

BOTANIC FIVE KAUNAS 2026

EVENT REGULATIONS - ENGLISH VERSION

DATE	18 October 2026
LOCATION	VDU Botanical Garden, Kaunas, Lithuania
DISTANCE	approximately 5 km

1. PURPOSE OF THE EVENT

Botanic Five Kaunas 2026 combines nature, movement and community in the unique setting of a botanical garden.

- promote running, walking and other accessible forms of physical activity and recreation;
- encourage participants to discover the landscape, nature and collections of the VDU Botanical Garden in Kaunas;
- create an inclusive event in which participants can enjoy 5 km at their own pace;
- provide an opportunity for sporting competition for participants who wish to compete.

Botanic Five is not intended exclusively for runners. Participants may complete the course by running, walking, Nordic walking, combining running and walking, or strolling, subject to the time limit of their selected start group.

2. ORGANIZER

Stowarzyszenie "Biegiem w Las"
ul. Reymonta 15/2, 60-159 Poznan, Poland
KRS: 0000882813 NIP: 7792523377

The event is organized in cooperation with VDU Botanical Garden in Kaunas (VDU Botanikos sodas Kaune).

3. DATE AND LOCATION

Date: 18 October 2026
Location: VDU Botanical Garden, Kaunas, Lithuania

The main event distance is approximately 5 km. The detailed course will be marked within the Botanical Garden and adapted to the characteristics and requirements of the location.

4. PARTICIPATION

Registration is completed electronically through the registration form available on the event website. A participant is considered successfully registered once the registration form has been completed and the participation fee has been paid.

By submitting the registration form, the participant confirms that they have read and accepted these Regulations. Participants take part voluntarily and are responsible for assessing whether their health and physical condition allow them to participate.

Participants under 18 years of age may participate only with the consent of a parent or legal guardian.

5. PARTICIPANT LIMIT AND START GROUPS

START GROUP	LIMIT	TIME LIMIT
10:00 - GREEN GROUP	150 participants	75 minutes

11:15 - YELLOW GROUP	150 participants	45 minutes
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The initial total participant limit is 300. Participants select their preferred group during registration. Either group may be chosen regardless of whether the participant intends to run or walk, provided that the course is completed within the applicable time limit.

The Organizer reserves the right to open an additional third start group if the available groups reach their limits. Its starting time, participant limit and time limit will be announced through official event communication.

6. GREEN GROUP - RUN, WALK, STROLL

The Green Group provides additional time and maximum freedom in the way the course is completed. Participants may run, walk, Nordic walk, combine running and walking, or simply stroll at their own pace.

Green Group participants receive an official finishing time and are included in the overall event results in the same way as participants from other start groups.

7. PARTICIPATION FEES

REGISTRATION PERIOD	FEE
Until Sunday, 11 October 2026, 23:59	EUR 15
12 October 2026 until Thursday, 15 October 2026, 12:00	EUR 20

Online registration closes on Thursday, 15 October 2026 at 12:00, or earlier if the participant limit is reached. Registration is valid only after successful payment. Any transaction or payment processing conditions displayed by the payment operator also apply.

8. CHANGES TO REGISTRATION

Changes may be requested until Thursday, 15 October 2026 at 12:00. Until this deadline, a participant may request a change of start group (subject to availability) or transfer the entry to another participant.

After this deadline, changes may no longer be possible due to technical and organizational requirements.

9. TRANSFER OF ENTRY

An entry may be transferred to another participant free of charge until Thursday, 15 October 2026 at 12:00. The new participant must provide all information required for participation and accept these Regulations. The Organizer will communicate the technical procedure for transferring an entry.

10. BOTANIC FIVE MERCHANDISE

During registration, participants may additionally order selected autumn merchandise:

- Autumn technical neck gaiter - EUR 5
- Autumn fridge magnet - EUR 2.50

Merchandise is optional, is not included in the participation fee, is available while stocks last and will be available for collection at the event office during Botanic Five Kaunas 2026.

11. EVENT SCHEDULE

10:00 - start of the Green Group

11:15 - start of the Yellow Group

The detailed schedule, including event-office opening hours, participant verification, award ceremony and any additional activities, will be published no later than one week before the event. The Organizer may make reasonable schedule changes where required for organizational, safety or operational reasons.

12. PARTICIPANT PACKAGE

- commemorative Botanic Five finisher medal;
- start number;
- electronic timing and inclusion in the official results;
- event photography;
- refreshments after finishing;
- access to the Botanical Garden in accordance with the arrangements applicable to the event.

The Organizer also provides the necessary event infrastructure, course preparation and marking, participant service and on-site coordination.

13. COURSE

The course will have a total distance of approximately 5 km (+/-5%) and will be located within the VDU Botanical Garden. It will use existing paths and will be marked by the Organizer.

Participants must follow the marked course and instructions from the Organizer, event staff and representatives of the Botanical Garden. Participants must respect the garden, its plants, collections and infrastructure. Leaving the marked course, entering restricted areas or damaging vegetation or infrastructure is prohibited.

14. RESULTS AND CLASSIFICATION

Electronic timing will be used. Results from all start groups will be combined into the overall Botanic Five Kaunas 2026 results.

OPEN MEN: places 1-3 OPEN WOMEN: places 1-3

Men: M15 (15-19), M20 (20-29), M30 (30-39), M40 (40-49), M50 (50-59), M60 (60-69), M70 (70+)

Women: W15 (15-19), W20 (20-29), W30 (30-39), W40 (40-49), W50 (50-59), W60 (60-69), W70 (70+)

Places 1-3 will be awarded in each age category. OPEN and age-category awards are not cumulative. Age categories are determined by year of birth. The Organizer may also award the oldest participant.

15. PARTICIPATION AT OWN RISK AND SAFETY

Each participant takes part voluntarily and is responsible for assessing their own health and physical condition. By participating, the participant confirms that, to the best of their knowledge, there are no health-related contraindications preventing participation.

The event takes place in a natural garden environment. The course may include uneven surfaces, roots, branches, leaves, wet or slippery sections and other natural obstacles. Participants must exercise appropriate caution and follow instructions from the Organizer, event staff and Botanical Garden representatives.

The Organizer may remove a participant from the course where continuing participation may create a danger to that participant, other participants or the Botanical Garden.

16. CANCELLATION BY A PARTICIPANT AND REFUNDS

A participant wishing to cancel should contact the Organizer by e-mail.

For cancellations submitted at least 14 days before the event, the participation fee will be refunded less any non-refundable transaction or payment processing costs incurred in connection with registration.

For cancellations submitted less than 14 days before the event but no later than Thursday, 15 October 2026 at 12:00, the participant is entitled to a refund of 50% of the participation fee.

Cancellation requests submitted after Thursday, 15 October 2026 at 12:00 are not eligible for a refund. Instead of cancelling, a participant may transfer their entry to another person before the registration-change deadline.

17. EVENT CHANGES AND CANCELLATION

The Organizer may make necessary changes to the course, schedule, start groups or other organizational aspects where required by weather, safety considerations, requirements of the Botanical Garden or public authorities, force majeure or other circumstances beyond the Organizer's reasonable control.

If circumstances make it impossible to organize the event safely, the Organizer may postpone or cancel the event. Significant changes will be communicated through the contact details provided during registration and/or official event communication channels.

18. PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO

Photography and video recording will take place during Botanic Five Kaunas 2026 as part of the documentation and promotion of the event. Photographs and recordings may document the event, its atmosphere, participants, start and finish areas and activities along the course.

Information regarding the processing and use of images will be provided in accordance with applicable data-protection and privacy regulations.

19. PERSONAL DATA

The controller of personal data collected directly by the Organizer is Stowarzyszenie "Biegiem w Las", ul. Reymonta 15/2, 60-159 Poznan, Poland, KRS 0000882813, NIP 7792523377.

Personal data will be processed to the extent necessary to register participants, administer participation, process payments, communicate organizational information, conduct electronic timing and results, ensure event organization and safety, handle registration requests, and fulfil legal and accounting obligations.

Processing will be carried out in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR) and other applicable data-protection legislation. Where processing is necessary for participation, the legal basis is primarily Article 6(1)(b) GDPR and, where applicable, Article 6(1)(c) GDPR.

Where processing is based on consent, the participant may withdraw that consent in accordance with applicable law. Participants have the rights provided under the GDPR, including, where applicable, access, rectification, erasure, restriction, portability, objection and the right to lodge a complaint with the competent supervisory authority.

The Organizer may publish information necessary for start lists and results, including the participant's name, year of birth, gender/category, club or team where provided, and sporting result. Detailed information may also be provided in a separate privacy notice during registration.

20. FINAL PROVISIONS

Participants must comply with these Regulations, instructions issued by the Organizer and rules applicable within the VDU Botanical Garden.

The Organizer reserves the right to interpret these Regulations and decide on organizational matters not expressly covered herein, subject to applicable law. Material changes will be communicated through the official event website.

Run. Walk. Stroll. Discover the garden your way.

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