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## **Joninès 24-hour paddle race rules 2026**

### 1. Event Objectives

- 1.1. To promote long-distance, autonomous kayak paddling;
- 1.2. To showcase the beauty of Lithuania's lakes, rivers, and forests, and to encourage an active outdoor lifestyle;
- 1.3. To determine the strongest participants in the 24-hour kayak paddling race.

### 2. Event Location

- 2.1. The start of the race is Lake „Baltieji Lakajai“ (Molėtai district). Further, the participants will travel along the most beautiful Lithuanian rivers Lakaja and Žeimena, flowing through the mysterious Labanor forest, on the shores illuminated by bonfires. The competition will continue along the Neris River through Vilnius, towards the old capital of Lithuania Kernave.

### 3. Participants

- 3.1. Any person who registers on time and pays the entry fee may participate. Minors may participate in the same crew with an adult or must provide written parental consent;
- 3.2. Participation is allowed with any type of single or double kayak. Kayaks may be privately owned or rented. All kayaks must be powered solely by the physical effort of the crew;
- 3.3. Participants are divided into five categories:
  - K1 WOM – single kayak, women;
  - K1 MEN – single kayak, men;
  - K2 WOM – double kayak, women;
  - K2 MEN – double kayak, men;
  - K2 MIX – double kayak, mixed crew.
- 3.4. The number of crews requiring logistics service (according to clause 6.5) is limited. The registration of such crews will be suspended after reaching the limit of logistics service supply possibilities;
- 3.5. The number of crews that will not require the logistics service is not limited.

### 4. Race Procedure

- 4.1. Race start location: “Rudesas” campsite near Lake Baltieji Lakajai (Google Maps coordinates: 55.21083, 25.53268);
- 4.2. Start times are individual and determined by lottery on 2026.06.14. They will be published one week before race day on the event website and Facebook page;

First start: 2026.06.23 at 12:00

Last start: 2026.06.23 at 15:00

- 4.3. Members of the “222” club may choose their own start time (accurate to the minute) and must inform organizers by email before the lottery date. If no time is selected before the deadline, it will be assigned by lottery;
  - 4.4. The start and end of the participant's timing is determined only according to the start protocol, regardless of whether the participant started on time or was late;
  - 4.5. Participants independently take care of all the resources needed for 24 hours of paddle - water, food, clothing and equipment. Participants must transport all necessary resources themselves from the moment of start;
  - 4.6. During the race, any help from the outside is prohibited - participants cannot refill their own resources on the way (receive from the support team, pick up at a predetermined location, buy etc.). Participants have the right to share resources with each other if the need arises. A participant who used external help is removed without refund of the entry fee;
  - 4.7. Participants are prohibited from changing their kayak (transferring to another boat) during the race;
  - 4.8. External assistance is allowed only in case of danger to life or health. First aid must be provided immediately (phone: **112**), and organizers must be informed. With verbal permission from organizers, the participant may continue the race.
5. Results Recording and Publication
    - 5.1. Results are determined based on GPS tracker distance data. GPS trackers are issued at the start.
    - 5.2. After the race, trackers must be returned. If lost or not returned, the participant agrees to pay a €100 compensation fee.
    - 5.3. Higher ranking is awarded to the crew whose location in the riverbed, 24 hours after their individual start time, is further from the start location, regardless of total GPS distance.
    - 5.4. Crews may finish earlier than 24 hours but must inform organizers. The completed distance will be recorded in the final results.
    - 5.5. Final results will be announced on June 24 after 17:00 at the race base and later published on the event website and Facebook page.
  6. Logistics
    - 6.1. Race base: “Karageliškės Campsite” in Neris Regional Park (Google Maps: 54.80269, 24.92044). Distance from the starting place– 199 km.
    - 6.2. Participants arrive at the starting point:
      - a. Arrive independently;
      - b. Leave cars at the race base and use organizer transport to the starting place (persons only; private kayaks are not transported). Rental kayaks will be available at the start. Transport service must be booked by 2026.05.31. Cost: €20 per person.
    - 6.3. Crews renting kayaks will receive reserved kayaks, paddles, and life jackets at the start. Rental prices are listed in clauses 8.8 and 8.9.
    - 6.4. Participants not ordering logistics service after the race must arrange their own pickup.
    - 6.5. Participants ordering logistics service must paddle to designated logistics points and wait for transport. Organizers will collect them within reasonable time. Participants must assist with loading equipment.

#### Logistics Pickup Points:

*112 km – “Nemenčinė” Bridge (54.840217, 25.473627)*

*131 km – Below “Ožkiniai” (54.766708, 25.361153)*

*147 km – After White Bridge (54.695358, 25.269180)*

*160 km – After “Gariūnai” Bridge (54.670230, 25.182414)*

*169 km – “Vokė” tributary (~170 m carry) (54.687688, 25.076467)*

*194 km – “Purvės rėva” recreation area (54.80365, 24.97232)*

202 km – Before "Vievis" Bridge (54.787372, 24.897442)  
212 km – "Grabijolai" (54.842803, 24.869243)  
219 km – Below "Kernavė", after White Hill (54.883231, 24.822913)  
234 km – "Čiobiškis" Ferry (54.948390, 24.675334)

Participants will receive maps with marked logistics points at the start.

- 6.6. During the journey from the race base location to home, all participants are self-sufficient;
- 6.7. At the race base, participants will have the opportunity to rest, enjoy hot food and participate in the award ceremony;
- 6.8. At the starting point, participants can hand over to the organizers all items that will not be needed during the race, but are needed after the competition. The organizers will take the items to the race base and keep them until the arrival of the participants;
- 6.9. In case of emergency, organizers will ensure free evacuation of participants and equipment at any time.

## 7. Awards

- 7.1. The award ceremony for all participants will take place at the race base. The beginning of the ceremony is in June 24th after 17:00;
- 7.2. All participants are awarded commemorative medals;
- 7.3. Additional prizes are awarded to I, II, III who recorded the best result of each group;
- 7.4. If one of the crews manages to improve the best result achieved so far in the 24-hour paddle race, such an achievement will be registered in the Lithuanian record book, which is published by Agency Factum. The author(s) of the achievement will receive a diploma confirming the record when the relevant registration procedures are completed;
- 7.5. According to the results achieved in individual groups, all participants will receive credit points for the Kayak Rowing Amateur Cup (BIMT – [www.bimt.lt](http://www.bimt.lt)) 2026 in the general credit.

## 8. Registration and Entry Fee

- 8.1. Registration of participants starts in 2026.03.01; end – 2026.05.31;
- 8.2. Registration of participants who will need a logistics service (both with a rented and with their own kayak) can be stopped earlier - as soon as the possibility of supplying the logistics service is filled;
- 8.3. Registration is available at: [www.jurinebaidare.lt](http://www.jurinebaidare.lt) (page "Joninių 24 valandų lenktynės baidarėmis");
- 8.4. After receiving the application, the organizers undertake to approve or reject it within 2 working days (the application is rejected when the crew needs a logistics service, and the possibilities of providing this service are already filled) and to send the appropriate notification to the crew that submitted the application;
- 8.5. Entry fee must be paid by bank transfer according to the confirmation email instructions.
- 8.6. Payment must be made according to the entry fee rate valid on the date of payment. The applicable fee depends on payment date;
- 8.7. Entry fee per crew member:
  - 8.7.1. When making a payment 2026.03.01 to 2026.03.31 – €50 per each crew member
  - 8.7.2. When making a payment 2026.04.01 to 2026.04.30 – €60 per each crew member
  - 8.7.3. When making a payment 2026.05.01 to 2026.05.31 – €70 per each crew member
  - 8.7.4 Participants named Jonas (Jānis, Jaan, John, etc.) or Janina (Jāna, Jaanika, Jane, etc.): free entry (registration required by 2026.05.31). Rental and logistics fees apply if needed.
- 8.8. Rental Fees:
  - Double kayak (Vista) – €40 (includes 2 paddles and life jackets)
  - Single kayak (Roteco Smart XL / Aquarius Traper) – €30 (includes paddle and life jacket)
- 8.9. Logistics service (according to clause 6.5) – €25 per kayak

9. Special Conditions and Safety

9.1. By registering, participants agree to these regulations;

9.2. By paying the entry fee, participants accept full responsibility for any health issues directly or indirectly related to participation. Parents/guardians/trainer are responsible for minors;

9.3. By registering, participants agree that organizers may freely use event photos and videos for marketing purposes. Participants also agree that their results, name, surname, team name, and year of birth will be published on [jurinebaidare.lt](http://jurinebaidare.lt), [bimt.lt](http://bimt.lt), and the event Facebook page.

9.4. In case of injury, participants must call emergency number **112**.

10. Organizer Contact Information

10.1. The Joninès 24-hour Kayak Race is organized by VšĮ “Jūrinė baidarė”

10.2. Information:

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