

INVITATION • BULLETIN 0

AMBER
O-WEEK

DZINTARU
O-CUP

LIEDIENU
BALVA

A week of orienteering in the *Baltic dunes*.

22-29 March 2027 ♦ Ventspils region, Kurzeme



— WELCOME

You are warmly *invited*

Dzintari Events invites orienteers of every age and level to the Latvian West coast for eight days near Ventspils.

Amber O-Week is the week itself – many training options from Monday to Friday, building to the Easter race weekend.

Dzintaru O-Cup is the two-day competition at the weeks heart, closed on Easter Monday by the **Lieldienu Balva** knock-out sprint.

EYOC 2027 – this year the week is also the official training camp for the European Youth Orienteering Championships.

Come for the whole week, or just the races.



The week at a glance

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

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

A photograph of three children running on a sandy dune. The child in the foreground is wearing a blue and white shirt. The child in the middle is wearing an orange and black shirt. The child in the background is wearing an orange shirt. They are running on a sandy dune with sparse vegetation and pine trees in the background. The text 'Five days of *training* before the races' is overlaid on the image.

Five days of *training* before the races

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

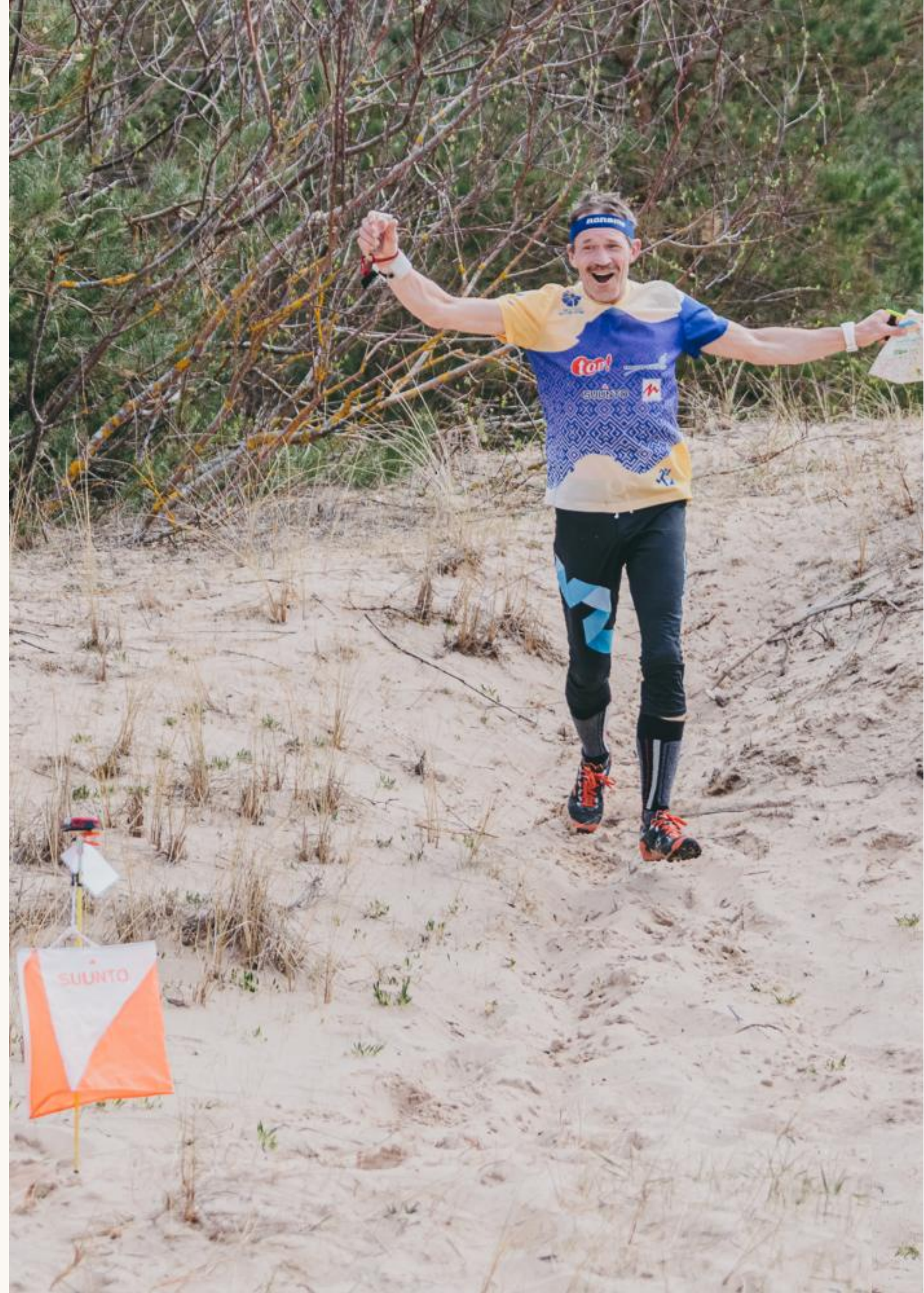
The training week

We offer two types of training:

- Organised training sessions come with big flags and SI stations, so you can compare results. Forest training on Tuesday and Thursday, a sprint session in Ventspils on Wednesday, and a Friday model event set by the O-Cup course planner. Every session offers options from first-timers to elite, so families and clubs can train together.
- Extra training courses across the Ventspils area, with small flags or ribbons in the forest, and can be used 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.





Three races on the *Latvian coast*

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

The races

DZINTARU
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SAT 27 MAR • WRE PLANNED

Middle distance

Technical dune forest. The season opening race.

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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 • WRE PLANNED

Knock-out sprint

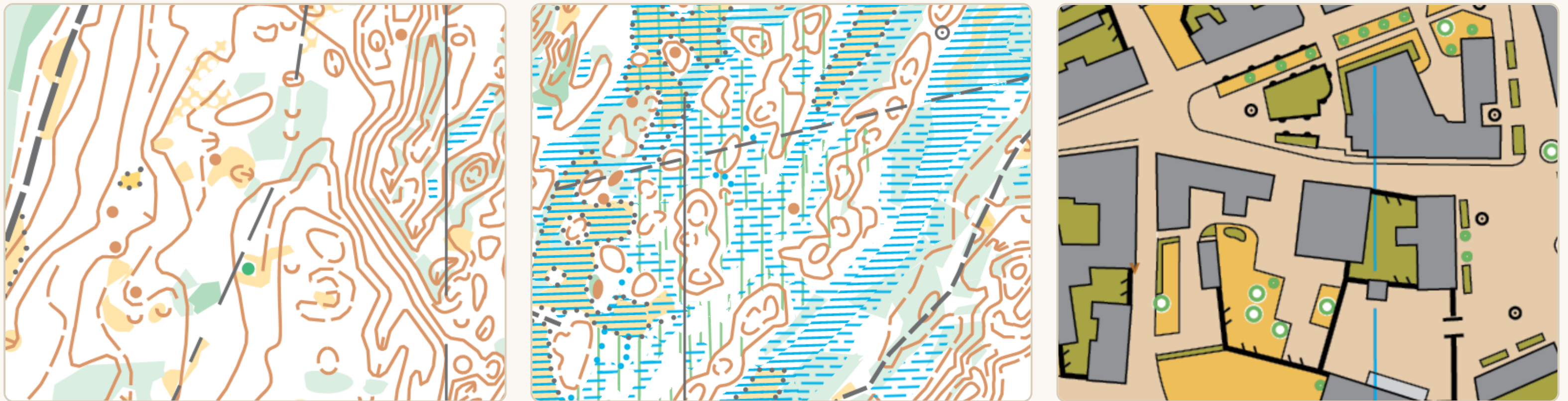
Qualification heats into head-to-head semis and finals for juniors and elite, with a normal sprint for other classes.

The 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.

Saturday's middle is set mostly in previously unmapped terrain; Sunday's race uses the area that hosted the EOC middle distance in 2008.

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.

Classes

DZINTARU 0-CUP

YOUTH MW 8* · 10* · 12 · 14 · 16 · 18 · 20

ADULT MW 21E · 21A · 21B**

MASTERS MW 35 · 40 · 45 · 50 · 55 · 60 · 65 · 70 · 75 · 80 · 85

OPEN **OPEN-S** technically easy **OPEN-L** technically difficult

LIELDIENU BALVA

ALL CLASSES MW 12 · 14 · 16 · 18 · 21E · 21A · 35 · 45 · 55 · 65 · 75 · OPEN

* Marked course. ** Technically easy/beginner course.

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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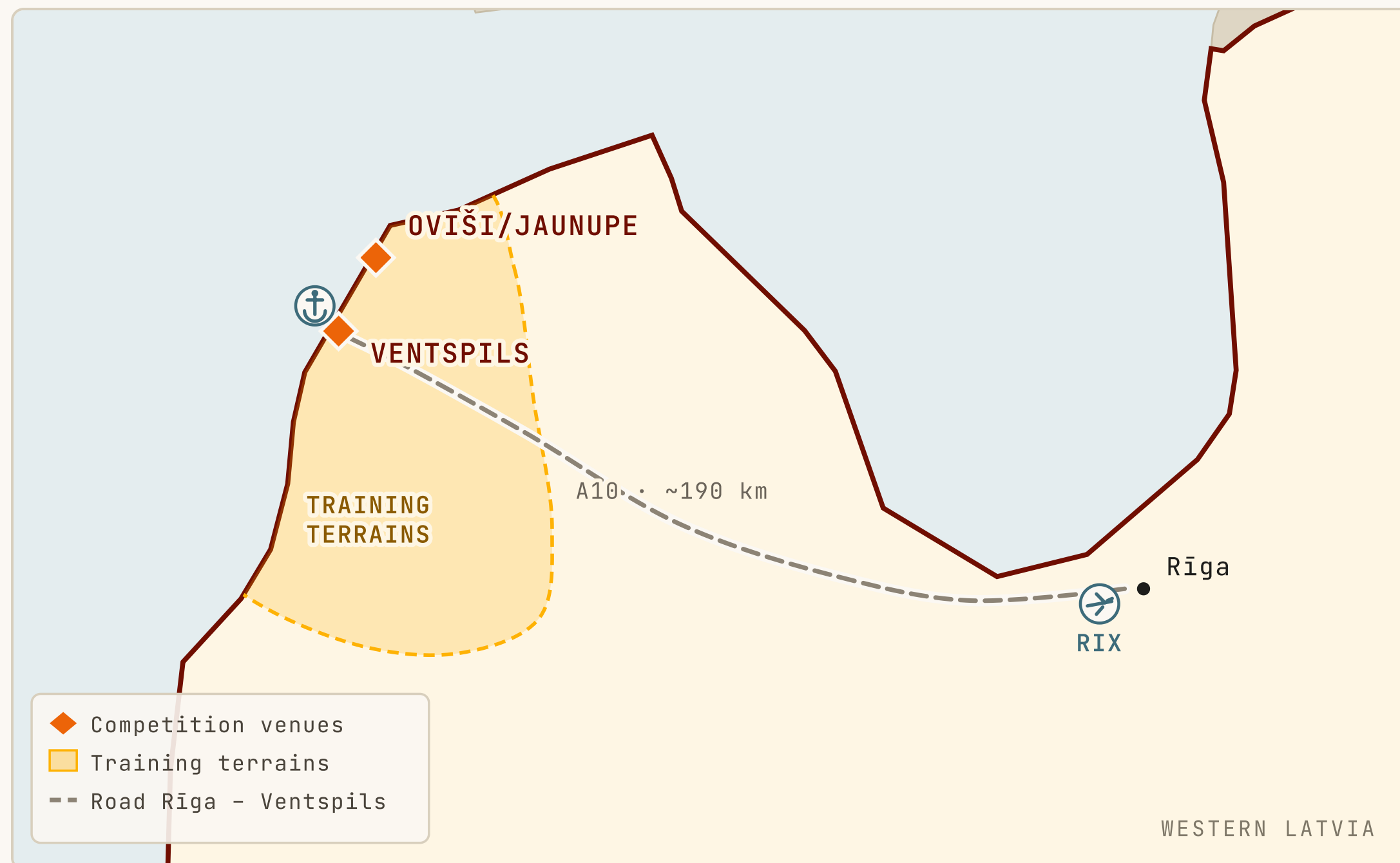
✗ FORBIDDEN

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 arena and training 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.

— 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

Everyone is encouraged to book transport and accommodation early – the Easter weekend is busy on the coast.

Full technical details follow in later bulletins. Details can change.

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