

Slovak MTBO Championships 2026

Instructions

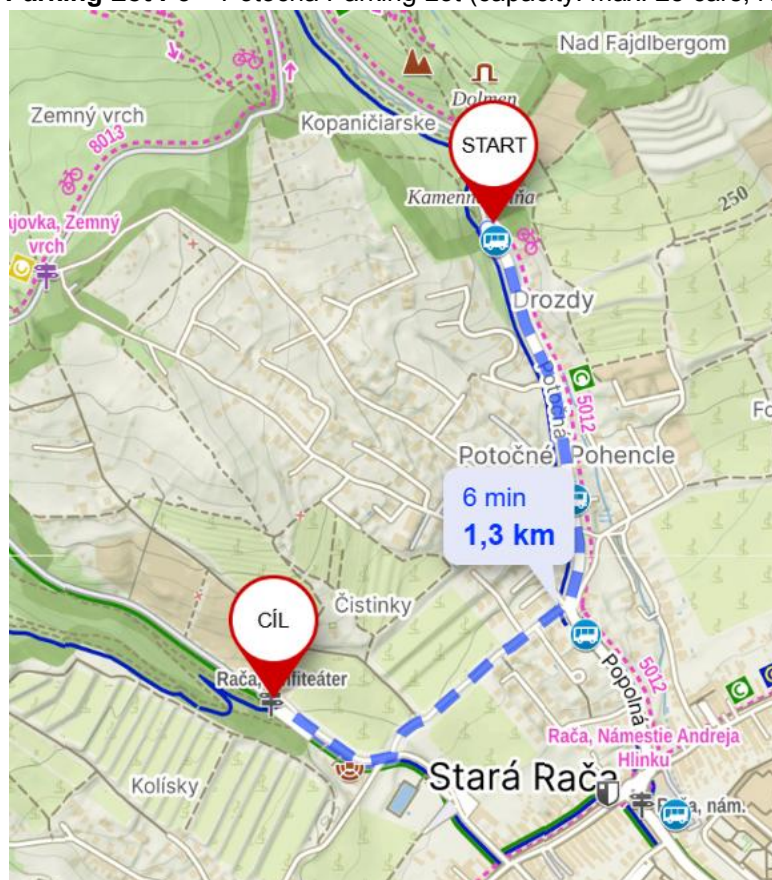
*Open Slovak MTBO championships
13th and 14th round of the Czech cup
MTBO competition for the general public*

Organiser	Slovak Orienteering Association (SZOŠ)
Technical support	ŠK VAZKA Bratislava
Webpage	https://mtbo.vba.sk/2026/
Date and classification	<i>Open Slovak MTBO championships on Middle and Long Czech MTBO cup – 13th and 14th round</i>
Date	19.9.2026 (Saturday) - Middle 20.9.2026 (Sunday) – Long
Event centre	Amphitheater Rača (map) The amphitheater grounds will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on both days, after which they will be closed. Therefore, we ask that you not linger after the prize-giving ceremony and leave the grounds as soon as possible.
Parking	Please park according to the organizers' instructions. The competition center is located in a busy residential area with limited parking, so please keep this in mind. It is also a very popular tourist destination on weekends, so we recommend arriving early. Parking Lot P1 near the swimming pool in Knížková Valley (capacity: max. 30 cars; NO RVs allowed) 

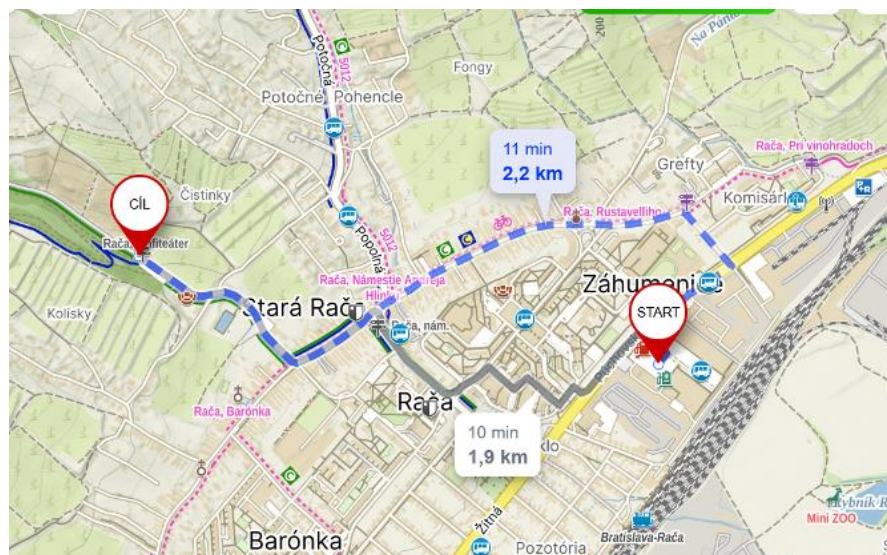
Parking Lot P2 behind the amphitheater in Knížková Valley (capacity: max. 30 cars; NO RVs allowed)



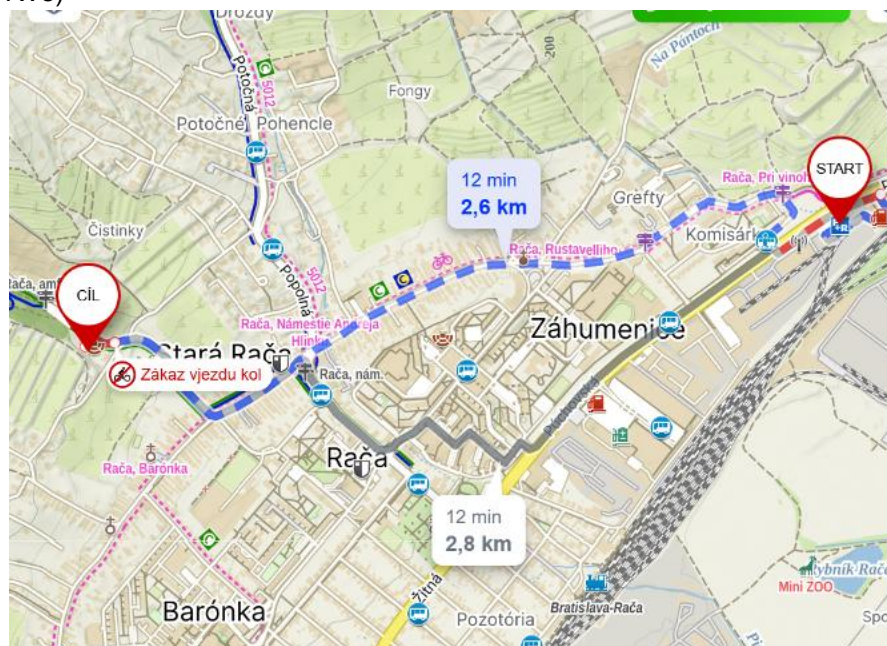
Parking Lot P3 – Potočná Parking Lot (capacity: max. 25 cars; NO RVs allowed)



Parking Lot P4 – parking lot next to the Kaufland shopping center (suitable for both passenger cars and RVs)



Parking Lot P5 – Komisarčky P+R Park-and-Ride (suitable for both passenger cars and RVs)



Presentation

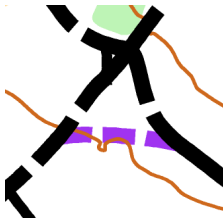
Saturday) - 9:30 - 10:30 At the Event centre.

Sunday) - 08:00 - 09:00 At the Event centre. (only for competitors who didn't participate in Saturday's races)

On-site entries according to the capacity of the organizer.

	To ensure a smooth process at the presentation, please prepare and present a bank transfer confirmation in case you were unable to find your entry fee payment listed in ORIS.																
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Classes	M12, M14, M17, M20, M21E/ME, M21A/M21, M21B/MB, M40, M45, M50, M55, M60, M70 W12, W14, W17, W20, W21E/WE, W21A/W21, W21B/WB, W40, W50, W60 MW10 – possible for parents to accompany the child Open - for beginners of any age and gender <i>In bold are written master classes, i.e., classes in which the title “Master of the Slovak Republic in MTBO for 2026” will be awarded.</i> <i>At least 3 competitors must start in the class to be awarded the master’s title.</i> In case of a small number of registered users, there is a possibility of merging of some categories.																
Map holders	Possibility to rent at the presentation for a 2€ fee.																
Starting numbers	Each competitor will receive a start number at the presentation. All competitors are obliged to place the number visibly on the bike before the start. It will not be possible to start without a start number. The start numbers are the same for Saturday and Sunday. Please return unused start numbers to the presentation. The MW10 and OPEN categories also have start numbers.																
Start 00	19.9.2026 (Saturday) At 11:00. (CHANGE from Invitation) An interval start according to the start list. Category OPEN uses “Start” SI station at the start. <u>Saturday (MW10)</u> – free individual start between 12:30-13.30, use “Start” SI station at the start. No ribbons on the race route. Distance from Event centre to start and finish approximately 1000m, 30m elevation. Possible for parents to accompany the child. 20.9.2026 (Sunday) At 9:30. An interval start according to the start list. Category OPEN uses “Start” SI station at the start. <u>Sunday (MW10)</u> – free individual start between 11:30 - 12:30, use “Start” SI station at the start. No ribbons on the race route. Distance from Event centre to start and finish approximately 1200m, 15m elevation. Possible for parents to accompany the child.																

Terrain	Small Carpathian hilly and vineyards with a dense network of various roads and trails with various drivability.
Map details	19.9. (Saturday) Manina 1:10 000, size A3/A4 (old map) 20.9. (Sunday) Manina 1:12 500/1:15 000, size A3+/A3/A4 (old map) The maps are processed according to the ISMTBOM 2022 map key. Maps will be collected in the finish until the start of the last competitor.
Punching system	SportIdent and contactless system AIR+ will be used (allows embossing to a distance of 150-200 cm). Punching will be possible only using SIAC, the controls do not have a hole. For competitors who do not own SIAC, renting is possible (<i>SI rental: 2 € / day, in case of damage or non-return: 70 €</i>) The only exception is the MW10 category, where the standard controls will be used, so it will be possible to use standard SI as well. The competitor is obliged to reset and check the SI (Clear + Check) before the start. In case of a failure of the SportIdent electronic punching system, the competitor punches the control with pliers in one of the reserve squares on the map. He/She is obliged to report this fact to the referee at the finish. There will be no control at the finish, but a passage through the finish carpet with a timer. Please do not stay near the carpet. The children's category MW10 punches the finish control manually. Return the borrowed SI to the organisers immediately after reading.
Technical control	All competitors without exception are required to wear a properly fastened helmet on their head while moving on the track. A competitor without a helmet will not be allowed to start. The minimum width of the tires is 1.5".
Course details	They are published in a separate document - Course length in ORIS
Special map marks	It is strictly forbidden to ride off the routes marked on the map (carrying the bicycle is allowed). Exceptions are grassy strips and areas marked in bright-orange (map marking nr. 824 Open land, 827-830 Narrow ride or linear trace through the terrain), where it is permitted to ride. Off-track riding prohibited but cutting on foot allowed 

	Out-of-bounds route 	One-way compulsory 
	Open land, riding allowed 	Marked route – Not a mandatory section 
Forbidden area	Is marked on the map • By red hatching in case of forbidden area, • Red zigzag line in case of forbidden road	
SI-read	At the Event centre.	
Estimated winning times	According to Rules Pravidiel OC SZOŠ and Pravidiel Sekce MTBO ČSOS	
Time limit	19.9.2026 (Saturday) 120 minutes 20.9.2026 (Sunday) 210 minutes	
Results	The preliminary results will be posted at the Event centre. The official results will be published at the webpage https://mtbo.vba.sk/2026 as well as in the system orienteering.sk and ORIS There will also be online results at https://liveresultat.orientering.se/ - the exact link can be found on Facebook and in ORIS just before the race.	
Prize-giving ceremony	Will be held after the race – on Saturday at app. 15:30, on Sunday at app. 13:30.	
Complaints	They are submitted to the Referee in writing for a deposit of € 10 and no later than one hour after the scheduled finish. The Chief Judge will then form a three-member Jury from	

	those present at the race and submit a protest to the hearing. The decision of the Jury is final.
Jury	Leoš Bogár, Martin Kunz, Rudolf Kolář
Nursery	At the Event centre; a picture track will also be available
Catering	An Aone recovery drink will be available at the finish. A refreshment stand will be available at the event centre.
WC	In the centre of the race.
First aid	There will be medical service with an ambulance at the Event Centre.
Bike washing	At the Event centre.
Bike storage	Not provided
Accommodation	The organiser does not provide. Accommodation options are presented in Appendix 1.
Warnings	• Drive carefully! The safety of you and others is more important than winning • Each competitor must cross the finish line, even if he or she has technical or other problems. In the extreme case, please let us know on tel. No. + 421 907 646 551 • All starting cyclists must wear a bicycle helmet. • The race takes place in areas where tourists and occasionally cars move (garden settlement). It is necessary to pay increased attention and caution when driving. Avoid the others by riding to the right! • Be considerate, careful, cautious, and foresighted! • Any violation of the rules, especially off-road driving (except for dark orange areas) is punishable by disqualification! • Drive on the right side of the road. When driving downhill, the uphill racer has priority • Unregistered young people under the age of 18 must present parental consent at the time of presentation.
Contact	katarina.papugova@gmail.com
Officials	Event director: Katarína Müller Papugová (tel: +421 907 646 551) Main referee: Barbora Šmelíková Course planner: Miroslav Lago/Matej Müller (middle) Peter Mlynárik/Stanišlava Ančicová (long) Competition secretary: Eva Králová Map and graphics: Miroslav Lago Web admin: Adam Müller

Warnings: Competitors accept the hazards associated with participating in the Event, and that they take part at their own risk, are responsible for their own safety, and have no claim against the Organiser in case of injury during the event, or caused by it later on. Marketing and sales activities at the event centre only with the permission of the director. By taking part in the Event, every participant consents to storing his personal data (name, class, club) in the

information system of the Slovak Orienteering Association and publishing them on the event websites (in entry and start lists and in the results). Unless you ask the photographer for a specific exclusion, by taking part in the Event, you consent to be photographed and waive any rights of publicity or privacy and grant the Organiser permission to utilise your image in documentation and marketing materials.

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Appendix 1 - Accommodation Options

Camping Zlaté piesky

For more information about the campground, visit

<https://bratislava.sk/vzdelavanie-a-volny-cas/starz/prevadzky-sportoviska/kemping>

Accommodation options include cabins (2–4 people), tents, or RVs

The shortest distance from the campsite to the race center is 7.2 km

Facilities

- electrical hookups and access to drinking water,
- dumping stations for liquid waste and chemical toilets for RVs,
- renovated restrooms, a kitchenette, and a laundry room.
- the campground is also adapted for visitors with pets, which are allowed on a leash; there are also designated dog runs on the premises.
- the area surrounding the campground offers a wide range of sports and recreational activities: a swimming pool, a lake with water sports (wakeboarding, paddleboarding, boating), beach volleyball, tennis courts, and gazebos with barbecue facilities.

Price List

- Compared to the current price list, competitors receive a 10% discount
- Reservations - by email to reservation@camping.bratistlava.sk or by phone at +421 903 742 872 (please include "MSR MTBO 2026" in the email subject line)

Huntry camp

- Space is very limited
- You can find all the information on their website at <https://www.huntrycamp.sk/>
- The shortest route from the campground to the race center is 4 km