

International road safety contest for children “BALOŽI VELOSAFETY 2014” CONTEST RULES

1. Objectives

The objectives of the event are to improve children's knowledge of traffic regulations, road-traffic safety and a bicycle construction, as well as practical bicycling skills.

2. Venue, dates and agenda

The contest will take place on 17 May 2014 at Baloži Secondary School (located at Skolas iela 6, Baloži, Kekava District, Latvia).

Agenda 17 May 2014

09:00-09:45 Arrival, registration, acquaintance with the contest conditions
(at practical bicycling stations)
09:45-09:55 Opening ceremony
10:00-13:00 Contest
13:00-13:30 Dinner
13:30-16:30 Contest
16:30-17:00 Result processing
17:00-17:15 The contestants' representatives briefing
17:15 Award ceremony

3. Contest management

The contest is organized and managed by the Sport agency of the Kekava municipality. The Chief Referee of the contest is Mr Andris Žilko. The Chief Secretary of the contest is Ms Ārija Rumpe (mobile phone: +371 26337122), the Secretary of the contest is Ms Līvija Indriksone.

The Contest Jury is Ms Valda Kjaspere, Mr Ārija Rumpe and Mr Andris Žilko.

4. Official language

The contest takes place in Latvia. The official language of the contest is the Latvian language.

A service of interpreters from Latvian into English, German and Russian will be available for the contestants. Theoretical tasks will be translated into the state language of each participating country.

5. Contestants and classes

The contest is open to inhabitants and guests of the Kekava district. This is a contest of individual contestants. Each contestant shall carry a valid personal document and the organizers have the right to check it. The contestant's parents or their legal representatives are responsible for the contestant's state of health during the contest starting from the moment of the contestant's arrival at the contest venue until departure from it and they certify this by signing the application form.

The contestants can compete in the following classes:

Class (S – girls, V – boys)	Year of birth
S 9 and V 9	2005
S 10 and V 10	2004
S 11 and V 11	2003
S 12 and V 12	2002

6. Application and start order

Preliminary application is compulsory for all contestants and must be submitted **till 3 May 2014** using one of the following options:

- filling in and submitting an on-line application form on the contest website www.velodrosiba.lv;
- e-mail: info@velodrosiba.lv
- mailing an application form to the following addressee:
“Baložu Velodrošība 2014”
Baložu vidusskola
Skolas iela 6
Baloži, LV 2128
Latvia

The contestants’ parents or their legal representatives have to sign late applications submitted on 17 May 2014 at the contest centre. The organizers will accept only carefully and legibly completed application forms. Referees shall decide upon the starting order of contestants in the contest programme.

7. Contest programme and scoring

Contest programme:

- 6 stations of theoretical tasks,
- 6 stations of practical bicycling.

7.1. Theoretical tasks (traffic regulations, road safety issues, construction of a bicycle)

Theoretical tasks are compiled in accordance with the traffic regulations, which are adopted in Latvia (as an EU member).

Prospective theoretical tasks include:

- supplementing missing road signs in a model of a road span or a crossing;
- assembling a jigsaw puzzle of a picture related to the contest contents;
- selecting a part of a bicycle out of other parts which is designed for a given purpose,
- drawing a short cut in a section of a city plan (considering the road signs);
- and other suchlike tasks.

7.2. Practical bicycling

The contestants shall perform practical bicycling tasks **in the open air** by riding a bicycle provided by the organizers. The bicycle has 26 inches wheels (classes SV 9 and SV 10 are allowed to use 24 inches wheel bicycles).

The contestant shall perform practical bicycling courses with 5 to 10 components in each course in accordance with the scheme provided. The score is calculated by subtracting the penalty points scored for errors made while performing the contest components or for non-performance of a task from the total of 200 points.

Components of practical bicycling courses are the following: a narrow board, a circle, a figure eight, slalom, change of a lane, a sloping downward board, brake action in a given

area, a narrow lane, a bumpy lane, a seesaw, a passageway, a sandy or gravel pavement, an uneven road, taking and putting an object, need to look backwards (rear-view) and suchlike.

8. Scoring

The contestant has to take part in all tasks of the contest programme. The total score is calculated by summing up the points received in all tasks of the contest programme.

In case of a tied score, the contestant, who has gained a better result of the contest programme tasks taken in the following order – first theoretical tasks then practical bicycling, shall get a better ranking.

If the contestant does not participate in any of the contest programme tasks, his/her total score is not calculated. **Explanation of right answers to the theoretical tasks will be given at the representatives briefing.**

9. Special regulations

When performing practical bicycling safety helmets are compulsory for all the contestants. The contestant will be disqualified at a particular station for not wearing the helmet at all or for wearing an unfastened helmet.

In some stations the contestants will have to perform practical bicycling carrying on their back a 3 kg rucksack provided by the organizers.

The contestants are not allowed to receive assistance from aside during the contest.

10. Insurance

Every contestant's insurance (health, accident and third-party insurance) is the responsibility of the contestant's parents or their legal representative.

11. Prize-giving

In every class the holders of 1st – 3rd ranking will receive a diploma, a medal and a prize.

All contestants will receive a diploma for participating in the contest.

There will be a lottery at the closing of the contest.

12. Cost

The participation in the contest is free of charge.

All costs related to the contest organization are covered by the Sport agency of the Kekava municipality and sponsors.

Travelling costs to the contest venue are covered by the contestants themselves.

13. Amendments of the Contest Rules

The organizers have the rights to amend and complement the Contest Rules. The amendments shall be published on the contest website www.velodrosiba.lv on the day of the contest and contestants are informed about them before the start.

14. Complaints

All complaints shall be submitted in writing during 20 minutes period after the publishing of preliminary results. The complaints shall be considered by the Contest Jury.