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REGULATIONS OF THE BALTIC STATES TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

1. Title and information

- 1.1. The official abbreviated title of the Baltic States Tree Climbing Championship 2025 (hereinafter – the Championship) is “BSTCC 2025”.
- 1.2. All approved information related to the Championship is available on the official Championship website - <http://www.kokiem.lv/bstcc2025/> (hereinafter – the Championship website).

2. Goals and Objectives

- 2.1. To inform the public about the field of tree care, its importance, standards, and good practices, as well as the everyday work of an arborist.
- 2.2. To popularize arborist work as a professional choice, an active and healthy lifestyle, and a sport.
- 2.3. To promote the skill and professional growth of arborists in the Baltic States.
- 2.4. To facilitate the exchange of experience and knowledge between arborists in the Baltic States and Europe.
- 2.5. To identify the best arborist-athletes in the Baltic States.
- 2.6. To determine which arborists from the Baltic States qualify to participate in the European Tree Climbing Championship.

3. Time, Venue, and Organizer of the Championship.

- 3.1. The Championship will take place from June 5 to June 7, 2025, in the territory of Carnikava Park – Zvejnieku Street 3, Carnikava, Carnikava Parish, Ādažu Municipality, Latvia, LV-2163 (hereinafter – the Championship Venue).
- 3.2. The Championship is organized by the Latvian Association of Tree Workers and Arborists (hereinafter – the Organizer).

4. Participants

- 4.1. The Championship is open to arborists from the Baltic States and other countries, as well as other interested parties who have skills in safe tree climbing using equipment and rope techniques (hereinafter – Participants).
- 4.2. Participants are divided into three groups:
 - 4.2.1. Men – participants who compete in the men's category.
 - 4.2.2. Women – participants who compete in the women's category.
 - 4.2.3. Students – participants who, at the time of the competition, are studying to become arborists at an educational institution in the Baltic States and can provide a certificate or statement from the educational institution to confirm their status.
- 4.3. Participants must be at least 18 years old on the first day of the Championship (June 5, 2025).
- 4.4. By registering for the Championship, Participants confirm their compliance with the Championship Regulations.
- 4.5. On the first day of the Championship, each Participant must sign a statement confirming they have read and understood the Championship Regulations and all related documents, and that they take full responsibility for their actions and health during the Championship, both at the Championship Venue and outside it.

5. Type and Rules of the Championship

- 5.1. The Championship takes place outdoors, using living trees, in conditions simulating a working environment.
- 5.2. The Championship is an international and open competition, coordinated with the International Society of Arboriculture (hereinafter – ISA) and conducted under its supervision.
- 5.3. The Championship will follow the latest version of the International Tree Climbing Championship Rules (hereinafter – ITCC Rules), approved by the ISA, available at <http://www.itcc-isa.com/rulesregulations/rules>.
- 5.4. The Organizer is not obliged to provide Participants with access to the ITCC Rules. It is each Participant's responsibility to independently read and understand the ITCC Rules.
- 5.5. The Organizer reserves the right to supplement the ITCC Rules with additional regulations or modify them to ensure the safety of Participants, judges, volunteers, and spectators.

- 5.6. The Organizer may adjust the participation conditions for the Student Group by establishing specific rules, which will be communicated to the Student Group on the day of the competition.

6. Championship Procedure

6.1. First Day (June 5, 2025):

- Arrival and registration of Participants.
- Demonstration of qualification disciplines for Participants.
- Inspection of Participants' equipment.

6.2. Second Day (June 6, 2025):

- Opening of the Championship.
- Competitions in qualification disciplines (hereinafter – Disciplines):
 - Work Climb;
 - Aerial Rescue;
 - Throwline;
 - Ascent;
 - Speed Climb.

6.3. Third Day (June 7, 2025):

- Masters' Challenge.
- Award ceremony.

7. Scoring and Awards

- 7.1. Scoring will follow the ITCC Rules and Guidelines, available at [\[http://www.itcc-isa.com/rules-scoring\]](http://www.itcc-isa.com/rules-scoring)(<http://www.itcc-isa.com/rules-scoring>).

- 7.2. The Organizer reserves the right to develop a separate scoring system for the Student Group, which will be introduced to them on the day of the competition.

- 7.3. Participants earn points in the Disciplines based on their performance. The maximum points for each Discipline are:

- Work Climb (80 points);
- Aerial Rescue (50 points);
- Throwline (30 points);
- Ascent (25 points);
- Speed Climb (15 points).

- 7.4. In case of a tie, the Participant with the better performance in the Disciplines offering the highest maximum points will be ranked higher.

- 7.5. The Participants from the Women's and Men's groups with the highest points in the Disciplines advance to the Masters' Challenge. The Organizer determines the number of Finalists in each group, ensuring representation from all Baltic States where possible.

- 7.6. The Participants from the Women's and Men's groups with the highest points in the Masters' Challenge are declared the Championship winners.
- 7.7. Winners receive diplomas and prizes.
- 7.8. In addition to diplomas and prizes, Masters' Challenge winners receive a traveling cup, which must be returned at the next Championship.
- 7.9. Championship winners representing a Baltic State earn the right to participate in the European Tree Climbing Championship for the next three years, representing their country.
- 7.10. The Organizer may award additional incentive prizes and special awards to Participants.
- 7.11. Confirmed Championship results will be available at the Championship Venue within two hours after the Disciplines or Masters' Challenge conclude and will be published on the Championship Website.
- 7.12. Claims must be submitted within 30 minutes of the results being published on the Website or notice board, accompanied by a security deposit of 35.00 EUR + VAT paid to the Organizer. Claims will not be accepted after this period.
- 7.13. Claims will be reviewed by the panel of judges.

8. Equipment

- 8.1. Participants must provide their own equipment for use during the Championship.
- 8.2. On the first day, the Organizer will conduct an inspection (hereinafter – Inspection) of each Participant's equipment in accordance with ISA guidelines and ITCC Rules. Participants must submit all equipment they intend to use during the Championship for Inspection within the time specified by the Organizer.
- 8.3. Masters' Challenge Participants may submit additional equipment for Inspection within the time specified by the Organizer.
- 8.4. The Organizer will ensure an Inspection of the equipment of judges and volunteers working at height before its use during the preparation or conduct of the Championship.
- 8.5. Only equipment that has passed Inspection and meets safety requirements may be used by Participants and judges in designated Discipline areas during the Championship and its preparation.

- 8.6. It is the responsibility of each Participant, judge, or volunteer working at height to independently read, understand, and comply with ISA safety warnings and recommendations regarding equipment, available at [\[http://www.itcc-isa.com/rulesregulations/advisories\]](http://www.itcc-isa.com/rulesregulations/advisories)(<http://www.itcc-isa.com/rulesregulations/advisories>).
- 8.7. Anyone in restricted Discipline areas must wear appropriate footwear, clothing, and safety-standard eye and head protection at all times.
- 8.8. Participants are recommended to wear gloves, tight-fitting long trousers, and a tight-fitting long-sleeved shirt.
- 8.9. Each Participant's number must be attached to their helmet.

9. Special Rules for Student Group

- 9.1. The Student Group is not divided into male and female categories – all participants compete in a single evaluation group.
- 9.2. The Organizer provides necessary equipment for the Student Group, though availability may be limited. Students may use their own equipment if it meets the requirements of Sections 8.2 and 8.6.
- 9.3. The Student Group is evaluated separately from other Participants. The Organizer may set different evaluation criteria and adjust Disciplines for the Student Group, with the system announced on the competition day.
- 9.4. The top three Student Group Participants will receive special prizes and diplomas. They do not qualify for the European Tree Climbing Championship, even if they achieve the highest results in their group.
- 9.5. The Organizer may amend the Student Group competition and evaluation system to ensure a fair and high-quality event.

10. Registration and Entry Fee

- 10.1. Registration opens on March 20, 2025, at 21:00 via the online application form on the Championship Website.
- 10.2. Registration closes on June 1, 2025, at 12:00. The Organizer may close or suspend registration earlier if necessary.
- 10.3. Entry fees are determined at registration:
- Standard: 100.00 EUR + VAT – if registered by May 15, 2025, at 24:00.
 - Late: 130.00 EUR + VAT – if registered after May 15, 2025.
 - Latvian Association of Tree Workers and Arborists members: 60.00 EUR + VAT, regardless of registration date.
 - Students: 30.00 EUR + VAT, regardless of registration date.
 - Volunteer students assisting in organization: No fee.

- 10.4. The participation fee must be paid within seven days of registration or invoicing, or the Participant must re-register.
- 10.5. A Participant is officially registered once their fee is received in the Organizer's specified bank account.
- 10.6. Refunds for withdrawal:
- Before June 1, 2025: 50% of the fee is refunded.
 - On or after June 1, 2025: No refund.
- 10.7. If a registered Participant withdraws but registers a previously unregistered substitute who complies with the Regulations, the fee may be transferred to the new Participant. Otherwise, the original Participant is considered withdrawn.
- 10.8. The fee covers Championship preparation, execution, refereeing, first aid, security, Participant shirts, and other organizational costs.

11. Support and Advertising

- 11.1. The Organizer determines the procedure for Championship support, advertising placement, and sales points at the Venue.
- 11.2. Unauthorized advertising at the Venue or during the Championship is prohibited. Violators will be fined 800.00 EUR by the Organizer.

12. Liability

- 12.1. By registering, Participants acknowledge and voluntarily assume all risks associated with forestry activities, including injury, equipment damage, weather conditions, or unforeseen circumstances. The Organizer is not liable for medical, property, or third-party claim costs.
- 12.2. Participants confirm they are physically and mentally capable and adequately trained for safe participation, taking full responsibility for their safety, equipment use, and rule compliance. They must inspect their equipment before and during the event, reporting safety risks to the Organizer immediately.
- 12.3. The Organizer, judges, volunteers, sponsors, and partners are not liable for injuries, losses, or damages before, during, or after the competition, except in cases of gross negligence or intentional misconduct.
- 12.4. Participants agree to cover additional medical costs beyond first aid provided by the Organizer, who is not responsible for further services or transportation.
- 12.5. The Organizer may cancel or postpone the event due to unforeseen circumstances. If canceled for reasons beyond their control, fees will not be

refunded.

- 12.6. The Organizer may disqualify Participants for rule violations, with decisions being final and non-refundable.

13. Publicity and Privacy

- 13.1. Photography and video recording will occur during the Championship for documentation, public relations, and advertising purposes.
- 13.2. By registering, Participants consent to the Organizer using photos and videos for public relations and advertising, including on the Organizer's or Championship Website and social media.
- 13.3. Participants objecting to public use of their image must notify the Organizer in writing before the event begins.
- 13.4. Participants consent to the publication of their name, surname, gender, and results on the Organizer's or Championship Website.

14. Additional Information

- 14.1. The Organizer provides toilets, showers, drinking water, and professional medical assistance at the Venue.
- 14.2. The Organizer ensures compliance with Personal Data Protection Laws.
- 14.3. Additional information not covered in these Regulations is available on the Championship Website.
- 14.4. The Organizer may amend these Regulations at any time, with updates published on the Championship Website.
- 14.5. Organizer's Contact Information and Bank Details:
- Name: Latvian Association of Tree Workers and Arborists
 - Registration No.: 40008129058
 - VAT Registration No.: LV40008129058
 - Legal Address: Viestura Street 6, Jurmala, LV-2010, Latvia
 - Correspondence Address: Linarda Laicena Street 2, Jēkabpils, LV-5201, Latvia
 - Bank Name: AS "SEB banka"
 - SWIFT (BIC) Code: UNLALV2X
 - IBAN: LV22UNLA0050012291228
 - Email: bstcc2025@gmail.com
 - Championship Website:
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