



EST-LAT Ski Orienteering League 2013

EST-LAT Orienteering League is initiated by Estonian Orienteering Federation and Latvian Orienteering Federation. Main objectives of the League are:

1. To enforce orienteering sports traditions and to ensure long term development of orienteering sports by increasing the knowledge and popularity of orienteering among the local people, especially the youth.
2. To attract new participants to orienteering sport in the borderland of Estonia and Latvia.
3. To strengthen the co-operation between the orienteering communities in Estonia and Latvia.

About EST-LAT Ski Orienteering League 2013

1. EST-LAT Ski Orienteering League (further – League) is a series of ski orienteering competitions to award the winners of EST-LAT Ski Orienteering League in different age groups.
2. The League consists of series of competitions in ski orienteering (SkiO) and includes different distances.
3. League is organized jointly by Estonian Orienteering Federation (further – EOF) and Latvian Orienteering Federation (further – LOF) in co-operation with local orienteering clubs (further – Organizers).
4. The Competition rules of International Orienteering Federation (further IOF) for SkiO events shall be applied at all League competitions together with the rules of the EOF and LOF.
5. League Board organization:
 - 5.1. League Board consists of EOF and LOF boards, and Estonian and Latvian orienteering clubs.
 - 5.1.1. EOF and LOF boards are responsible for choosing competitions which will be included in the League.
 - 5.2. Latvian and Estonian orienteering clubs represented in the League structure are the clubs that will be organizing League competitions in the current season (i.e. Organizers). Each orienteering club will be represented by one of their club members.
 - 5.3. Orienteering clubs represented in the League structure are assisting the League board in the development of the League and its statute and elaborating prize fund for awarding total score winner of each League season.

Dates and program for 2013

1. Dates of the League competitions are listed as follows:

Stage No.	Date	Name of the competition	Place	Organizer, homepage	Distance
1-2	12.- 13.01.	Madona Cup in SkiO	Madona, Latvia	OK Arona, http://www.okarona.lv	middle+long
3-4	19.- 20.01.	Põlva County Championships in SkiO	Rosma, Estonia	OK Põlva Kobras, http://kobras.polvamaa.ee	sprint+long
5-6	02.- 03.03.	XII Estonian Winter Games	Haanja, Estonia	OK Võru, http://www.okvoru.ee	sprint+middle
7-8	08.- 09.03	Latvian Championships in SkiO	Madona, Latvia	OK Arona, http://www.okarona.lv	sprint+middle

2. The usual duration of each League competition is two days
3. Each League competition day is called a League stage and numbered accordingly.

AGE GROUPS

The League will evaluate individual results separately for men and women in the following age groups:

MW 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 35, 45, 55, M65, OPEN;

In case there are more or less age groups on any League competition, Organizers must mention in Bulletin 1, which groups are used for counting the score for the League total score.

START LISTS

Start lists are drawn following the rules of EOF and LOF. If there are special rules for drawing start order at any competition, all participants of the League shall be treated equally. Start lists must be published at least 3 days before the competition.

SCORE

1. Score is being calculated for all orienteers participating in non-OPEN groups that are registered in Orienteers' Database of Estonian (<http://www.orienteerumine.ee/orienteerujad/index.php>) or Latvian Orienteering Federations (<http://mona.lv/odb/2010/index.php>) starting from the registration day of the sportsmen. Applying for the competitions and Orienteers' Database of Estonian or Latvian Orienteering Federation ends when the term for applying to the particular competition is closed.
2. Total score of the League is calculated by summing of the quotients that are obtained by the following formula: $100 \times \text{winner's time} / \text{participant's time}$. Winner of the group is the sportsman receiving the highest score and being registered in Orienteers' Data Base of Estonian or Latvian Orienteering Federation (except for Open 1-3 group winners).
3. Quotients are calculated on daily basis, i.e. after every individual race.
4. To determine the winners of the League, a sum of 5 (five) best quotients is calculated. In case of equal sum of the quotients, the next best quotient is added to the sum.
5. To take a place in total score, one must participate in at least 1 (one) League competition.

6. Total score for a person is calculated on Database number and group-basis, meaning that quotients from different groups cannot be summed for the total score. Only one Database number can be used throughout the season.

PARTICIPATION FEE

Participation fee for each league stage is determined by the organizer. It is suggested that the fees are kept as low as possible for the youth and senior classes. Participation fee must be published in Bulletin 1.

Entries made after the official deadline for applying to particular competitions can be charged an additional fee or not accepted. In latter case, sportsmen are welcome to participate in OPEN groups.

PUNCHING SYSTEM

Only IOF licensed electronic punching systems may be used for League competitions.

PRIZE GIVING

Organizers decide on the number of prizes awarded for every category for particular competitions. Information about the Prize giving will be published latest in Bulletin 2.

Winners of the League will be awarded prizes after the last competition. Total score prizes will be awarded to 3 best competitors in all groups.

INFORMATION

1. Information from the Organizer shall be given in the form of bulletins and will be published on the websites of the particular Organizers and on the websites of Estonian and Latvian Orienteering Federations.
2. Bulletin 1 (preliminary information) shall include the following information:
 - organizing club(s) and the names of the event director and controller;
 - postal address, telephone number, e-mail address and web page for information;
 - dates of competition;
 - competition venue.
3. Bulletin 2 (invitation) shall include the following information:
 - all information given in bulletin 1;
 - registration possibilities for applying to the competition;
 - possibilities of accommodation and food;
 - opportunities for training;
 - description of competition terrain;
 - colour copy of most recent version of any previous orienteering map(s) of the competition area(s);
 - scales and vertical contour intervals of the maps used;
 - event program;
 - winning time and approximate length of each course;
 - latest date for all type entries and reservations;
 - latest date and address for the payments;
 - arriving scheme;
 - parking information and possible fee;
 - prize-giving.
4. Bulletin 1 shall be published 2 months before the competition. Bulletin 2 shall be published not later than one month before the competition.

SPECIAL RULES FOR THE ORGANIZERS

1. Organizer agrees to follow and elaborate the League statute in cooperation with the League Board
2. Organizer and the League Board agree together on the competition discipline, venue, date, and distances.
3. In order to improve the quality of the competitions at the stage of their preparation, League competitions will be supervised by an Event Adviser that is set by the Federations.
4. Organizers must mention Estonian and Latvian Orienteering Federations among the organizers of the particular competition in the competition bulletins and include the logo of the league in bulletins and on competition maps.
5. Within 24 hours after the end of the competition:
 - Competition results must be sent by e-mail to Total score administrator in the format of IOF XML (ver. 2.0.3 or 3.0) or CSV (using UTF-8 coding) for calculation of the total score: estlat_results@orienteerumine.ee.
 - Competition results or a link to them will be published on web pages of Estonian and Latvian Orienteering <http://www.orienteerumine.ee/estlat> and <http://www.lof.lv>.
6. League Board holds the right to exclude the competition results from the total score of the League, if Competition rules and the rules set by the League statute have been violated and have significantly influenced results of the competition.
7. Organizer of the competitions will sign a mutual agreement with Estonian or Latvian Orienteering Federation respectively.