PROPOSAL

to host the 19th European Rogaining Championships in 2023 in the Jerusalem Hills, Israel

Proposed Organizers	Hevel Modiin Orienteering Club ASA Tel-Aviv Orienteering Club Israel Sport Orienteering Association
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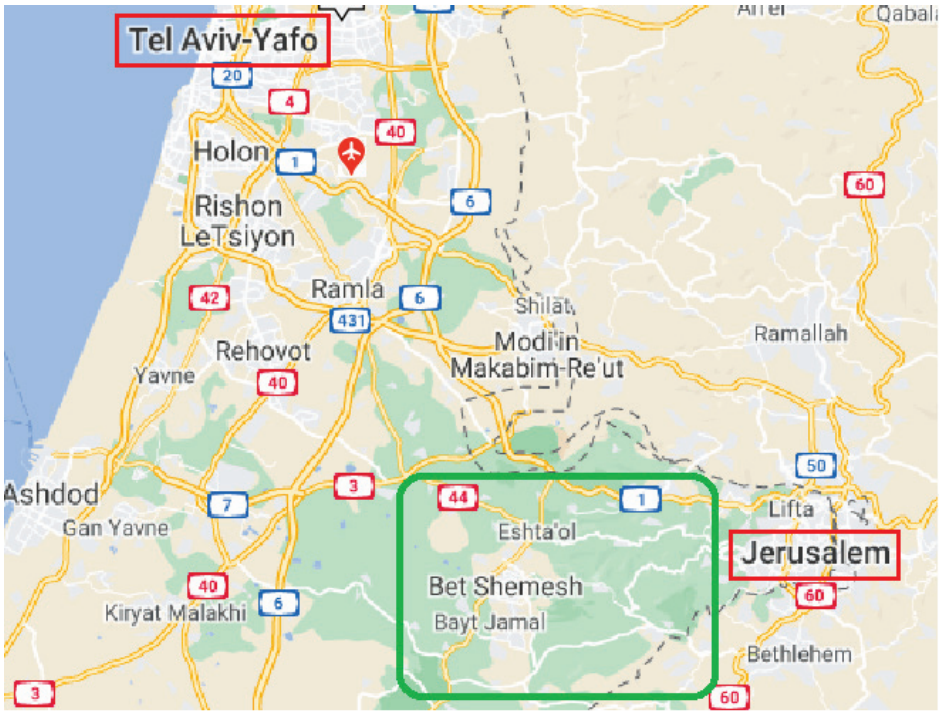
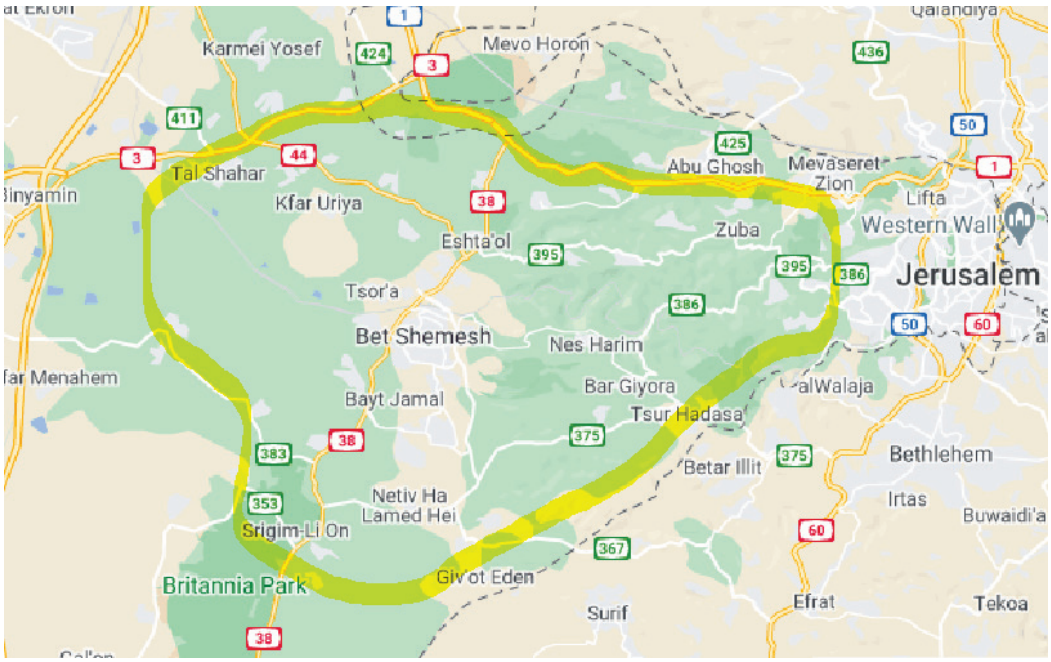
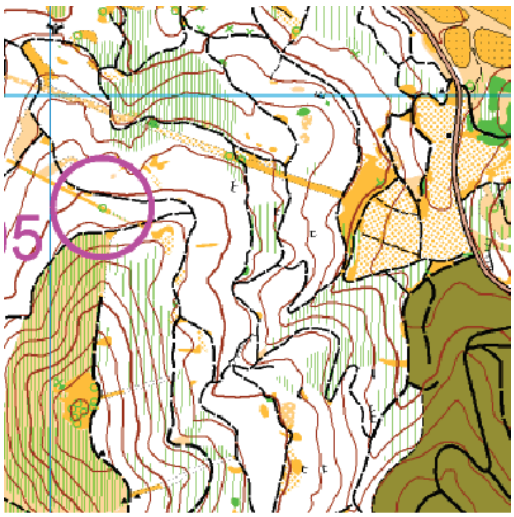
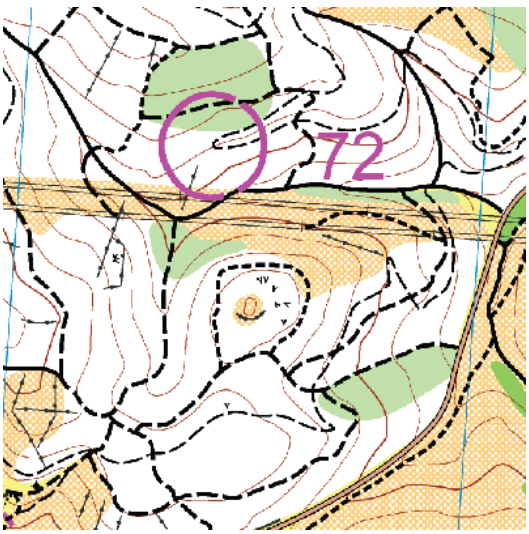
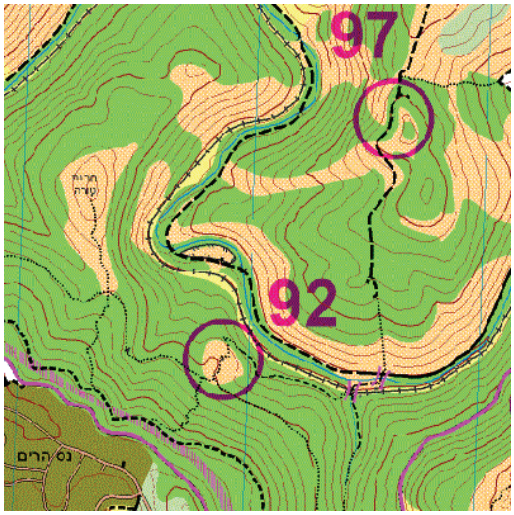
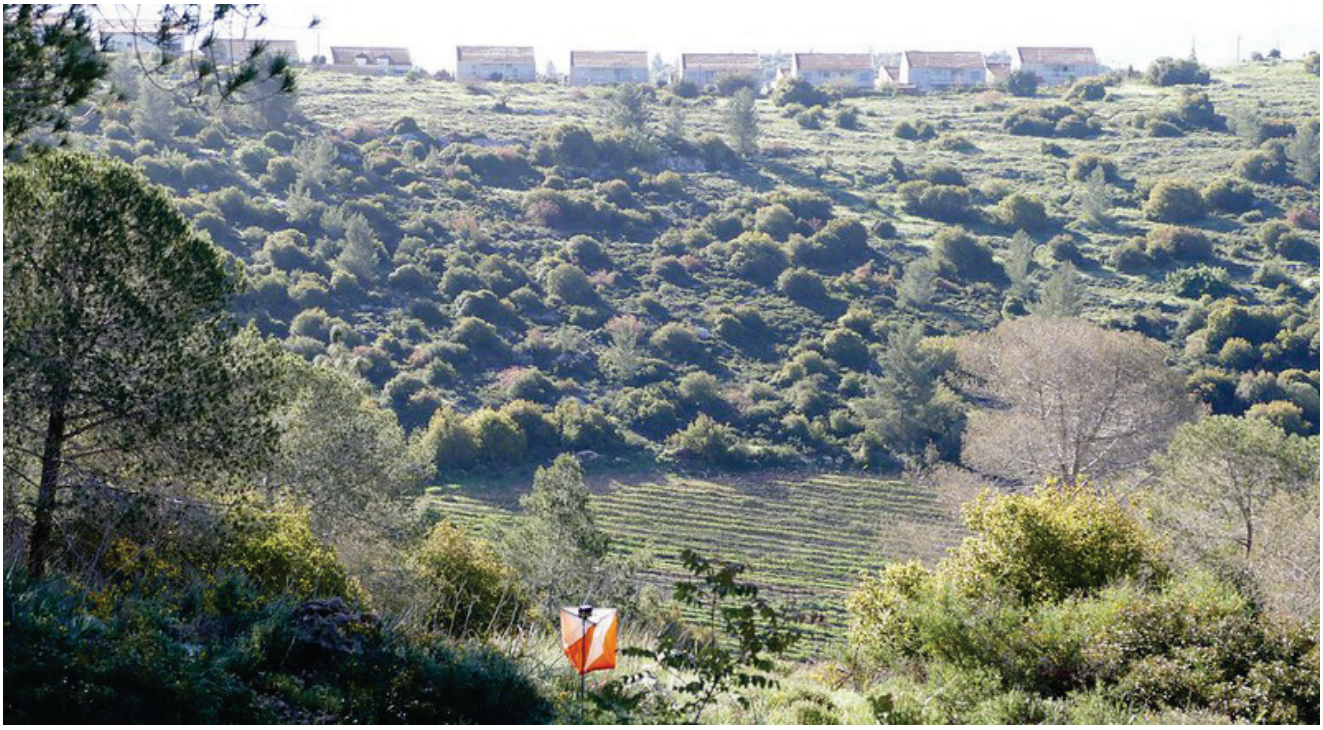
Proposed Date	Late March 2023. Springtime is the preferable time of year for a 24-hour rogaine due to comfortable weather conditions, less likelihood of rain, and a green landscape. Late March has approximately 12.5 hours of daylight. Alternatively, early October would also be suitable for the event.
Planned Location	**Jerusalem Hills, Israel.** Competition center (Nes Harim): • Distance from Ben-Gurion international airport to the event center: 50 km • Distance from Jerusalem (city center) to the event center: 26 km • Distance from Tel-Aviv (beach) to the event center: 68 km • Distance from Beit Shemesh bus/rail station to the event center: 12 km



Proposed Competition Area	The map covers an area of about 220 square kilometers. The eastern part of the area is mountainous, with peaks reaching heights of 700 meters above sea level. The terrain descends into rolling hills, reaching 200 meters at the western edge of the map. Two river channels runs from east to west, and merge in the middle of the map. The area combines planted forests, Mediterranean natural woodlands, fallow lands, and cultivated fields, orchards, and vineyards. There are many rural villages within the boundaries of the map. The terrain is rocky, with significant rock features in some locations, including quarries. Man-made ruins are scattered throughout the map. The competition area contains a large network of paths and trails. An active railroad track and several roadways pass through the competition area.
Map Boundaries	
Map	Proposed scale: 1:30000 | 10 m contours Software: OCAD
Map Samples	 

Map Sample	
Timekeeping and Results	The event will use SPORTident (SI) punching and electronic results processing. Online tracking of participants is planned.
Rules	The European Rogaining Championships will be held in accordance with the International Rogaining Federation Rules.
Weather and climate	In late March, the average daily high temperature in Jerusalem is approximately 20°C, while low temperatures at night are about 10°C. As the dry summer approaches, the month of March typically has only 6 days of rain.
Accommodation and meals for participants	A variety of accommodations – including campsites, hostels, rural apartments, and hotels – are available in the vicinity of the competition. Information and recommendations for accommodations and meals will be provided in the ERC2023 bulletin and website. During the event, food and refreshments will be provided for competitors at the event center in accordance with the IRF guidelines.
Transportation	No official transport will be offered. Buses and trains do not run on the weekends (Friday afternoon until Saturday evening). Competitors are advised to hire a car from a recognized car rental company.
Health Services	The Event Organizer will provide first-aid at the event center and at each competition site. Emergency care and major hospitals are within a 20 minute drive from the competition sites. The Event Organizer will not bear responsibility related to medical costs for participants. Participants are responsible for their own insurance.
Organization experience	See history of rogaining events in Israel: https://israelorienteering.org/rogaine-events/