

## 22<sup>nd</sup> IARU World ARDF Championships

16-22 August 2025

Birštonas, Lithuania

Bulletin no. 1

*Dear ARDF friends,*

*Lithuanian Amateur Radio Society is delighted to invite you all to Birštonas, Lithuania, for the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Preliminary Event Programme:

22<sup>nd</sup> IARU World ARDF Championships will take place 16-22 August 2025 in Birštonas. Preliminary event programme:

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

## Categories:

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

## Expected fees:

Starting fee: EUR 70 per competition. Full package EUR 280 per whole event.

## Accommodation:

**Important.** Competitors are responsible for arranging their own accommodation, and it is kindly 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](#).

More information about Sanatorium Egle you can find here: <https://sanatorija.lt/en/birstonas/>.

*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/>

## Deadline for letter of intent: 16 February 2025

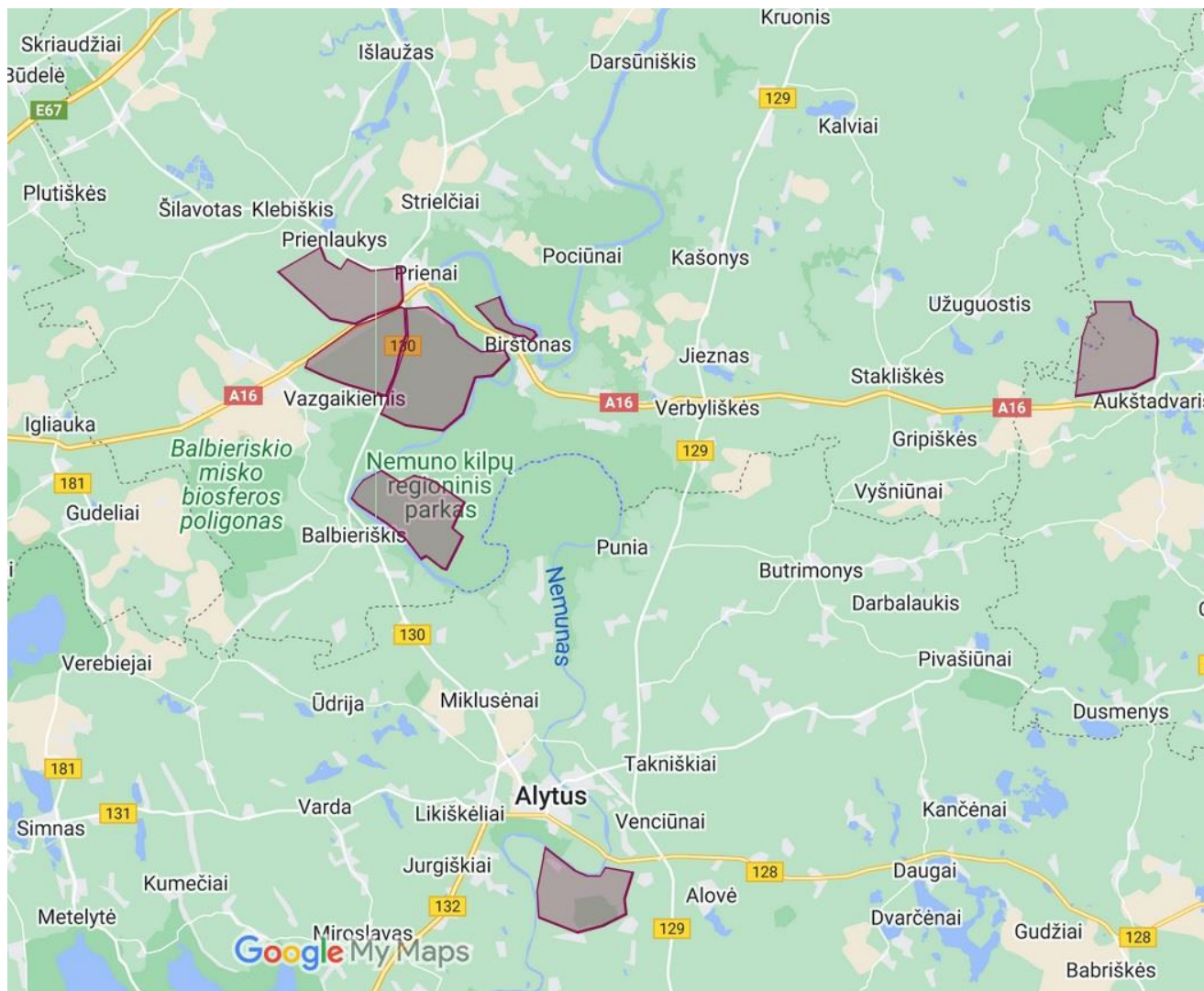
Letter of intent (attached below) should be sent by email to [info@ardf2025.lt](mailto:info@ardf2025.lt).

*Note: Letter of intent also can be found in download section.*

## 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>

Sipony: <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](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](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, 16-22 August 2025, Birštonas, Lithuania.

**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 — **16 February 2025.**

Please send the letter of intent by e-mail to: [info@ardf2025.lt](mailto:info@ardf2025.lt)