

2ND STAGE OF BALTIC CUP 2017 ALPINE SKI COMPETITION OFFICIAL INVITATION

Ski resort "Pilsētas trase" and Latvian Ski Federation has the pleasure to invite participants from all countries to Baltic Cup competition in alpine skiing from 24th to 26th of February 2017. Baltic Cup competitions for the 2nd time will be held in Latvian ski resort "Pilsētas trase" in the town of Sigulda, Latvia. 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 2016-2017 alpine ski competition rules, published in www.infoski.lv.

For the FIS races all entries must be sent according to the 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 24-48 hours before the first draw.

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.

ENTRY FEES

Entry fee of EUR 20.00 per racer per discipline will be charged.

NB! According to decisions between number of FIS organizing nations at the FIS Congress 2016 in Cancun Mexico and the FIS Autumn meetings 2016 in Zurich about entry fees at FIS level races, an entry fee will be charged also for all FIS participants. Entry fee for the FIS racers only will include a free lift access.

The results of ENL SL on 25.02.17. will be used as the qualification for the Parallel event (PSL) held on Sunday 26.02.2017. Only the top 16 athletes of the race on 25.02. will be eligible to qualify for the PSL. After the qualification race racers will have to confirm their participation in PSL, or the next racer from the qualification race will come in for the PSL race.* More detailed rules for the PSL you will find at the end of this document.

The entry fee has to 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. For the PSL event of the Baltic Cup in Sigulda no entry fees will be charged and no prize money will be awarded.

For the first time PSL event will be organized also for the U12, U14, U16 age groups. To qualify for the PSL event for youth that will be held on 26.02.2017 the races will have to be ranked among the top 4 racers of the relevant age group in the Baltic Cup Super-Slalom race held on 25.02.2017.

PROGRAM*

FEBRUARY 24 TH	FIS CATEG.	GROUPS	OTHER INFO
Baltic Cup 2017 SL	FIS ENL	U21; E	
Baltic Cup 2017 SL	-	M	
SL	FIS ENL NJR	U21; E	
Baltic Cup 2017 GS	-	U12; U14; U16	
FEBRUARY 25TH			
Baltic Cup 2017 SL	FIS ENL	U21; E	Qualifying for Adult PSL
Baltic Cup 2017 SL	-	M	Qualifying for Adult PSL
SL	FIS ENL NJR	U21; E	
Baltic Cup 2017 Super-Slalom	-	U12; U14; U16	Qualifying for Youth PSL
FEBRUARY 26TH			
Baltic Cup 2017 Adult PSL	-	E and M combined	TOP16 from qualifying
Baltic Cup 2017 Youth PSL	-	U12; U14; U16	TOP4 from qualifying

* Races for U12; U14; U16; Masters, are National level races and will be carried out according to Baltic Cup competition rules 2016-2017, published in www.infoski.lv and FIS points will not be calculated!

** Races for U21 and E will be a FIS ENL SL and will be held according to the FIS ICR only, FIS points will be calculated and all quota regulations will apply. Specific rules regarding the Baltic Cup 2016-2017 calendar and the overall standings can be found in the Baltic Cup competition rules published in www.infoski.lv.

*** The daily program is expected to start with SL race for U21 and E. M will take over the SL course after each run. The FIS ENL SL races will be followed by a GS and Super-Slalom races for youth U12; U14; U16.

Due to a race schedule and calculation of the Baltic Cup overall standings the Masters racers will have to decide do they want to compete in the Elite FIS or the Masters category. It will not be possible to do both races at the same day on the same course.

**** Time schedules with the exact race programs will be presented in the team captains meetings and depend of the total number of competitors registered before the dead line of the official entries. The time schedules will be published also in www.infoski.lv before the race.

RACE FACILITY, RACE OFFICE AND TEAM CAPTAINS MEETINGS

Race Office will be located the same place where the races will be held at „Pilsetas trase” (Peldu 1, Sigulda, LV-2150, Latvia). But the first team captains meeting will be held on Thursday February 23th at 20.00 in the finish building of “Kordes trase” following the road after passing “Pilsetas trase” for around 700m. The team captains meeting will be conducted for the FIS events first and the youth events after.

AGE CATEGORIES

The Baltic Cup competitors are divided into the following age groups.

GROUP	SHORT NAME	AGE
Elite	E	Born in 2000 and older
Juniors	U21	Born in 1996 – 2000
Masters	M	Born in 1982 and older
Youth under age 16	U16	Born in 2001 – 2002
Youth under age 14	U14	Born in 2003 – 2004
Youth under age 12	U12	Born in 2005 – 2006

RULES

Rules for the Baltic Cup 2016/2017 competition will be 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.

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

All training before and after the race has to be coordinated with the Chief of Course: Vents Balodis, e-mail: vents.balodis@sigulda.lv

2ND STAGE OF BALTIC CUP 2017 PARALLEL SLALOM RULES

Adapted rules from the ICR "Execution of a Parallel on Two Courses" will be used for Baltic Cup PSL. Each heat between two competitors consists of two runs, competitors change courses for the second run.

QUALIFYING

ADULT PARALLEL SLALOM

ENL SL on 25.02.2017 will be used as a qualification competition, where top 16 best results of the racers from E and M combined will be entered to the PSL.

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

Heat 1	1st and the 16th
Heat 2	8th and the 9th
Heat 3	3rd and the 14th
Heat 4	6th and the 11th
Heat 5	5th and the 12th
Heat 6	4th and the 13th
Heat 7	7th and the 10th
Heat 8	2nd and the 15th

The competitors receive the numbers from 1 to 16 as classified and they keep them until the end of the races.

YOUTH PARALLEL SLALOM

Super-Slalom race on 25.02.2017 will be used as a qualification competition for youth PSL. Youth racers will race their PSL race in the same format starting from the Semi finals each of the above mentioned age categories.

Heat 1	1st and the 4th
Heat 2	2nd and the 3rd

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.

ROUNDS FOR PARALLEL SLALOM

ROUND OF SIXTEEN

Eight 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 or possibly two times zero. 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

The four qualified athletes start according to the start table. The losing two athletes race for 3rd and 4th position.

FINALS

The two qualified athletes race the final. The losing athlete receives rank 2nd. The winner of the PSL receives the 1st place

MISCELLANEOUS

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.

In case of a tie in the 16th place of the qualification race of the qualification for FIS and M, the two athletes that share the same rank will race one run elimination round at the PSL race day, before the competition start. The same rule applies if 4th position is shared in qualifying for youth PSL.

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.

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

