

OFFICIAL INVITATION TO BALTIC CUP 2018 ALPINE SKI COMPETITION IN PYHÄ SKI RESORT

Latvian Ski federation has the pleasure to invite participants from all countries to Baltic Cup competition in alpine skiing from 11th to 24th of March 2018. Baltic Cup competitions for the 4th time will be held in Pyhätunturi in Finland and will be organized as FIS races in slalom for FIS athletes and national level races for U12, U14, U16 and Masters. You will find all the important team-related information in this document.

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ENTRIES

The application for participation can be submitted by an individual person, club or the team captain who represents the specific Ski Association and the athlete. The application must be submitted by an electronic mail to info@infoski.lv to our race secretary. The registration must take place no later than 5 days before the race (according to Baltic Cup 2017-2018 alpine ski competition rules, published in www.ski.lv). Electronic registration system will be available in www.ski.lv

Every entry should include:

- Name, first name, year of birth, National Ski Association;
- An exact definition of the event and age group for which the entry is made.
- Contact information of the team leader or the individual athlete.

For Baltic Cup races published in the FIS calendar all entries must be sent according to the International Ski Competition Rules ICR. All entries must be sent so that the Organizing Committee receives them before the final date of entry. The organizers must have a final and complete list not later than 48 hours before the first draw, the entry dead line for the FIS races will be 17.03.2018. at 20.00.

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Other rules from the ICR that must be taken in consideration:

215.2 National Ski Associations are not permitted to enter and draw the same competitors in more than one competition on the same date.

215.3 Only National Ski Associations are entitled to make entries for international competitions.

Every entry should include:

215.3.1 code number, name, first name, year of birth, National Ski Association;

215.3.2 an exact definition of the event for which the entry is made.

215.5 The entry of a competitor by the National Ski Association for a race shall constitute a contract solely between the competitor and the organizer and shall be governed by the Athletes Declaration.

NB! The FIS races will be held according to FIS ICR. Please note that the nations can enter their athletes only according to their FIS quota and the organizer expects no more than one representative per nation per gender as a team captain.

RACE OFFICE AND TEAM CAPTAIN'S MEETING

Race Office will be located at Hotel Pyhätunturi area, in Pyhä, and will open on Sunday 11th march. The race office will be opened daily from 17.00 and will close one hour before each team captains meeting. The first team captains meeting will be held on Sunday 11th March 20.00 for youth races and Monday 19th March 20.00 for the FIS calendar races. Coaches are kindly asked to confirm their entries before the team captain's meetings. During the race program the meetings are expected to be at 19.00 and the prize giving ceremonies at 20.00.

ENTRY FEES

Entry fee of EUR 20.00 per racer per discipline will be charged. The entry fee must be paid to the organizing committee at the race office before the TCM of the respective race.

Team captains will be asked to confirm their entries and pay the entry fee at the race office at least one hour before the TCM.

LIFT TICKETS

Ski pass rates offered from the resort you can see below. For the FIS races athletes and their team representative will receive free lift access according to the International FIS quota of the respective team of the non-organizing nation and the valid start list.

SKI PASS RATES – BALTIC CUP 2018

Official Alpine, Snowboarding and Freestyle Ski Teams are entitled for special rates in Ruka and Pyhä Ski Passes for season 2017-2018.

Official team members and licensed competitors are entitled for the discounted rates.

	Adults	Youth (12-17)	Kids (6-11)
Day	39	34	25
Afternoon (13-19)	35	30	23
2 days	71	61	44
3 days	103	86	63
4 days	130	111	81
5 days	153	130	95
6 days	172	145	109
7 days	188	160	120
8 days	202	174	129
9 days	217	186	139
10 days	231	199	149
11 days	248	213	159

12 days	261	225	169
13 days	276	238	178
14 days	290	250	187
15 days	304	263	196

For youth teams each 8 (eight) athletes every team will receive 1 free coaches ticket.

To be entitled for the special Training Group Rates one needs to order ski passes in advance, the latest one weekday before arrival from the Sales Office.

The order should include: name of the team, number of ski passes, duration and names and ages of the athletes, coaches and service men.

When ordering the Season ski pass, the license number or FIS code is required.

Please notice that special priced ski passes for trainers are personal and thus it isn't allowed to hand them over to someone else. The ski lift personnel are entitled to take ski pass away in case of misuse.

For each eight athletes one coach gets free day ski pass or for each eight paid training season ski pass the coach gets one season ski pass free of charge. Ski passes for parents and servicemen with training rates according to the name list. Under 6-year olds free of charge with a helmet on and accompanied by an adult. Please collect a special Children's ski pass from the ski pass sales office.

Please contact us and request an offer from our sales office in order to reserve your ski passes: PyhäBooking sales@pyha.fi, tel. +358 8 8600 400.

RULES

Rules for Baltic Cup 2017/2018 are published at the website www.infoski.lv.

INSURANCE

Competitors compete on their own liability. National Ski Associations and team officials are responsible for adequate insurance for all their competitors and team officials. (FIS ICR art. 212.4; 212.5).

PROGRAM

12.03.2018	Baltic Cup 2018 SG official training day	U12, U14, U16, M
13.03.2018	Baltic Cup 2018 SG and AC	U12, U14, U16, M
14.03.2018	Baltic Cup 2018 GS	U12, U14, U16, M
15.03.2018	Baltic Cup 2018 SL	U12, U14, U16, M
16.03.2018	Baltic Cup 2018 PSL Qualifying SSL 1 run	U12, U14, U16, M
16.03.2018	Baltic Cup 2018 PSL (TOP 8 from youth, TOP4 from masters)	U12, U14, U16, M
16.03.2018	Baltic Cup 2018 "CombriRace" public draw	U10
17.03.2018	Baltic Cup 2018 "CombriRace"	U10
18.03.2018	Race slope closed for preparation	
19.03.2018	FIS Baltic Cup 2018 official training day, TCM 20:00	
20.03.2018	FIS Baltic Cup 2018 GS NC LAT	U21, E
21.03.2018	FIS Baltic Cup 2018 GS NC EST	U21, E
22.03.2018	FIS Baltic Cup 2018 SL NC LAT	U21, E
23.03.2018	FIS Baltic Cup 2018 SL NC LAT	U21, E
24.03.2018	FIS Baltic Cup 2018 PSL Qualifying 1 run	U21, E
24.03.2018	FIS Baltic Cup 2018 PSL (TOP 32)	U21, E

All races for U10, U12, U14, U16, and M are National level races and will be carried out according to Baltic Cup competition rules, published on www.ski.lv

Regulations for the Baltic Cup “Pyha” Finland skiresort PSL please see in the end of this document.

AGE CATEGORIES

Elite	E	Born in 2001 and older
Juniors	U21	Born in 1997 – 2001
Masters	M	Born in 1983 and older
Group U16	U16	Born in 2002 – 2003
Group U14	U14	Born in 2004 – 2005
Group U12	U12	Born in 2006 – 2007
Group U10	U10	Born in 2008 and younger

AWARDING

The first three owners of the best results are awarded with Baltic Cup trophies. The best result owners of the 4th, 5th and 6th places are awarded with diplomas.

PRE-RACE AND POST-RACE TRAINING

Training plans and reservations: phone: +358 400 101 696, e-mail: trackbooking@pyha.fi

During the race program 11th to 24th March, the training will be organized at the team captain’s meetings respecting the race schedule.

ACCOMMODATION

Please contact the Pyhä Sales office to get 15% discounted price for Baltic Cup period for accommodation in the Hotel Pyhätunturi or PyhäSuites. (<https://www.ski-inn.fi/en/majoitus/pyha>)

Contacts: phone: +358 8 8600 400, e-mail: sales@pyha.fi

There is also a wide offer of cabins or cottages in Pyhä village. To choose your best stay please visit <http://online.pyhabooking.fi> or contact the Sales office +358 8 8600 400

3RD STAGE OF BALTIC CUP 2018 CULTURE AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

Daily after our race program different activities aimed to school children and their families will be offered as a culture and education program to give the kids a possibility to learn about Lappish and Northern nature, traditions and other activities that can be organized outside our race schedule. All Baltic Cup participants and their families are welcome. All the activities will be free of charge.

March 12th

Opening ceremony of the Baltic Cup 2018 in Pyhä Ski Resort as a tradition of our Baltic Cup events in Pyhä.

March 13th

Adventures start from Pyhä. It can be lots of fun if you are well prepared before entering one. Pyhä Ski School teachers will guide the group with some adventure skills: how to read a compass and a map, how to make proper rope knots and how to act in an emergency, e.g. they will give some first aid tips. If this activity can be held outside, the teachers will also show a good way to light a campfire. Duration: about 2 h depending on the amount of the participants.



March 14th

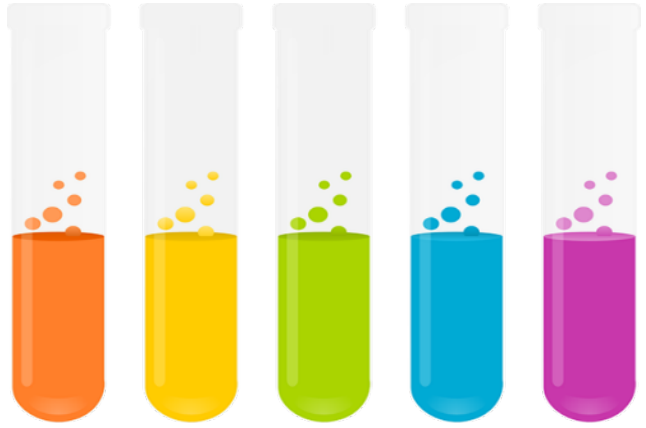
One of oldest national parks in Finland is located in Pyhä. The unique nature of Pyhä-Luosto National Park is full of beautiful spots, rare animals and plants. The staff of the visitor centre Naava, the "living room of the park", will organize the group activities and tasks related to the nature of Finland. The group can also visit Naava's nature exhibition. Duration around 2h.



March 15th

Arctic Science Workshop. Learn to create the magical colours of arctic nature: northern lights, autumn leaves and summer rainbows. This 2 h arctic science and chemistry workshop suits for all ages and is hosted by Marianne Juntunen from Silmu Education. All materials included.

www.silmuscience.com.



March 16th

U10 COMBI RACE Public draw as a traditional part of Baltic Cup in Pyhä will be hosted as a fun event for our youngest competitors and their families.



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PARALLEL SLALOM RULES

Each heat between two competitors consists of two runs, the two runs competitors change courses for the second run.

QUALIFYING

Sixteen heats of competitors will be formed according to the results of the selected qualification race in the following manner:

Heat 1	1st and the 32nd	Heat 9	3rd and the 13th
Heat 2	17th and the 16th	Heat 10	19th and the 14th
Heat 3	9th and the 24th	Heat 11	11th and the 22nd
Heat 4	25th and the 8th	Heat 12	27th and the 6th
Heat 5	5th and the 28th	Heat 13	7th and the 26th
Heat 6	21st and the 12th	Heat 14	23rd and the 10th
Heat 7	13th and the 20th	Heat 15	15th and the 18th
Heat 8	29th and the 4th	Heat 16	31st and the 2nd

The competitors receive the numbers from 1 to 32 as classified and they keep them until the end of the races.

START ORDER

Following the order of the appended table, from top to bottom. All heats race in succession their first run and then their second.

The lower starting number goes down the red course first, the higher number the blue course. For the second run it is reversed. This same system is used for all rounds including the finals.

In case of only two courses, poles and panels are red for the course on the left and blue for the course on the skier's right. If there are more than two courses, the organizer must use different colours for the other courses such as green and orange. The bottom of the panel must be approx. 1m above the snow.

Competitors having a bye should be permitted one training run on only one of the two courses before the beginning of the race.

The competitors may inspect the course once from top to bottom with skis on. Inspection time 10 minutes.

ELIMINATION ROUNDS

1st elimination

Sixteen winners remain as a result of the first elimination. In other words, those who in their group, have obtained the lower total for the two runs.

Round of sixteen

The sixteen qualified competitors start according to the start system in pairs from top to bottom. There are eight that qualify for the quarter-finals. The losing eight competitors receive the same rank 9th.

Quarter-finals

The eight qualified competitors start according to the start table. The losing four receive the same rank 5th.

Semi-finals and Final

The four qualified athletes start according to the start table. The losers of the semi-finals race their first run for the 3rd and 4th positions before the finalists race their first run, then the semi-finalists their second run and then the finalists their final race.

DISQUALIFICATIONS / DID NOT FINISH AND PENALTY TIME

Causes of disqualifications are the following:

- False start
- Changing from one course to another
- Interfering with an opponent, voluntary or not
- Not passing through the gate correctly
- Stepping back is not allowed

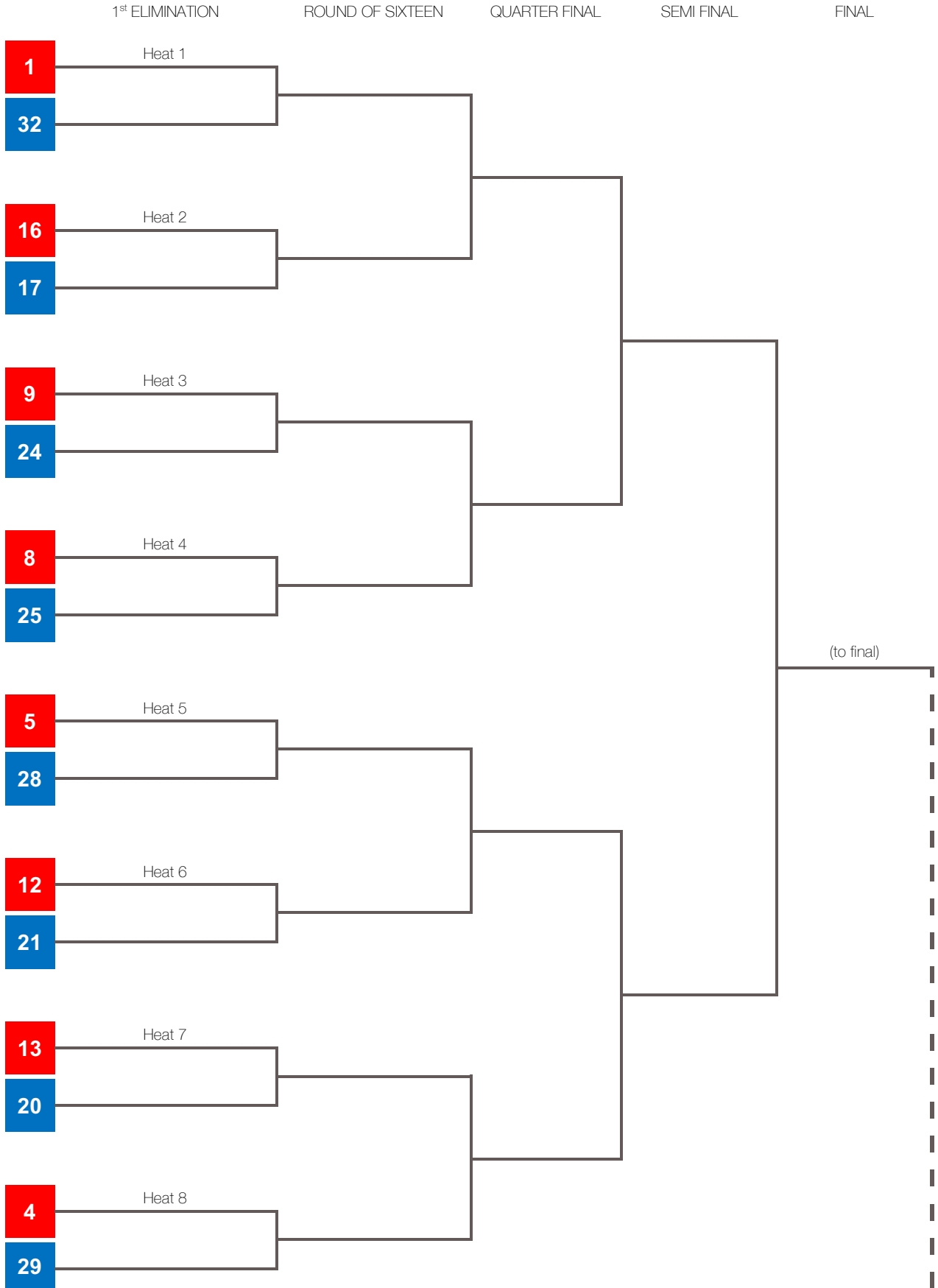
Competitor who is disqualified in, or who does not finish the first run of a heat will start the second run with a penalty time.

The competitor who is disqualified in, or does not finish the second run of a heat is eliminated.

If both competitors do not finish the second run, the result of the first run counts. If both were tied, disqualified or did not finish the first run, the competitor who skied the furthest distance in the second run will advance to the next round.

Penalty time; the penalty time will be 0.50 sec. If both competitors are tied after the second run the competitor who wins the second run advances to the next round. If both competitors are disqualified or did not finish the second run the competitor who skied the furthest distance before the disqualification or did not finish advances. If both competitors are disqualified or did not finish at the same gate in the second run then the competitor who won the first run will advance.

APPENDIX: PARALLEL SLALOM START ORDER (1/2)



APPENDIX: PARALLEL SLALOM START ORDER (2/2)

