

Rogaining „Christmas Choice” 2016

Pre-start information

Event center. Event center and participant registration will be located at **Folk House of Ile** (Īles Tautas nams). The road from highway Dobele – Ile (V1128) to event center will be marked. Event center location marked on a map (**Red dot**):

http://balticmaps.eu/?lang=en&draw_hash=safsro¢erx=439002.7104956396¢ery=6267137.144089015&zoom=2&layer=map&ls=o

Coordinates: 56°32'37.8"N 22°59'57.4"E (Lat: 56.5438274, Lon: 22.9992631).

When you arrive at the event, please follow the traffic regulators instructions, so that you can park your car as close to the event center as possible.

Event center is big hall and some utility rooms, like wardrobe, WC etc. of **Folk House of Ile**. Unfortunately, there isn't showers. Places that will be enclosed with tapes or inscriptions, competitors are not allowed to stay. Please don't walk with studded or very dirty shoes in the event center!

Competition area. Iles neighborhood. Area is mixed forest with runnability of moderate to poor areas. There is clear road and trail network. Part of the area are swamp, which are not currently frozen.

There won't be any water points placed in the area, drinking water will be available only at the event center.

Maps. Specially created map for this event, using available orienteering maps of the area and other cartographic information. Author of the map - **Raimonds Lapiņš**. Size of the map is **A2 (420 x 594 mm) and is scaled 1:20 000**. Contour every **5m**. Maps are laminated from both sides.

CP values. In the competition are there will be placed **36 CP** with values from **3** to **8**. Total CP value is **179**.

Dangerous and forbidden places. It is forbidden to cross water bodies (lakes and ponds) and insuperable bogs! It is advised to cross the river using bridges.

During the race traffic is not limited, so when on road, please be careful and obey traffic laws. **Be extra careful when crossing or following the highway Dobele-Ile (V1128)!** It is advised to use reflectors.

Crossing house yards is not allowed unless there's road going through it. Better walk around the houses, so you don't disturb the tenants. Forbidden territories – residential area, gardens, graveyards – is marked in olive green color on the map. Crossing of territories that are agricultural or gardens is forbidden. Territories that are underlined in red are forbidden.

Because it's winter time and leaves has fallen from trees and possibility of snow is very minimal, the area is looking gray and everything is blending together, so it is very important to look out for tree branches and bushes. It is advised to use some kind of eye protection, for example sport goggles, work goggles or a cap. Please be careful and watch your eyes!

Registration. Participant registration takes place at event center, team registration numbers are used as identifiers. Team registration numbers can be found in the registration system. At the event center there will be list of participants.

Registration will be organized as follows:

- Team is registered, entry fee is payed and there aren't any last minute changes (**green line**);

- Team is **registered**, but **entry fee hasn't been payed** and there **aren't** any last minute changes (**yellow line**);
- Team **isn't registered** and teams **with** any last minute changes (**red line**).

After the registration participants will get the team's envelope which contains – participants' numbers, clips, rented (if any) SI-cards (cleared), SI-card wristband and food vouchers.

Participants have to attach the SI-card to their wrist with the given wristband **themselves**. Examples given in the following images:



Wristbands are waterproof and it isn't allowed to cover them with any type of tape. Cord is not required!

If any problems arise with the wristbands and attaching process, please talk to the judges at the event center!

Event flow. The handout of maps will be organized at the outdoor bandstand located at the START area. Only one team member with attached team number needs to go for the map.

There will be limited space for course planning indoors at the event center (desks in the big hall). It will be possible to use other available rooms. Your car and after the map handout the outdoor bandstand can be used for course planning.

After the course planning please take your clothes and other belonging off the tables in the big hall, so that they don't interfere with the organization of the after race events.

At the entrance of START zone there will be placed SI-card CLEAR reader.

Entrance in the start zone will be organized in multiple lines. Show the judges SI wristband and make a reading in CHECK-IN reader.

The participants themselves are responsible, that they have cleared and checked-in their SI-cards!

Start joint in accordance with the competition center watch at 12:00 in start zone.

SOS mobile phone number (in emergencies) +371 26517125 (has been printed on the map too)!

In case any of the checkpoint cannot be found (stolen or destroyed) or the SI-Card reader isn't working, please send SMS to the SOS mobile phone number, specifying the team number and the number of checkpoint, for example - 2011 42cp.

Good luck in the race!