

REGULATION

26TH INTERNATIONAL ICE SCULPTURE FESTIVAL JELGAVA, LATVIA

The International Ice Sculpture Festival in Jelgava, Latvia, takes place already for the 26th time. Every year it gathers in Jelgava more than thirty world-renowned professional sculptors and artists from different countries.

In 2025 the festival will take place from February 1st to February 8th.

According to European Union rules, artists from Russia and Belarus, as well as Russian or Belarusian nationals representing another country, are not allowed to participate in the ice sculpture competition and festival.

I

General matters

1. This regulation determines the procedure for submitting and evaluating idea applications for the ice sculpture festival. The ice sculpture competition takes place in two stages:
 - a. **ice sculpture sketch competition;**
 - b. **ice sculpture competition in two rounds.**
2. The competition is announced and organized by Jelgava City Municipal Institution Kultura (hereinafter referred to as Kultura).
3. The idea applications submitted to the competition are evaluated by the competition commission approved by the Head of Kultura.
4. Any natural person who has reached the age of 18 can participate in the competition.
5. Notice of competition and the Regulation are published on the website **kultura.jelgava.lv**.

II

Objective and theme of the festival

6. The objective of the festival is to develop the city of Jelgava as a creatively active cultural space, which annually introduces the world's latest environmental art trends, current events and projects, attracting sculptors and artists, creating a platform for exchanging experiences and new discoveries in ice sculpture.
7. **Festival theme: The Universe Story**
A place where imagination meets space, where the ethereal beauty of dreams beyond the limits of our reality. This year's ice sculpture competition invites artists for the theme "The Universe Story", which embodies the wonder of space and reveals the secrets of the planets.

Participants, let your thoughts fly, unleash your creativity and tell your own story of the universe. Dimensions, mystery, connecting the depth of thought with the vastness of the night sky. Infuse hope into your works and discover the essence

of the greatest desires, where illusion and reality merge, capturing the notion that dreams guide us like stars scattered across the vastness of the universe. A touch of the galaxy, images where dreams come true, what happens behind the clouds? As the ice glistens under the light, let your imagination soar beyond the earth. Each sculpture will take the viewer on a journey through space, creating wonder and reflection on our hopes, dreams and the stars that fulfil. Become part of an enchanting journey that highlights the artistry and mystical connection between dreams and the celestial cosmos in the realm of planet "Dream in the Universe".

III

Course of the competition

8. **Ice sculpture competition** takes place in two stages:

8.1. **Ice sculpture sketch competition.**

Artists submit a sketch project for individual and team sculptures. At the end of the sketch competition, the jury commission selects the authors of the best works, who further receive the right to participate in the ice sculpture competition.

8.2. **Ice sculpture competition.**

a) **Team sculpture** (team composed of two artists) – sculpture from two industrial ice blocks (15 teams will be approved for the competition).

b) **Individual sculpture** (independently) – 30 artists will be approved for the competition.

Each sculptor must participate in both team and individual competition.

9. Industrial ice will be provided for creating the sculptures in the following quantities and sizes:

a. For the individual sculpture – **one** industrial ice block (**dimensions – 180cm x 105cm x 50cm**). **The sculpture must be placed vertically on a pedestal.**

b. For the team sculpture – **two** industrial ice blocks (**dimensions – 210cm x 110cm x 50cm**).

10. **Both individual and team sculptures will be located under the sheds, therefore it is important not to exceed the specified sculpture parameter limits (see the annex).**

IV

Application procedure for participants

11. The participants application form on the official website of the festival **festivali.jelgava.lv** must be completed **until November 19th 2024**. Applications sent after the deadline will not be considered!

12. Participants must send the following information:

completed application form;

CV (short creative biography);

a photograph of each artist (colour, JPG format – it will be used for publicity materials and ID cards);

sketch project (sketches of individual and team sculptures must be submitted in JPG format with both side views, **indicating the height and width of the sculpture** and emphasizing the top view, the title of

the sculpture and a reference to the author must be added);
technical block plan;
photo of the last three ice sculptures.

V

Transport expenses

13. The organizers cover the actual travel expenses. The amount includes visa processing costs, if required.
14. Participants arriving by plane must e-mail the air ticket to the organizers.
15. Participants arriving by car or train must submit a document confirming the relevant expenses – the original fuel receipt, indicating the participant's name, surname and address, or the original transport ticket prepared in accordance with the regulatory enactments regarding the passenger transport. **If the document confirming the expenses has been issued abroad, it must contain the submitter's name and surname.**
16. The original tickets, fuel receipts, etc., must be presented or submitted in the following order:
 - Latvia – up to EUR 150 per team** (from place of residence).
 - Latvia, Estonia or Lithuania up to EUR 175 per team** (from place of residence).
 - Lithuania, Estonia – up to EUR 200 per team** (from place of residence).
 - European countries, Ukraine – up to EUR 700 per team:**
 - a. Up to EUR 425 per team, if one of the team members is from Latvia.
 - b. Up to EUR 450 per team, if one of the team members is from Lithuania or Estonia.
 - c. If travel expenses of both participants exceed EUR 350, only EUR 350 are reimbursed to each participant.
 - d. If travel expenses of one team member are less than EUR 350, and travel expenses of the other team member exceed EUR 350, the difference is paid up to a total of EUR 700.
 - Other countries – up to EUR 900 per team:**
 - e. Up to EUR 525 per team, if one of the team members is from Latvia.
 - f. Up to EUR 550 per team, if one of the team members is from Lithuania or Estonia.
 - g. Up to EUR 800 per team, if one of the team members is from Europe.
17. **Travel expenses are reimbursed taking into account the nationality of the country represented by the participant (must be indicated in the application form)!**
18. The organizers provide transfers for participants arriving in and departing from Riga at their own expense.

VI

Prizes

19. **Each winner of the ice sculpture sketch competition wins** the right to participate in ice sculpture competition and a **cash prize of EUR 600** after completion of sculptures.
20. Ice sculpture competition cash prizes will be divided into the following categories:

Team sculpture category PRIZES:

1st place – EUR 2500;

2nd place – EUR 1500;

3rd place – EUR 1000;

Audience award – EUR 1000.

Individual sculpture category PRIZES:

1st place – EUR 1000;

2nd place – EUR 700;

3rd place – EUR 400.

Audience award – EUR 500.

21. The jury may, at its discretion, award one or more additional prizes, up to the total amount of the prize or prizes of **EUR 900**.
22. The organizers cover additional expenses related to taxes on payment of prizes in accordance with the procedure provided for by laws of the Republic of Latvia.

VII

Evaluation of festival works

23. The winners of the ice sculpture competition are determined by the jury commission's evaluation.
24. Four criteria will be taken into account when evaluating works:
 - a. **first impression (1-10p);**
 - b. **technical performance (1-10p);**
 - c. **proportion and symmetry (1-10p);**
 - d. **creativity (1-10p);**
 - e. **artistic value(1-10p);**
 - f. **compliance with the sketch(1-5p).**

VIII

Working conditions, accommodation, security

25. Participants will be accommodated in a 4* hotel from January 28th to February 4th. **Two artists reside in each hotel room – members of one team.** Meals will be provided three times a day from the evening of February 1ST until the morning of February 8th. The check-in time in Hotel "Jelgava" is 14:00 o'clock and check-out time is 12:00 o'clock.
26. During the festival, evening events will be organized for participants, which will depend on the choice of artists and weather conditions.
27. Creation of ice sculptures will take place in tents during working hours from 9 am to 7 pm. Technical staff and equipment will only be available daily from 9 am to 6 pm. Due to climatic conditions, the organizers, in consultation with the festival participants, reserve the right to change the agenda.
28. Sculptors can continue their work after 6 pm to 10 pm with hand tools only, if the decision has been agreed with the organizers by majority vote of the sculptors.
29. Participants must bring their own tools.

30. The organizers provide the following equipment and aids: electric saws, power connection (220 kW), water and wooden pallets. If additional pallets, podiums, etc., including technical aids, are required for creation of team sculptures, please indicate this in detail in the application form.
31. Participants will be briefed on occupational safety and will sign for it. Participants must provide their own health insurance policy. Each participant is responsible for their own safety and safety of their sculpture.
32. If, for any reason, such as unsuitable weather conditions, **the artist wants to deviate from the submitted sketch or change the visual appearance of the sculpture, it has to be coordinated with the organizers**, and acceptance of the change has to be obtained. If changes are made without coordination, the organizers reserve the right to not pay travel expenses and sketch prizes.
33. **Following the development of the Covid-19 and referring to national and global precautions to limit the spread of the infection, the festival organizers have the right to cancel the festival or change its form according to the current situation.**

IX Copyright

34. The ice sculptures created during the festival are the property of the organizers. The organizers reserve unlimited right to exhibit the works.
35. Both the authors of the sculptures and the organizers reserve the right to freely use the photos and videos of the works, etc., without mutual obligations and additional remuneration. The organizers reserve the right to document the works for media purposes in unlimited quantities.

X The course of the festival

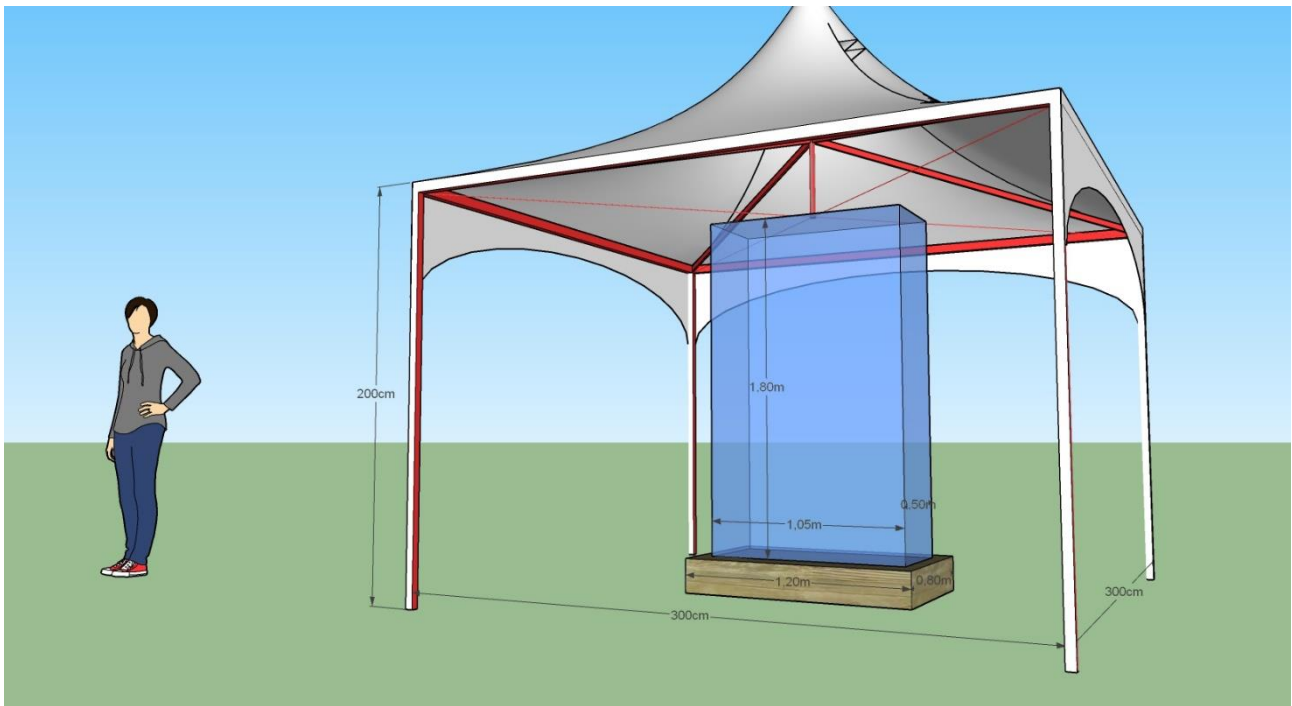
36. Sculptors are invited to arrive at the festival venue in Jelgava on Saturday, February 1st, when the opening evening and mutual introductions are planned.
37. The sculptors will start work on the team sculptures on Monday, February 3rd till Wednesday 5th.
38. Individual sculptures are created on February 6th and finished by 12 noon on February 7th.

26TH INTERNATIONAL ICE SCULPTURE FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 1	Arrival of festival participants, opening dinner
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 2	A day of cultural activities
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 3	Working on team sculptures
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 4	Working on team sculptures
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 5	Working on team sculptures
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 6	Working on individual sculptures
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 7	Work on individual sculptures (until 12 noon); opening of the festival and closing evening for participants
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 8	Departure of participants

The festival organisers have the possibility to change the schedule of the works in agreement with the sculptors, in order to monitor weather conditions and other factors influencing the execution of the works.

PLACEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL SCULPTURE





PLACEMENT OF TEAM SCULPTURE

