




**IX International Carnival**

**"STARCHEVATA" - RAZLOG**

**18 th of January 2025 г.**

# REGULATION

## I. PLACE OF CONDUCTION:

**City of Razlog, square „Preobrazhenie“**

## II. DATE OF CONDUCTION:

**18TH OF JANUARY 2025, START: 10:00h**

## III. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

The international carnival „STARCHEVATA” is organized every 2 years and is not competitive. It is attended by mummer, carnival and masquerade groups from Bulgaria and abroad.

The groups present the tradition of masquerade and carnival games and masks specific to their region (locality).

The performance includes the specifics characteristic of the local ritual culture:

- Verbal, musical and plastic dialect;
- Typical characters;
- Traditional masks and clothing.

## IV. ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT

1. **PARTICIPATION FEE:**

   Groups do not pay a participation fee.

2. **NUMBER OF GROUPS**

   Groups from Bulgaria –30/ group

   Note: The group size can be larger if the group does not use overnight accommodation.

   Groups from abroad –25/ group

3. **EXPENSES FOR BULGARIAN GROUPS:**

   The organizers provide for groups at a distance of over 150 km from Razlog:

   1-night accommodation, 1 breakfast and 1 meal package for the participation day of 30 participants. If there are more participants in the group, it covers the remaining costs.

   Transportation costs are at the expense of the participants.

   The Bulgarian groups from nearby areas, will receive 1 food package for the participation day.

4. **EXPENSES FOR GROUPS ABROAD:**

   The organizers provide 2 nights of accommodation and meals during the stay. Transportation costs are at the expense of the participants.

## V. CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRESENTATION OF GROUPS

All groups are presenting themselves on 18th of January 2025, (Saturday), according to a pre-prepared participation schedule.

On the carnival, each group performs its program (words, dance, and music) within 10 minutes.

The organizers reserve the right to reduce the performance time in order to ensure that all groups, that have applied, can participate on the carnival.

Groups must be ready to participate at least 30 minutes in advance.

The carnival program and the order of appearance of the groups will be published on the organizers' websites 3 days before the start of the festival.

## VI. ACCOMPANYING PROGRAM ON 17th of JANUARY (FRIDAY)

The organizers invite all available foreign and Bulgarian groups on the territory of Municipality of Razlog to a general carnival fun "Come to Megdana" with a rich folklore program with the participation of artists from the Municipality and professional performers.

Come to Megdana to feel the spirit of the city – Razlog – keeper of traditions!

You will taste meat delicacies, mulled wine, hot chocolate and tea!

Start: 17: 30h, square „Preobrazhenie“ - Razlog

## VII. PRICES

Each group receives a plaque (cup) and a thank-you address for participation.

## VIII. APPLICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

All groups, wishing to participate in the International Mummers Carnival "Starchevata" Razlog 2025, can submit applications for participation in one of the three specified ways:

1. Through e-mail: okmds@razlog.bg - with a copy to: kmet@razlog.bg

2. to adress: 2760 Razlog, 1 “Stefan Stambolov” street, Directorate SDOKST, Mrs. Ganka Andreeva

Applications for participation can be downloaded from www.razlog.bg, section Current, Announcements and Messages

To the application for participation, groups must attach a brief presentation of the custom and information about the creation and activities of the group (up to 400 words). Applications that are not presented with current phone number, a valid e-mail address, as well as information about the group and a description of the custom ,will not be processed.

The deadline for submitting applications for participation is 3th of January, 2025. (Friday).

For more information:

Directorate of Social Activities, Education, Culture, Sports and Tourism -

Mobile number: 0884 605147 in working time from 08:00h – 17:00h, Mrs. Ganka Anfreeva

The organizers reserve the right to photograph, film, record and broadcast the programs of the festival participants (in whole or in fragments thereof) for the purpose of advertising and archiving the festival.

The organizers reserve the right to not allow groups, that have violated public order during their participation in Municipality of Razlog, to participate in the Carnival in the future.