

Latvian Cup in Mountaineering Technique “Drytooling Olaine 2026”

Regulations

I. General Provisions

1. These regulations establish the procedure for the mountaineering technique competition “Drytooling Olaine 2026” (hereinafter – the Competition).
2. The objectives of the Competition are:
 - 2.1. To promote mountaineering as a sport;
 - 2.2. To refresh and develop drytooling skills.
3. The tasks of the Competition are:
 - 3.1. To identify the strongest athletes in this sport;
 - 3.2. To develop and preserve the traditions of mountaineering technique as a sport in Latvia
4. The Competition is organized by the association “Biedrība Kāpšanas Tornis” (hereinafter – the Organizer) in cooperation with the Latvian Mountaineering Union (Reg. No. 40008022167).

II. Time and place of the Competition

5. The Competition will take place on 31 October 2026, from 9:00 a.m. (arrival).
6. The Competition will take place at the Kāpšanas Tornis climbing wall, 2A Rūpnīcu Street, Olaine.
7. The Competition regulations and information will be published on:
 - 7.1. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Udenstornis>
 - 7.2. Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/udenstornis/?hl=en>
 - 7.3. Website: www.climbing.lv.

III. Participants, programme and conditions

8. Anyone aged 16 or older may participate in the Competition (hereinafter – the Participant) (responsibility for minors is assumed by their legal representative or coach).

9. The Competition consists of two groups – LEAD (routes are climbed with lead belay) and TOP (routes are climbed with top-rope belay). Participant may compete in only one group.
10. Competition programme on 31. October:
 - 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. – participant arrival and registration;
 - 9:30 - 9:55 a.m. – briefing and introduction to the routes;
 - 10:00 a.m. – start;
 - Award ceremony after the Competition.
11. The Competition will be conducted in accordance with the competition rules developed by the Latvian Mountaineering Union and approved on 6 July 2021, [“Regulations of mountaineering technique competitions”](#).
12. Participants must use their own equipment: ice axes, ice-axe leash, climbing shoes, helmet, harness and, in the LEAD group, additionally a rope and belay device. The equipment used must comply with the requirements set out in the “Rules for Mountaineering Technique Competitions”. If any equipment is missing, contact the Organizer.
13. Equipment belonging to the Organizer and the Latvian Mountaineering Union will also be used during the Competition.
14. Additional information about the Competition may be obtained by calling the Organizer’s representative, Mārtiņš Markuss, at 27146413 or by emailing m.m.markuss@gmail.com.

IV. Scoring

15. Participants’ results will be evaluated by the chief judge appointed by the Organizer – Linda Ansone.
16. Results will be evaluated separately in the men’s and women’s categories.
17. If fewer than three participants register in any group, the Organizer reserves the right to merge groups.

18. Results will be determined by the total of placement points for each route. In the event of a tie, the following criteria will apply:
 - 18.1. Number of routes completed;
 - 18.2. Number of attempts;
 - 18.3. Total time spent on attempts.
19. Participants may compete for a special prize for the most creative Halloween costume, regardless of their climbing results, by arriving on the day of the Competition in costume and climbing in it. The winner of the most creative costume prize will be selected by the organizing team.

V. Registration for the Competition

20. Applications to participate in the Competition must be submitted by 23:59 on 29. October 2026 by completing the registration form: <https://forms.gle/VrxkGrjUnFSt7MHG6>.
21. The participation fee is EUR 15 and must be paid by 29 October 2026. If payment is made after this deadline, or on the day of the Competition the fee will be EUR 30.
22. The participation fee must be transferred to the bank account of “Biedrība Kāpšanas Tornis”: LV44HABA0551051870945. The payment reference must state: “competition participation – PARTICIPANT’S FIRST NAME, SURNAME”.
23. Each adult participant is personally responsible for confirming that their health condition is suitable for participation in the Competition. This is confirmed by their personal signature on the application or by submitting an appropriate medical certificate.
24. For a minor participant, suitability of their health condition for participation in the Competition must be confirmed by the head of the educational institution and/or the participant’s parent/legal guardian.
25. Participants must carry an identity document (passport or identity card), which must be presented at the judge’s request.
26. The Organizer shall ensure compliance with the requirements of the Personal Data Processing Law.
27. The head of “Biedrība Kāpšanas Tornis” is responsible for the safety of the climbing wall and anchor points and for their compliance with safety requirements.

28. Expenses related to travel, accommodation, catering and other costs incurred by Competition participants and accompanying persons shall be covered by the participant or the organization they represent.

VI. Awarding of Competition winners

29. Prize winners of the Competition will receive diplomas, cups and/or prizes from the Organizer.
30. A special prize for the most creative Halloween costume will be awarded to a Competition participant. The special prize will be presented together with the other awards.