

LIELDIENU BALVA

BULLETIN 1 · WORLD RANKING EVENT AND LATVIAN CUP

Welcome to *Lieldienu Balva 2027!*

Sprint orienteering in the streets of Ventspils.

29.03.2027.	Ventspils	Sprint · Knock-out sprint
DATE	LOCATION	DISTANCES

WELCOME

Ventspils.

A place where metal cows gnaw at the asphalt on the Venta promenade. New cobblestones and old cobblestones slide beneath your feet. Ventspils is a city with a future and a past. Its history is measured in centuries, and you can feel it in the streets of this port city. Centuries-old black wooden walls, bricks from the nineties, “euro renovations” and the remnants of the oil pipeline’s heyday – everyone can feel it in the city’s streets.

You are invited to enjoy sprint orienteering in Ventspils!

This year Lieldienu Balva concludes Amber O-Week – the EYOC 2027 open training camp – following the two-day Dzintaru O-Cup. Read more about Amber O-Week.

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Rules

Lieldienu Balva is a sprint orienteering competition. The interval-start sprint is a Latvian Cup round in all classes and the qualification round for the knock-out sprint in the MW21E/MW18 classes. The knock-out sprint is a World Ranking Event (WRE).

The competition follows the LOF and IOF rules. Website: www.LieldienuBalva.lv

The WRE knock-out sprint is open to all participants without nationality and age restriction, subject to applicable IOF eligibility provisions.

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Organisers

Orienteering club “Ozons” and the Latvian Orienteering Federation (LOF).

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IOF Event Adviser	Guntars Mankus	

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Date and venue

The competition takes place on **29 March 2027 in Ventspils**, on Latvia’s west coast.



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Embargoed area

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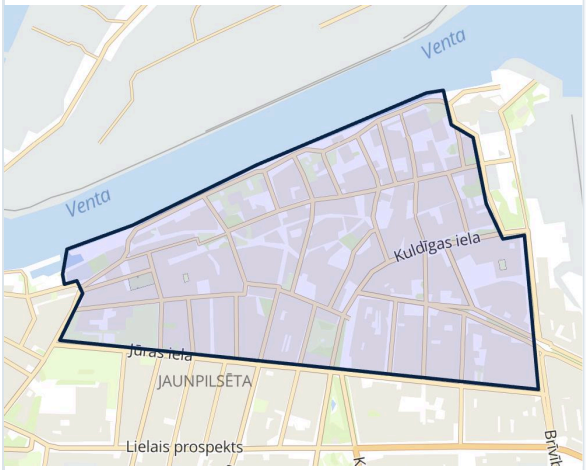
PROHIBITED

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

PERMITTED

Being in the area, passing through by vehicle, running or cycling training, etc.

The embargo extends to anyone who, through their knowledge of the terrain or the events, could influence the event results.



The embargoed area is published on the interactive map (balticmaps.eu).

We ask everyone to respect the principles of fair play and not to visit the competition area with the intention of gaining an advantage in the competition.

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Competition programme

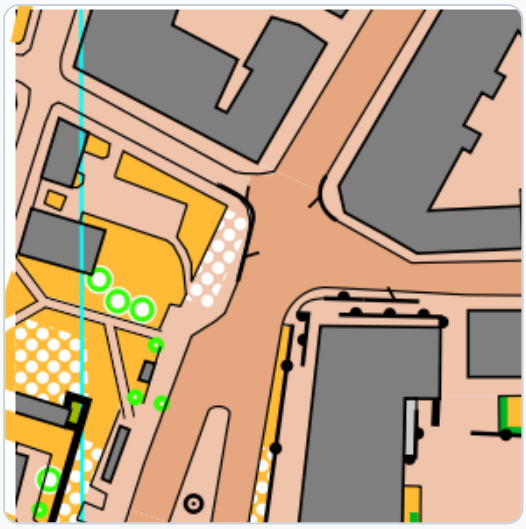
TIME	EVENT
8:30–10:00	Arrival of participants, registration
10:00–11:30	WRE knock-out sprint qualification / individual sprint – starts according to the start list OPEN class – free start
12:00–12:30	Individual sprint award ceremony
13:00–15:30	Knock-out sprint WRE

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Terrain and weather

Varied sprint terrain with an old town, an irregular network of cobbled streets, parks and the Venta River promenade. The area is almost completely flat. No specific hazards are known.

At the end of March spring is already in the air in Ventspils. Daytime temperatures often reach +5 to +15 °C, warmer on sunny days. The coast tends to be windy and mornings and evenings are still cool, so prepare for varied weather.



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Map

Mapper	Ilgvars Caune – drawn in 2024, updated and extended in 2026
Standard	ISSprOM 2019-2 Revision 6, January 2024
Scale	1:4000
Contour interval	2 m

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Classes and course parameters

In accordance with the LOF foot orienteering rules:

M12, W12, M14, W14, M16, W16, M18, W18, M21, W21, M21E (WRE), W21E (WRE), M35, W35, M45, W45, M55, W55, M65, W65, M75, W75 and older if needed, plus the open class **Open**.

Individual sprint	Winning time 8–10 min for M18, W18, M21E (WRE) and W21E (WRE); 12–15 min on all other courses. Time limit 60 min.
Knock-out sprint	Winning time 5–8 min per round. The 18 best men from the merged M18 / M21E classes and the 18 best women from the merged W18 / W21E classes qualify. Three rounds: qualification (the individual sprint), semi-finals and finals – no quarter-finals. This format has been approved by the IOF Event Adviser.

Details of the knock-out sprint will follow in a dedicated Knock-out Bulletin, published together with Bulletin 3.

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Start draw

Random draw. In the elite classes, the sprint qualification draw is based on the World Sprint Ranking as of 23 March 2027 – start order follows the ranking directly, with the best-ranked competitors starting first. Start interval in the individual sprint and KO qualification: 1 minute (senior classes with few participants may have a longer interval).

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Entries

Entries are open from **1 November 2026** until midnight on **21 March 2027** on the Amber O-Week website. Entry after 21 March is possible for a limited number of vacant start slots. All participants in M18 / W18 and M21E / W21E must give their IOF ID, which is required for WRE ranking calculations.

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Punching

SIAC contactless punching will be used. Due to the contactless finish, participation is only possible with a SPORTident Active Card (SIAC).

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Entry fees

Entry and payment are done through the Amber O-Week registration system.

CLASSES	ENTRY BY 21 MARCH	VACANT PLACES AFTER 21 MARCH
M / W 21E	€20	€30
M / W 12, 14, 16, 65, 75	€10	€15
M / W 18, 21A, 35, 45, 55, OPEN	€14	€20

- SportIdent (SIAC) rental: €3.
- By entering, you guarantee payment. For a no-show, 50% of the fee must be paid within one week.
- **Payment deadline: 28 March (the day before the competition).**

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Travel

The organisers do not provide transportation, accommodation or meals. Check the Ventspils Tourist Information website for accommodation and food options.

Visa: Latvia is in the Schengen Area. Whether you need a visa depends on your citizenship. Visa-free travellers may stay up to 90 days in any 180-day period. If you need a visa, apply in good time – more information: list of visa-free countries and visa application procedure.

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Training opportunities

Amber O-Week offers sprint and forest training: amberoweek.lv/o-week

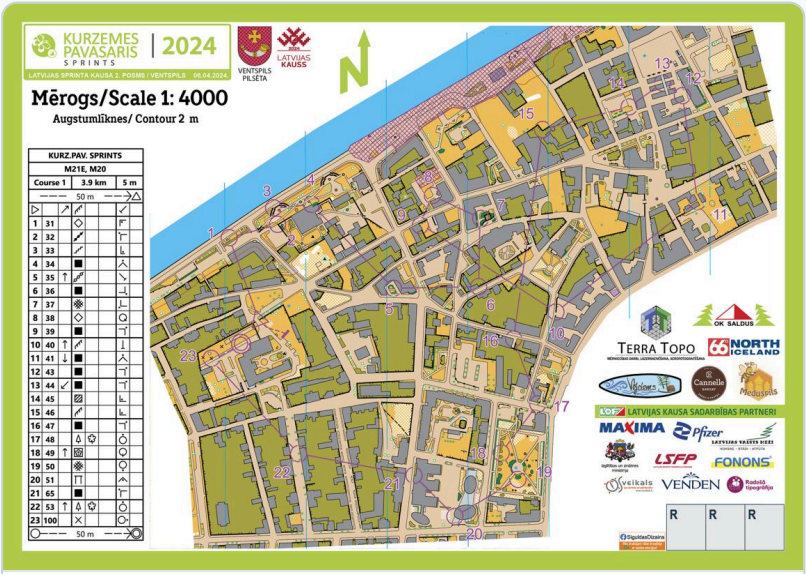
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Personal data processing

By registering for the competition, participants are informed that their personal data will be processed for the purposes of organising the competition, participant registration, and compiling and publishing results. Participants may be photographed and filmed during the competition, and the resulting photo and video materials may be used for competition promotion and information dissemination purposes. Further information is available in the Latvian Orienteering Federation's Data Processing Policy.

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Previous maps of the competition area



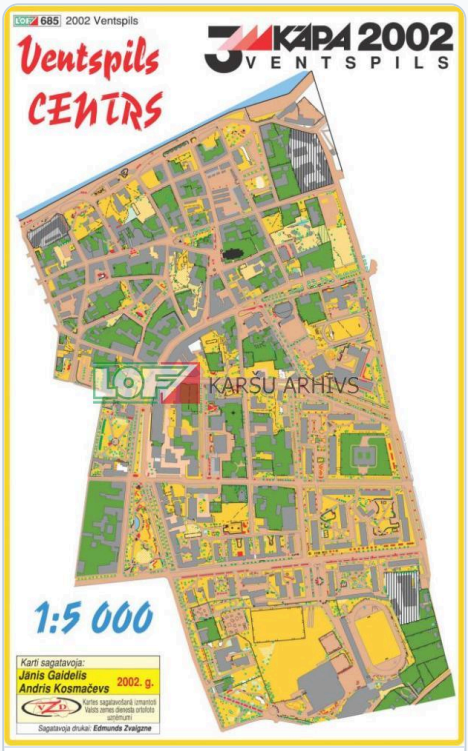
"Ventspils" · Ilgvars Caune, 2024 ↗



"Ventspils centre" · Jānis Gaidelis, Jānis Ķeza, 2008 ↗



"Ventspils Secondary School No. 4" · Jānis Bergs, 2016 ↗



"Ventspils centre" · Jānis Gaidelis, Andris Kosmačevs, 2002 ↗

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