

**Do you want to experience the international
St Michel weekend in the driver's seat?**

F.E.G.A.T.

S H K L



St Michel winner 2025
Double Deceiver / Daniel Redén
Photo Maisa Hyttinen

NEW

St Michel Amateur Challenge

Mikkeli, Finland - July 18th 2026

The annual international St Michel trotting race takes place in Mikkeli, during the weekend of July 17th-19th, 2026. This prestigious event has attracted race horses and visitors from all around the world since 1981.

It is one of the biggest harness racing events in Finland, attracting thousands of visitors every year.

Due to its gentle curves, the track is fastest in Finland and you may witness several new world records during the event.



St Michel Amateur Challenge

in co-operation with F.E.G.A.T.

Mikkeli, Finland 17.7.-19.7.2026



Program

Friday 17.7.

Arrival at Helsinki-Vantaa airport, individual transport to the city of Mikkeli (distance about 220 km) by train in about 2.5-3 hours. Tickets not included!

18.00 Races at Mikkeli, dinner.

Saturday 18.7.

7.00-10.00 Breakfast

11.00 Bus transfer to race track, meeting with judges, warm-up

13.00 Races start, St Michel Amateur Challenge and T75 finals. Lunch.

18.00 Bus back to hotel after the races

Sunday, 19.7.

7.00-10.00 Breakfast

12.00 Bus transfer to the race track. The main race day with the international St Michel. We have tables reserved.

18.00 Bus back to hotel after the races

Individual departure

Please note that alcoholic beverages are not included in lunches or dinners but are available at your own cost.

Sunday–Monday extra night: you can book yourself if you plan to stay until Monday. It will be cheaper than the weekend.

Prices:

3 days and 2 nights including one food per day, races and bus transport:

- 350 € / person / two-person room

- 560 € / person / one-person room

2 days and 1 night (option to leave after Saturday)

- 190 € / person / two-person room

- 290 € / person / one-person room

IMPORTANT! If you are leaving on Saturday, remember it still takes about 3 hours to get to the airport. If you don't want to see Sunday races, we recommend booking an airport hotel room for Saturday-Sunday night and a departure flight for Sunday morning.

Driver selection process

12 drivers are selected as follows:

- 1) Finland as organizer
- 2) Sweden and France
- 3) 9 other F.E.G.A.T. member countries.

Send information about your driver by e-mail to mitja.nummenmaa@shkl.net by April 15th.

Every driver must have a minimum of 25 victories to participate in this race. We pick the drivers by looking at the number of total victories but emphasize more recent success.

Example: a driver has 400 wins, but from 15-20 years ago. For the last two years this driver only has 2 wins. The other driver has 80 wins, and 70 of those have been in the last two years. We give the position to the driver with 80 total victories.

Welcome to Finland!

Payment info:

Payment deadline is April 30th, 2026

Account holder: Suomen Hevosnomistajien Keskusliitto ry

IBAN account number: FI49 5720 2320 0148 18

BIC: OKOYFIHH

ST MICHEL
SINCE 1981