tabard
- Timekeeping, marshal, security officer, ticket sales: yellow tabard
- Manager of security officers: orange tabard
- Scrutineering: green tabard
- Service park officials: light blue tabard – act also as Stewards of Facts in the service

#### 3.2 To be noted at SS 4 and SS 7 during reconnaissance

SS 4 Siikakämä and SS 7 Veittivaara use the same road section for approximately 300 meters from different directions. Due to this there will be opposing traffic on this route during the reconnaissance. Please exercise special caution and drive at a sufficiently low speed.

#### 3.3 Securing of items in the service cars

Loose batteries and fuel tanks in the service cars moving on the route have attracted the attention of the police during the previous years. Special attention must be paid to the safe transportation of hazardous materials or objects containing hazardous materials. Batteries and fuel must not be transported without proper securing.

#### 3.4 Trailer park in Rovaniemi

Trailer park is located in Mäntyvaara, along Mäntyvaarantie. The exact location is presented in Appendix 2.

#### 3.5 Liaison from Service Area, Refuel Vanttauskoski to SS 9 Murtotunturi

The start of SS 9 Murtotunturi is located on a narrow road section where it is difficult to change the order of cars. Please aim to leave Vanttauskoski refuel area to the liaison between the area and SS 9 in the order corresponding to the start order for SS 9. This procedure increases general traffic safety and helps avoiding overtaking and stopping on road 81.

#### 3.6 Stopping at road sections

The organizer encourages competitors to avoid stopping on the road section on main roads to prevent dangerous situations and traffic jams. It is especially important to avoid stopping on road 81 before and after SS 9 Murtotunturi and on road 82 before and after SS 12 Sarriojärvi.



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### **3.7 Retiring on SS 1**

SS 1 and SS 5 (Aittajärvi) is closed also during the time between the Stages. The organizer aims to give the retired competitors the opportunity to leave the Stage with the organizer's ride. Cars retired on SS 1 can be collected from the Stage after SS 5 has ended estimated at 20 at the earliest.

Between SS 1 and SS 5 the organizer moves cars from dangerous locations to safer ones.

### **3.8 Retiring on SS 9**

The safety zone for wind turbines in winter is 300 m. Moving outside the car in the safety zone is prohibited. Please note this if you retire on SS 9 near a wind turbine. If exiting the car for compelling reasons, please exercise special caution and avoid any additional staying outside.

### **3.9 Retiring on Special Stages**

The organizer uses so-called fast sweeper car, which cannot act as a towing service for retired vehicles, and the teams themselves must organize the pick-up of retired cars. Towing service phone number can be found in art 5.1 of this Guide.

### **3.10 Arriving from SS to the main roads**

After the finish of some SS and before entering a bigger main road, there is a traffic controller aiming to give a signal to the competitor when they can safely enter the road. If there is crossing traffic, the competitor is stopped and the other traffic passes normally.

### **3.11 Tires in the overnight parc fermé**

A clarification to Supplementary Regulations Art 9. TIRES, 9.3 All classes. Road homologated winter tires are allowed but not mandatory between SPB – SPC. Road homologates winter tires or rally tires may be used in the overnight parc fermé.

### **3.12 Luusua refuel area**

Luusua refuel area (between SS 9 and SS 10) is accessed via 4-meter wide gate. Please consider this with the dimensions of your vehicle.

### **3.13 Holding area and transferring to podium**

TC 12a is the Finish followed by a media and holding area. The competitors will be gathered at the holding area in Rovakatu and sent to the podium in the order of the results mainly every minute. The organizer wishes that all competitors will drive through the podium.

After the podium, selected competitors will be stopped for an autograph signing session in the immediate vicinity of the stage. Competitors will be instructed where to park their cars. Competitors must circle close to the spectator fence signing autographs for approximately 5 minutes. The organizer will indicate when the competitor may leave. Autograph signing applies to both the driver and the co-driver. The competitor's PR/personal representative may be present.

Competitors leaving the podium and autograph signing session will leave the area along a fenced way to Korkalonkatu.



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The route from the holding area to the podium is presented in the Road Book. Please also see picture in Appendix 4.

### 3.14 Accident & Safety Procedures

#### 3.14.1 Accident in Special Stage

If medical emergency or fire-fighting assistance is required in the event of an accident, the SOS sign is displayed to other competitors, and the SOS button in the GPS device is pressed.

The SOS sign must be clearly displayed to competitors entering the scene of the accident, and the sign cannot be left unattended. If a competitor presses the SOS button for medical / extinguishing assistance, the competitor must display the SOS sign as described above.

Each competitor to who has been shown the SOS sign must stop to provide assistance to injured people or a burning car and, if necessary, to call for additional assistance via the GPS Safety Tracker or from the competition **safety number +358 440 63 4334**. If the call for help is unsuccessful, you must report the information to the NEXT radio point which may also be the Flying Finish Line.

If a competitor hits a vehicle and / or a person on a Special Stage, the competitor must immediately stop and ensure the need for assistance and act as prescribed in the event of an accident.

When calling for help, please provide the following information:

- competition number of the crew involved
- if and how many crew members or spectators are injured
- how seriously they are injured
- if any crew member or spectator are trapped in or outside the car
- location of the accident, i.e. the closest road book junction or kilometer post
- any other vital information, i.e. fire, water

Also, the following cars must stop if the red SOS sign is displayed. Competitors stopped on a stage must place their red warning triangle at least 50 m before where the car is stopped if the car is still on the road.

All rescue vehicles approaching the scene of an accident must be allowed full access to the site by removing all cars from the site by passing the accident site. In case of not being able to pass through, the cars have to be removed from the road (using shovels to make room on the side of the road, if necessary).

If you stop on a special stage but do not require medical help, please display the green OK sign to other competitors and officials.

At the medical vehicle point, the special stage may be stopped with a red flag or light. In this case, the competitors must stop at the point and wait for instructions from officials to continue the race. The red flag may also be issued via the GPS Safety Tracker during the Special Stage. The competitor must acknowledge receipt of the red flag on the display of the device, drop speed and prepare to stop. The competitor must stop at an Intermediate Point and / or at the scene of the accident for further instructions or assistance.

Competitors may contact the event doctor via the event emergency number +358 440 63 4334.



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### 3.14.2 Accident outside of a Special Stage

Help is primarily called from the general emergency number 112. The safety number to the Rally Control Center is +358 440 63 4334.

### **3.12 Reindeers in the traffic**

Taking care of the reindeer is the oldest livelihood in Northern Finland. There are 5000 reindeer owners. In the area where reindeer live, there are circa 200 000 reindeer in wintertime and after reindeer have got their calves there are almost 340 000 reindeer in the forest at summertime.

### **Why do reindeer move on the road?**

The roads run through reindeer pastures. In winter, the reindeer are happy to exchange difficult snowdrifts for plowed roads.

### **If an accident happens during the reconnaissance period**

- Alert other drivers, remember to set up the warning triangle by the road
- Take care of first aid and call 112
- If you can, kill the injured reindeer or get someone to do it. Don't leave the injured reindeer to suffer,
- Move the carcass to the side of the road and mark the place visibly, e.g. with a plastic bag.
- You are not allowed to take the carcass with you.
- Call 112 even if you only slightly touch a reindeer to inform them of the accident

### **During a competitive run of a Special Stage**

- If there is an emergency, call 112, or at the latest inform officials at the Stage Finish

## **4. Driving in Finland, Information by the Traffic Ministry**

### **Have a safe journey!**

Most traffic signs in Finland are international. By observing traffic regulations and speed limits you can avoid danger.

### **Obligatory safety devices**

It is obligatory in Finland for the driver and all the passengers in the car to use safety belts both in front and back seats. Also, the children must use safety belts or other safety equipment meant for them. Their parents or the driver of the car is held responsible for this.

### **Speed limits**

On densely populated areas there is a speed limit of 50 km/h. Entrance signs show you where the speed limit starts and ends.

Outside of these areas the general speed limit is 80 km/h. Any speed limit other than that will be indicated by traffic signs varying between 30 and 120 km/h. In addition to this there are speed limits for certain vehicle types. Car towing a caravan may not drive faster than 80 km/h. The same rule applies for trucks, most buses



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and bigger vans. If you exceed the speed limit You'll be fined. Exceeding the limit by more than 30 km/h means immediate withdrawal of driving license.

### **Lights on - also in daylight**

Driving lights must always be lit when you drive outside of town. It is recommended to use the lights everywhere. Fog lights can only be used during fog or heavy snowfall, in other words always when the visibility is limited.

### **No drunk driving**

It is forbidden to drive drunk in Finland. Police who is controlling the traffic can order you to have a blowing test. The limit for penalty is 0,5 per mille (‰). Drunk driving will be penalized. In addition to this driving license will normally be withdrawn immediately.

### **Obey traffic rules**

Drive on the right side, overtake from the left. Give way to any vehicle coming from the right, bicycles too. Give way to a bus leaving from the bus stop on areas where the speed limit is under 60 km/h. In town You may use bus lane only in case You are turning.

Give way to pedestrian. Don't pass a vehicle which has stopped before a pedestrian crossing or which stops You for seeing the pedestrian crossing.

Give way to bicyclists and motorcyclists who are crossing the road when You are turning in a crossing.

Please overtake only when You can return to your own lane without endangering and disturbing other traffic. If a vehicle in front of You is turning to left or is clearly about to do that You will always have to pass it by from the right. It is also forbidden in Finland to stop or park the car on sidewalks and in parks, as well as on pedestrian crossings, on bicycle roads or in front of them.

General disregard in traffic can be penalized up to the withdrawal of driving license. Police controls behavior in traffic, especially overtaking.

### **Watch for animals**

There are lots of elks, deers and, especially in Lapland, reindeers. The most popular animal crossings have been marked by warning signs. Animals tend to move at dawn and at dusk. Please remember that an accident with an animal can be disastrous.

### **General emergency number**

If You have an accident, You can reach ambulance, doctor, police and fire department from the same number **112**. Your call is free of charge even from a telephone booth.



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## 5. General

### 5.1 Important phone numbers

#### Rally office / Secretary

Sari Mäntyranta +358 40 7302712

#### Clerk of the Course

Heikki Isomaa +358 400 581006

#### Deputy Clerk of the Course (route)

Katriina Keskiniva +358 50 408 6680

#### Chief Safety Officer

Aleksanteri Hoffren +358 440 63 4334

#### Safety Manager (route)

Ville Riskilä +358 40 549 4440

#### Service Park

##### Service Park Manager

Jouko Talviaho +358 400 532879

##### Deputy Service Park Manager

Tapani Kesikuru +358 40 5387243

#### PARC FERMÉ

##### Parc Fermé contact person

Kari Muikku +358 50 5598031

#### GENERAL EMERGENCY NUMBER 112

#### POLICE 112

#### TYRE SERVICES

Lapin Kumi Oy +358 40 122 5500

#### RENTING WEIGHTS FOR TENT SECURING

MSP EVENT Oy +358 106 176300

Marrent Oy +358 400 695443

#### TOWING SERVICES

Lapin Hinauspalvelu +358 16 313 300



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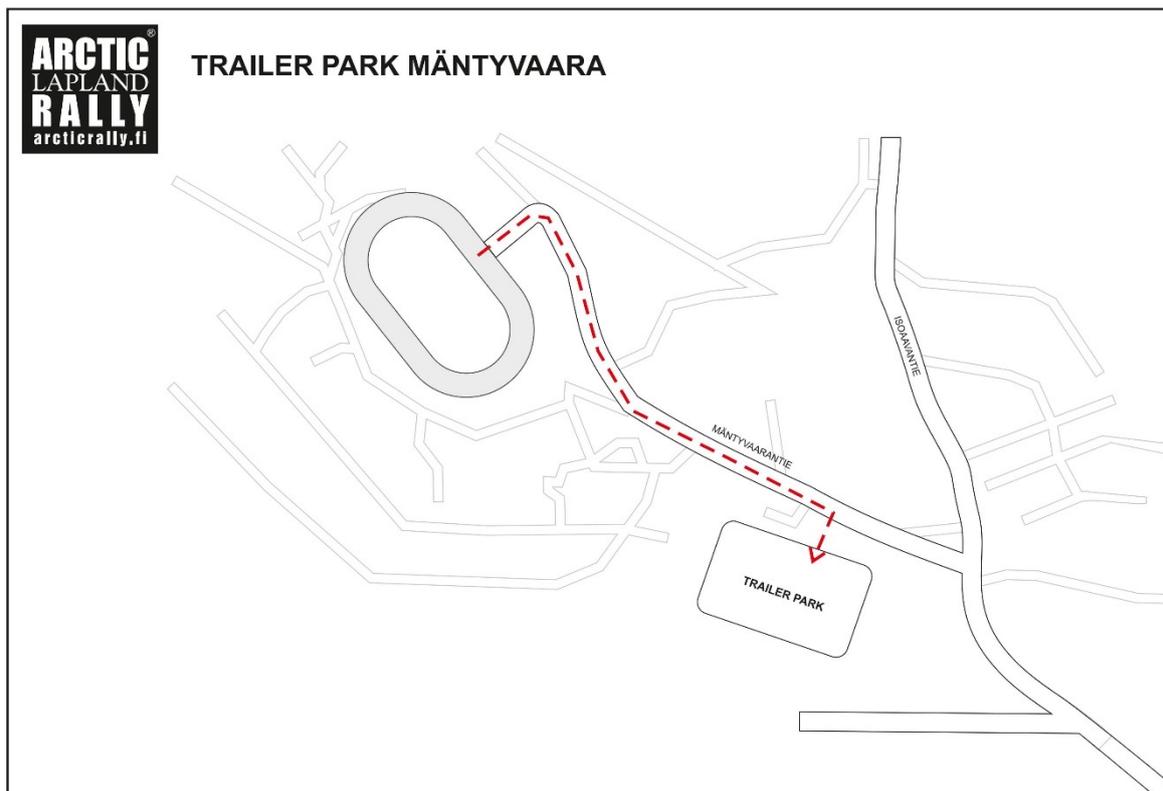
## Appendix 1.

### Shakedown minor adjustments



## Appendix 2.

### Trailer park



### Appendix 3.

### Time card example

ARCTIC LAPLAND RALLY arcticrally.fi		Time Card A		Car No.	
Leg 1 - Section 1 Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2026					
TC 0	START - START LEG 1	ACTUAL START	TARGET TIME	DUE TIME	
		H M	00 50	H M	
TC 1	DISTANCE FROM TC 0 TO TC 1 29,54 KM		TC 1	TC 1	
TC 1	SS 1 - 22,25 KM AITAJÄRVI 1	FINISH TIME	JUMP START	COMPETITOR USE	
		H M S U10			
	PROVISIONAL START TIME	ACTUAL START	TARGET TIME	DUE TIME	
	H M	H M	01 10	H M	
TC 2	DISTANCE FROM SS 1 START TO TC 2 61,62 KM	SS TIME	TC 2	TC 2	
TC 2	SS 2 - 12,42 KM VENNI-MÄNTYVAARA	FINISH TIME	JUMP START	COMPETITOR USE	
		H M S U10			
	PROVISIONAL START TIME	ACTUAL START	TARGET TIME	DUE TIME	
	H M	H M	00 15	H M	
TC 2 A	DISTANCE FROM SS 2 START TO TC 2 A 12,82 KM	SS TIME	TC 2 A	TC 2 A	
TC 2 A	REGROUP - SERVICE A IN	PROVISIONAL SERVICE A OUT TO TC 2 B			
		H M			
		SERVICE STARTED			
		H M			
		SERVICE TIME	00 30		
		SERVICE FINISHED			
		H M			
		SERVICE A OUT			
		H M			
TC 2 B	SERVICE A OUT		TC 2 B		

#### Instructions on the use of the timecard

The target time given in the timecard is added to the actual start time of the Special stage, which gives the due arrival time to the following time Control.

The due time includes the Special stage time and the following road section.

If you arrive to any other time Control than the start of stage, the arrival time will also be the time of departure from the time Control, unless a different time is given by the time Control officials.

#### Ohje aikakortin käytöstä

Aikakortissa ilmoitettu ajoaika lisätään EK:n todelliseen lähtöaikaan, jolloin saadaan saapumisaika seuraavalle AT- asemalle.

Ajoaika sisältää EK:n suoritusajan sekä siirtymän ajan.

Mikäli saavutaan muulle kuin EK:n tulo AT-asemalle, on saapumisaika samalla uusi lähtöaika seuraavalle siirtymälle, ellei ko. asema anna muuta lähtöaikaa.

#### Flex Service markings to timecard

Due departure time to TC 2 b for leaving the Service given by the TC 2a officer.

You enter the service start time here.

You enter the service finished time here.

You enter the time given by the out-of-service Time Check on the lowest TC 2b Colum and transfer it to the next card.

#### Aikakortti merkinnät Flex huollossa

Ihannelähtöaika Huollosta ulos, jonka antaa TC 2a toimitsija.

Merkitset huollon aloitusajan tähän.

Merkitset huollon päättymisajan tähän.

Merkitset alas viimeiseen ruutuun TC 2B huollosta ulos aikatarkastuksen antaman ajan ja siirrä sen seuraavaan korttiin.

**Appendix 4.**

**Podium and holding area**

