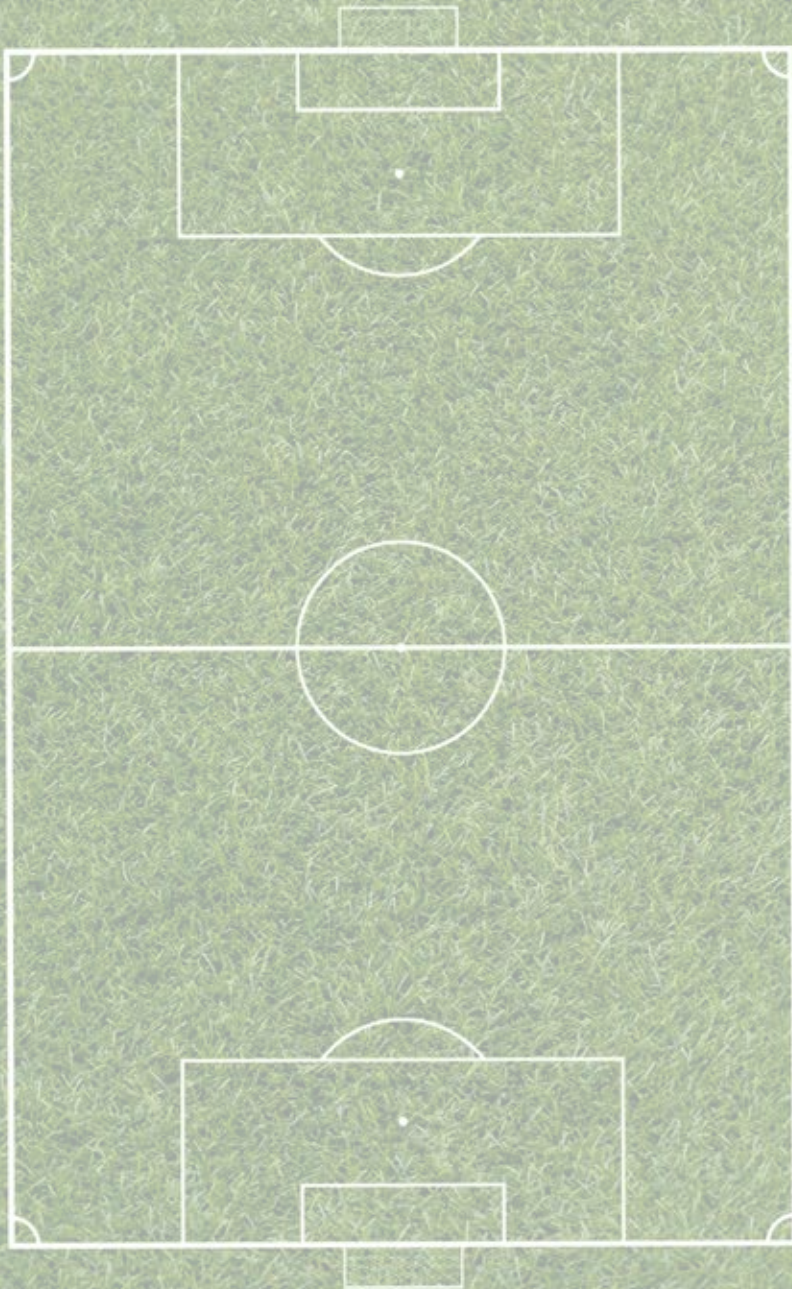


EUROPEAN JOURNALISTS' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

September 11- 14th, 2025
Druskininkai, Lithuania



LITHUANIA

Population: 2.8 million

Area: 65.3 km²

Capital: Vilnius (population 607 000)

Time zone: GMT+2 hour



Druskininkai is a resort in southern Lithuania with many SPA hotels and entertainment, such as Aqua Park and Snow Arena. It is located 128 kilometres from Vilnius Airport (VNO) and 138 kilometres from Kaunas Airport (KUN).

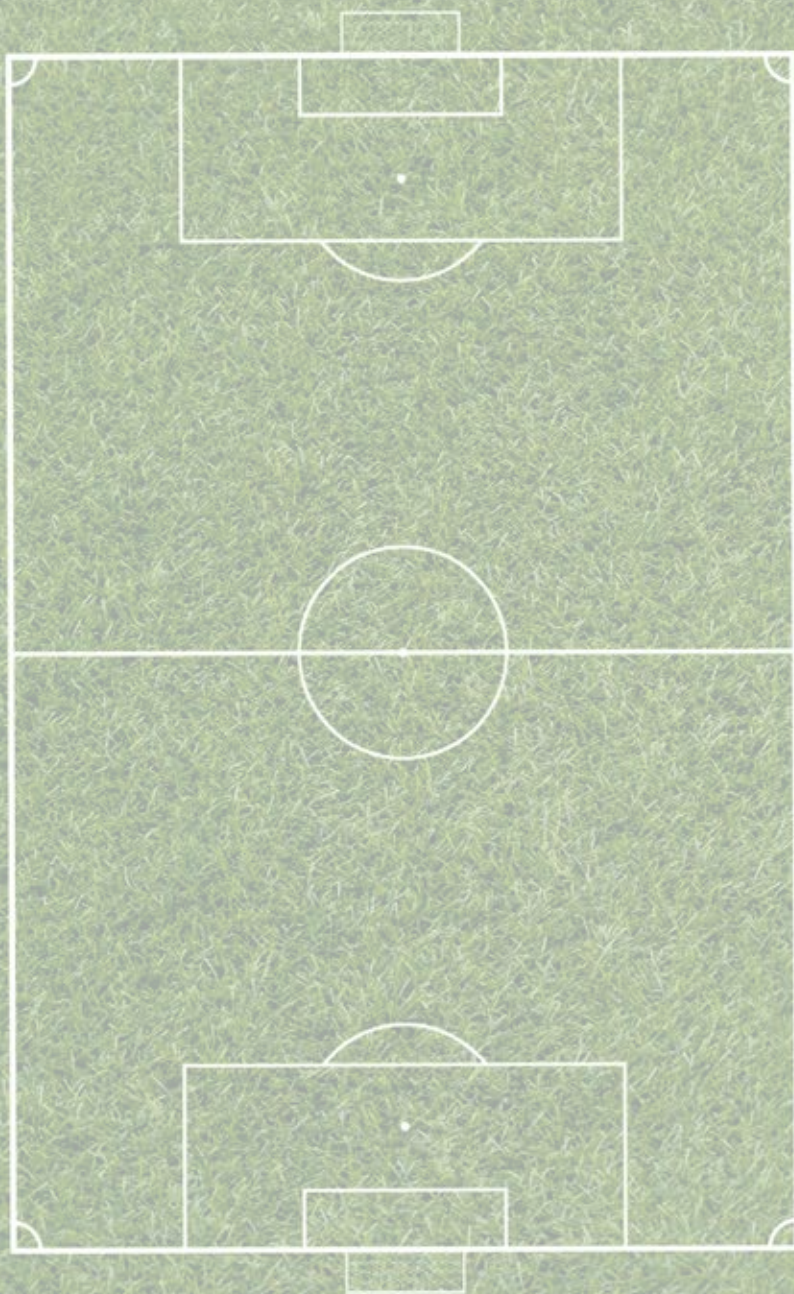
<https://druskininkai.lt/en/news/historic-resort-town-druskininkai/>

ACCOMODATION

The participants will be accomodated in 4-star hotel „Europa Royale Druskininkai“, which is located in the historic 19th century building – former resort in the city centre.

<https://www.europaroyaledruskininkai.lt/en>





HOSTS. Lithuanian sports journalists federation, created in 1957, member of AIPS; Lithuanian football federation, created in 1922, member of FIFA and UEFA

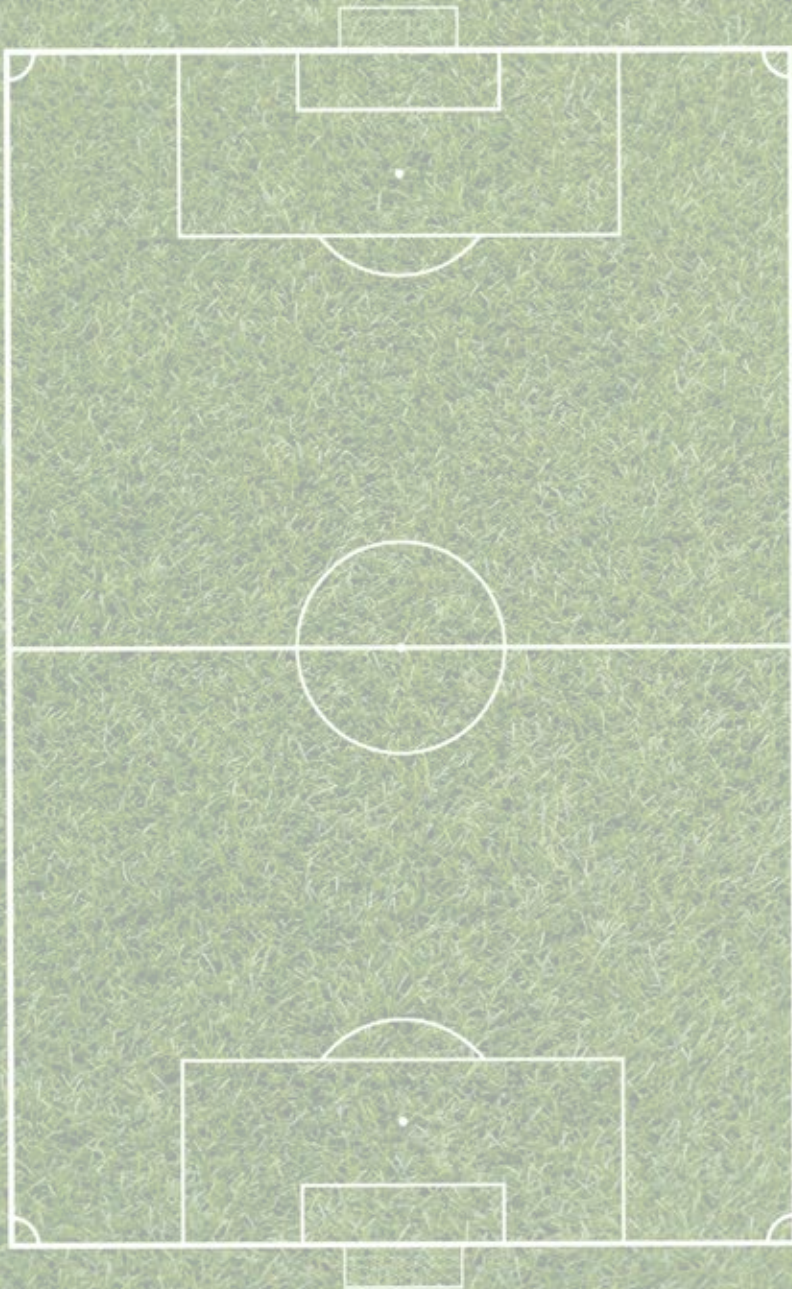
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Lithuanian sports journalists federation and the Lithuanian Journalists' Union have been organizing international journalist football tournaments annually ever since 2005. Over the past twenty years, teams of journalists from many countries have participated:

Lithuania, Germany, Scotland, Denmark, Hungary, Czech Republic, Poland, Ukraine, Latvia, Estonia, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Egypt, Belarus and Russia* (until the war that broke out in 2022).

The Lithuanian Journalists' Football Team also cherishes the tradition of playing football with journalists from other countries before the national team matches in the European and World Championship qualifying tournaments and the UEFA Nations League. Over the years Lithuanian journalists have organized and played matches in Lithuania with teams from Scotland, Denmark, Greece, Poland, Latvia, Estonia, and played away matches with journalists from England, Poland, Montenegro, Latvia, and Estonia.



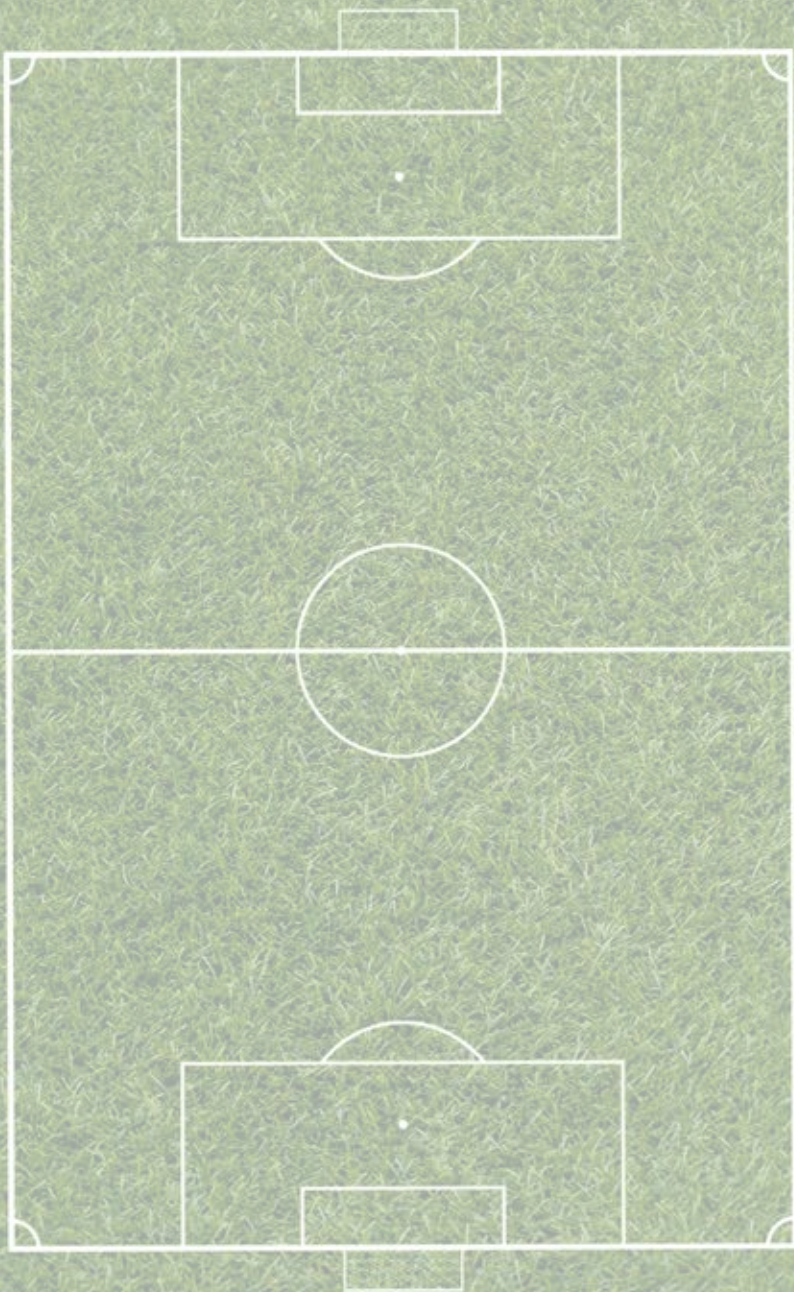
VENUE. The tournament will be held at the brand new sports center „Druskininkai“, which has natural grass, accomodates 1500 people and has already hosted UEFA Women's Nations League games and Lithuania's national youth teams' matches.

PARTICIPANTS. Professional media representatives, representing their countries. Valid licence of media work will be needed. Age is not limited in this tournament, one former professional player over the age of 40, now working in media field, can be registered.

FEES. No fees for travelling teams. Hosts will arrange the accomodation for 10 members of one team. Hosts will also cover all the other expenses, including transportation from airport to Druskininkai. However, hosts do not cover the expenses of teams flights or other means of travel to Lithuania.

NUMBER OF TEAMS. 16 teams, which confirm their participation. Application is open until the 1st of August.

FORMAT. Teams play 7x7 (6 outfield players + goalkeeper) on a quarter of full size pitch. Substitutions are unlimited. Two halves of 15 minutes are played. On the first day group stage will take place, playoffs and finals will be played the next day.



LEADERS OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

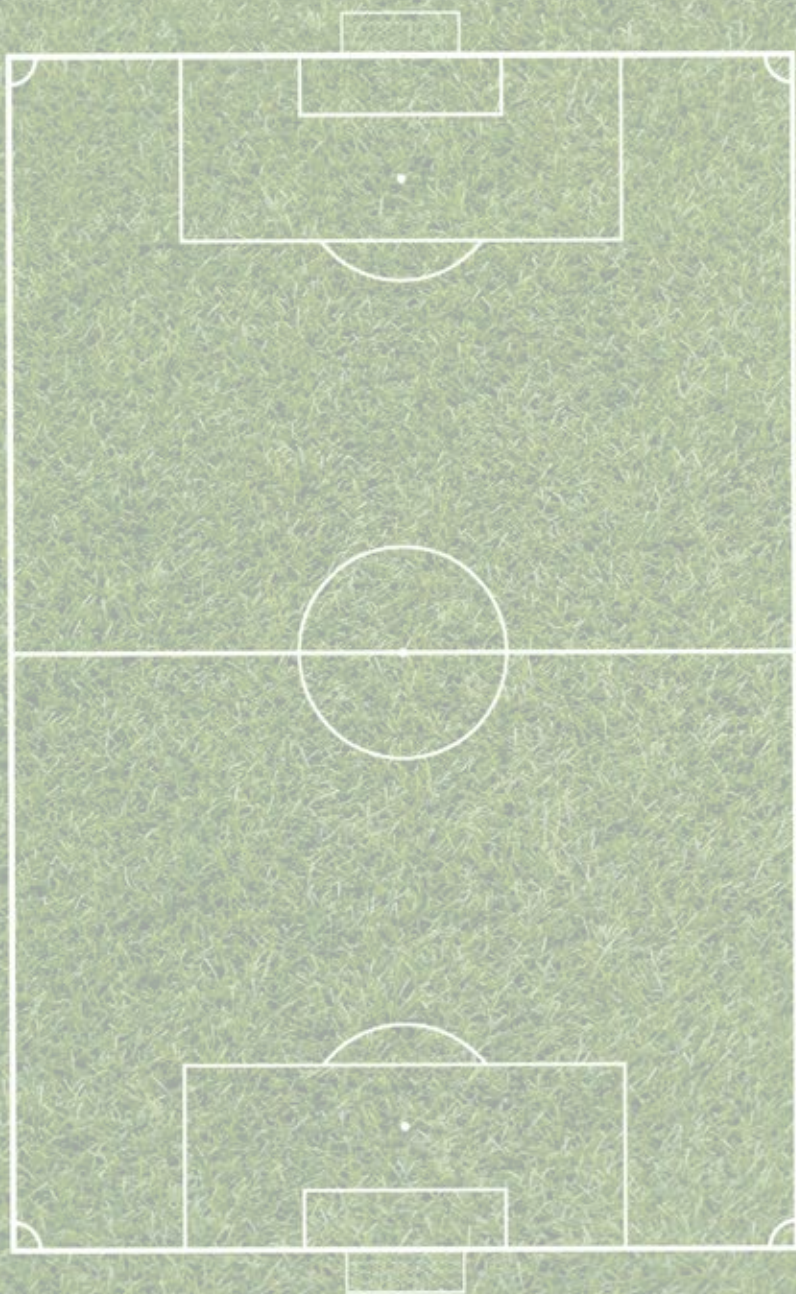


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PROGRAM

September 11 (Thursday), 2025

Teams arrival

Visit of the Championship participants to the Aqua Park

September 12 (Friday), 2025

Group stage

Conference and dinner at the hotel conference center

September 13 (Saturday), 2025

Playoff

Closing and award ceremony at the Snow Park

September 14 (Sunday), 2025

Teams departure

(Teams may have a longer stay in Druskininkai for their own expense)

