

DZINTARU
O-CUP

BULLETIN 1 · WORLD RANKING EVENT

Welcome to *Dzintaru O-Cup 2027!*

Two forest race days in the dunes of the Latvian west coast.

27.–28.03.2027.	Jaunupe, Ventspils	Middle · Shortened Long
DATES	LOCATION	DISTANCES

WELCOME

We invite you to *Dzintaru O-Cup 2027!*

The Dzintari Events team warmly invites you to the fourth Dzintaru O-Cup – two forest races in technically demanding dune terrain in Ventspils municipality. Five training days of Amber O-Week come first, and the week ends on Easter Monday with the Lieldienu Balva knock-out sprint. This year the week is also the official EYOC 2027 preparation camp.

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Organisers and contacts

The competition is organised by Dzintari Events in cooperation with the Latvian Orienteering Federation (LOF) and the orienteering club “Ziemeļkurzeme”. General enquiries: info@amberoweek.lv

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IOF Event Adviser	Guntars Mankus	
LOF national advisers/inspectors	Ainārs Lagzdiņš, Atis Zariņš	

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Programme

DATE	EVENT	ARRIVAL / REGISTRATION	FIRST START	LOCATION
Mon 22 – Thu 25 Mar	Amber O-Week training	–	–	Ventspils area
Fri 26 Mar	Model event	11:00	Free start 11:00–18:00	Jaunupe 57.519621, 21.694704
Sat 27 Mar WRE	Day 1 – Middle distance WRE for M21E, W21E · Latvian Cup stage	10:30	12:00	Oviši 57.563055, 21.709387
	Day 1 – Dzintaru Trail-O Separate bulletin		11:00	Oviši 57.563055, 21.709387
Sun 28 Mar	Day 2 – Shortened long distance Latvian Cup stage	9:30	11:00 Prize-giving 15:00	Jaunupe 57.530104, 21.694093
	Day 2 – Dzintaru Trail-O Separate bulletin		10:00	Jaunupe 57.523220, 21.687661
Mon 29 Mar WRE	Lieldienu Balva – knock-out sprint Separate bulletin	8:30	10:00 Knock-out start 13:00	Ventspils old town

All times are local time (EET, UTC+2).

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Amber O-Week trainings

Information about the orienteering training sessions offered during Amber O-Week is on our website, amberoweek.lv.

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Model event

On Friday 26 March you can run a model event inside the embargoed competition area – a unique chance to get to know the terrain before the races. It is set by the race course setter.

Open	11:00–18:00
Location / parking	Jaunupe (57.519621, 21.694704)
Course	Numbered controls without SI stations; individual course printed on the map.
Also available	SIAC battery check and a sample control station.
Fee	5 EUR

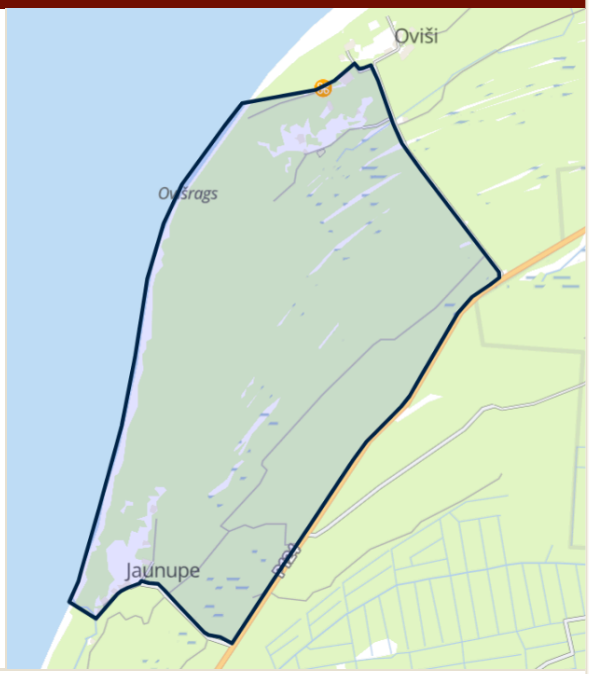
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Embargoed area

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The area on the map below is off-limits to competitors, coaches and anyone who might influence the results.

✕ Transit by vehicle on public roads through the area is not allowed.



Boundaries: interactive embargo map (balticmaps.eu). It also shows the separate Lieldienu Balva sprint embargo in Ventspils, which has different rules.

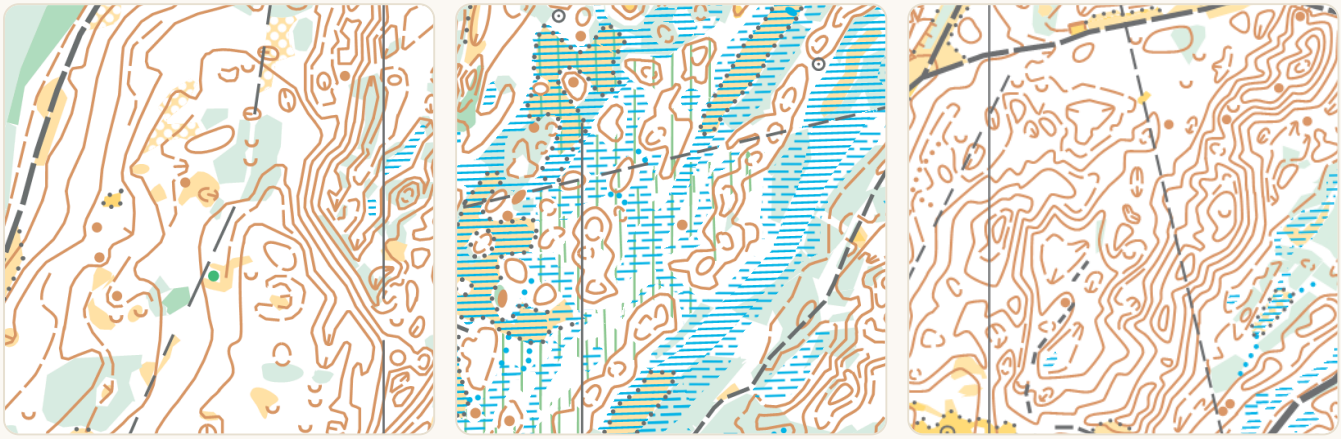
The Friday model event is the only organised access to the terrain before the races.

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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 vegetation are the main navigational challenge; visibility and runnability change sharply over short distances.

Day 1 is set mostly in previously unmapped terrain. Day 2 uses the area of the 2008 European Orienteering Championships middle distance.



Fragments from the old maps of the competition terrain.

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Map and map scale

Mappers	Ilgvars Caune, Janne Weckman
Year	2026/2027
Standard	ISOM 2017-2 rev.6
Contour interval	2.5 m
Old map of Day 2	lof.lv/uploads/kartes/2008/899.jpg
Scale 1:7 500	MW8, 10, 12, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, OPEN-S
Scale 1:10 000	MW14, 16, 18, 20, 21E, 21A, 21B, 35, 40, 45, OPEN-L

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Classes and course lengths

Courses are planned according to LOF and IOF guidelines. Day 1 is a middle-distance race and Day 2 a shortened long-distance race. Preliminary course lengths (km):

CLASS	DAY 1	DAY 2	CLASS	DAY 1	DAY 2
M8*	1,7	3,1	**W8***	1,7	3,1
M10*	1,7	3,1	**W10***	1,7	3,1
M12	2,1	3,8	**W12**	2,1	3,8
M14	2,7	4,9	**W14**	2,3	4,1
M16	3,5	6,3	**W16**	2,5	4,5
M18	4,5	8,1	**W18**	3,1	5,6
M20	5,2	9,4	**W20**	3,8	6,8
M21E	6,1	11,0	**W21E**	4,8	8,6
M21A	5,2	9,4	**W21A**	3,7	6,7
M21B**	4,4	7,9	**W21B****	2,7	4,9
M35	5,5	9,9	**W35**	3,8	6,8
M40	4,9	8,8	**W40**	3,6	6,5
M45	4,8	8,6	**W45**	3,5	6,3
M50	4,6	8,3	**W50**	3,5	6,3
M55	4,5	8,1	**W55**	3,3	5,9
M60	4,3	7,7	**W60**	3,1	5,6
M65	3,8	6,8	**W65**	2,9	5,2
M70	3,0	5,4	**W70**	2,5	4,5
M75	3,0	5,4	**W75**	2,5	4,5
M80	2,5	4,5	**W80**	2,2	4,0
M85	2,5	4,5	**W85**	2,2	4,0
OPEN-S	2,2	4,0	**OPEN-L**	3,8	6,8

* Marked course. ** Technically easy course. OPEN-S – technically easy · OPEN-L – technically difficult.

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Start order

SAT 27.03 · MIDDLE DISTANCE

MW21E: start order by the IOF World Ranking as of 21 March 2027, in reverse order – the highest-ranked start last. Runners without ranking points start first, in drawn order. **All other classes:** drawn start order.

SUN 28.03 · SHORTENED LONG DISTANCE / PURSUIT

MW16, MW18, MW20 and MW21E have a pursuit start based on Day 1 results: the leader starts first, the others at the leader's start + their time behind. Runners more than 20 minutes behind start in random order 20 minutes after the leader, at 30-second intervals. Runners who did not compete on Day 1 start after them, in random order, at 30-second intervals. The first to cross the finish line wins. **All other classes:** drawn start order.

START PROCEDURE – PURSUIT CLASSES

-5 min	Call-up to the start corridor: SI number check and card activation. Organisers line runners up in start order and hand out maps. Start on the referee's signal.

START PROCEDURE – INTERVAL START

-3 min	Call-up to the start corridor: SI number check, SI card cleared and activated.
-2 min	Loose control descriptions available.
-1 min	Stand by your map; take it on the signal and start. Follow the marked route to the start point (K-point). You are responsible for taking the correct map for your class.

OPEN START – MW8, MW10, MW80, MW85

No fixed start times. Open start on 27 March 12:00–14:00 and 28 March 11:00–13:00. Start officials make sure runners do not start one after another. In MW8 and MW10 parents may accompany children; elite runners only after their own start.

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Finish, punching, bibs and GPS

FINISH

Your time is recorded when you punch the FINISH station – the same way as at every control, contact or contactless. **Time limit: Day 1 – 2 h, Day 2 – 3 h.** After that, controls may already have been collected from the forest. In pursuit races the first across the line wins; a referee records the finishing order, with a camera for photo finishes. The referees' decision is final.

PUNCHING

SPORTident Air+, stations set for both contact and contactless punching. Give your personal SportIdent or SIAC number when you enter. SIAC rental from the organisers: €3 per day.

NUMBER BIBS

To save resources, no number bibs are used – **except on Day 2 in the pursuit classes**, where bibs in pursuit order are mandatory.

GPS TRACKING

Selected runners in MW16, MW18, MW20 and MW21E carry GPS trackers on both days, shown live on TV screens at the competition centre.

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Prizes and prize-giving

Top 3 in every class on the combined result of both days. Cash prizes for the top 3 in the elite classes:

1ST PLACE	2ND PLACE	3RD PLACE
€150	€75	€50

- MW8 and MW10: small prizes for every participant.
- OPEN-S and OPEN-L: one prize in a special themed game, revealed at the ceremony – be there to claim it.

Prize-giving: 28 March, about 15:00, at the competition centre together with Trail-O.

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Entries and entry fees

Entries open	**1 November 2026**
All classes	Entry form at amberoweek.lv/register
M21E and W21E	Enter at amberoweek.lv **and** for the WRE Day 1 in IOF Eventor. A valid IOF ID is required.
1st fee level	until 31 December 2026
2nd fee level	1 January – 21 March 2027
Late entry	After 21 March, only for vacant places, +50% fee (except OPEN classes)

CLASSES	BOTH DAYS 1ST LEVEL	BOTH DAYS 2ND LEVEL	ONE DAY 1ST LEVEL	ONE DAY 2ND LEVEL
MW21E	€33	€37	€20	€24
MW8, MW10	€11	€13	€7	€8
MW12, MW14	€16	€18	€9	€11
MW16, 18, 20, MW65–85	€21	€25	€12	€15
MW21A, 21B, MW35–60, OPEN-S, OPEN-L	€28	€32	€16	€20

- SIAC rental €3 per day – mark it when you enter. A lost card costs €65.
- By entering, you guarantee payment. For a no-show, 50% of the fee must be paid within one week.
- At the competition centre, fees can be paid in cash only.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Pay to the Dzintari Events bank account and quote the invoice number from the registration system.

Recipient	Dzintari Events
Address	Svīres iela 6-10, Rīga, LV-1076
Reg. No.	40008329613
Bank	AS Swedbank · BIC/SWIFT HABALV22
Account	LV80HABA0551056076702

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Travel and stay

Parking	Parking for cars and buses near each arena. Walking distances in Bulletin 2.
Ride-sharing	Drivers list spare seats and passengers sign up in our shared Google Sheet – Dzintaru O-Cup 2027 | BRAUCAM KOPĀ | Rideshare. The organisers only provide the table and are not responsible for arrangements between participants.
Accommodation	Plenty of options in Ventspils and the surrounding area – see visitventspils.com or Latvia Travel. We do not offer accommodation packages. Book early.
Weather	No promises, but the sun tends to spoil us during Dzintaru O-Cup. Air temperature usually +5 °C to +15 °C.
Visa	Latvia is in the EU; EU citizens need no visa. Others may – see mfa.gov.lv.

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Additional information

SERVICES

First aid · Catering · Sporting goods shop · GPS tracking and live results on TV screens · WC · Water · Childcare

OTHER INFORMATION

- Photos and video are taken during the competition and may be published online and in the media, including for Amber O-Week and Dzintaru O-Cup marketing. By entering, participants agree to this.
- Participants agree that their first name and surname are published in the entry list and results. The organisers comply with the Data Protection Law.
- The competition upholds fair play. Participants must follow the IOF Anti-Doping Rules.
- Participants compete at their own risk and are responsible for their health and actions. Parents or guardians are fully responsible for minors in the competition area and on the course.
- The competition follows LOF competition rules and IOF guidelines.