

## Bid for organization of 12th European Rogaining Championship in 2015

**Ukraine Orienteering Federation** and Council of Rogaining of Ukraine ready to organize the 12<sup>th</sup> European Championship in 2015 in Ukraine.

**Suggested dates of ERC2014:** 24-25.05.2015

**Location of area:** Ukraine, Khersonsky district, the biggest desert in Europe “Oleshkivsky Sands”. See Google maps and satellites:

<https://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msid=205282176542195932939.0004d33d8cfe3b9d793d8&msa=0>

### Description of the terrain:

Oleshkivsky sands - a sandy area, located in Ukraine, 30 km eastward from the city of Kherson. The array has a length of 30-40 km in the east-west direction and 150 km from north to south. Planted forests are growing on sands. Oleshkivsky sands are the largest tracts of sand in Europe. There are dunes and sand hills up to 15 meters and a rare psammophilous vegetation. The vegetation is sparse. The artificially pine forests surround desert. Hummocky terrain includes sand dunes, migrating under the influence of wind and sand storms. Rarely trees grow in the hollows. Moreover, one of the most common species is the birch. Landscape is less rugged and most dry grass in the middle of the desert. See photos below:





### **The organizing group:**

Letychevskiy Oleksandr – organizer and main arbiter of main rogaining events in Central Ukraine: 4 Ukrainian rogaining championships 2011-2012, 2 Carpathian Mountain Rogaine (24 h) in 2010, 2011, 3 Kyiv Rogaining 2010, 2011, 2012, Rogaine “Kholodny Yar” 2012.

Kobets Serii – arbiter of national category. The experience of arbiter in a many championship of Ukraine in orienteering.

Plokhenko Valery - arbiter of national category, organizer of all major orienteering and adventure races events in Kherson district, event director in WOC’Tour 2007 (orienteering). Organizer of River Rogaining (24 hours) on river Dnipro in 2011.

Mykhailov Alexander - arbiter of national category, professional map-maker. Significant experience in Ukraine orienteering championships organization and in WOC (World Orienteering Championship) 2007.

Karas’ Volodymyr - arbiter of national category. Significant experience in Ukraine orienteering championships organization and start arbiter in WOC-2007.

Sport school of Tsurupinsk city – experience of organization of Ukraine orienteering championships.

### **Possible center of event:**

Located in Khersonsky district, Tsurupinsk region, village Radensk. Near possible event center the hotel “Golden Dune” is situated. See the photo below:



The main hotels of Kherson also are available for participants:

Hotel “Fregat”: <http://www.hotelfregat.com/ru/>

Hotel “Ninel”: <http://ninel.kherson.ua>

### **Map information:**

See map area:

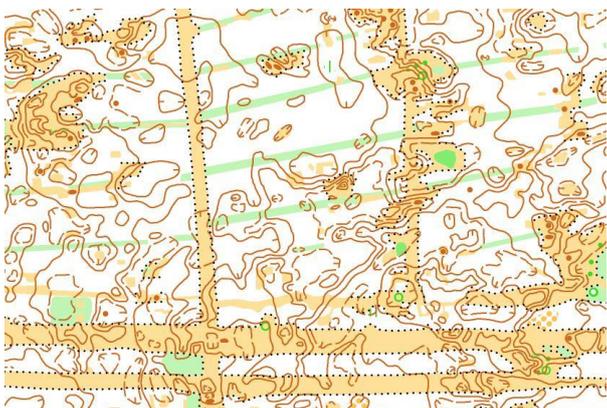
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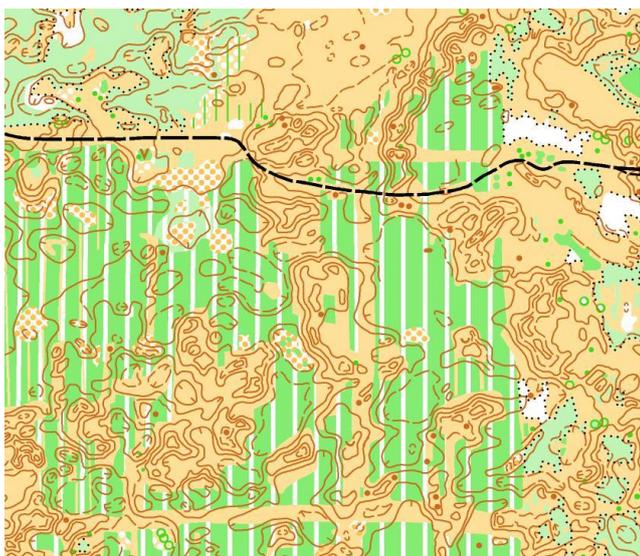
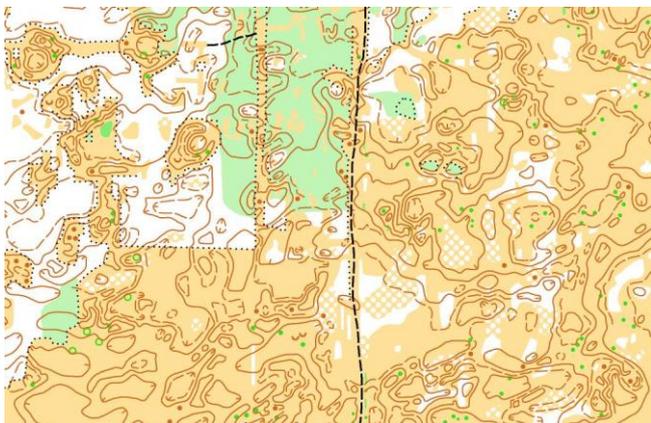
The square of area is 360 sq. km

The number of checkpoints: 60-70

Scale of map: 1:25000, 1:30000, H: 2-2,5 m. Sheet of map 80\*90 or 65\*75.

See the fragments of sport map in given area:





### How to get:

See the main airports:

<https://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msid=205282176542195932939.0004d3c9637be027604b7&msa=0&ll=47.309034,30.585938&spn=15.203617,43.286133>

<http://www.airport.kherson.ua/ru/> Kherson

<http://www.kbp.aero/> - Boryspil, Kyiv

<http://airport.crimea.ua/> - Simpheropil

<http://www.airport.od.ua/ru> - Odessa

It is possible to reach Kherson by railway from the main airports. From Kherson (and possibly from Odessa and Simpheropil) the bus connection will be organized.