



BULLETIN 1

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

Format and rules

European Rogaining Championships (ERC) are held in 24 hour rogaine according to the rules of rogaining of the International Rogaining Federation.

(<http://www.rogaining.com/resources/irfrules062010.pdf>)

At the same time the 6th Latvian Rogaining Championships and 6 hours rogaining event for fun will be held. Any exceptions will be specified in Bulletins 2 and 3.

Participants

Teams of 2 – 5 members.

Competition classes

- MO – Men open
- WO – Women open
- XO – Mixed open
- MJ – Men Junior, 18 and younger
- WJ – Women Junior, 18 and younger
- XJ – Mixed Junior, 18 and younger
- MV – Men Veteran, 40 and older
- WV – Women Veteran, 40 and older
- XV – Mixed Veteran, 40 and older
- MSV – Men Superveteran, 55 and older
- WSV – Women Superveteran, 55 and older
- XSV – Mixed Superveteran, 55 and older

Participation in the ERC is open to all, without any qualifying conditions. For the Junior, Veteran and Super Veteran categories the age is determined on the first competition day (i.e. 23 July 2011). Any team that has a member younger than 14 years of age must also have a member 18 years of age or older.

Teams are competing in every category for which they are eligible.

Teams are entered into particular categories based on gender and age of their members. Teams competing in the Junior and the Veteran categories are also automatically entered into the corresponding Open category. Teams competing in the Super Veteran categories are also automatically entered into the corresponding Open and Veteran categories.

Timetable

Friday, July 22, 2011

12:00 Camping at the hash house opens

Saturday, July 23, 2011

09:30 Map handout

12:00 Start

18:00 Finish of 6 hour event

19:00 Catering available at the hash house

21:56 Sunset

22:49 The end of civil twilight

23:40 Moonrise (3Q)

Sunday, July 24, 2011

04:12 The beginning of civil twilight

05:05 Sunrise

12:00 Finish

14:00 Catering at the hash house closes

14:30 Prize-giving and closing ceremony

Monday, July 25, 2011

10:00 Camping at the hash house closes

Punching system

SPORTident punching system will be used. One SI card (version 6) for each team member.

Teams may use their own SI cards, if they have a version 6 card. Rental of SI cards will be available.

Location of the event center

The event center is near the small town Rauna, one of the most beautiful settlements in Vidzeme region (<http://www.rauna.lv/>).

The site is called KIEGELCEPLIS ("brick tilery"), located 109 km to the east-north from the Latvian capital Riga, on the Riga – Pskov motorway. Historically there was small brick tilery, which is currently operated by a local pottery "Raunas Ceplis".

[Location on Google maps](#)

The event center can be easily reached by car from Riga airport and ferry terminal as well as from the surrounding countries.





Terrain

Competition area (approximately 210 square kilometers) is located in the north part of Vidzeme highlands, known as Mežoles hilly. The heights are generally about 180-190 m above sea level, but often exceeds 200 m above sea level. The highest point Slapjuma Hill ("Wet Hill") in the middle of Mežoles hilly is 248 m above sea level. Terrain is hilly. The relative height of hills is 5-40 m. There are glacial structural moraine hills and ranges. Some of Gauja river basin river sources - Palsa, Rauza and Rauna - start in Mežoles hilly. There are more than 30 relatively small lakes, located between hills in subglacial glens.

The terrain is partly covered by coniferous and mixed forests of different ages, partly by timber felling sites, partly by open fields and meadows.

There is a semi-developed network of local and forest roads, but some areas are without any roads.

Weather

The weather in Latvia is moderate and very variable. Extreme meteorological phenomena are rare.

(<http://www.accuweather.com/nwo/forecast.aspx?lng=en-us&loc=EUR|LV|LG005|Rauna>)

Registration

Registration to the event opens on February 1, 2011.

Entry fee (per competitor)

Early registration (with payment up to 31.03.2011)

Open, Veteran — 40 EUR

Super Veteran, Junior — 30 EUR

General registration (with payment up to 15.06.2011)

Open, Veteran — 50 EUR

Super Veteran, Junior — 35 EUR

Last chance registration (with payment up to 10.07.2011)

Open, Veteran — 75 EUR

Super Veteran, Junior — 50 EUR

The entry fee covers participation in the competition, rogaining map and course planning maps, number bibs, catering during the race, parking and tenting in the event center, and awards for the best teams. The entry fee includes an IRF levy (approx. 5 EUR).

Rental of SI cards 3 EUR.

Accompanying persons and spectators

Accompanying persons and spectators (7 years of age and older) staying at the event center have to pay a fee 5 EUR (catering not included).



Prizes

The team with the highest score in each class is granted the title of the European Rogaining Champions. Three best teams in each class are awarded with prizes.

Travel information

Residents of the European Union member states, as well as Switzerland, Norway and Iceland do not require a visa and may enter Latvia using a valid passport or identification card. Residents of other countries need a visa to enter Latvia. The visa shall be obtained from the Latvian embassies abroad. Further information on visas: <http://www.pmlp.gov.lv/en/pakalpojumi/vizas.html>

Training possibilities and related events

Information on training possibilities, related events, points of interest, suggested cultural events will be provided in Bulletins 2 and 3.

On travel plans, accommodation, natural and historical attractions see also <http://www.vidzeme.com/eng.php>

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