



BALTIC DRIFT CHAMPIONSHIP

2017 LATVIAN DRIFT CHAMPIONSHIP

„Riga Drift challenge” round 1

ROUND 1 OF BALTIC DRIFT CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 1 OF ESTONIAN DRIFT CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 1 OF LITHUANIAN DRIFT CHAMPIONSHIP

Biķernieki Complex Sports Base

May 5-6, 2017

REGULATIONS

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SCHEDULE 05.05-06.05

FRIDAY 05.05.2017

11:00-16:00 REGISTRATION ALL CLASSES
15:00 PRO TECHNICAL COMMISSION
15:30- PRO BRIEFING
16:00-19:00 PRO FREE PRACTICE IN GROUPS

SESTDIENA 06.05.2017

08:50-09:20 DRIVERS BRIEFING
09:30-11:30 FREE PRACTICE (AFTER FREE PRACTICE, PHOTO SESSION 2017 SEASON PARTICIPANTS)
11:30-11:50 DRIVERS BRIEFING
12:00 RACE OPENING CEREMONY
12:30-14:30 QUALIFICATION
14:30-15:00 DRIVERS MEETING
15:00-18:30 TANDEM TOP 32
18:45 PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY

ORGANIZER CAN MODIFY OR CHANGE THE EVENT ITINERARY IF IT IS NEEDED, MAKING CHANGES STARTING WITH THE QUALIFICATION RUNS UP TO THE AWARDS CEREMONY.

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT

- 1.1. The event takes place in accordance with the LAF Sports Codex, FIA Sports Codex, LAF Circuit racing commission regulatory documents, drift 2017 season regulations, Baltic drift season regulations and these regulations. Changes or additions to these regulations will be announced in regulations annexes published and dated by the organizers or chief steward. Baltic Drift Championship event takes place according to the technical and season regulations for the 2017 Latvian Drift Championship. Lithuanian and Estonian Drift Championship events take place in accordance with the Latvian Drift Championship season regulations for 2017, but according to the technical regulations of each particular country.
- 1.2. The drift event will take place on May 5th and 6th, 2017, in Biķernieki Complex Sports Base.
- 1.3. Drift event secretariat:
 - **11:00 – 16:00 on 05.05.2017 and all day on 06.05.2016**, located within the track territory
- 1.4. The track:
 - Track description and layout will be published on the official information board and described in the drivers meeting;
- 1.5. For situations that are not described in these regulations, the final decision is made by:
 - 1) Event stewards and organizer, if the decision needs to be made during a Championship and/or a Cup event;
 - 2) Drift workgroup (consulting with the LAF Circuit racing commission), if the decision needs to be made outside of the event.
- 1.6. Any additional event changes will be announced to the competitors, and published on the official information board, on the day of the event if they've been made on race day. If the changes are made before the event, they will be published on a bulletin on the official website www.laf.lv no later than two days before the event.

2. ORGANIZATION OF THE EVENT

- 2.1. Organizer: SIA „Event Factory”
- 2.2. Registration number: 40103776202
- 2.3. Registered office: Lielvārdes iela 125-60, Rīga LV-1084
- 2.4. E-mail of the organizer: jbluss@inbox.lv
- 2.5. Senior officials:
 - Clerk of the course: Linda Medne
 - Event director: Jānis Blušs
 - Chief steward: Gunārs Ķeipāns
 - Chief scrutineers: Mareks Matvejevs and Dainis Akmentiņš

- Chief secretary

Eva Dzirkale

3. REGISTRATION

- 3.1. Registration begins: 11:00 on 05.05.2017 in the track territory
- 3.2. During the registration, a competitor needs to provide:
 - Vehicle registration documentation
 - A filled and signed registration form, if the competitor has not registered for the event online. Online registration is open from 01.04.2017 on www.driflatvia.com, the online registration form needs to be printed and brought to registration
 - Insurance policy (this is advised for full-year licence holders as well). The insurance needs to have at least 1500 EUR coverage and include motorsports. It will be possible to buy insurance on the day of the event
 - Full-year drift licence that has been applied for before 30.04.2017. It will be possible to buy a single event licence on race day, for that the competitor will need to provide a medical statement from the doctor, dated 2017 and stating that the competitor is “healthy and fit for motorsports events”
 - Foreign drivers need to provide either full-year licences from their country, or will need to buy the single event Latvian licence
 - For drivers who went through the technical check during the technical day (in accordance with the Latvian Drift Championship regulations article 6.2.2), it is mandatory to have the technical card that was given there

Registration order:

- Registration takes place in accordance with the event schedule:
 - Registration in the secretariat – entry fees, filling out and signing the entry form, receiving the drift passes and wristbands, administrative checks, registration for the event)
 - Technical scrutineering (clerk of the course marks the training card, approving that the race car is allowed to take part in the event)
- 3.3. Competitor needs to inform the secretariat about his/her service vehicle and its registration number. Each competitor is given one vehicle pass for the service vehicle. Each competitor also receives two free wristbands (for entry into the event), and will be allowed to buy 3 more wristbands, at a discounted price of 5 EUR, in the service park on the day of the event.
 - 3.4. Two additional wristbands are given to each driver – one for the driver and the other for the mechanic or a representative of the driver. These wristbands must be worn at all times in addition to the standard wristbands!

- 3.5. With his signature on the entry form, the competitor agrees that he/she has read and understood the LAF Sports Codex, the 2017 drift supplementary regulations, as well as the regulations for this event, and agrees to follow the rules stated there.
- 3.6. **Entry fee** in the event:
- **PRO LV CHAMPIONSHIP – 50 EUR**
 - **LT – 50 EUR**
 - **EE- 50 EUR**
 - **BALTIC – 25 EUR**
- EACH DRIVER WILL PAY JUST 50 EUR, DRIVING IN HIS OWN COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP, BALTIC DRIFT CHAMPIONSHIP ARE ON HIS CHOICE, DRIVE OR NOT. WON'T BE POSSIBILITY TO PAY FOR DIFFERENT COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP, TO GET POINTS THERE. IN PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY WILL BE JUST ONE PODIUM, WHERE FROM EACH COUNTRY 50 EUR, WILL BE PUT TOGETHER.*
- 3.7. The entry fee is returned to the competitor, if:
- The event is cancelled because of the organizer – 100% refund
 - The event is cancelled because of “force majeure” – 75% refund
- 3.8. It is allowed to take part in the event with any rear-wheel drive car that conforms to the PRO class rules as stated in the LAF Technical commission prepared PRO drift technical regulations for 2016. To compete in the Baltic Drift Championship, the competitor’s car has to meet the technical regulations of his/her country.
- 3.9. Only drivers with LAF, or the ASN of their country, issued PRO drift licences can take part in the event.
- 3.10. Competitors who wish to compete in the Championship, need to submit a list of documents, listed in the “Drift licencing rules for 2017”, to LAF. The aforementioned document is Annex No. 1 and is an important part of these regulations.
- 3.11. During the event, a competitor must not be under the influence of alcohol, drugs or any other intoxicating substances. A violation of this rule will result in exclusion from the event and the cancellation of the drift licence. The competitor must not have any health issues that affect his/her ability to drive.
- 3.12. The drift emblem and start numbers also contain the mandatory organizer’s advertisements, which a competitor cannot refuse. A violation of this rule will result in a 70 EUR fine. When registering on the day of the event, the sticker layout guide will also be available, to see where each sticker needs to be put on the race cars. If there are conflicts with the sponsors of a particular competitor, this needs to be communicated with the organizer in advance, in order to resolve this issue.
- 3.13. Full-year licence holders are forbidden from competing in local events not sanctioned by LAF. The same rules apply for international events – licenced drivers can only compete in events that are sanctioned by the federation or ASN of the country this event takes place in. Licenced drivers can’t compete in other events, taking place in Latvia or internationally, if they are on the same date as a

Latvian Drift Championship event. A violation of this rule will result in a cancellation of all the violator's results in the season standings. There can be exceptions in special cases, if the competitor contacts the drift workgroup beforehand and informs about taking part in an international event, where this particular competitor is battling for a top three position in the championship standings.

- 3.14. Alcohol and doping controls can take place during the events. The doping control procedure (and the list of forbidden substances) is in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Agency and FIA rules. Alcohol control can be done by the event organizer, using a breathalyser. In case of alcohol levels higher than those stated in the norms, the driver will be excluded from the particular event. The breathalyser limit is 0. If the test shows blood alcohol content, the driver is excluded or disqualified from the event, losing any points that might have been already received in the event.

4. INSURANCE

- 4.1. OCTA and KASKO liability insurance do not apply during the event.
- 4.2. The organizer's liability is insured in accordance with the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia regulation No. 298 "Par publisku pasākuma organizatora civiltiesiskās atbildības obligāto apdrošināšanu".

5. TECHNICAL SCRUTINEERING

- 5.1. Each competitor's car must arrive to the technical scrutineering taking place in the track territory. The technical scrutineering working hours are listed in the event schedule.
- 5.2. A technical card, if one was given to the competitor, must be presented during the scrutineering.
- 5.3. Start numbers, drift emblems and the mandatory organizers advertisements need to put be on the car in the layout, listed in the annex of these regulations, before the technical scrutineering.
- 5.4. Driver's safety equipment is checked during the technical scrutineering. The scrutineers have rights to check the driver's safety equipment at any point during the event.

6. PRACTICE

- 6.1. Practice time is listed in the event schedule. The organization of the practice will be described in the drivers meeting. A violation of the number of practice runs allowed will result in a 20 EUR fine. Each driver must do at least 2 practice runs on the day of the event. It is strictly forbidden to have passengers in the car during practice (unless the organizer and chief steward, after a request from the competitor, have allowed to bring a passenger on the practice runs).

7. START OF THE EVENT

- 7.1. The start for each car, both for qualification and tandem runs, will be given by the steward at the end of the start zone, who will show the green flag, moving it in a downward fashion from a height of the top of his/her head. This should be seen as a start signal.
- 7.2. The qualification runs are done in start number order, with the smallest number going first. Once everyone has completed the first run, the second run begins. Drivers need to be aware of when they need to go and do their qualifying runs, as they will get a score of zero if they don't take part in a run. Start order for the tandem runs is decided based on the best qualification run, according to the tandem bracket used in the event. If a competitor is unable to take part in a qualification run, it is necessary to communicate this with the competitor steward in advance, so that a decision can be made on whether the driver can be moved to the end of the particular qualification run. If the competitor steward is not warned about a driver not attending a qualification run, the competitor will be given a score of 0 (zero) for the particular run.
- 7.3. The top 16 or top 32 drivers, based on the best qualification run, will qualify for the tandem runs. If there is an insufficient number of drivers, the chief steward can make a decision to have a top 8 or a top 4.
- 7.4. Tandem, or elimination, runs take place in accordance with the Latvian Drift Championship 2017 regulations and the tandem trees. In tandem (or elimination) runs, the PRO class drivers are split into pairs, with each pair doing two runs, with one driver being the leader (the driver in front) on one run, and the other driver leading the second run. The best driver of the pair, as evaluated by the judges after both runs, moves on to the next round. Tandem runs are judged by the Judging principles, which is an annex to the Drift event regulations.
- 7.5. Any intervention with the judges, delaying of the event and disturbing of the work of stewards will be punished with a fine of 100 EUR. A repeated offense will result in the competitor's exclusion from the event. A competitor can be excluded from the event without warning for unsportsmanlike behaviour, including gesturing towards the stewards or judges.
- 7.6. It is not allowed to change tires within a single tandem battle, unless the tires or rims have a defect that prevents the competitor to continue racing. Violation of this rule will result in a 70 EUR fine and can also result in exclusion from the event. Depending on the track, this rule can be changed by the chief steward or team of stewards, by notifying the competitors no later than in the drivers meeting before tandem runs.

8. DRIFT COMPETITION

- 8.1. During both the qualification and tandem runs, competitors need to be strapped in with harnesses and must have put on a helmet with the buckle closed. Penalty for violating this rule – prohibition to participate.
- 8.2. Drivers meetings are mandatory for all drivers. Penalty for violating this rule – prohibition to participate. This prohibition is given to drivers who fail to attend the drivers meeting after receiving a warning.
- 8.3. Individual briefing for a driver who has not attended the drivers meeting – 50 EUR.
- 8.4. A competitor who has missed the drivers meeting cannot write a protest about any judges' decisions for the particular event. Any aggression or public displays of discontent with the judges and stewards decisions, including delaying the event by trying to manipulate the results and attempting to persuade the judges/stewards to change their decision towards this competitor, will be treated as disrespect towards drifting in general. Such actions can be penalized with a fine of up to 500 EUR and/or exclusion from the event.
- 8.5. During official practice, qualification and tandem runs, only the driver can be in the car (unless the organizer and chief steward, after a request from the competitor, have allowed to bring a passenger on the practice runs).
- 8.6. During the event, it is not allowed for competitors to drift outside the racing zone on the track.
- 8.7. It is **strictly forbidden** to drift on the way to the starting zone or after the finish. The first offense will be fined with up to 100 EUR, while after the second offense, the drift workgroup will look into this issue to decide whether this was unsportsmanlike behaviour.
- 8.8. In the drift opening parade, the competitor is only allowed to drift after the commentator announces the name and number of the driver, unless the organizer has specified that no burnouts will be allowed. Each competitor has up to 15 seconds to do his/her burnout during the parade.
- 8.9. During the opening parade, the competitors take full responsibility for their passengers and the safety of their team.
- 8.10. Taking part in the opening parade is mandatory, not attending will result in a 50 EUR fine. The competitor can only miss the opening parade if the race car has a technical issue, making it impossible to take part in the parade, but this must be **communicated** to the competitors' steward in advance.
- 8.11. Competitors are not allowed to drift outside their runs, except for:
 - If they so wish – for up to 30 seconds after his/her tandem run results are announced
 - If they so wish – after the announcement of the winner of the final battle, both drivers have additional time to do a burnout until their tires give out. If the track layout allows for it, other drivers are welcome to join in. Competitors will be informed about the drifting rules after the

final battle in the drivers meeting. **Each competitor is fully responsible for their actions on track and for the safety of themselves and others.**

- 8.12. Doing a standing burnout is strictly forbidden.
- 8.13. Track description: track – Biķernieki Complex Sports Base. The track layout will be published on the official information board on the day of the event.
- 8.14. Until the awards ceremony, it is forbidden to enter the service park with trailers, to put the cars on trailers in the service park or in the VIP area. If a competitor wishes to leave the event early because it has ended for him/her, they can leave the service park and VIP area in the race car and then put the car on the trailer outside of these areas. Putting the car on a trailer in the service park is forbidden. If a competitor wants to leave the service park and go home because the event has ended for him/her, this can only be done when there are breaks in the event, not while racing is taking place. The maximum allowed speed through the service park is 5 km/h. If any competitor violates this rule with the race and/or service car, they will not be allowed in the service park in the next event.
- 8.15. If the competitor has tents or other constructions, they can only take them down after the awards ceremony or with a special permission from the chief steward, stating that it will not interfere with the event. Staying night in track, and leave your car on track territory, can be purchased 5 EUR for that.
- 8.16. The car can be changed only once during a single event. If the reserve car breaks down, it is not allowed to change it to yet another car. After changing into a reserve car, it is not allowed to switch back to the main car, even if it has been repaired.
 - On the track section leading from the service park to the start, a competitor takes full responsibility of any accidents with people who might be on the track. It is suggested to drive no faster than 50 km/h in this section. If driver had caught with faster speed on drift in this road, drift organizer can put pennaity- 50 eur.
- 8.17. The race cars are split into the following categories:
 - **PRO class**

9. SERVICE PARK

- 9.1. Repairs, refuelling and tire changes are only allowed in the service zone.
- 9.2. The competitor and his/her team are responsible for following work and fire safety rules.
- 9.3. Only the race car and service car are allowed in the service zone.
- 9.4. The maximum allowed speed in the service park is 5 km/h. Speeding can be punished with a warning or a fine.
- 9.5. In the service park, cars need to be parked on the grass. Parking on asphalt is forbidden, except for race cars.
- 9.6. Service area in the service park needs to be equipped with a carpet (or something similar) that needs to be put under the race car. Violation of this rule will result in a 70 EUR fine.

- 9.7. It is suggested to use radio communication between the driver and team representative, and to choose a frequency that is not used by the event organizers, security and stewards.
- 9.8. If refuelling is done in the service area of a competitor, it needs to be equipped with a fire extinguisher that is at least 4 kg and is useable for the fuel that the particular race car runs on.

10. RESULTS

- 10.1. Drift event preliminary results will be published at **20:00** on **06.05.2017** on the official information board.
- 10.2. Drift event official results will be announced at **20:00** on **06.05.2017** and will be published on the third business day after the event on the Latvian Automobile Federation website www.laf.lv, as well as on the Latvian Drift Championship website www.driftlatvia.com.

11. AWARDS CEREMONY

- 11.1. The organizer awards the top 3 places in Riga drift challenge, after Tandem top32 tree.
- 11.2. The organizer awards the top qualifier PRO class.
- 11.3. The organizer and sponsors have the rights to give out prizes to other competitors of their choosing.
- 11.4. The top 3 drivers must attend the awards ceremony. Competitors not attending the ceremony lose their rights to receive the prizes.
- 11.5. PRO class drivers must attend the awards ceremony in their racing overalls.

12. PROTESTS

- 12.1. Protests regarding a race car not meeting the technical regulations can be submitted in written form throughout the event. The event schedule is listed in the regulations.
- 12.2. Protests about violations on the track and/or significant and provable violations of the judging principles can be submitted no later than by the end of the particular tandem round of the event (1/8 final, ¼ final, ½ final, etc.) and 5 minutes before the end of qualification. With the beginning of a new round, protests about the previous rounds are declined without consideration.
- 12.3. Fines about violations during the event must be paid by the date and/or time listed in the written ruling of the chief steward.
- 12.4. Fines which have not been mentioned in the event or season regulations will be determined based on the 10th chapter of the General Rules of LATVIAN AUTOMOBILE FEDERATION SPORTS CODEX.
- 12.5. For cases which are not mentioned in these regulations, both sides, in accordance with the rules of submitting protests, will follow the rules stated in the LAF Sports Codex chapter 11. In case of inaccuracies, deficiencies or contradictions, the decision on the merit, acceptance or declining of the protest is done by the clerk of the course.

- 12.6. All the protests must be in written form and need to be handed in to the chief steward or clerk of the course, including the protest fee of 200 EUR or, in the case of a protest about technical violations, 500 EUR.
- 12.7. The consideration and decision making procedure for each protest will be decided (and communicated to all the sides involved in the protest) by the stewards.
- 12.8. If a protest is approved, the protest fee is returned to the person who submitted it.
- 12.9. If a protest is denied, the protest fees, in accordance with a decision from the clerk of the course, fully or partially remain with the organizer.
- 12.10. Appellations can be submitted in accordance with chapter 12 of the LAF Sports Codex. An appellation fee of 1000 EUR needs to be paid to the LAF Appellation court.

GOOD LUCK IN THE RACE!

Event director, Jānis Blušs

APPENDIX NR.1, ABOUT JUDGING RULES IN BALTIC DRIFT CHAMPIONSHIP

DRIFT JUDGES WORK BY LATVIAN DRIFT CHAMPIONSHIP JUDGING RULES. COMPETITION RULES, TRACK LAYOUT AND CRITERIAS ARE SHOWED AND EXPLAINED BY THE JUDGES ON DRIVERS MEETING BEFORE THE COMPETITION.

QUALIFICATION:

- ✓ Each driver competes in two non-consecutive runs.
- ✓ Drivers receive a score each run, keeping the higher score
- ✓ 32 drivers move on the head-to-head competition
- ✓ Ties are broken according to the lower qualifying score

3 JUDING CRITERIES IN QUALIFYING:

1. STYLE (EACH 10 POINTS)

- ✓ INITIATION
- ✓ FLUIDITY
- ✓ COMMITMENT

2. LINE

3. ANGLE

INCOMPLETE RUNS:

- ✓ Spinning Out
- ✓ Opposite drift- drifting with the opposite angle required at that point on course
- ✓ Hood, hatch, trunk and/or doors opening during a run

TANDEM RUNS:

- ✓ Drivers complete in single elimination head- to-head battles
- ✓ Each battle consists of two runs
- ✓ The higher qualifier leads the first run, chases the second
- ✓ Three judges determine a winner OR decide to have the battle "One more time"

LEAD DRIVER GOALS:

- ✓ Run the qualifying line
- ✓ Run a 100 point qualifying run
- ✓ Run a chaseable lead run
- ✓ Follow the Accel/Decel map

CHASE DRIVER GOALS

- ✓ Initiate no later than the lead driver
- ✓ Maintain close proximity to the lead driver with as much duration as possible
- ✓ Match or better the lead drivers angle
- ✓ Mimic the lead driver's transitions and line throughout the course

INCOMPLETE RUNS

- ✓ Spinning out
- ✓ Opposite drift
- ✓ Hood,hatch, trunk or doors opening
- ✓ Unsportsmanlike contact
- ✓ Inactive lead