

8th World Rogaining Championships

Estonia

13 – 14 September 2008

BULLETIN No 1 PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

Format and rules

World Rogaining Championships (WRC) are held in 24 hour rogaine according to the rules of rogaining of the International Rogaining Federation (http://www.rogaining.com/Docs/IRF_Rules_All_Parts_2-1-04.pdf).

Any exceptions will be specified in Bulletins No 2 and 3.

Participants

Teams of 2 – 5 members.

Competition classes

- Men's Open (MO) — men, no age restriction
- Women's Open (WO) — women, no age restriction
- Mixed Open (XO) — at least one man and one woman, no age restriction
- Men's Junior (MJ) — men, all must be under 20 years of age
- Women's Junior (WJ) — women, all must be under 20 years of age
- Mixed Junior (XJ) — at least one man and one woman, all must be under 20 years of age
- Men's Veteran (MV) — men, all must be 40 years of age or over
- Women's Veteran (WV) — women, all must be 40 years of age or over
- Mixed Veteran (XV) — at least one man and one woman, all must be 40 years of age or over
- Men's Super Veteran (MSV) — men, all must be 55 years of age or over
- Women's Super Veteran (WSV) — women, all must be 55 years of age or over
- Mixed Super Veteran (XSV) — at least one man and one woman, all must be 55 years of age or over

Participation in the WRC is open to all, without any qualifying conditions. For the Junior, Veteran and Super Veteran categories the age is determined on the first day of competition (i.e. 13 September 2008). Any team that has a member under 14 years of age shall also have a member 18 years of age or over.

Teams are deemed to compete in every category for which they are eligible. Teams are entered to particular categories based on gender and age of their members. Teams competing in the Junior and the Veteran categories are automatically entered also to the corresponding Open category. Teams competing in the Super Veteran categories are automatically entered also to the corresponding Open and Veteran categories.

Timetable

Friday, 12 September 2008

14:00 Camping at the hash house opens

Saturday, 13 September 2008

10:00 Map handout

12:00 Start

15:00 Catering available at the hash house

19:00 Moonrise

19:40 Sunset

20:20 The end of civil twilight

Sunday, 14 September 2008

5:15 Moonset

6:00 The beginning of civil twilight

6:40 Sunrise

12:00 Finish

14:00 Catering at the hash house closes

14:00 Prize-giving ceremony

Monday, 15 September 2008

10:00 Camping at the hash house closes

Punching system

SPORTident punching system will be used. One SI card (version 6) per team. Teams may use their own SI cards, if they have a version 6 card. Rental of SI cards will be available.

Terrain

The location of the competition terrain and the hash house as well as the map scale will be announced at a later stage.

Competitors are likely to encounter lower hills (relative height up to 30–40 meters), bogs and marshes, lakes, dominantly coniferous forest (pine, spruce) with varying runnability and a network of forest tracks and rides. Some areas of the terrain may be announced out-of-bounds.

Wildlife

Competitors may encounter elk, deer and fox. Other wild animals are seen rarely, but these include wild boar, beaver, badger, lynx, wolf and brown bear. The only venomous snake in Estonia is adder, and it is encountered rarely. Its bite is not life-threatening, but nevertheless requires immediate medical attention and application of anti-venom.

Weather

The weather in Estonia is very variable, in particular in autumn. Daytime temperatures in mid September are normally in a range of +15 °C to +20 °C and nighttime temperatures +5 °C to +15 °C. A night frost is not excluded, but rather unlikely. The weather could be either a golden and dry 'Indian summer' with

clear skies or low clouds with slight drizzle or intermittent showers with clear spells or rain accompanied with strong wind (up to a storm).

Registration

Registration to the event opens from October 2007.

Entry fee (per competitor)

Early bird registration (up to 31.03.2008)

Open, Veteran — 40 EUR

Super Veteran, Junior — 30 EUR

General registration (01.04 – 31.07.2008)

Open, Veteran — 50 EUR

Super Veteran, Junior — 35 EUR

Last chance registration (01.08 – 31.08.2008)

Open, Veteran — 60 EUR

Super Veteran, Junior — 40 EUR

The entry fee covers participation in the competition, rogaining map and course-planning maps, number bibs, catering, parking and tenting in the event center, and awards for the best teams. The entry fee includes an IRF levy (8 USD).

Rental of SI cards 3 EUR.

Accompanying persons and spectators

Accompanying persons and spectators (over 6 years of age) staying at the event center shall pay a fee 15 EUR, which includes: tenting and catering at the hash house, event map (delivered after the finish).

Prizes

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

Travel information

Nationals of the 27 European Union member states, as well as Switzerland, Norway and Iceland do not require a visa and may enter Estonia using a valid passport or identification card. Also the nationals of Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada and Japan do not require a visa for a short term visit (up to 90 days) and may enter with a valid passport (for a complete list of visa-waiver countries see http://www.vm.ee/eng/kat_132/915.html). Nationals of other countries (including Russian Federation, Ukraine, South Africa, China) need a visa to enter Estonia. The visa shall be obtained from the Estonian embassy abroad. Further information on visas: http://www.vm.ee/eng/kat_132/7718.html

Training possibilities and related events

Get acquainted with Estonian terrain at TAOK 8-hour rogaine, 6 October 2007, Jägala-Joa. See <http://www.rogain.ee/eng/index.php>

Further information on training possibilities, related events, hiking possibilities, suggested itineraries and cultural events will be provided in Bulletins No 2 and 3. On travel plans, accommodation, natural and historical attractions see also <http://www.visitestonia.com>, <http://www.tourism.ee/en/>

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