ULTRA TRAIL MARÃO

# GENERAL REGULATIONS 2027

*General conditions of participation and regulatory framework*

*On this side of Marão, we run with heart.*

## DOCUMENT STRUCTURE

1. **Identity, scope and regulatory hierarchy**
2. Participation, non-competitive activities and responsibilities
3. Course, environment, weather and authority
4. Data, image rights and intellectual property
5. Liability, complaints and final provisions

These General Regulations and Annexes I to IV form a single regulatory framework. In matters governed by special provisions, the applicable Annex shall prevail, without prejudice to mandatory legal rules.

## PREAMBLE

Ultra Trail do Marão is a trail running competition held in a natural mountain environment. Marão, Alvão, Aboboreira and the territories crossed are not a controlled setting: they are living environments subject to variable weather, technical terrain, isolation and access limitations.

Taking part in the UTM means accepting a race conducted in partial self-sufficiency, preparing appropriately, respecting the territory and making responsible decisions. The Organisation creates and manages the event structure; it does not replace the athlete's preparation, judgement or individual autonomy.

Safety is the priority. Competition is important, but it never takes precedence over human life, protection of the territory or a lawful order issued by a competent authority.

### ARTICLE 1 — PURPOSE AND EDITION

These Regulations establish the general rules for participation in Ultra Trail do Marão 2027 (UTM 2027), organised by Associação Desportiva Marão Trail (ADMT), without prejudice to any co-organisers, partners or licensing bodies officially identified.

The 2027 edition will take place from 1 to 4 April 2027, without prejudice to duly communicated operational adjustments.

### ARTICLE 2 — COMPETITIVE RACES

| RACE | DESIGNATION | REFERENCE DISTANCE |
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| UTME | Ultra Trail do Marão Endurance | 120 km |
| UTM | Ultra Trail do Marão | 60 km |
| TM | Trail do Marão | 40 km |
| MTM | Marão Half Trail | 25 km |
| TMC | Marão Short Trail | 15 km |

Distances, elevation gain, start and finish locations and routes are reference technical values and elements. The final operational version is the one published through the official channels and may be changed where justified by safety, environmental, authority or force majeure considerations.

## ARTICLE 3 — AGE AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Competitive races are open to participants aged 18 or over on the date of the relevant start.

Non-competitive, charitable, children's or promotional initiatives have their own rules and are only governed by this framework where expressly stated.

## ARTICLE 4 — MARÃO WALK AND NON-COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES

When included in the official 2027 programme, the Marão Walk 6K is a non-competitive activity, with no official classification or award of prizes, unless expressly stated otherwise.

Subject to the necessary adaptations, the rules on registration, identification, insurance, safety, environment, authorities and conduct set out in these Regulations and Annexes I and II apply to it.

Age requirements, accompaniment of minors, schedule, included services and any other specific rules are those presented on the platform before registration and form part of the conditions of the activity.

For the 2027 edition, 50% of the registration revenue from the Marão Walk actually received by the Organisation will be donated to CERCIMARANTE — Cooperativa para a Educação e Reabilitação de Cidadãos com Incapacidades, C.R.L. The beneficiary organisation will also be identified through the event's official channels.

## ARTICLE 5 — NATURE OF THE RACE AND PARTIAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY

The UTM is a mountain competition conducted under a partial self-sufficiency regime. Between support points, the athlete must be capable of managing effort, food, hydration, thermal protection, equipment, basic navigation and decision-making.

The existence of course markings, aid stations, tracking systems, support teams or rescue resources does not turn the race into an escorted activity and does not guarantee immediate assistance at every location.

## ARTICLE 6 — REGULATORY FRAMEWORK AND HIERARCHY

The UTM 2027 regulatory framework consists of these General Regulations and four integral Annexes: Annex I — Safety, Health, Insurance and Operational Command; Annex II — Registration, Cancellations, Guarantees and Athlete Logistics; Annex III — Competition, Equipment, Classification, Penalties and Complaints; and Annex IV — Prize Regulations.

Where a matter is specifically governed by one of Annexes I to IV, the special provision in that Annex shall prevail. These General Regulations apply to all other matters.

No provision shall be interpreted as excluding mandatory legal rules. If any clause is invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue to apply to the fullest extent permitted by law.

The operational implementation of the event, including the organisation of Staff, volunteers and partner teams, may be set out in operational orders, mission sheets and specific internal documentation. These instruments implement these General Regulations and Annexes I to IV; they do not replace them and may not conflict with them. In the event of any inconsistency, this regulatory framework shall prevail and, in matters governed by special provisions, the applicable Annex shall prevail.

Where a UTM race or distance is sanctioned by the Portuguese Athletics Federation (FPA) or forms part of an official competition under its authority, the FPA General Competition Regulations, the World Athletics Technical and Competition Rules and any other applicable federation regulations shall apply on a supplementary basis. In federation, technical or sanctioning matters, mandatory federation rules shall prevail, while UTM-specific rules remain applicable insofar as they are compatible with them.

## ARTICLE 7 — PRIOR COMMUNICATION, ACCEPTANCE AND EVIDENCE OF VERSION

The full version of the General Regulations and applicable Annexes must be accessible to participants before payment of the registration is completed, in a format that allows reading, retention and consultation.

Validation of registration requires an active declaration that the participant has read and accepted the General Regulations and applicable Annexes. Within legal limits, the Organisation will retain a record of the accepted version, date, time and technical identification of the acceptance action.

A subsequent amendment may not retroactively reduce economic rights already acquired, unless it results from law, an order of a competent authority or an operational safety measure that does not alter the economic core of the contract.

After federation sanctioning, any amendment concerning technical matters subject to sanctioning will be submitted for validation by the FPA or the territorially competent athletics association, without prejudice to urgent operational changes required by safety, force majeure or a public authority.

## ARTICLE 8 — OFFICIAL CHANNELS AND VERSION IN FORCE

The official channels are the website utmarao.pt, the official registration platform and the email addresses indicated by the Organisation.

Information provided by Organisation staff, volunteers, athletes, social media, private groups or third parties does not amend these Regulations. Operational instructions issued during the event may adapt implementation, course, schedules, equipment or access where justified by safety, environmental or authority considerations.

## ARTICLE 9 — FITNESS AND PREPARATION

Each athlete is responsible for assessing their physical, psychological and technical preparation for the chosen distance and for not starting or continuing where their condition is incompatible with safe participation.

The Organisation recommends that all participants, regardless of their chosen race distance, undergo a prior medical assessment appropriate to the physical demands and specific characteristics of the event.

The submission of a medical certificate is not a mandatory requirement for registration or participation imposed by the Organisation, without prejudice to any applicable legal or federation requirements.

The provisions governing medical assessment, assistance and medical decision-making during the race are set out in Annex I.

## ARTICLE 10 — IDENTIFICATION AND RACE BIB

Registration and the race bib are personal and non-transferable. The athlete must present identification when requested and keep the bib intact, legible and visible throughout participation, as provided in Annex III. The bib may not be cut, altered, reproduced or manipulated in a way that hides or compromises the identification, timing or information elements displayed on it.

Using, assigning, selling, exchanging or lending a race bib to another person constitutes sporting fraud and may result in disqualification and temporary exclusion from future participation following a disciplinary decision.

## ARTICLE 11 — GENERAL DUTIES OF CONDUCT

- Respect athletes, members of the Organisation, volunteers, local communities, landowners, partners and authorities.
- Provide reasonable assistance to a participant in an obvious situation of danger where this can be done without creating additional risk, and report the occurrence immediately.
- Comply with traffic rules, signage, private property rules, restrictions and lawful instructions.
- Do not engage in violent, threatening, discriminatory, fraudulent or sabotaging conduct, or deliberately place third parties at risk.

## ARTICLE 12 — ENVIRONMENT, TERRITORY AND WASTE

Participants must remain on the authorised route, carry their own waste to a collection point, avoid damaging course markings, vegetation, heritage, wildlife or property, and comply with fire-prevention and conservation restrictions.

The Organisation may neutralise, divert or close sectors to protect people, ecosystems or property, or to comply with instructions from ICNF, Civil Protection, GNR, municipalities or other competent authorities.

## ARTICLE 13 — SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

UTM recognises social responsibility, inclusion and connection with the communities of the territories crossed as integral principles of the event.

The Organisation may develop charitable, inclusive or community-support initiatives in partnership with social, educational or other local institutions, publicly identifying the projects and beneficiaries whenever participant revenue or contributions are allocated to them.

The Marão Walk is also a charitable and inclusive initiative and is subject to the revenue allocation provided for in Article 4.

## ARTICLE 14 — COURSE, MARKING AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

The Organisation provides appropriate course markings and technical information for the event; however, participants remain responsible for exercising due care, maintaining awareness of their surroundings and exercising personal autonomy.

GPX files, maps, elevation profiles, interactive route visualisers (including 2D and 3D representations), and location and tracking systems are provided as supporting tools and may contain discrepancies, delays or technical failures.

Interactive route visualisations and the measurements displayed therein do not replace the officially marked course, the official technical documentation or the instructions issued by the Race Directorate.

## ARTICLE 15 — WEATHER, FORCE MAJEURE AND OPERATIONAL CHANGES

Adverse weather, fire, snow or ice, thunderstorms, wind, extreme heat, landslides, access failures, incidents, subsequent unavailability of essential resources, public-authority decisions or other relevant circumstances may justify changes, neutralisation, suspension, postponement or termination.

The Organisation decides on the basis of the information available and an appropriate duty of care in the circumstances. Where a change is necessary to conduct the race safely and the event remains substantially delivered, no automatic right to compensation arises.

If performance becomes definitively impossible or the event is cancelled, the economic consequences are those provided for in Annex II, the Registration Guarantee purchased and the applicable mandatory law.

## ARTICLE 16 — OPERATIONAL AUTHORITY AND PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

The Race Direction is the event's highest operational authority within the Organisation's remit. In races sanctioned by or incorporated into FPA competitions, judging, technical supervision and sporting-decision powers assigned to FPA judges, referees, delegates or technical officials are exercised in accordance with the applicable federation regulations, without prejudice to the Race Direction's powers over safety, operations and event management.

Lawful orders issued by public authorities, civil protection, security forces, health authorities or bodies with territorial jurisdiction prevail over internal decisions.

## ARTICLE 17 — WITHDRAWAL AND REMOVAL

Withdrawal must be reported through the means and at the locations defined. An athlete who withdraws must not continue to use the course as a participant or create the appearance of remaining in the race.

The Organisation or medical team may order an athlete's removal for safety reasons, regulatory non-compliance, time cut-off or clinical condition, in accordance with Annexes I and III.

Where removal results from closure of a sector, a medical decision or a safety order, the athlete may not continue through that sector even if declaring that they are doing so outside the competition and must comply with evacuation or collection instructions.

## ARTICLE 18 — PARTICIPANT DECLARATIONS

By registering, the participant declares that the information provided is true, that they understand the demanding nature of the race, that they have read the General Regulations and applicable Annexes, and that they participate voluntarily.

Acceptance of risks inherent in mountain trail running does not amount to a waiver of rights that cannot lawfully be waived, nor does it release the Organisation from liabilities that are mandatory by law.

## ARTICLE 19 — PERSONAL DATA

ADMT is the controller of participants' personal data for processing operations under its control, without prejudice to other duly identified controllers or processors.

Data required for registration, insurance, safety, timing, classification, invoicing, fraud prevention and legal compliance are processed on an appropriate legal basis for each purpose. Participants are provided with clear privacy information concerning purposes, retention periods, recipients and rights.

Where necessary for federation sanctioning or governance of the competition, the data strictly necessary to verify affiliation, eligibility, classification, validation of results and regulatory compliance may be communicated to the FPA, the territorially competent athletics association, technical officials and timing providers, in accordance with the applicable privacy information.

Consent is not used as a generic legal basis for all processing where a more appropriate legal basis exists.

## ARTICLE 20 — HEALTH AND EMERGENCY DATA

Health data are collected and processed only where necessary and on a valid legal basis. Where processing depends on explicit consent, that consent is requested separately and specifically.

In an emergency, data strictly necessary to protect vital interests and provide assistance may be processed and disclosed in accordance with the law.

## ARTICLE 21 — IMAGE, PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO, IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGIES AND EXTERNAL PROVIDERS

Participation in a public event entails the possibility of image and sound capture in the context of coverage, record and promotion of the event itself, within legal limits and without use that harms the participant's honour, reputation or dignity.

Direct marketing communications that require consent are handled separately from acceptance of these Regulations.

Participants may be offered a commercial event photography service provided by the Organisation or external providers, through which individual photographs of their participation may be located and purchased.

Where an external provider independently determines the purposes and means of processing data used in that service, it acts as an independent controller for that processing and must provide participants directly with the legally required information.

The use of facial recognition, biometric identification or equivalent technology to search images is subject to specific information and, where legally required, separate explicit consent. Refusal of such processing does not prevent participation in the UTM.

The Organisation is not responsible for technological decisions or data processing carried out independently by external providers outside its control, without prejudice to any liabilities that may legally be attributable to it.

## ARTICLE 22 — INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The UTM brand, logos, maps, graphic content, documents, photographs and videos are protected under applicable law and belong to their respective rights holders. Mere public availability does not grant permission for commercial exploitation, modification or reuse beyond what is legally permitted.

## ARTICLE 23 — LIABILITY

Participants are responsible for their actions, effort-related decisions and use of their equipment, as well as for any unlawful damage they cause to third parties, the environment or property.

The Organisation does not guarantee the total absence of risk, a competitive result, continuous network or tracking availability, favourable weather or uniform evacuation times. It does, however, assume the legal obligations and duties of care applicable to it.

No clause in this regulatory framework excludes or limits liability for harm to life, physical integrity or health, wilful misconduct, gross negligence, or any other matter for which exclusion is prohibited by law.

### ARTICLE 24 — CONSUMER RIGHTS AND RIGHT OF WITHDRAWAL

Cancellation and guarantee rules are set out in Annex II. Where registration constitutes a service relating to a leisure activity scheduled for a specific date or period of performance, the statutory exception to the general right of withdrawal for distance contracts applies, without prejudice to other mandatory consumer rights.

### ARTICLE 25 — SPORTING COMPLAINTS AND LEGAL RIGHTS

Complaints concerning classification, penalties or competitive incidents follow the procedure in Annex III. The internal decision concludes the event's sporting review process, without prejudice to legal or administrative rights that cannot validly be excluded.

### ARTICLE 26 — APPLICABLE LAW AND COMPETENT COURT

Portuguese law applies. Any dispute shall be submitted to the competent court in accordance with the applicable legal rules, without waiver of any mandatory jurisdiction, dispute-resolution mechanism or consumer-protection right.

### ARTICLE 27 — ENTRY INTO FORCE, REVISION AND OMITTED CASES

This wording enters into force on the date of its official publication and replaces previous versions for the 2027 edition, without affecting rights already acquired under the version accepted by the participant.

Omitted sporting or operational matters are decided by the Race Direction in accordance with the regulatory framework, good faith, competitive equality and applicable law.

## KEY LEGAL REFERENCES

These Regulations must be interpreted in accordance with the legislation in force. Reference legislation includes:

- Legal regime governing standard contractual clauses — Decree-Law No. 446/85
- Distance and off-premises contracts — Decree-Law No. 24/2014
- Compulsory sports insurance — Decree-Law No. 10/2009
- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
- Law No. 58/2019 — national implementation of the GDPR
- General Competition Regulations of the Portuguese Athletics Federation — current version
- Regulations for the Sanctioning of Off-Stadium Athletics Events of the Portuguese Athletics Federation — current version
- World Athletics Competition and Technical Rules — current version and where applicable