

Rogaining „Christmas Choice” 2017

Pre-start information

Event center. Event center and participant registration will be located at **Gardenes elementary school** (Gardenes pamatskolā). The road from highway Dobele – Annenieki (P97) to event center will be marked. Event center location marked on a map (**Red dot**):

http://balticmaps.eu/?lang=lv&draw_hash=cudpcl¢erx=452997.9298674115¢ery=6278475.558617844&zoom=2&layer=map&ls=o

Coordinates: 56°38'58.2"N 23°13'25.7"E (56.649500, 23.223806).

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 a sport hall and utility rooms, like wardrobe, corridors, WC etc. of **Gardenes elementary school**. 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. Gardenes neighborhood. Area is mixed forest with runnability of moderate to poor areas. There is clear road and trail network. Part of the area are swamps, which are not currently frozen. The water level in the rivers, streams and ditches remains high.

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 LGIA LIDAR data and other cartographic information. Author of the map - **Raimonds Lapiņš**. Size of the map is **A2 (420 x 594 mm) and Scale 1:20 000**. Contour every **2,5m**. **Maps are laminated from both sides**.

CP values. In the competition are there will be placed **38 CP** with values from **3 to 8**. Total CP value is **201**.

Dangerous and forbidden places. It is forbidden to cross water bodies (rivers, lakes and ponds) and insurmountable swamps in freely chosen places! It is advised to cross the river using bridges. The recommended crossing points are indicated on the map **with a red sign)**.

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-Annenieki (P97)!** 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. Industrial areas marked with black delineation are prohibited.

ATTENTION! The bridge near 47th CP is in an emergency condition. The Bērzes River has high water level, so crossing the bridge is difficult as it is partially below the water.

The state of the bridge over the Bēzres River in mid-November this year was as follows:



At the moment, the water level has fallen a bit, but part of the bridge is still under water. Evaluate your strengths critically and do not expose yourself to unnecessary risks!

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** or 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 the maps will be organized outdoor, near the START area.

Only one team member with attached team number arrive to receive maps!

There will be limited space for course planning indoors at the event center (desks in the dining hall). It will be possible to use other available rooms in the event center. Your car can be used for course planning.

Please, after planning a course, remove your belongings in the dining room from the tables, and do not leave your property in the dining room, so that it does not interfere with the organization of catering!

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

Entrance in the start zone will be organized in multiple lines. Show the judges SI wristband mounted on the hand and make a punch in CHECK-IN device.

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

The start is common to all groups according to the race center clock **at 12:00 from the 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 checkpoint device isn't working, please send SMS to the SOS mobile phone number, specifying the team number, number of checkpoint from which you are coming and the number of checkpoint destroyed, for example - 2011 35,42cp (team 2011, comes from 35th CP and can't find 42th CP).

If the CP does not work, then make a punch with a mechanical punching device (composter) on the edge of the map, but You must also send SMS to the SOS number. Teams that will only show the mark with composter, but will not send SMS, CP will not be credited.

Lottery will be at the end of the race! The prizes will only be received by on-site participants.

Good luck in the race!