

22nd IARU World ARDF Championships

16-22 August 2025
Birštonas, Lithuania

Bulletin no. 2

Dear ARDF friends,

Lithuanian Amateur Radio Society is delighted to invite you all to Birštonas, Lithuania, for the 22nd IARU World ARDF Championships, taking place from 16 to 22 August 2025.

Birštonas is a picturesque spa town located within the Nemunas Loops Regional Park, along the Nemunas River, and surrounded by stunning natural beauty. Renowned for its natural mineral water springs and clean, refreshing air, the town offers a unique combination of forests and wellness opportunities, making it an ideal setting for ARDF competitions and relaxation alike.

We hope you will enjoy exploring the charm of Birštonas and its surrounding areas as much as we do.

We look forward to meeting you in Birštonas and sharing this unforgettable ARDF experience together!



Organizers:

- Lithuanian Radio Amateur Society;
- Executive Lithuanian ARDF sports clubs:
 - Lapių medžioklė;
 - Pelengas.

Contact:

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Venue:

Birštonas is a charming resort town in Lithuania, nestled along the picturesque banks of the Nemunas River. Known for its mineral springs and healing properties, Birštonas has been a popular destination for relaxation and wellness for centuries. The town is surrounded by lush forests and offers a tranquil atmosphere, making

it ideal for visitors seeking rejuvenation and nature-based activities. With its well-developed spa facilities, scenic walking trails, and rich cultural heritage, Birštonas provides a perfect retreat for those looking to unwind and experience the natural beauty of Lithuania.

Transportation:

Birštonas can be reached:

- by car via the A1 (exit 66) from Vilnius or Kaunas, or via the A16 from Vilnius or the south of Lithuania (*Poland/Marijampolė*).
- by bus from Vilnius or Kaunas bus stations. You can check bus schedules, ticket fares, and buy tickets here: [Bus Tickets](#).

Transportation from Vilnius International Airport (VNO), Kaunas International Airport (KUN), or Palanga International Airport (PLQ) can be arranged upon request. Requests must be submitted to the organizers well in advance (together with the entries), and no later than 26 July 2025. The transfer price per person will be calculated based on the number of applicants.

Accommodation:

Important. Competitors are responsible for arranging their own accommodation, and it is highly recommended to make these arrangements well in advance.

The organizers have negotiated a special deal with *Sanatorium Egle*, offering exclusive rates for ARDF competitors. This option includes full board, access to the swimming pool, sauna, and other amenities. The organizers strongly encourage participants to stay at *Sanatorium Egle* to enjoy these benefits and the convenience of the recommended accommodation.

You can book accommodation in Sanatorium Egle with these special rates here: [Sanatorium Egle-booking](#).

Please note that payments for accommodation must be made directly by competitors to the service provider.

For other accommodation options, please visit: <https://www.visitbirštonas.lt/en/>

Visa requirement:

Lithuania is a member of the European Union and the Schengen Area. Participants of the 22nd IARU World ARDF Championships are advised to check whether they require a visa to enter Lithuania.

To determine if you need a visa, please visit the official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania: <https://keliauk.urm.lt/en/entry-to-lithuania/visas>

Entry fees:

Competitors: EUR 70 per competition. Full package EUR 280 per whole event (registration, transport to start and from finish, souvenirs, hamfest etc.).

Team officials: EUR 40 per competition. Full package EUR 160 per whole event (registration, transport to start and from finish, souvenirs, hamfest etc.).

Visitors: EUR 15 per competition (*transport to finish and back*). EUR 60 per whole event.

Hamfest (separate fee for visitors): EUR 35

Important. The above-mentioned fees apply until 15 June 2025. Payments made after 15 June 2025 will incur a 50% late fee.

Payment details:

Bank: AB Šiaulių bankas

IBAN: LT92 7180 0002 8473 3690

SWIFT: CBSBLT26

Beneficiary: Sport club "Lapiu medziokle"

Letter of intent:

Societies that have not yet submitted their Letter of Intent but are willing to take part in the competitions are kindly requested to do so by 31 May 2025.

The Letter of Intent (attached below) should be sent by email to info@ardf2025.lt.

Note: The Letter of Intent can also be found in the the official [Championship website](#).

Event Programme:

22nd IARU World ARDF Championships will take place 16-22 August 2025 in Birštonas. Event programme:

Date	Weekday	
16 August	Saturday	Arrival, training, opening ceremony
17 August	Sunday	1 st classics
18 August	Monday	Sprint
19 August	Tuesday	The day off
20 August	Wednesday	Foxoring
21 August	Thursday	2 nd classics, closing ceremony
22 August	Friday	Departure

1st classics: 3,5 MHz (W19, W21, W35, M19, M21, M40)
144 MHz (W45, W55, W65, M50, M60, M70)

2nd classics: 144 MHz (W19, W21, W35, M19, M21, M40)
3.5 MHz (W45, W55, W65, M50, M60, M70)

Categories:

According to the Rules: W19, W21, W35, W45, W55, W65, M19, M21, M40, M50, M60, M70

Each society may enter *up to three competitors* in each category per competition.

Deadline for submission of the list of participants: **13 July 2025.**

International Jury:

Chairman of Jury Viktor Tsenkov, LZ3NN

BFRA Bulgaria

Sitting Referee Remigijus Masilionis, LY1RM

LRMD Lithuania

Competition rules:

The IARU Region 1 Rules for Championships in Amateur Radio Direction Finding: Part A (version 2020) and Part B (version 2025) can be downloaded here: [IARU Region 1 Rules for Championships in Amateur Radio Direction Finding](#).

Terrain, weather and clothing:

The competition areas are characterized by gently rolling hills, sandy soil, and a mix of pine and broadleaf forests. The landscape features numerous deep ravines, small valleys, occasional marshes, and forest clearings.

In August, competitors can expect mild weather conditions, with daytime temperatures typically ranging from 20°C to 25°C. While the month is generally dry and sunny, occasional rain showers are possible.

There are no regulations regarding clothing. The choice of footwear is free. Please note that ticks may be present in the competition terrain, appropriate precautions are highly recommended.

Transmitters and antennas:

3.5 MHz transmitters (classics)

- RF power 3W
- frequency: 3.53 MHz, finish beacon: 3.60 MHz
- antenna: 8m vertical + 8 m single radial counterpoise

144 MHz transmitters (classics)

- RF power 1W
- frequency: TX 1-5: 144.50 MHz, finish beacon: 144.85 MHz
- antenna: crossed dipoles 2.5 m above ground level

3.5 MHz transmitters for sprint

- RF power 1 W
- frequency:
 - TX 1-5: 3.53 MHz
 - spectators control (S): 3.55 MHz
 - TX 1F-5F: 3.57 MHz
 - finish beacon: 3.60 MHz
- antenna: 8m vertical + 8 m single radial counterpoise

3.5 MHz transmitters for foxoring

- RF power 10 mW, beacon: 1W
- frequency:
 - TX 1, 2, 1F, 2F: 3.53 MHz
 - TX 3, 4, 3F, 4F: 3.55 MHz
 - TX 5, 5F: 3.57 MHz
 - finish beacon: 3.60 MHz
- antenna:
 - field transmitters 30 cm vertical + no counterpoise,
 - finish beacon 8m vertical + 8 m single radial counterpoise

Marking devices:

SportIdent system (not SIAC) will be used, control numbers and bands will be written on the SI unit.

Medical Care and Insurance:

First aid facilities will be available at the finish areas for all competitions. There is no cost to participants for on-site minor treatment, however the cost of ambulance transportation, emergency department visits, or clinic visits will be the participant's responsibility. Therefore, we strongly recommend purchasing insurance that covers such expenses.

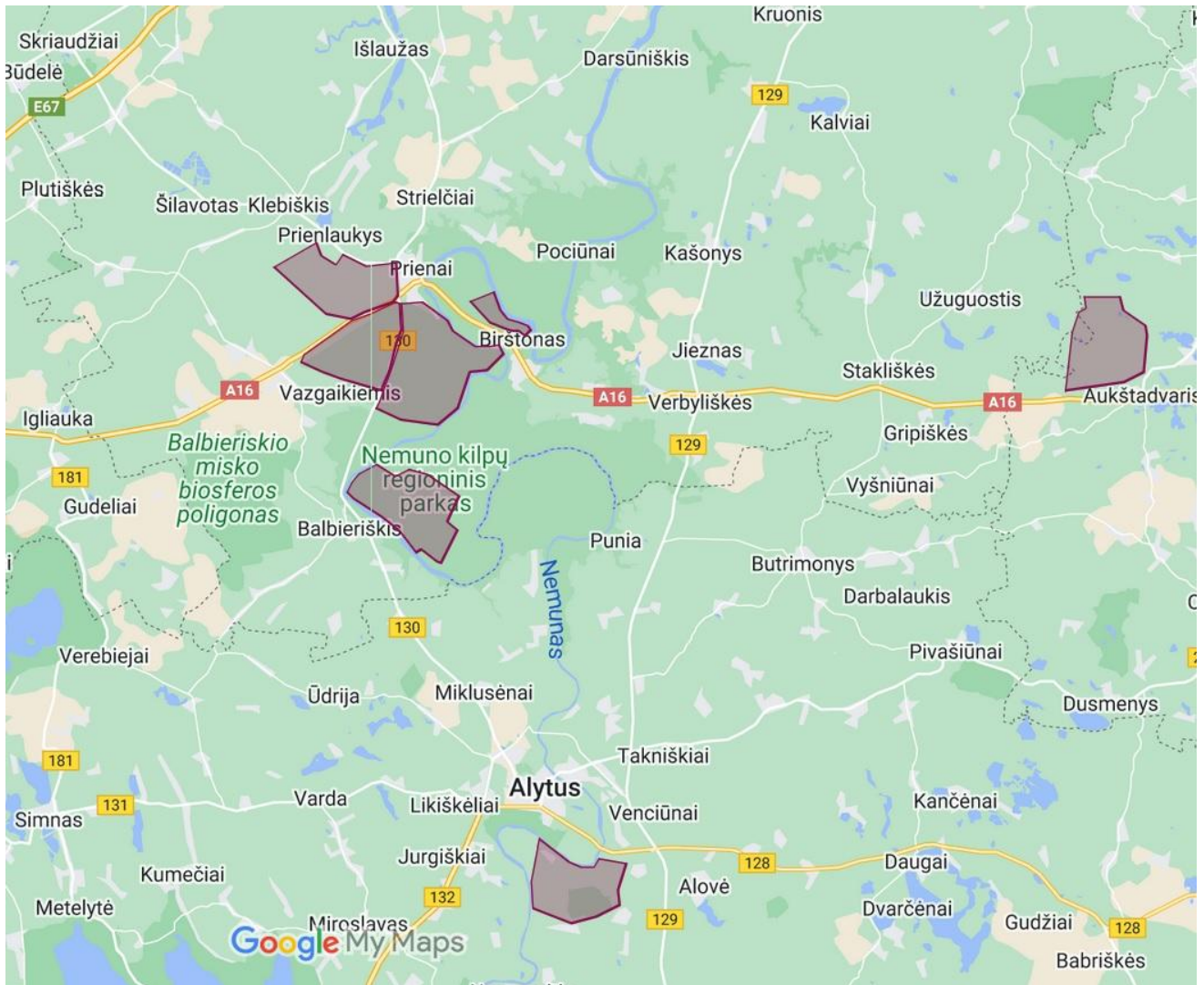
Note on thunderstorm:

In the event of a severe thunderstorm, the Chairman of the Jury may recall the competition (according to Rule 27.5). In such a case, this will be announced to competitors by switching off all transmitters except the beacon and TX No. 1, which will remain operating continuously. Competitors must proceed to the finish immediately.

Embargoed area:

As of the publishing date of this bulletin, it is forbidden to train or move around in any forested area within the highlighted areas below. Allowed exceptions are official orienteering or ARDF events organized by Lithuanian Orienteering Federation or Lithuanian Amateur Radio Society.

You can familiarize with embargoed areas here: [embargoed areas](#)



A recent orienteering maps of the possible competition areas:

Birštonas: <https://maps.trails.lt/maps/losf1758.jpg>

Žvėrinčiaus miškas: <https://dbtopas.lt/takas/zmlp/losf0712.gif>

Siponys: <https://dbsportas.lt/lt/zmlp/1612>; <https://dbsportas.lt/lt/zmlp/1428>

Balnininkai: <https://dbsportas.lt/lt/zmlp/1152>; <https://maps.trails.lt/maps/balninku-miskas-2022.jpg>

Prienų šilas: https://dbtopas.lt/takas/zmlp/ltu202301_20230910223515.png

Aukštadvaris: <https://dbtopas.lt/takas/zmlp/losf0965.gif>; <https://maps.trails.lt/maps/albinava-2020.jpg>;
https://dbtopas.lt/takas/zmlp/losf1913_20190702201208.gif

Trys ežerėliai: <https://dbsportas.lt/lt/zmlp/1092>; <https://maps.trails.lt/maps/vazgaikiemis-2019.jpg>

Meškapiemis: <https://dbsportas.lt/lt/zmlp/1600>;

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LETTER OF INTENT

We
(name of the society)

.....
(abbreviation and the name of the country)

hereby express our intention to participate in the 22nd IARU World ARDF Championships,
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1. The expected number of competitors, officials and visitors:

Category	
W19	
W21	
W35	
W45	
W55	
W65	
M19	
M21	
M40	
M50	
M60	
M70	
Officials	
Visitors	
Total	

Note: according to the rules, each society may enter up to three competitors in each category per competition.

2. Team contact person

Name:

Phone:

E mail:

Deadline for the letter of intent — **31 May 2025**.

Please send the letter of intent by e-mail to: info@ardf2025.it