

**Open online precision orienteering training on rocks
«The Rock Labyrinth (online) - 2020»**

Petrogradsky Tourist Club (Russia, St. Petersburg)

June 7th, 2020

Info # 1, # 2

1. Purpose

Development and improvement of skills, needed for orientation in difficult places in mountains, as a mean to improve safety of sports tours.

2. Time and place

Time: June 7th (Sunday), 2020. Place: online.

The rocks of the Vyborg District of the Leningrad Region, where «The Rock Labyrinth» was held earlier, will be presented.

3. Organizer

Petrogradsky Tourist Club (Russia, St. Petersburg). Head of the race – Khokhlov Nikolai.

4. Participants

Everyone is allowed to participate in the training. No age and qualification requirements. Total number of participants is not limited.

5. Program

The training is held according to the Trail Orienteering International Rules and the Training Terms (will be published until May 31, 2020).

Distance: «precision orienteering» (PreO), including time control, on rocks.

The time limit to go the distance, including time control, is 2 hours.

Each participant goes the distance (performs tasks) individually.

June 7th (Moscow time, UTC+3)

10:00 End of entry.

18:00 Start of PreO, including time control.

20:00 Finish of PreO (deadline for the answers), including time control.

22:00 Publishing solutions (correct answers).

June 8th (Moscow time, UTC+3)

22:00 Publishing results.

6. Distance description

The distance consists of 10-15 stages. At each stage a photo with 4-6 flags is presented. Photos taken from a decision point. Flags in photos are drawn. At each stage there are 3-5 tasks (controls).

The traditional stages of the competition «The Rock Labyrinth» - stage «Rocks» and stage «Stones» - are presented in photos. While preparing the tasks photos of past years have been used.

Flags in photos do not have labels or other designations. The order of flags is determined by photo from left to right as follows (even if one is higher, the other is lower): «A», «B», «C», «D», «E», «F». The correct matching of flags to letters is up to participants.

Under photo in each task there is a map of the area tied to the cardinal points where a circle indicates a control (given feature is in the centre of the circle). If the orientation of the map and photo do not match (different views are used), the direction of observation is shown on the map by an arrow.

Under map in each task there is a control description. Control descriptions are given in accordance with International Specification for Control Descriptions (<https://orienteering.sport/iof/rules/control-descriptions/>). Please note that there are two features of control descriptions for trail orienteering. In column «B» - the number of visible flags (e.g. A-C equals three flags; A-E equals five flags). In column «H» - direction of observation (if necessary).

In each task, it is necessary to determine whether the feature, located on the map in the center of the circle and described by control description, is marked with a flag on the area. Simultaneously the location of the flag should also correspond to the control description. If one of the flags in the photo meets this requirement, it is necessary to determine its letter designation («A», «B», «C», «D», «E», «F») and select the appropriate answer.

The answer option «Z» (Zero) is also possible, which is called the zero answer, - the absence of a flag corresponding to the feature, located on the map in the center of the circle, and to the control description.

The ranking of participants with the same number of correct answers is based on the results of the time control (additional stage). This stage is performed at the end of the distance. There are 3 tasks at the time control. Please note that the answer option «Z» is impossible at the time control.

7. Results

Each correctly identified control (excluding time control) scores one point. The priority indicator for determining of training results is the number of correct answers. The time spent on the distance (excluding time control) does not matter. However, it is necessary to meet the set time limit (2 hours). During this time limit all tasks should be performed, including time control.

The result for the time control is determined by the sum of the time at this stage and the penalty (60 seconds for each wrong answer).

The participant who received the most points, and if the points are equal has less time at the time control (including penalties for errors), takes a higher place.

8. Entry

To participate in the training, fill out the following registration form:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1WyODzv6kW1YVTNIPz9Gdf4wvj6AJAYdx6lkRZkJqgXg>

Entry is possible since 0:00 May 25, 2020 until 10:00 June 7, 2020. (Moscow time, UTC+3).

9. Online briefing (discussion of distance)

Online briefing time: June 4th (Thursday), 2020, 21:00-22:00 (Moscow time, UTC+3).

The online briefing will be held via video conferencing in Zoom. The procedure for this online event will be published additionally.

At the online briefing, it is planned to discuss issues related to the training and the performance of tasks. The basic principles and features of precision orienteering, map symbols and control descriptions will be presented.

10. Finances

The training is free.

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