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Team officials meeting 5.7.2021  
Middle Distance Q + F

# MEETING RULES

- Please, mute your microphone and turn-off your camera.
- Questions should be always send in advance: [tom@woc2021.cz](mailto:tom@woc2021.cz)
  - If you have another questions during the meeting:
    - type your question to the meeting chat
    - raise hand via “raise hand button” in closing discussion
- Contact in case of technical issues with connection:
  - Jakub Ransdorf ([tom@woc2021.cz](mailto:tom@woc2021.cz), +420 775 911 067)



# MEETING AGENDA

1. Congratulation to winners
2. General information
3. General information about Middle disciplines
4. Race specific information: Middle Qualification + Final
5. Q & A

# CONGRATULATIONS!

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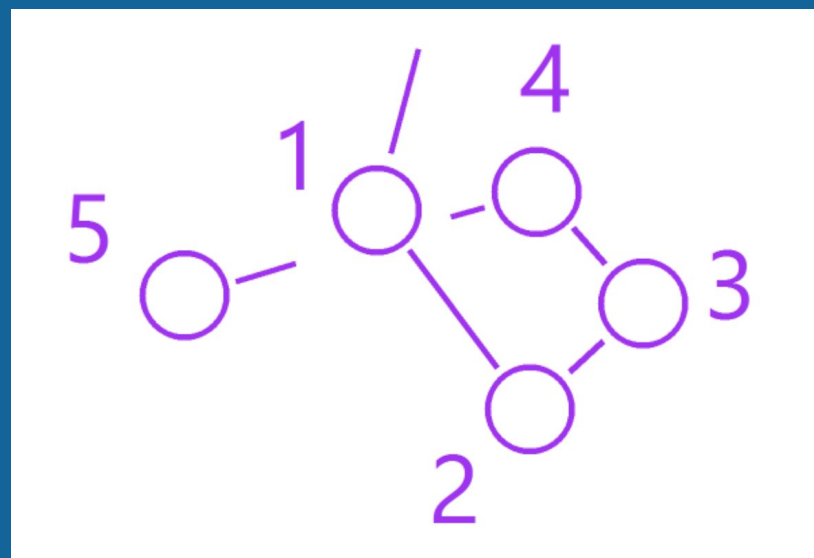


# GENERAL INFORMATION

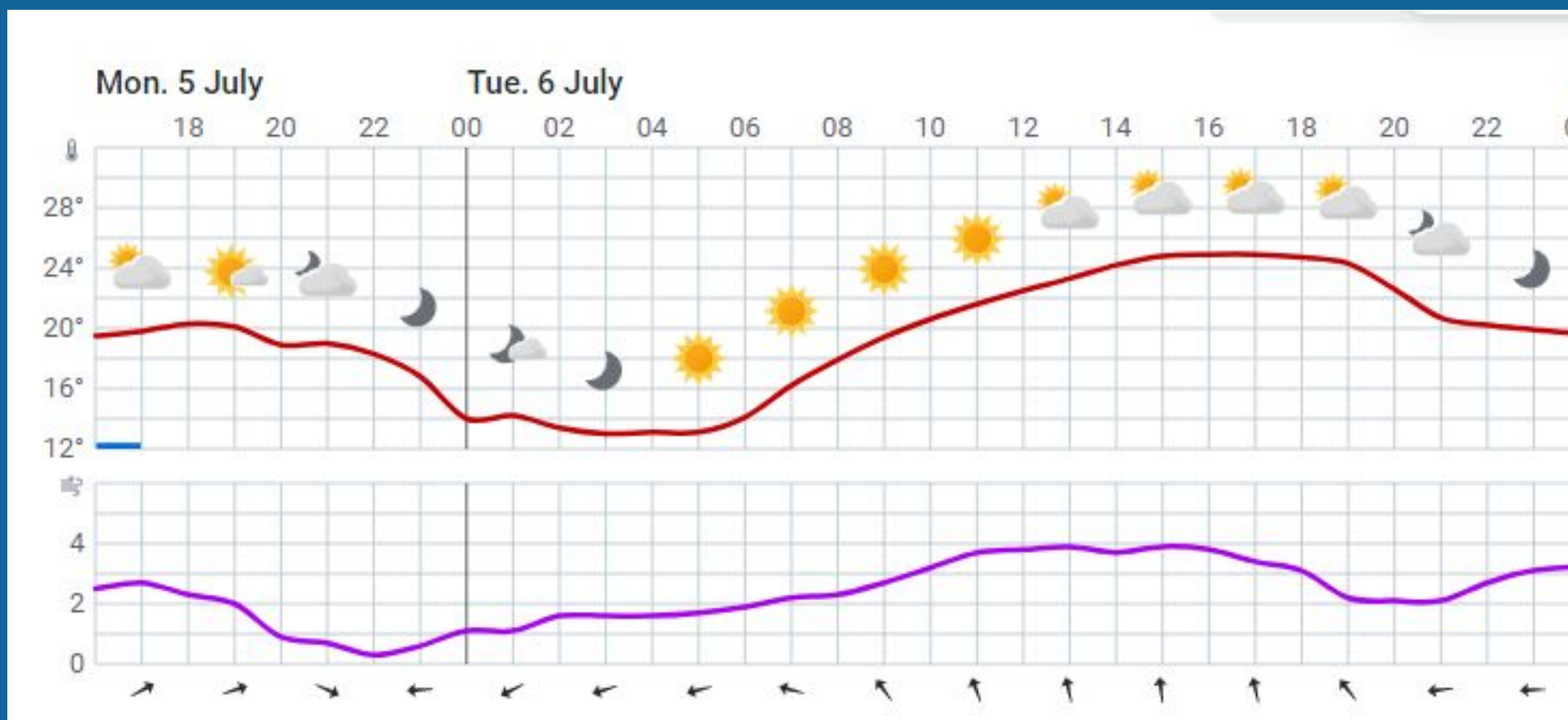
- **Team Zone will be enlarged in both Smržovka and Heřmánky arenas, so the athletes can cheer for other athletes**
- **Surgical face masks are sufficient for arenas**
- **Please meet the entry deadlines for relay and long (12:00), late submissions won't be accepted (!)**
- **Dinner in hotel Bezděz will be available**
  - **Tuesday: 21:00 - 23:00**
  - **Thursday, Friday: 20:30 - 22:30**

# GENERAL INFORMATION

- Complaints must be handed over in the Event-Office tent only
- Course layout: some courses are complex, legs cross each other, follow the control numbers carefully



# WEATHER FORECAST 6.7.2021





MIDDLE DISTANCE Q+F  
6.7.2021, Smržovka

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# MIDDLE DISTANCE TERRAIN

- Challenging mountain terrain with broken ground, partly marshy, hilly and physically demanding, alt. 530 - 836 m, steep slopes with granite boulders and cliffs
- Visibility: varies from very good in mature beech forests to medium in mature spruce forests and very low in denser spruce and self-seeded beech vegetation
- Runnability: very good in mature beech forests, partly significantly limited by the slope steepness, stones, fallen trees, blueberries and thickets
- Be careful! There are plenty of high cliffs and rocks in the competition area

# DEVIATIONS FROM IOF MAP STANDARDS

## Christer Carlsson (IOF Map Commission chairman):

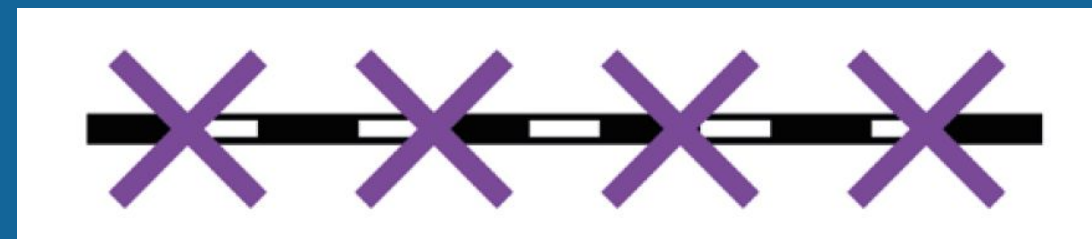
- IOF Map Commission has approved a deviation in colour of buildings - gray on long, middle and relay maps.

## Aleš Hejna (WOC Chief cartographer)

- Buildings on all WOC maps are in **gray colour with a thin black outline**. This enhances legibility of maps. You can easily tell the difference between rock features and buildings.

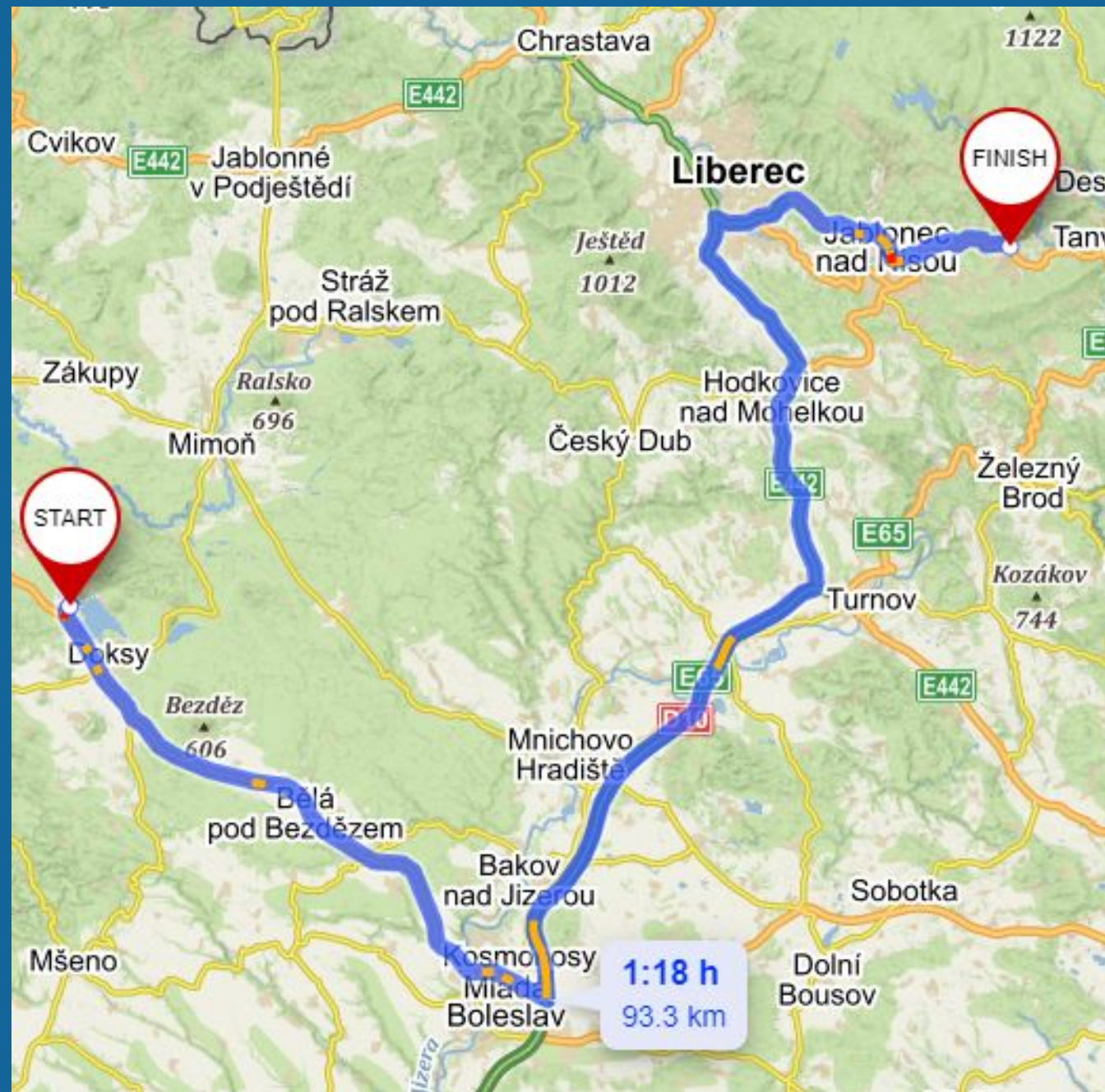
# RAILROADS

- Embargoed area is bordered by a railway, **in operation** (!)
- Running along of railroads is strictly forbidden, marked as *Out-of-bounds route* (symbol 711)
- Edge of railway not marked in terrain
- Rule of thumb:  
stones = rail embankment  
don't run on them



# ARENA ARRIVAL

- Approx. 1h 20m
- recommended route includes toll roads

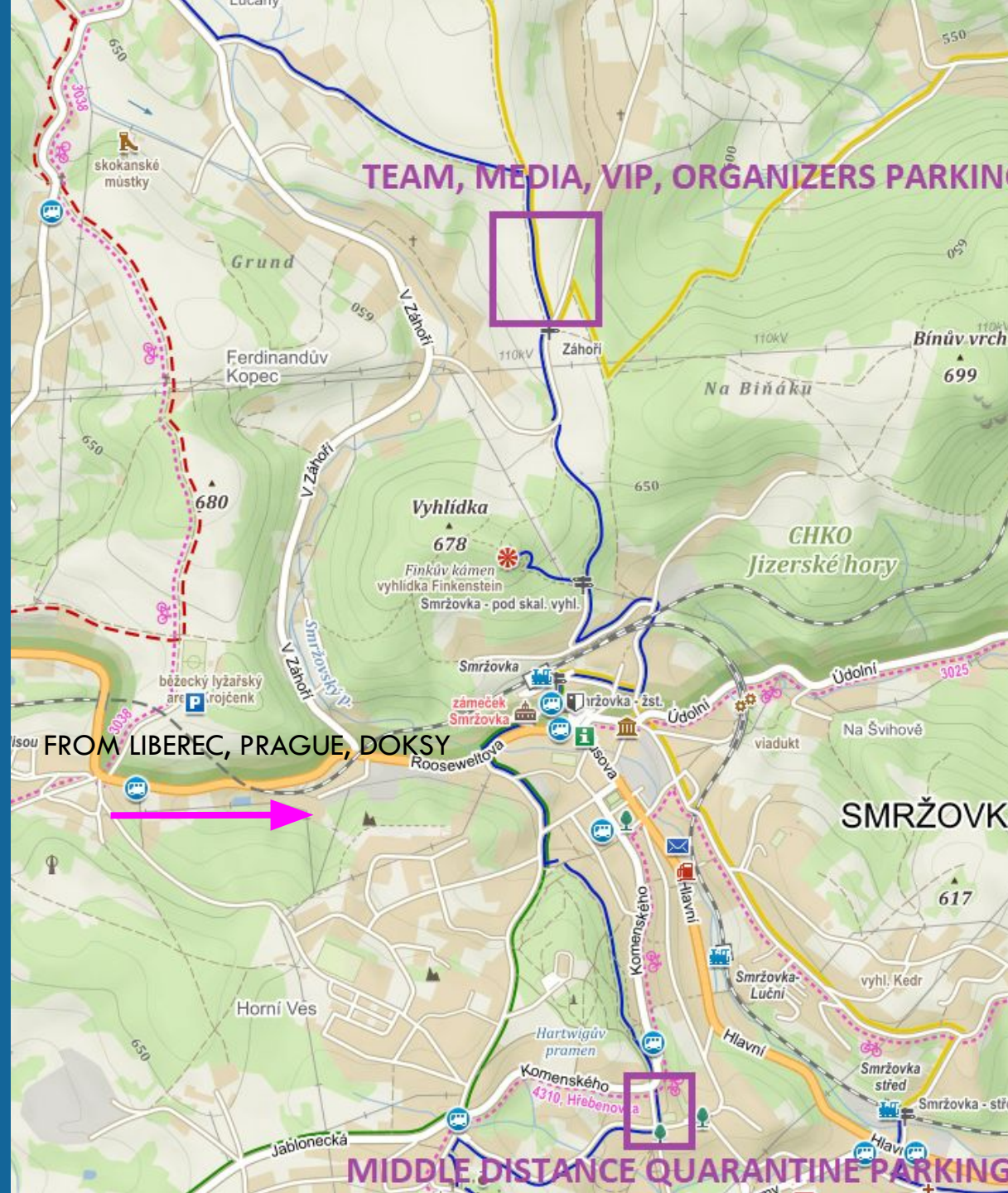


# ARRIVAL Q+F

- Quarantine:

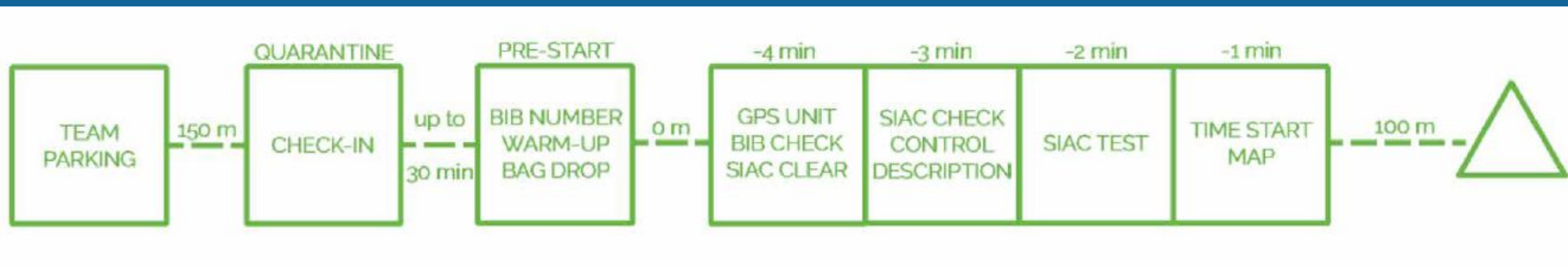
Sports hall, Tyršova 1369, Smržovka.  
*50.7318853N, 15.2474969E*

Parking next to the quarantine (200m)  
*50.7330919N, 15.2475592E*



# QUARANTINE Q

- Quarantine opens: **7:00**
- Quarantine deadline: 8:45 (= check-in **7:00 - 8:45**)
- First start **9:00**
  
- Building (indoor), warm-up area, toilets and water.
- Team tents are allowed, but possible only on hard surface.
- ~~No metal dobs / spikes indoors~~ no shoes at all allowed indoors



# SHUTTLE TRANSPORT Q

- Up to **20 minutes** to pre-start
- Departure and schedule
  - athletes arrive ca. 60 min before start
  - first shuttle at 7:25, last shuttle 10:05
  - schedule will be sent via e-mail and printed at EO / in quarantine
- **Rules:**
  - Priority: **runners on schedule, runners (lower BIB), coaches**
  - First three shuttles reserved for coaches - please use them
  - One free seat in each bus



# COACHES MAY

- drop athletes at the quarantine parking, continue to competition arena by own transport
- leave quarantine any time after 8:45 and use own transport to competition arena
- use official shuttle transport to pre-start area
  - shuttles 7:25, 30, 35 reserved for coaches
  - no return to quarantine possible
  - shuttle from pre-start to competition area (at baggage drop-off)

# QUALIFICATION RACE

- **intense foresting activities in the terrain**
  - **new clearings, narrow rides may occur**
- **New small clearing north to post 61**

# AFTER THE QUALIFICATION RACE

- No indoor facilities in the after-finish team zone, own team tents allowed
- ~~Cool down in arena or team zone and along way to the team parking~~ (due to COVID19-regulations), dedicated spacious cool-down area next to Team Zone

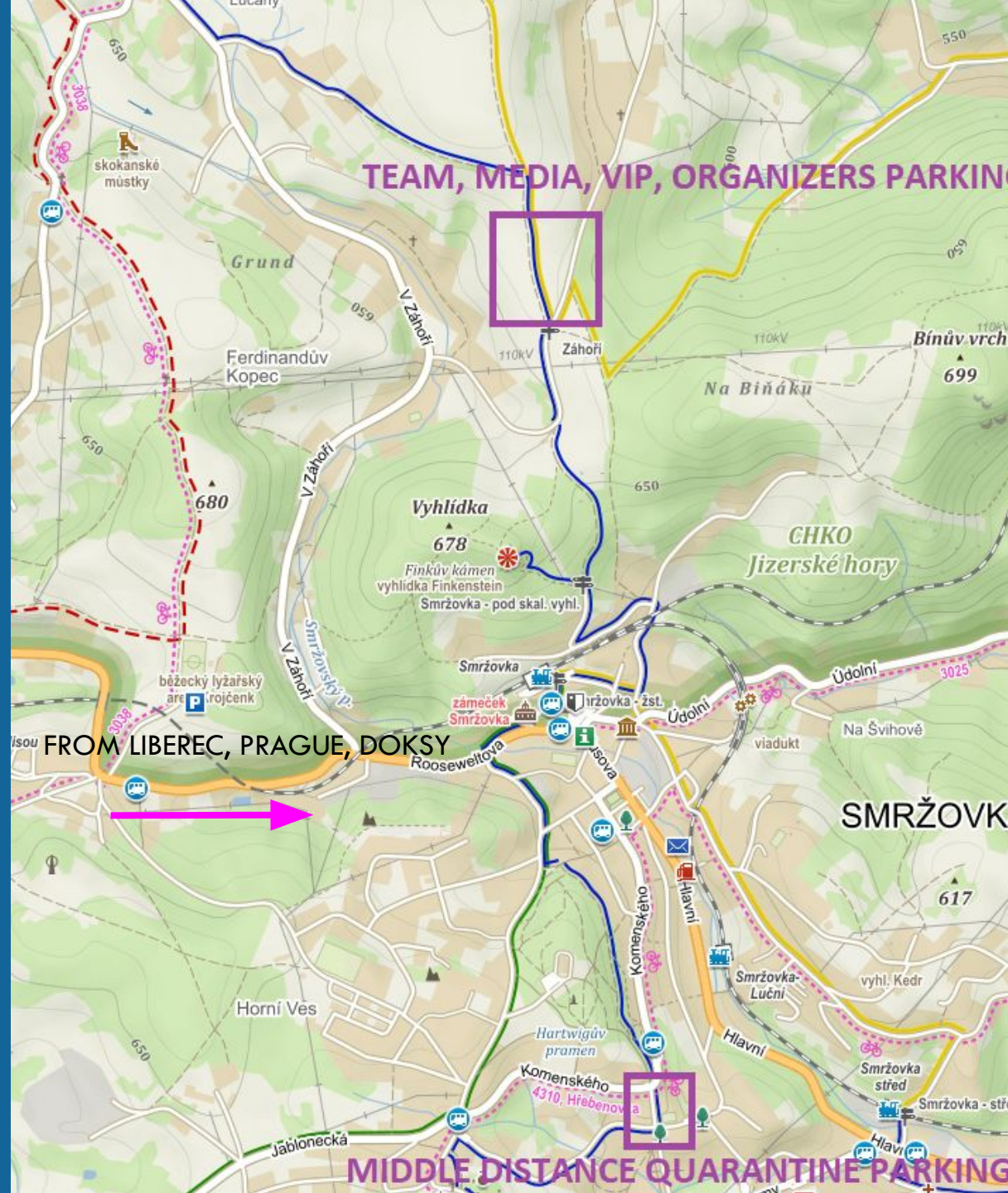
# BETWEEN Q AND F

- Between the races, teams can:
  - leave Smržovka completely
  - stay in the team zone in the arena
  - go back to the quarantine area (after 12:00), operates as **resting zone from 12:00 to 13:45**
  - please leave the area before the first check-in to quarantine (13:45)
- Quarantine deadline at 15:40 (= **check-in 13:45-15:40**)

# ARRIVAL F

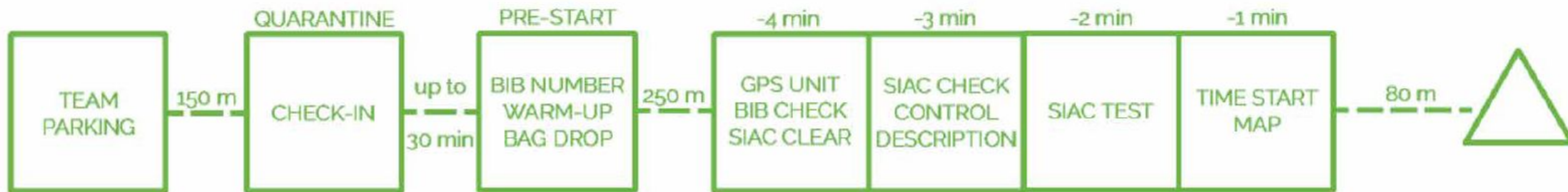
Same team parking and quarantine zone as for Q.

Athletes eliminated in qualification and other team members who want to cheer in the finals can navigate directly to Team parking next to the arena.



# MIDDLE DISTANCE FINAL

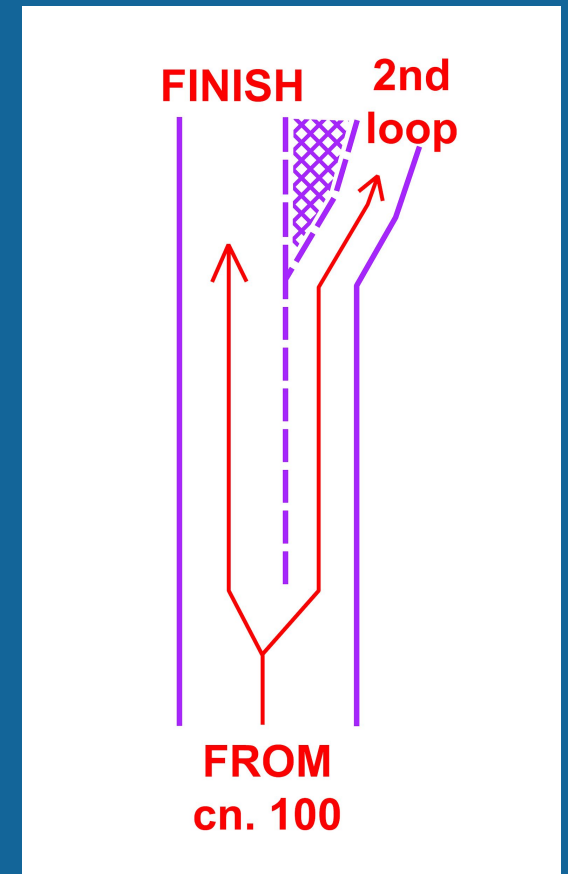
- Quarantine deadline: 15:40
- Est. first start: 15:50
- Race is broadcast live in TV, runners can be followed by cameramen.
- Two bib numbers (chest and back)



# MIDDLE DISTANCE FINAL

## Arena passage

- spectator control = last control (100)
- corridors are separated
  - v-boards, possible to change corridor
  - high barriers (fences), forbidden to jump over



# AFTER THE FINAL RACE

- No indoor facilities, tents only, own team tents allowed
- ~~Cool-down area = arena + team-zone + way to team parking,~~  
(COVID19-regulations), dedicated cool-down area next to Team Zone
- Shuttle transport (back to the quarantine)
  - at the road near the arena
  - 19:00 - 20:30 every 10 minutes



# AFTER THE FINAL RACE

- **Flower ceremony follows right when medal holders are clear - TOP 3 in both classes**
  - **Please, be ready, we are live on TV!**
  - **Est. beginning: 20:10**
- **Medal ceremony right after the results are official in the arena, estimated beginning at 20:30 - TOP 6 athletes in both classes**

Q & A

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# Are athletes allowed to pick their time of bus departure as they please?

*A: YES, if there is free place in the bus. In such case the priorities are:  
athletes on schedule  
athletes (lower BIB)  
coaches*

Is it possible to use backup SIAC on forest part of the WOC which has been already used on sprint by another athlete?

A: YES.

How should the phrase on the IOF approved deviation on minimum height of cliffs be understood – are they shorter or higher than standard?

*A: The deviation applies to the **size of the symbol**. The minimal size of the cliff may be slightly smaller than required by ISOM2017-2.*

*Aleš Hejna: You can't always enlarge cliffs out of real proportions (into ISOM proportions) because it would block passages between cliffs.*

# Are impassable cliffs forbidden or just dangerous to cross?

A: Just dangerous to cross (according to the ISOM2017-2)

Be careful.

**How high is the grass in the meadows?  
Will it be cut? Will there be some  
forerunners to make “tracks” before first  
starters in case of high grass?**

**A: Grass in the arena is cut. In case there are some meadows on the course  
organiser will try to ensure as fair conditions as possible.**

# Are you allowed to cross the railroad?

A: According to the ISOM2017-2 it is allowed.



**Are the paths through olive marked with a white background if you are allowed to run on them?**

**A: You are allowed to run on paths marked with white background.**

Is the prestart in the same place for quali and for the final?

*A: No comment on this.*

Is it allowed for 2 coaches to leave 1 car at the arena, then drive back with 1 car to the quarantine parking (after 8:30/14:00!), and then drive again to the arena parking with a third car of the team left by runners at the quarantine parking?

A: YES, coaches can come back to the arena parking to pick-up the car, but only after quarantine deadline (8:45 / 15:40) ! No interaction with athletes in quarantine zone. It is not allowed to drive through streets adjacent to quarantine zone.

# How big is the tent in the pre-start?

A: There are at least five tents 6 x 3 m.

What plans have you got to try to stop mixing athletes with spectators?

Are you able to watch properly from the team zone?

*A: Team members (incl. non-competing athletes) may not enter the Public (spectator) Zone. Meals, fan-shop, and other demands can be sorted with the Event Office.*

*We will enlarge the Team Zone towards the running corridors so you can watch the race / cheer for others (in both forest arenas).*

From which area can the athletes cheer during flower or medal ceremony?

*A: From dedicated area in the arena close to the run-in from where you can cheer, follow the big screen and cheer during ceremonies.*

**When and where competitors will be able to taste sport drink obtained by WOC organizers?**

*A: The iso-drink can be tasted at the event-office tent (or at event office in Hotel Bezděz).*

## Can we leave the arena before 12.00?

*A: Yes, you can leave the arena before, but if you head towards the quarantine / resting area, be reminded that it opens at 12.00*



# Will it be possible to collect arena meals after the final race?

*A: YES, arena meals are served by the catering (for spectators), they will operate at least until medal ceremony. Deadline for placing an order will be in the Event office tent.*

Can prominent large tree symbol appear on Middle distance maps as the only one which appear on the model event map? or is it not considered a relevant enough feature to be drawn?

*A: The same principle as during model, distinct trees in meadows are drawn.*

GOOD LUCK!

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