



**University  
of Defence**

**INTERNATIONAL WINTER OUTDOOR  
POLYATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS  
OF THE ARMY OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC  
WINTER SURVIVAL 2026  
HRUBY JESENÍK MTS., CZECH REPUBLIC  
25 till 30 January 2026**

**INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS**

## **1. Host and organiser:**

General Staff of the Army of the Czech Republic  
University of Defence

## **2. Date:**

25 - 30 January 2026

## **3. Venue:**

The Hrubý Jeseník Mountains, Ovčárna military mountain hotel  
GPS 50°4'15.528"N, 17°14'19.615"E  
<https://www.volareza.cz/vz-ovcar-na-pod-pradedem/en>

## **4. Competition characteristics:**

WINTER SURVIVAL is a competition held under winter conditions consisting of the events belonging to “outdoor” family of sports and special physical training skills, such as off-road moving by printed map, using ski mountaineering equipment, downhill and cross-country skiing, orienteering, military climbing, using ropes and mountaineering equipment, water stream crossing, military or other arms shooting, rescue and evacuation of injured person(s), giving first aid assistance, spending a night outdoor without tents etc. The three-member teams need to prove high individual skills and abilities as well as teamwork. The endurance multi-event competition simulates military patrol operation in unknown winter mountains.

## **5. Military team composition:**

3 team members

## **6. Accommodation and meals:**

The teams will be accommodated in Ovčárna pod Pradědem mountain hotel. The expected daily expenditures for accommodation and meals should not exceed CZK 1500 per person (approximately 60 Eur) due to be paid at the hotel reception desk that accepts cash Czech currency or all major bank cards.

## **7. Transport and parking:**

Transport to the venue is under each team's responsibility. The organisers will have reserved parking lots near the hotel for the participating team vehicles free of charge during the competition.

Traffic in the last 6 kms from the last crossroads at 50°4'0.668"N, 17°18'17.062"E is organised on shuttle principle – every hour the uphill gate opens while every half hour vehicles may go down. It is recommended to have snow chains or similar tools handy in the vehicle.

## **8. Medical support**

The organisers will arrange medical first aid at the critical points of the endurance competition track. Serious injuries that would require special treatment will be transported to hospital.

## **9. Dress:**

Winter field uniform for the opening and closing ceremonies and all competition activities done outdoor.

## **10. Competition schedule:**

Competition schedule framework:

Day 1	arrivals, registration, opening ceremony.
Day 2 – Day 4	competition, endurance stage.
Day 5	final stage, championship victory ceremony.
Day 6	departures.

## **11. Regulations:**

The competition will follow the official regulations issued by the organiser and the fair play principles. The official regulations including detailed information of the entire competition will be sent to the teams after the organiser will have received the final entry forms.

## **12. Equipment:**

Teams will have to bring their own equipment. Teams without their own complete mandatory equipment will not be allowed to start. Detailed information of the mandatory and other equipment incl. items provided by the organisers will be listed in the Provisions document that will be distributed to the teams approximately two months before the competitions. Teams will not bring weapons, as these are organisers' responsibility, if applicable.

### **Mandatory equipment list:**

#### **a) Each member in the team:**

1. Per stage:  
for stage I: *mountaineering skis, poles, climbing skins, helmet, snowshoes, avalanche rescue package (tracker, shovel, probe)*  
for stage II: *same as stage I plus: cross-country skiing equipment (skis, poles, boots).*  
Should an item of skiing outfit be damaged, competitors are permitted to replace it. The replacement points and conditions will be specified in the Competition Guide.
2. Individual mountaineering equipment:  
Combined or full-body harness + flat loop to connect the sit and chest harnesses, 2 round loops 6mm in diameter – length: 1.5m and 5m, sewn flat loop, 3 screw lock carabiners (out of which at least 1 HMS carabiner), rappelling gear, helmet.
3. Baseplate compass.
4. Convenient khaki or black backpack.
5. Head flashlight + 2 spare batteries.

#### **b) Team:**

1. First-aid kit.
2. Cooking necessities.
3. Items for outdoor sleeping – tents are forbidden

**c) Recommended and optional equipment:**

1. Securing items,
2. Rope clamps,
3. Pulleys and other mountaineering outfit,
4. Items and food for survival and sleeping in the open air. (Note: Teams will get some food within lodging packages but usually have their own dry food they are used to.)

Mandatory equipment may be specified additionally in the Competition Guide to be sent via e-mail and will be available from the competition website.

Use of navigational equipment (GPS) is forbidden.

The endurance stage may include but not limit to the following main survival tasks:

- skiing in open and adapted terrain (ski mountaineering);
- running with snowshoes on, running with skis on;
- shooting with small arms and infantry weapons provided by organisers;
- elementary survival skills;
- military climbing and surmounting obstacles;
- using the avalanche rescue package;
- orientation using the baseplate compass by data from the map;
- giving first aid;
- grenade throwing for distance and target;
- others may be specified in the Competition Guide.

**13. Entry deadlines:**

30 September 2025 - Initial Entry Form for the country to express the intention of sending a team.

31 December 2025 - Final entry and team captain confirmation, along with travel information.

**14. Point of Contact:**

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