

# NOTICE OF RACE

## 2024 Ice-Blokart European Open Championships

### Notice:

2024 Ice-Blokart European Open Championships will be held on 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, on the best possible ice racing venue with safe sailable ice available for the dates within 500 km radius around Riga, Latvia. The primary racing site is Lake Rėkyva, Šiauliai, Lithuania. Various other sailing areas in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland as well as Finland can be used to provide this regatta within given 500 km radius from Riga, Latvia.

Info about ice-quality and final event location will be given at latest 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2024. Given the “ice-hunting” format, please don’t book your hotels in advance. Info on hotels and other lodging at the venue will be included in the last newsletter and we will be more than happy to provide you with lodging and other infos. Preview your flight and car rental - Ice-Blokart for rent will be available. If you wish to bring your own Blokart gear on a car, there’s a possibility to shorten the driving if you take the ferry from Germany, or from Sweden to Klaipėda, Liepaja or Riga.

### Organizing Authority:

Organizing authority for this Championships is Lithuanian Blokart Team, Lithuanian Ice and Land sailing association and VŠĮ “Irklakojis”.

### Eligible to participate and entry:

- All yachtsmen from Europe and other countries, as well as all blokarters are welcome.
- Pilots may be obliged to display advertisement provided by organizing authority.
- Pre-registration starts 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 and closes 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2024.
- By paying the entrance fee the participant agrees with the latest IBRA rules and in particular with the paragraphs of this document „Liability“ and „Safety“.

### Program:

#### 25th January (Thursday):

- 12.00 – 17.00 Training day.
- 15.00 – 19.00 Registration of participants.

#### 26th February (Friday):

- 11.00 – Opening ceremony & Briefing of the race committee and participants on the ice.
- 12.00 – First possible start.
- 17.00 – Last possible start.
- 19.30 – Pilot’s dinner (to be announced).

#### 27th February (Saturday):

- 10.00 – Briefing of the race committee and participants.
- 11.00 – First possible start.
- 17.00 – Last possible start.

#### 28th February (Sunday):

- 9.00 – Briefing of the race committee and participants.
- 10.00 – First possible start.
- 15.00 – Last possible start.
- 16.00 – Prize giving

### Format:

- Championship is organized for the Production and Performance classes.
- If conditions are suitable, races will be windward-leeward of approx. 10 minutes.
- Wind speed limit is set to 20 knots for Ultralightweights, 30 knots for all other weight categories.
- Blokarts and Ice blades must conform to IBRA 1Design rules on equipment (IBRA rules book paragraph B)
- **IBRA rule book edition 9.0** will apply.

**Weight categories:**

Ultra lightweight – up to 54,9 kg  
Lightweight – from 55 up to 69,9 kg  
Middleweight – from 70 up to 82,4 kg  
Heavyweight – from 82,5 up to 94,9 kg  
Super heavyweight – from 95 kg and more.

- Participants are divided into weight categories. A small tolerance might be applied to even the numbers in categories.
- A minimum of 1 participant per category is necessary given they can race together with at least another 5 participants of the same Blokart class (performance/production).

**Scoring:**

The low point scoring method will be used:

1 point for the 1st Place, 2 points for the 2nd Place, etc. (see part H of IBRA rule book).

After race four (4), a competitor's worst single race result may be dropped (omitted) from the final series tally. A second worst race result may be dropped (omitted) from the final series tally after race nine (9) and a third dropped after race fifteen (15).

**Fees :**

Early entry fee is 100 Euro if payment is received till December 31st, 2023.

Past this date late entry fee applies - 150 Eur. Entry fee includes free event T-Shirt, meal and hot drinks on the ice. Entry fee without T-shirt is 20 Eur less. Entry fee for members of Lithuanian Ice and Land sailing association - 80 Eur.

**Ice-Blokart rent & fees:**

Organizers will be providing pilots not having their own equipment with Production and Performance class Ice-Blokarts for rent to sail in relay in their weight divisions and subdivisions if any. Rent price is 50 Euro for production and 70 Euro for Performance Ice-Blokarts for all the races. Rentals will be provided on first-registered first-served basis (around 40 pilots).

**Payment process:**

Payment of fees has to be done by bank transfer to the Lithuanian Ice and Land sailing association account.

Name of bank: Paysera LT, UAB

Address of bank: Pilaites pr. 16, Vilnius, LT-04352, Lithuania

Account holder: Lietuvos ledo jachtu ir vejaracių asociacija

IBAN: LT543500010005966113

SWIFT: EVIULT21XXX

All bank charges shall be paid by sender.

**Discount for pilots under 18 years old:**

-50% discount for entry fee as well as Blokart rent for racing applies to pilots under 18 years old.

**Prizes & trophies :**

- Prizes & trophies are awarded for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions in each weight category. Further positions may be awarded as well.

**Liability:**

Every pilot is attending this championships at his own risk. No part involved in the organization and running this event shall accept any liability for any accident, injury (even fatal), damage or loss whether personal, material or otherwise sustained prior to, during or after the event. Every competitor is responsible in every

respect for the way he or she sails. Each competitor shall produce evidence of valid third party liability insurance of a minimum of 2.000.000,- EUR coverage.

**Safety:**

The safety of the blokart and her pilot, including insurance, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner or entrant racing the ice-blokart.

All pilots are obliged to wear a helmet, ice-claws, and aren't allowed to use seatbelts during racing.

**Instructions of race committee:**

Not obeying instructions given by the race committee will result in penalty points or disqualification. The race committee has the right to remove a competitor from the race if he puts himself or other competitors in danger by proving to have not enough experience or sportsmanship.

**Language:**

The official language during this event will be English.

**Workshop:**

A workshop with basic tools will be available at the waiting zone.

**Arrival and other info:**

We encourage you to bring your own Ice-Blokart gear. You either fly to Kaunas (KUN), Riga (RIX) or Vilnius (VNO) and rent a car or drive your own car with your team's equipment to Kiel (GER) and have an overnight journey with a sleep in a comfortable cabin at DFDS seaways ferry to Klaipėda (trip time 20 hrs).

For those who aren't able to bring their own equipment organization will offer rentals of Production Ice-Blokarts (for the first 30 registered pilots) at share basis for weight categories.

For any other questions regarding the Championship please contact Matas Mizgiris +370-618-81957, [matas@irklakojs.lt](mailto:matas@irklakojs.lt)



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