

# BALTICUM 2008

## ARTICLES GOVERNING THE 50. BALTIC STATES MOUNTAINEERING CHAMPIONSHIP 2008



### 1. MISSION OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Mission of the championship is to promote mountaineering and mountain trekking and select the best climbs, treks and teams.

### 2. TIME AND LOCATION

- 2.1. The evaluation of climbing reports of the championship will take place on 17 January 2009 in Tartu (The location will be determined later).
- 2.2. The championship and award ceremony will be held on 17 January 2009 at 18.00 in Tartu University Cafe. Address: Ülikooli 20, Tartu, Estonia.

### 3. MANAGEMENT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 3.1. Management of the championship is organized by Mountaineering Club Firn.  
Additional information at [www.firn.ee/balticum](http://www.firn.ee/balticum) and [firm@firm.ee](mailto:firm@firm.ee)
- 3.2. Chief Judge of the championship is Kalev Muru.

### 4. TERMS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 4.1. Members of teams must be citizens or permanent residents of the Baltic States.
- 4.2. Routes, eligible for the championship – climbed all over the world from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008.
- 4.3. Championship will be held in four categories:
  - a) climbing category (climbs up to 3500m);
  - b) technical category (climbs up to 6000 m);
  - c) high mountain category (climbs above 6000 m);
  - d) mountain trekking category.
- 4.4. Teams should consist of:
  - a) no more than 8 members of the team in the climbing and technical categories;
  - b) no more than 12 members of the team in the high mountain and treks categories.

- 4.5. Requirements for formatting route report are stated in Appendix 1. In trekking category the traditional report should be submitted (Appendix 2).
- 4.6. The reports should be presented in English or in Russian, preferred on printed paper and submitted to the Jury no later than 12.00 on 17 January 2009.
- Alternatively, reports can be submitted to the Jury by e-mail ([firm@firm.ee](mailto:firm@firm.ee)) in the form of .PDF or .DOC no later than 15 January 2009.

## **5. DETERMINATION OF WINNERS**

- 5.1. Determination of the winning team is prerogative of the Jury. The Jury consists of 6 Judges – 2 representing each participating country.
- 5.2. The Jury will assess ascents and routes based on reports submitted, as well as additional information provided by the representatives of the countries and teams.
- 5.3. The Jury will choose winners by secret voting or joint decision.
- 5.4. The Jury may allocate additional prizes (for originality and novelty of the route, quality of the report, etc.).
- 5.5. The ranking by country. First place in every category gets 10 points, second place 8 points, third place 7 points, etc. Three best ascents of each country will be chosen in each category. In case of equal score, the advantage is given to the country with most first places awarded, then with most second places, etc.

## **6. AWARD CEREMONY**

The winning team in each category will receive medals and diplomas for each member of the team.

## **7. PROTESTS**

Appeals against the assessment of the Jury are accepted within 2 (two) hours after the announcement of awards. Three extra members (one from each country) will be added to the Jury for the examination of appeals.

## **8. COSTS**

The participants shall cover all costs related to the participation in the championship. The fee per person is 250 EEK (16 EUR). Two members of the Jury from each country and the Presidents of the national mountaineering associations shall be exempt from the fee. Please inform us about your participation until 15 January 2009 to [firm@firm.ee](mailto:firm@firm.ee) or tel. +37256699446 Priit Rooden.

## **APPENDIX 1. EXAMPLE OF ROUTE REPORT**

Good practice of the route reports submitted for the championship includes:

### **Route passport**

1. Area of mountains, country
2. Name of the peak, height, title of the route
3. Category of difficulty (see appendix 3);
4. Route characteristics (rock, snow, ice, mixed)
5. Height difference of the route
  - Length of the route
  - Length of each technical section
  - Steepness of the technical part
  - Steepness of the route
6. Placed and removed technical hardware on route (totals)  
Movements made with help of aiders
7. Hours spent on the route  
Number of overnights on route
8. Departure from the base camp (time & date)  
At the start of the route  
On top, end of the route  
Arrival at the base camp
9. Weather conditions
10. Information of the group leader and team members (name, club, country)

### **Description of the route**

- Technical photo of the peak with the route line
- Photo of the wall with route lines and ascend tries
- Photo of the route side view (the performed route should be marked in pictures)
- Schema of the profile of the route
- Photo panorama of the region
- Map of the region
- Graphs of the teams ascent with acclimatization.
- Scheme of the route (in symbols UIAA – see appendix 4; sections with difficulty grade, length, steepness, used equipment for progression)
- Route description in sections
- Tactical actions of the team
- Short description of the most difficult stages of the route;

- Description of lodgings;
- Relief, circumstances of the route (snow, ice, ice covered rocks etc.) and weather;
- Amount of the constant hooks on the route;
- Proof of peaks visitation (photo, note etc)
- Photo illustrations of the ascent (can be added to the report in order to better described performed route and circumstances during it)
- Notes. Additional information considered necessary by members of the team for the Jury to take into consideration when evaluating submitted route. For example style applied during the route, emergency route etc.

## **APPENDIX 2. EXAMPLE OF THE MOUNTAIN TREKKING REPORT**

The title page (area of mountains, category of difficulty, dates, team leader and the list of participants)

Trekking route passport:

Area of mountains

Category of difficulty

Number of participants

Dates

Duration (days)

Length (km)

Total climb (m)

Trekking route (detailed)

Number of technical sections and obstacles and grade of difficulty

Group leader

List of participants

Overview map of the region showing the route

Timetable

Should be in the form of table, recommended data: the date, daily route (from - to), daily length in km, running time, technical sections and obstacles, daily ascent/descent, height of the camping place, weather conditions.

List of technical sections and obstacles:

Should be in the form of tables, recommended data: technical section, category of difficulties, length, height/climb, characteristics of obstacles.

Description of passing the technical sections of the route:

Complex technical sections are described in detail - description of the section, difficulties and threats, grade of difficulty, photo of the section, description of the groups action on the section, securing methods, used equipment.

More information about the mountain trek:

Short description of the are of the mountains (geographical and climatic)

Equipment lists (technical, camping, general)

Other useful information

Results, conclusions, recommendations

The scheme route in more detail

Photo of the most complex sections

Diary of the trek (shortly)

### APPENDIX 3. COMPARATIVE TABLE OF ROUTE DIFFICULTY GRADES

European Alpine	RUS	USA	UIAA + Artificial			France		
F <i>facile/ easy</i>	1A	5.0	II	A0 A1		M		
F+	1B							
PD <i>peu difficile/ moderately difficult</i>	2A		III					
		5.1	III+					
PD+	2B		IV-					
		5.2	IV-					
AD <i>assez difficile/ fairly difficult</i>	3A		IV					
		5.3	IV					
AD+	3B	5.4	IV+					4a
D <i>difficile/ difficult</i>	4A	5.5	V-					4b
D+	4B	5.6	V		4c			
		5.7	V+		5a			
TD <i>tres difficile/ very difficult</i>	5A		VI-	A2 A3	5b			
		5.8	VI-			5c		
TD+	5B	5.9	VI					
ED1 <i>extremement difficile/ extremely difficult</i>	6A	5.10a	VI+		A4 A5	6a		
		5.10b	VII-			6a+		
ED2	6A	5.10c	VII	6b				
						6b+		
ED3	6B	5.10d	VII+			6c		
		5.11a	VIII-			6c+		
ED4	6B	5.11b						
		5.11c	VIII			7a		
		5.11d	VIII+			7a+		
		5.12a	IX-			7b		
		5.12b	IX		7b+			

## APPENDIX 4. UIAA LEGEND OF ROUTE ELEMENTS

Kamin chimney	Klemmblock chockstone	Rinne/Couloir couloir	Platten slab/rock wall	Verschneidung corner/ dihedral (US)	Riss crack
Wasserstreifen	Rampe ramp	Kante arete/rib/ridge	Band ledge	Absatz/Schulter area/shoulder	Überhang overhang
Wächte cornice	Dach roof	Nische / Höhle niche	Schnee/Firn /Eis snow/firn/ice	Felsblöcke/ Schutt rock	Gras grass
Baum tree	Latsche	Sanduhr pillar (small)/ limestone	Haken peg/pin/piton	Bohrhaken bolt	Schlüsselstelle sequence/crux-pitch
fixes Drahtseil fixed rope	Standplatz belay	Biwakplatz portaledge	Abseilstelle abseil anchor/ rappel anchor (US)	Pendelquergang pendulum	
sichtbare Route visible route	verdeckte Route hidden route	Variante variation			