



RULEBOOK

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ORGANIZERS

1. LTeam Olympic winter festival adventure race Winter Challenge event is organized by Lithuania National Olympic Committee, Lithuanian Olympic Fund and Association Vilnius Challenge.
2. Information about the event can be found on <http://www.lteam.lt> and [facebook](#). Contacts: email: info@winterchallenge.lt Phone: + 370 67404907.

PROGRAMME (times may change!)

February 1, 2019 (Friday).

12:00 – 22:00: race packet pickup (at Snow arena)

February 2, 2019 (Saturday)

07:00 – 10:30 race packet pickup (latecomers only, at Snow Arena, Druskininkai)

10:30 – 11:00 start corridor is opened

11:00 – start for PRO & FUN courses

16:00 – finish cut-off time for all courses

16:30 (approx.) – awards and closing ceremony

EVENT CENTER

1. Location: [Snow Arena, Druskininkai Lithuania](#)
2. Services offered to participants: free parking, changing rooms and hot beverages (still under consideration).
3. Arrival: Winter Challenge is a part of a larger – *LTeam Olympic winter festival* event. Thus we recommend to arrive to the event center as early as possible, so you would have time to prepare for the event start.

PARTICIPANTS

1. The race is for teams only. A team consists of two adults. Minors, who are at least 16 years old on the day of the event, may participant with the adult guardian or with another adult and notarized permission from the official guardians.
2. Based on their composition, teams are assigned a group (Men, Women, Mix). If there are less than 5 women teams per group, then they are moved to mix group.

COURSES

1. Primary disciplines will be: mountain biking, running, orienteering, ropes courses, paddling, skating, logic tasks and physical obstacles. Final list of disciplines will be announced on January 30, 2019 and will depend on weather conditions.
2. For participants who wish to compete, two courses are offered:
For athletes: PRO (4-5 hours, ~40 km) is designed for athletes who train regularly and who search for a bigger challenge to take part in. Participants of this course are expected to have competed in outdoor sports competitions and have good navigation skills.
For active people: FUN (2-4 hours, ~20 km) is created for those who are new to the sport of adventure racing and/or search for optimal exercise and adventure experience ratio. Participants of this course do not need to have any special skills, - general ability to ride a bike, ski, and navigate with the help of a map is sufficient.

REGISTRATION

Registration consists of two stages: purchasing of the ticket and registering a team.

1. Purchase the ticket (<http://winterchallenge.lteam.lt>)

2. Register a team following registration link in the email with the tickets.
3. Team can be registered only until registration deadline: 23:59 January 30, 2018.
4. Changes in team data can be made by participants themselves until the registration deadline only.
5. The number of teams in the race is limited. Maximum team number is 350.
6. Registration fee is non-refundable; however, the ticket can be used by anyone until the registration deadline.

RACE FEE AND PAYMENT CONDITIONS

1. Start fee depends on the chosen course and date paid.
2. Start fee indicated below is for two-person team (buy only ONE ticket per team)!
3. Participants can pay online with Banklink, credit cards and many other electronic payment ways thanks to our partner Paysera payment gateway. For special payment cases please contact organizers.

Courses	PRO	FUN
Maximum number of teams	100	250
Paid until:	Start fee (EUR) <u>per team</u> at different registration stages	
Until 23:59 November 15, 2018	30	20
Until 23:59 December 15, 2018	45	30
Until 23:59 January 15, 2019	60	40
Until 23:59 January 30, 2019	70	50

COURSE RULES

1. Racers on the same course start together. No marking at the start is needed.
2. Racers must visit the checkpoints in the order as shown on the map and by means indicated in the road book (ex. on foot, by bike).
3. Racers punch in at checkpoints with SportIdent cards.
4. Both team members during the entire course must be within 20 meters or less within one another and punch in at the checkpoints within 30 seconds (unless race rules permit a longer split) of each other.
5. In accordance with international practice, wait time at the specialized course segments is not subtracted from total race time; however, the courses are designed to maximally minimize such wait times.
6. All racers must finish by the indicated finish cut-off time. One checkpoint will be subtracted from the results for each minute or fraction of it after finish cut-off time.
7. Punching in at the race finish is mandatory for all racers.

EQUIPMENT

Mandatory equipment (per participant) during the event:

1. Helmet – **must wear during entire course**;
 2. Bicycle;
 3. Gloves;
 4. Paper and pen;
 5. Skis (weather conditions depending; for FUN courses – not mandatory but advisable).
 6. Personal ID;
 7. Mobile phone (one per team, to be used only in emergency);
 8. Waterproof bag for documents and phone.
- Participants may use own SportIdent card. Please indicate SI card number when registering your team.
 - All maps required for the race will be provided by the race organizers on the day of race in the start corridor. Use of own maps is strictly forbidden.

CALCULATION OF RESULTS

1. Results of the racers are determined according to the time spent in the course and number of checkpoints collected in the order indicated.
2. Teams that collect more checkpoints in the mandated order are ranked above teams that find fewer checkpoints (even if the latter teams spend less time on the course).
3. Results are based on the total number of punches recorded on the SportIdent card and are undisputable.

AWARDS

1. All course winners and runner-ups will be awarded with prizes.
2. Awards will be handed out only on the day of the event, during the awards ceremony.

RACERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

1. By participating in the event, the racers agree with this rulebook and other rules determined and announced by the organizers. Participants agree to follow all these rules during the event.
2. Racers must follow rules of the road during the race. Permanent police supervision is not provided.
3. Racers are responsible for their own valuables. Race organizers are not liable for the damage or loss of racers' valuables.
4. Racers are responsible for making sure their health permits them to compete at the level they signed up for. Race organizers are not responsible for participants' health.
5. Participants are responsible for all the equipment given to them as per Participant's Agreement form.

ORGANIZERS' RIGHTS

1. The organizers have the right to change the rulebook at their will and at any time.
2. The organizers have the right to disqualify participants or forbid them from competing.