

WINTER SURVIVAL

WINTER OPEN-AIR INTERNATIONAL MULTI-CONTEST CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE CZECH ARMED FORCES

*held under the auspices of General of the Army Karel ŘEHKA,
Chief of the General Staff of the Czech Armed Forces*

ORGANIZATIONAL PROVISIONS

HELD BY: OdTV SRS MO (MoD PE Dept, Force Development Div.)
ORGANIZED BY: University of Defence (UoD)
DATE: **January 25 - 30, 2026**
PLACE: the Hrubý Jeseník Mountains, VZ Ovčárna pod Pradědem, VŠZ
UO Veronika
GPS 50°4'15.528"N, 17°14'19.615"E
<https://www.volareza.cz/vz-ovcar-na-pod-pradedem/en>

HONORARY BOARD:

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TEAM LINE-UP:

All teams - 3 people: contestants (one contestant is simultaneously a team leader)

PARTICIP. CRITERIA: professional soldiers

The contestants agree that the video and photo materials made by the contest organizer may be published.

1. ORGANIZATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

1.1 PARTICIPATION ADMINISTRATION STATUS:

Applies to Czech military teams only.

1.2 ARRIVAL:

The contestants are to report their arrival in the VZ Ovčárna pod Pradědem at the Contest Office on January 25, 2026 from 13:15 till 16:15 hrs. **Departures from HVĚZDA gate at 13:00, 14:00, 15:00 and, at the latest, 16:00 hrs!**

Transport to the venue is under the responsibility of each team. 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.

During the attendance registration each team leader is to submit:

- travel orders endorsed by the commander;
- team list endorsed by the commander;
- certificate of medical fitness for the participants;
- personal documents (ID or passport).

1.3 CONTEST OFFICE:

Location: in the VZ Ovčárna entrance hall, working hours:

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| • | January 25, 2026 | 13:00 - 22:00 hrs. |
| • | January 26, 2026 | 00:00 - 24:00 hrs. |
| • | January 27, 2026 | 00:00 - 24:00 hrs. |
| • | January 28, 2026 | 00:00 - 22:00 hrs. |
| • | January 29, 2026 | 07:00 - 16:00 hrs. |

During the attendance registration each team leader will receive the following printed documents: **The Contest Guide** and **Instructions for Guests Staying on the Premises of VZ Ovčárna**.

1.4 MEALS and LODGING

Meals for Professional Soldiers

Serving meals will commence with a warm dinner from Sunday January 25, 2026 and end with breakfast on Friday January 30, 2026.

Lodging

Lodging will be provided in line with the applications from January 25 till 30, 2026.

The hotel check out time is 09:00 hrs.

Foreign teams shall pay for meals and lodging directly at the hotel (VZ Ovčárna pod Pradědem). The expected daily expenditures for accommodation and meals should not exceed CZK 1200 per person due to be paid at the hotel reception desk that accepts cash Czech currency or all major bank cards.

2. INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

2.1 MANDATORY EQUIPMENT:

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

1. Skiing outfit, snowshoes:

for stage I: *mountaineering skis, sticks, helmet, avalanche rescue set (indicator, probe, shovel)*

for stage II: *mountaineering ski equipment, cross-country free skiing set, snowshoes.*

Should an item of skiing outfit be damaged, competitors are permitted to replace it. The replacement points and conditions will be specified in the Contest 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. Convenient khaki or black backpack.

4. Head flashlight + 2 sets of spare batteries.

5. Items and food for survival and sleeping in the open air.

b) **Team:**

1. First-aid kit.

2. Cooking necessities.

3. Baseplate compass

4. Items for outdoor sleeping - **TENTS ARE FORBIDDEN!!!**

c) **Recommended and optional equipment:**

Securing items, rope clamps, pulleys and other mountaineering outfit, snowshoes for Stage I and solid high boots for bad snow conditions. Sneakers or similar shoes are forbidden.

NOTE to Stage I: Use of navigational equipment (GPS) or any wearables is **FORBIDDEN**. Each team must carry all their mandatory and optional equipment (as recorded at the starting line) to the finish of the endurance stage!

3. CONTEST SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY, January 25, 2026

13:15 – 16:15 hrs.	arrival, attendance registration
16:30 – 17:00 hrs.	technical meeting and drawing lots – team captains
17:30 hrs.	opening ceremony
18:00	dinner
19:00	meeting on Stage I - contestants

MONDAY January 26, 2026

00:00 – 24:00 hrs. Stage I start – Day 1 of the competition

TUESDAY January 27, 2026

00:00 – 24:00 hrs. Stage I – Day 2 of the competition

WEDNESDAY January 28, 2026

00:00 – 18:00 hrs. Stage I – Day 3 of the competition
19:00 hrs. meeting on Stage II – team captains

THURSDAY January 29, 2026

08:30 – 11:30 hrs. Stage II – Day 4 of the competition
17:30 hrs. closing ceremony and announcement of results
19:00 – 22:00 hrs. soirée

FRIDAY January 30, 2026

07:00 – 08:00 hrs. breakfast
till 09:00 hrs. hotel check-out
09:30 hrs. departure.

NOTE:

The contest organizer reserves the right to make changes in the schedule. In such a case the participants will be notified in time.

4. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

4.1 PROTESTS:

- Protests may be submitted in writing by the team leaders to the Contest Director via the Contest Office within 15 minutes following the announcement of results on the official board.
- Protests will be judged by the jury composed of:
 - Contest Director;
 - Sports Director;
 - Chief Referee;
 - Representative of TV SRS MO;
 - Person in charge for the discipline

4.2 TITLES:

- The winning team in the OPEN Category will be titled “2026 International Champion of the Czech Armed Forces”.
- The Czech Armed Forces team in 1st place will be titled “2026 Champion of the Czech Armed Forces”.

4.3 PRIZES:

Teams in 1st through 3rd place will be awarded sports trophies.

4.4. CLOTHING INSTRUCTIONS:

- For ceremonies: as specified by the sending organization;
- For the contest - camouflage uniform and other items;