

BALTICUM 2007

ARTICLES GOVERNING THE XLIX BALTIC STATES MOUNTAINEERING CHAMPIONSHIP 2007

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1. MISSION OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

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

2. TIME AND LOCATION

Mountaineers are eligible for climbing in the mountains all over the world in the period between 1 January 2007 and 31 December 2007. The evaluation of climbing reports and organisation of the championship shall take place on 26 January 2008. The place shall be determined by 31 December 2007.

3. MANAGEMENT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 3.1. Management of the championship shall be organised by Latvian Mountaineering Association.
- 3.2. Chief Judge of the championship shall be Sigizmund Grohovskis (phone +371 2 9443175, email: grohovski@one.lv)

4. TERMS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 4.1. Members of teams should be citizens or permanent residents of the Baltic States.
- 4.2. Championship is going to 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.
- 4.3. 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.
- 4.4. Requirements for formatting Route report are stated in Appendix "Sample of route report". The traditional report shall be submitted by trekking category teams.
- 4.5. Reports shall be submitted to the Jury no later than by 12.00 on 26 January 2008.

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 country participating.

- 5.2. The Jury shall be assessing 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 shall decide on awards to winners by secret voting or joint decision.
- 5.4. The Jury can allocate additional prizes for a team (for originality and novelty of the route, quality of the report, etc.).
- 5.5. Three best ascents (routes) shall be chosen in each category by countries: the first place gain 10 points, the second place – 8 points and the third place – 7 points, etc. In case of equal amount of results the advantage is given to the country with most first prizes awarded, then with most second prizes, etc.

6. AWARD CEREMONY

The winner in each category shall receive a team award as well as a medal and a diploma for each member of the team.

7. APPLICATIONS AND PROTESTS

Written reports on ascents submitted to the Jury shall be considered as applications. 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) shall 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.

Appendix "Sample of route report"

Route reports submitted for the championship include:

Route passport, indicating:

Area of mountains, needle, its height;

Submitted grade of mountain climbing;

Title of the route, celestial;

First climb or repeat;

Category of the route difficulties in accordance with the difficulty scale within the area of mountains;

When and how long was the route?

Members of the team;

Name of the team's organisation/club;

Couch of the team (if non-existent, indicate leader of the team)

Provide information on the team – country and number of members – should the route has been performed within the team from another country.

Description of the route:

Height difference, length of the route;

Relief, circumstances of the route (snow, ice, ice covered rocks etc.);

Short description of the most difficult stages of the route;

Amount of the constant hooks on the route;

Description of lodgings;

Contribution of the member from respective country – participant of the championship for completion of difficult stages of the route should the route has been performed within the team from other country;

Photos of the route, map;

Submit frontal view of the route, if possible, side-view. The performed route should be marked in pictures. It is also advisable to mark other visible routes. Additional photos and drawings can be added to the report in order to better described performed route and circumstances during it.

Map or scheme of area shall be included in the report.

Scheme of the route: scheme of the route included in the report shall be drawn using legends of elements by UIAA (*Union Internationale Des Assosiasions D'Alpinisme*) or other type of graphic elements.

Proof of needle's visitation (photo, video, note etc)

Notes:

Additional information considered by members of the team as necessary for Jury to take into consideration when evaluating submitted route. For example, weather conditions, style applied during the route, trap route etc.

Appendix "Routes difficulty comparative table"

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

Appendix on legends for elements of the route by UIAA

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			