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President of the Lithuanian students' sport association
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2026 LITHUANIAN STUDENT CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS FOR THE JONAS PIPYNĖ AND FELICIJA KAROBLIENĖ CUPS

I. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To develop and promote the sport of cross country by organizing the Lithuanian Students' Championship.
2. To identify the strongest higher education institution teams and athletes.
3. Conduct the Championships in accordance with the approved competition rules, the LSSA Statutes, and the Regulations.

II. ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT

4. The competition is organized by the Lithuanian Student Sports Association, hosted by Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, with Vilnius University as a partner.
Chief Referee: Raminta Kuktaitė.

III. TIME AND PLACE

5. The competition will be held on October 17, 2026, in Vilnius, at 26 Saulėtekio Ave., Vilnius University Stadium.
6. Competition start - 12:00

IV. PARTICIPANTS

7. **LSSA members whose student-athletes meet the following criteria may participate in the championships:**
 - 7.1. citizens of Lithuania and foreign countries who are studying at Lithuanian educational institutions;
 - 7.2. foreign students studying under the Erasmus study programme;
 - 7.3. students on academic leave;
 - 7.4. those who graduated from a university within the past year may represent only the higher education institution they graduated from, upon submission of a copy of their diploma;
 - 7.5. an athlete studying at more than one higher education institution may represent only one chosen institution for the entire academic year;
 - 7.6. No age limit (unless otherwise specified in the regulations of the respective sport).
8. For LSSA members, the entry fee is EUR 10 per person. An invoice shall be issued to the higher education institution based on properly submitted applications, either by the next quarter or semester, according to the needs of the institution.
9. Participation Conditions for Non-LSSA Members:
 - 9.1. Entry fee – EUR 20 per person. An invoice will be issued before the Championships. For further information, please contact LSSA representative Eglė Žibinskaitė at +370 610 43776 or studentusportas@gmail.com
 - 9.2. Individual athletes (students in Grades 9–12), higher education institutions, or other educational institutions that are not LSSA members may participate in the Championships as full participants, i.e. they are eligible for awards; however, their points are not included in the team standings.
 - 9.3. Individuals who are not affiliated with any educational institution may participate in competition, unless otherwise specified in the Championships Regulations.



10. Athletes participating in the championship must have valid certificates issued by the Agency or an International Sports Federation confirming completion of anti-doping education.
11. In LSSA events, in accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Lithuania, citizens of Russia and Belarus, as well as athletes and administrators having legal, commercial, governmental, or political ties with legal entities of Russia or Belarus, are not permitted to participate.

V. COMPETITION PROCEDURE

12. The higher education institution or organizer responsible for conducting the student competition in the respective sport is responsible for:
 - 12.1. the opening/closing of the competition (the student anthem "Gaudeamus igitur," team introductions, and the awards ceremony);
 - 12.2. conducts the sports competition strictly in accordance with the Regulations;
 - 12.3. promotion and advertising of the competition (press, posters, social media, websites, etc.);
13. After the championship, the competition organizers (chief referee or chief secretary) must submit a report, properly formatted electronic results, and other required documents to LSSA no later than within 2 working days after the event.

VI. COMPETITION PROGRAM

14. Program:
 - 10:50–11.30 – Participant registration and the mandate commission
 - 11:50 – Opening ceremony of the competition
 - 12:00 – 1000 m womens
 - 12:10 – 2000 m womens (event for the Felicija Karoblienė Cup)
 - 12:30 – 3000 m mens
 - 13:00 – 5000 m mens (event for the Jonas Pipynė Cup).

VII. DETERMINATIONS OF WINNERS

15. Competitions: individual-team.
16. Team composition: 15 womens+ 1 coach; 15 mens+ 1 coach.
17. Universities are not divided into groups.
18. Each university student may participate in only one event.
19. Individual places are determined in accordance with the current rules of the Athletics Federation.
20. Team standings are determined separately for men's and women's teams.
21. The team's 10 best results are counted..
22. Team points are calculated based on the total number of points collected: 1st place – 1 point, 2nd place – 2 points, 3rd place – 3 points, and so on. If a team is missing an eligible participant, the team is awarded the points of the last participant plus 5 penalty points.
23. The team with the fewest points is declared the winner.

VIII. AWARDS

24. Competitions: individual-team.
25. Team standings are determined separately for men's and women's teams..
26. The team placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the team classification will receive a team trophy, and the team leader will be awarded a medal and a prize.
27. The winners of the 1000 m and 3000 m events are awarded medals and prizes.
28. The winner of the 2000 m event is awarded a medal, the Felicija Karoblienė Cup, and a prize.
29. The winner of the 5000 m event is awarded a medal, the Jonas Pipynė Cup, and a prize.
30. The winners of second and third place are awarded medals



IX. REGISTRATION

- 31. Individual entry forms must be submitted by October 13 at 5:00 p.m. by email to sportas@vilniustech.lt
- 32. Team leaders can collect the starting numbers from the competition secretariat by 11:30 a.m
- 33. Starting numbers must be attached to the front of the athletes' shirts.

X. APPLICATIONS

- 34. Individual and technical applications must be submitted by the deadline specified in the sport regulations to the chief referee of the sport or another responsible person indicated in the regulations.
- 35. **Valid application:**
 - 35.1. The application must include the name of the organization, the full names of the athletes and the coach/team leader, and the event(s) — individual or team — in which each athlete will participate.
 - 35.2. The application must be submitted with doctor's approvals, individual health certificates for each athlete, or with the athlete personally taking responsibility for their own health, signed on the application form.
 - 35.3. The application must be approved by a representative of the organization being represented.
- 36. **Incorrect applications and/or unverified student status will be considered invalid, and the athlete will not be allowed to participate in the championship.**
 - 36.1. An athlete listed on the team application or registered individually and participating in the championship automatically agrees that their personal data (name, surname, university), photos, videos from the championship, and achieved results may be published on the LSSA website, social media channels, LSSA publications, and in the press.

XI. FUNDING

- 37. The program is jointly funded by resources from NGOs overseeing the Olympic, Paralympic, intellectual disability, and student sports movements, administered by the National Sports Agency under the Ministry of Education, Science, and Sports of the Republic of Lithuania.
- 38. The LSSA covers the costs of organizing and conducting the competition and provides awards for the teams.
- 39. Travel, accommodation, and meal expenses for the teams are covered by the sending organization.

Regarding organizational and conduct matters:

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