

INVITATION • OFFICIAL EYOC 2027 TRAINING CAMP

AMBER
O-WEEK



Championship preparation in *Latvian coastal terrain.*

22-29 March 2027 ♦ Ventspils region, Kurzeme

— WHY THIS CAMP

Preparation for *EYOC 2027*

This year the Amber O-Week is the official training camp for the European Youth Orienteering Championships.

The camp runs three months before the championships, a hundred kilometres north the same coast. The location differs, but the terrain does not: the same Baltic dune ridges, pine forest and sandy relief that shape Liepāja terrains run the whole length of this shore.

Many camp terrains are mapped by the mapmakers of the EYOC maps, and few planned by the EYOC course setters.

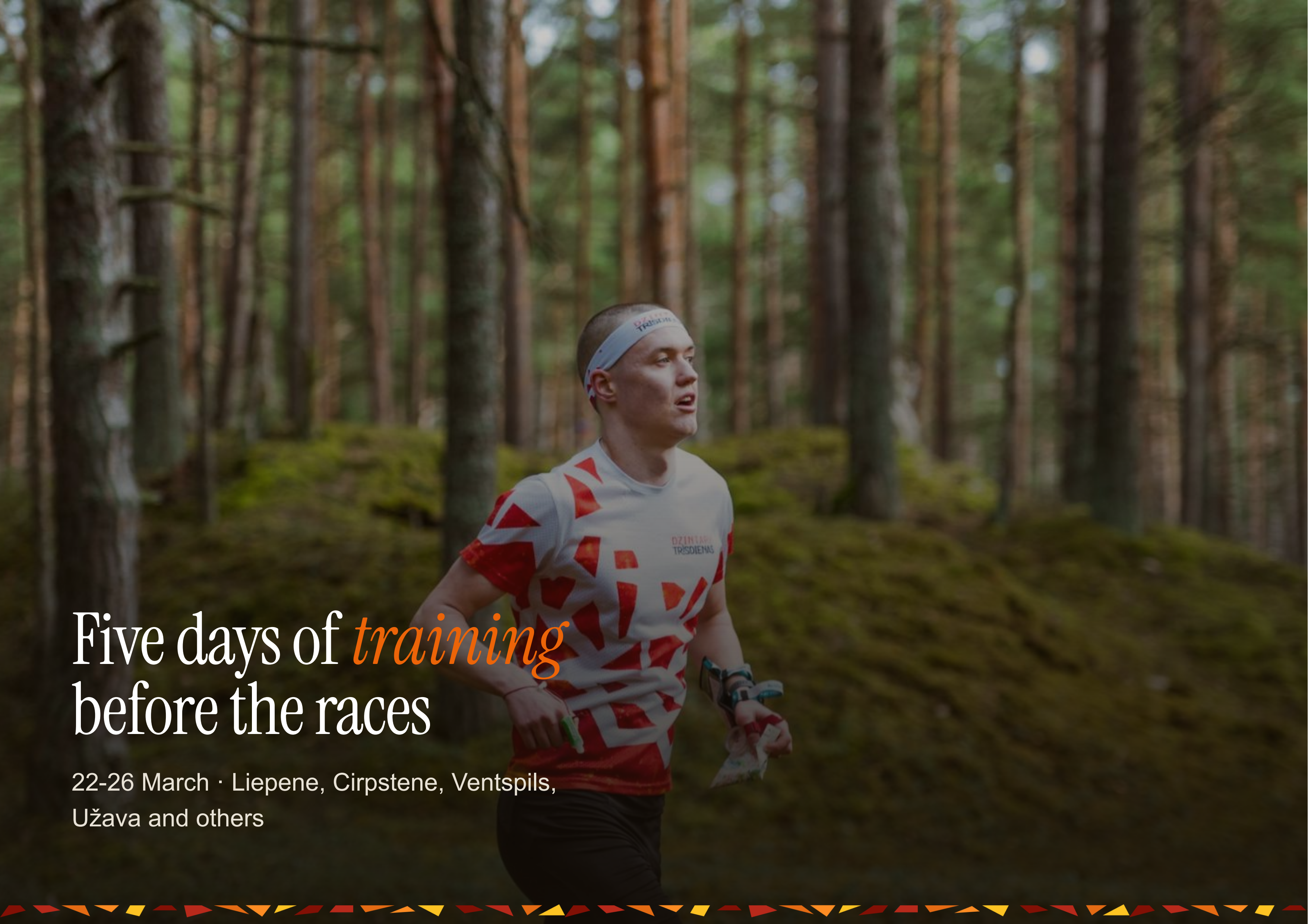
Open to national teams, clubs and individual juniors.



The week at a glance

DATE	PROGRAMME	VENUE
Mon 22	Arrival – extra training at your own convenience	Ventspils region
Tue 23	Organised forest training EYOC LONG	Liepene
Wed 24	Organised sprint training EYOC SPRINT	Ventspils
Thu 25	Organised forest training EYOC RELAY	Cirpstene
Fri 26	Model event	Jaunupe
Sat 27	Dzintaru O-Cup I – Middle	Oviši
Sun 28	Dzintaru O-Cup II – Shortened long	Jaunupe
Mon 29	Lieldienu Balva – KO sprint	Ventspils

Extra training courses are available across the Ventspils area throughout the week, at your own convenience.



Five days of *training* before the races

22-26 March · Liepene, Cirpstene, Ventspils,
Užava and others



The training week

We offer two types of training:

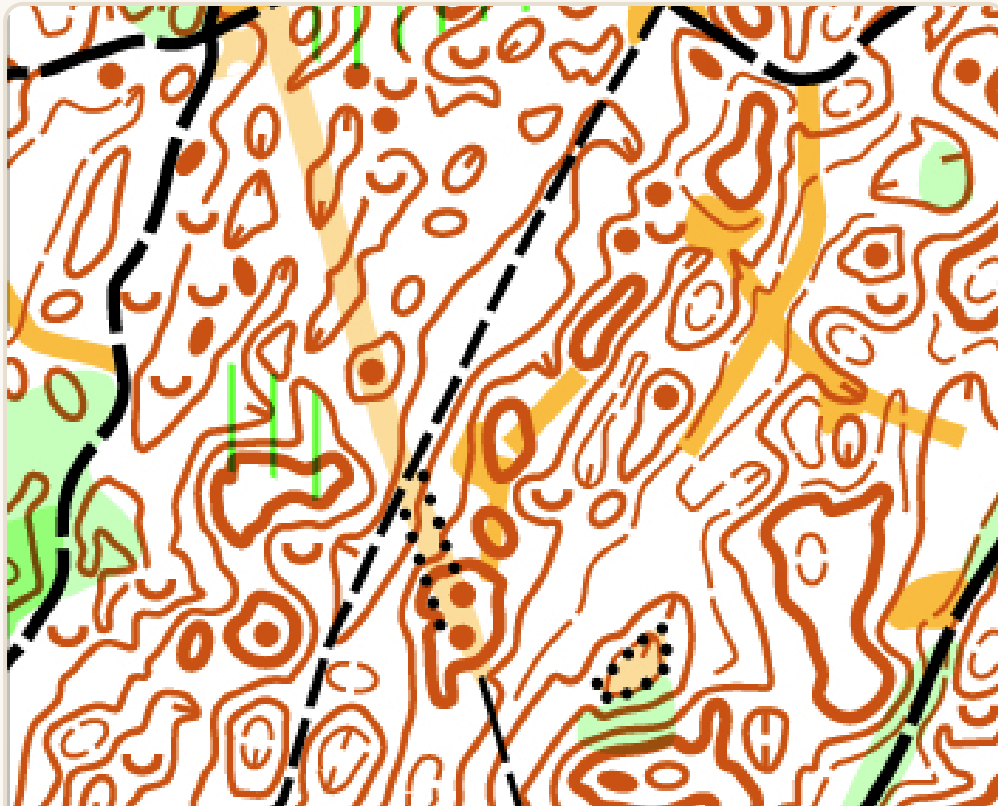
- Organised sessions: full-size flags and SI stations, so you can compare splits and analyse afterwards. Forest training Tuesday and Thursday, a sprint session in Ventspils on Wednesday, and a Friday model event set by the O-Cup course planner.
- Extra training maps across the Ventspils area: small flags or ribbons in the forest, run at your own convenience.

All terrains are within a 30-40 minute drive from Ventspils.

Organised sessions need pre-registration, and extra-training maps must be ordered in advance. Both open on our website alongside O-Cup registration.



The mid-week *simulation*



Organised forest training,
Tue 23 March, Liepene.

Long distance

Mapped by **Leonīds Malankovs**,
mapmaker of the EYOC long
distance map. Planned by **Oskars
Zērnis**, course setter of the EYOC
long distance.



Organised sprint training,
Wed 24 March, Ventspils.

Sprint

Same specifics as in Liepāja –
urban + park + dunes. Planned by
Jānis Tamužs, course setter of the
EYOC sprint.



Organised forest training,
Thu 25 March, Ķirpstene.

Relay

Mapped by **Indulis Peilāns**,
mapmaker of the EYOC relay map.
Planned by **Ainārs Lupiķis**, Latvian
Youth National team coach.

Fragments from the three simulation terrains.

Three races on the *Latvian coast*

27-29 March · Oviši, Jaunupe and Ventspils ·
Latvian Cup and WRE



The races

DZINTARU
O-CUP

SAT 27 MAR

Middle distance

Technical dune forest. The season opening race.

DZINTARU
O-CUP

SUN 28 MAR

Shortened long

Chasing start decided by Day 1 results for MW16-21E classes, with an interval start for the rest.

LIEDIENU
BALVA

MON 29 MAR

Knock-out sprint

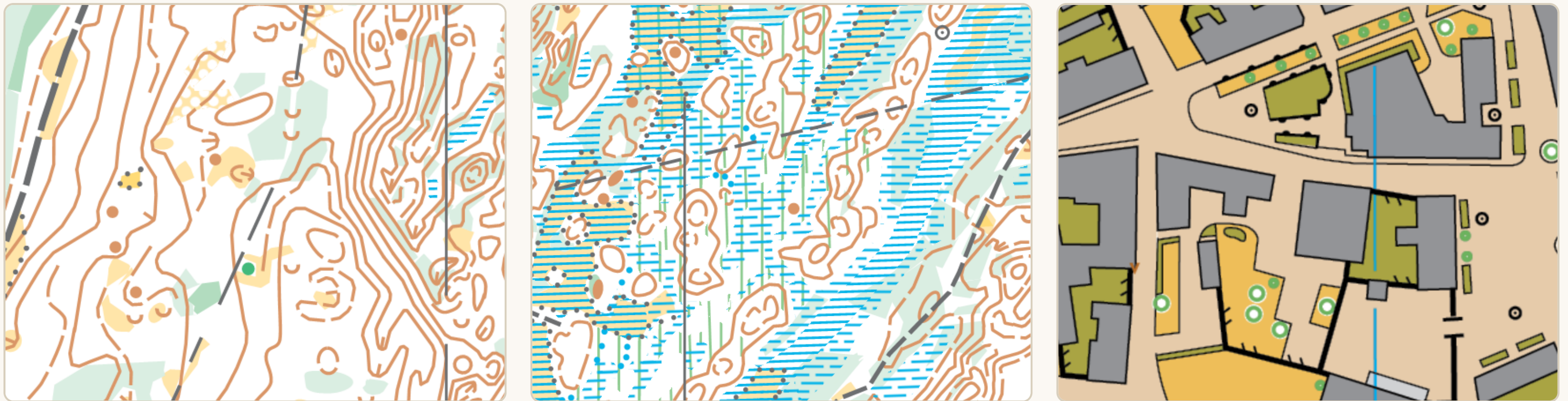
Qualification heats into head-to-head semis and finals for juniors and elite, with a normal sprint for other classes.

The race terrain

Sandy coastal relief shaped by old dune ridges – fast pine forest on the higher ground, marshy depressions and dense thickets between. Contour detail and changing forest is the main navigational challenge as the visibility and runnability varies sharply over short distances. The sprint runs through the streets and courtyards of Ventspils.

The race days also give a taste of how competitions are run in Latvia: a full arena, live results, race pace, and a start lane where the anxiety build. Good preparation for the excitement of a championship start.

Dzintaru O-Cup maps are drawn by Ilgvars Caune and Janne Weckman; the Lieldienu Balva sprint map is by Ilgvars Caune. SportIdent is used for punching in all three races.



Fragments from the old maps of the competition terrains.

Embargo

The competition terrains near Jaunupe and the Ventspils sprint area are embargoed. Boundaries are published as an interactive map at balticmaps.eu. The two events have different rules.

◆ DZINTARU 0-CUP • FOREST

FROM AUGUST 2026

✗ FORBIDDEN

Going into this area, for competitors and anyone who might influence the competition's results.

◆ LIELDIENU BALVA • SPRINT

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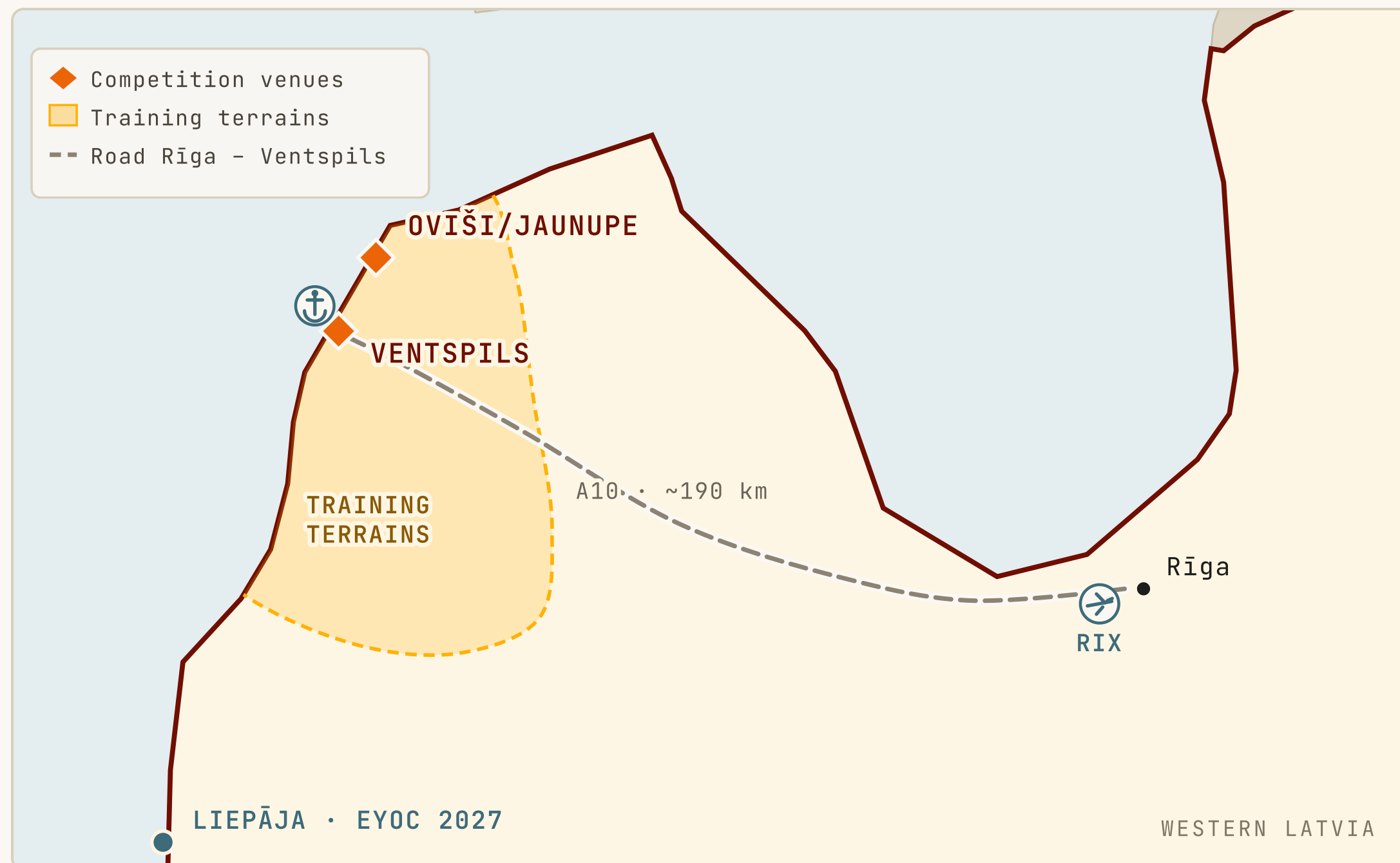
✗ FORBIDDEN

Training with a map, testing route choices, or otherwise deliberately familiarising yourself with the competition terrain.

✓ ALLOWED

Being in the embargoed area, crossing it by vehicle, running or cycling training.

Getting there



The camp terrains lie in the **Ventspils region** in Kurzeme, western Latvia – about a 2,5-hour drive from Rīga, or an intercity bus to Ventspils.

Rīga International Airport (RIX) is the nearest hub; Ventspils has a ferry connection to Nynäshamn, Sweden.

Liepāja, host of EYOC 2027, is a further 100 km down the coast.

— REGISTRATION

Entries open *1 November 2026*

OPENS

1 Nov 2026

Early-bird entry fees until January 31

REGISTER AT

amberowee.lv

One entry form for the races and the organised training sessions

DZINTARU O-CUP

~€10 – €40

Two O-Cup days · youngest classes to elite

LIELDIENU BALVA

~€8 – €20

KO sprint · youngest classes to elite

TRAINING

~€5

Per map · organised sessions priced about the same

Organised training needs pre-registration and extra-training maps must be ordered in advance. Teams are encouraged to book transport and accommodation early – the Easter weekend is busy on the coast.

Full technical details will follow. Details can change.

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