



Four Days of Orienteering in Bulgaria

Velikden Cup 2011

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Friday, April 22nd:	One-man-relay (Prologue)
Saturday, April 23rd:	Sprint; Banquett
Sunday, April 24th:	Middle distance; Easter
Monday, April 25th:	Long distance, World Ranking Event (WRE)
Competition center:	Targovishte, Bulgaria

Maps and terrains. All competitions take place on new maps, mapped in late 2010 and early 2011 by Bulgaria's well-known mapper Dian Bonev. The forests in Targovishte region are mainly mixed forests with big parts of oak and beech. Mainly very good runnability. Lots of little creeks, gullies, ditches, trenches, foxhows and rocks add some thrill to the interesting and hilly terrain. For last year maps go to: <http://mitko.variant5.org> (check «maps»).

Attractions. Velikden Cup takes place during the Orthodox Easter festivities. This way you easily can explore Bulgarian life and culture (and cuisine) during the event. Velikden Cup can be combined with an extended holyday in Bulgaria. From the event center it takes only two hours to the Black Sea coast.

Climate. Spring time climat in northeastern Bulgaria generally is very mild (15 to 25 degrees Celsius), with a good chance of hot and sunny days – and some chance of refreshing rain.

Competition classes.

Women: 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21E, 21B, 35, 40, 45, 50 and Open short (OS), Open middle (OM), Open long (OL)

Men: 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21E, 21B, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 and and Open short (OS), Open middle (OM), Open long (OL). – Kids in class M/W 10 run on marked path.

Punching system. For the competitions the electronical time-taking-system SPORTident will be used. We urgently ask the teamleaders, to tell us the competitors SI-numbers well in advance. Competitors without own SI-badge may rent a badge for **1 € per day**. In case of loss of the badge, a fee of 20 € has to be charged.

Training possibilities. There is a wide range of training maps in Targovishte area suitable for trainings. Please let the organizer know your needs.

Results and Prizes. The four days of Velikden-Cup are separate competitions. There is no overall ranking. For each race, the first three runners in each class will be awarded a prize. As part of our support of the orienteering-elite, for the WRE-events the first three places in classes M21E and W21E will be honoured with prize-money: 1st place 300 €, 2nd place 125 €, 3rd place 50 €.

Entry Fees. The entry fees including all fours starts, all training maps, transportation to the events and a voucher for the «Orienteers Evening» (banquet) are as follows:

Classes M/W 12, M/W 14	45 €	(33 € without banquet)
Classes M/W 21E	65 €	(47 € without banquet)
All other classes	60 €	(42 € without banquet)
Open classes (for competitors born after 1.1.1997)	45 €	(33 € without banquet)
Open classes (for competitors born before 31.12.1996)	60 €	(42 € without banquet)

Please note: Reduced fees for competitors from Bulgaria, Makedonia, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Turkey.

Payments. Payments have to be made to: Postfinance (Switzerland), IBAN: CH44 0900 0000 3001 9039 5 BIC: POFICHBEXXX, Foerderverein Variant Pet, 3000 Bern, Switzerland. If you have no possibility to pay your fees in advance, please contact the organizers.

Deadline for Entries. Deadline for entries is April 10th, 2011. Please register online on www.variant5.org. Online registration is possible starting from September 1st, 2010. You may send your entry as well via mail to: info@variant5.ch. On spot you can register for open classes only – Open short (easy), Open middle and Open long (for advanced competitors).

Late entries. You can support our efforts to offer affordable competitions by making your entry in time. For late entries we charge a fee of 6 BGN (3EUR) per start. Please note: The possibilities for late entries are limited! In each class only a limited number of start places will be vacant. But there is no extra charge for late entries in open classes (Open short, Open middle, Open long). As well we do not charge late entry fees for our youngsters in class M/W 10.

Entries on spot. After the deadline for entries you may enter for classes Open short, Open middle and Open long. It is possible to make entries on spot – during the event. For open classes no late entry fee is charged. Entries on spot as well are possible for class M/W 10.

Accommodation. The city of Targovishte offers a range of hotels (starting from 10 Euro per bed and night) and a limited number of guesthouses. If you need our assistance in finding suitable accommodation please contact us early, as the availability of affordable accommodation is limited.

Visa regulations. Bulgaria is a memberstate of the European Union. Most visitors may enter with a valid passport. If you are national of a non-EU-state and if you need to apply for a visa, please contact us not later than March 16th 2011, so we can prepare the official invitation needed.

Organizing Committee. The event is organized by Orienteering Club «Variant 5» Targovishte, and by the Swiss supporting club of «Variant 5». Event directors: Dian Bonev (BUL), Marc Lettau (SUI).

Information. For further information please contact our information desk: info@variant5.ch – our staff is fluent in Bulgarian, English, German, French, Russian, Italian.

Home: www.variant5.org

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Journey to Bulgaria. Several Airlines offer affordable flights to Sofia Airport and Varna Airport. Both cities are connected with Targovishte by trains and buses. The journey from Sofia to Targovishte takes approx. 5 hours, the trip from Varna to Targovishte approx. 2 hours.

Tourism, leisure and culture. If you wish to stay longer in the region, we recommend visits in the following cities and villages: Veliko Tarnovo and village Arbanassi: old capital city of Bulgaria with lots of history and nice historical village nearby. City of Shumen, with interesting Mosque, roman ruins and socialist monuments. Kotel: little historical town in the Balkan-mountains. Zeravna: most beautiful, quite, nice and peaceful village on the south-slope of the Balkan-mountains. Russe: Town at Danube-river.

