



22nd IARU World ARDF Championships

16-22 August 2025

Birštonas, Lithuania

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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.

Competition office during all competitions:

Birštonas Sports and Wellness Center
Kęstučio st. 14, LT-59210 Birštonas, Lithuania
email: info@ardf2025.lt
web: <https://www.ardf2025.lt/>

Transportation to venue:

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.visitbirstonas.lt/en/>

International Jury:

<u>Chairman of the Jury:</u>	Viktor Tsenkov , LZ3NN	BFRA	Bulgaria
<u>Referee at the start:</u>	Kai Pastor , DG0YT	DARC	Germany
<u>Referee at the finish:</u>	Karl-Heinz Shade , DL7VDB	DARC	Germany
<u>Referees in competition area:</u>	Jiri Pavlu , OK1CHE	CRC	Czechia
	Kenneth E. Harker , WM5R	AARL	USA
	Hyeongmoon Choi , HL4CFN	KARL	Republic of Korea
	Panayot Danev , LZ1US	BFRA	Bulgaria
	Dušan Čeha , YU1EA	SRS	Serbia
<u>Sitting and technical referee:</u>	Remigijus Masilionis , LY1RM	LRMD	Lithuania
<u>Secretary of the Jury:</u>	Mindaugas Nakvosas , LY5AI	LRMD	Lithuania

Assistants to sitting and technical referee: Egidijus Navickas and Paulius Navickas.

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](#).

Detailed program of the Championships 2025:

Saturday, August 16 – Arrival, opening ceremony

11:00 – 20:00 Competition office open

15:00 – 17:00 Training for all competitions

19:00 – 19:30 Opening ceremony

20:00 – 20:30 Team officials' meeting

Sunday, August 17 – 1st classics

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

7:30 Departure of buses to start area (competitors and officials)

8:30 Departure of buses to finish area (officials and visitors)

9:00 Start of 1st Classics

14:00 – 20:00 Competition office open

17:00 – 17:30 Team officials' meeting

Monday, August 18 – Sprint

8:00 Departure to start area (competitors and officials)

8:50 Departure to finish area (officials and visitors)

9:00 Start of Sprint

17:00 – 17:30 Team officials' meeting

14:00 – 20:00 Competition office open

19:00 – 20:00 Awarding ceremony (1st classics + sprint)

Tuesday, August 19 – The day off

11:00 – 19:00 Competition office open

Wednesday, August 20 – Foxoring

7:30 Departure of buses to start area (competitors and officials)

8:30 Departure of buses to finish area (officials and visitors)

9:00 Start of Foxoring

14:00 – 20:00 Competition office open

17:00 – 17:30 Team officials' meeting

Thursday, August 21 – 2nd classics

2nd classics: 144 MHz (W19, W21, W35, M19, M21, M40)
 3,5 MHz (W45, W55, W65, M50, M60, M70)

7:30 Departure of buses to start area (competitors and officials)

8:30 Departure of buses to finish area (officials and visitors)

9:00 Start of 2nd Classics

14:00 – 19:00 Competition office open

19:00 – 20:30 Awarding and closing ceremony of competitions

21:00 – 24:00 Hamfest

Friday, August 22 - Departure

10:00 – 12:00 Competition office open

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.

Terrain

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.

Marking devices:

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

Control flags:

- 3.5 MHz band: standard 30x30 cm 3-sided white and orange flag at all controls
- 144 MHz band: 30x30 cm 3-sided white and orange flag with a blue vertical stripe at all controls
- Sprint: 30x30 cm 3-sided white and orange flag at S (spectator) and B (beacon) controls, red/white striped SI stand (no flag) at all other controls.
- Foxoring: 30x30 cm 3-sided white and orange flag at B (beacon) control, no flag and black SI stand at all other controls.

Maps and competition areas:

1st classics 1:15 000, E=2.5 m, 22x30 cm

Sprint 1:5 000, E=2 m, 23x33 cm

Foxoring 1:10 000, E=2.5 m 21x33 cm

2nd classics 1:15 000, E=2.5 m, 22x31 cm

You can familiarize with embargoed areas which will be used for competitions [here](#).

The following maps, or parts of them, will be used during the competitions:

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

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

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

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

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

If all payments are not fully paid by the day of competitions (August 16, 2022), participant(s) will not be allowed to start and services for them will not be provided.

The use of personal transportation to the start of any World Championship competition is strictly prohibited.

Payment details:

Bank: AB Šiaulių bankas

IBAN: LT92 7180 0002 8473 3690

SWIFT: CBSBLT26

Beneficiary: Sport club "Lapiu medziokle"

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.

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