



Race Regulations - Trail dos Morcegos by Mitsubishi Motors 2025

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RACE RULES

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SUMMARY

Name: IX Trail dos Morcegos by Mitsubishi Motors

Features: TdM Trail - 36,3 km / 1740 d+ / 1790 d- (ITRA 2, UTMB 50K, ATRP CN Trail and CTSMI - Trail)

TdM Sprint - 20,6 km / 780 d+ / 1110 d- (ITRA 1, UTMB 20K, ATRP CN Trail Sprint and CTSMI - Trail Sprint)

TdM Mini Trail – 8,0 km / 300 d+ / 430 d-

TdM Hike – 8,0 km / 300 d+ / 430 d-

TdM Kids – 2,3 km / 90 d+ / 100 d-

TdM Adapted Sport – 2,3 km / 90 d+ / 100 d-

Date: September 20, 2025

Places: Finish Line - Polidesportivo de Santo António (TdM Trail, TdM Sprint, TdM Mini Trail, TdM Hike, TdM Kids and TdM Adapted Sport)

Departures - Jardim 5 de Agosto (TdM Trail), Merendário do Charquinho das Moças (TdM Sprint), Parque de Merendas de Santa Bárbara (TdM Mini Trail and TdM Hike) and Igreja de Santo António (TdM Kids and TdM Adapted Sport)

Time: 08:00 am (TdM Trail Start), 10:00 am (TdM Sprint Start), 11:00 am (TdM Mini Trail and TdM Hike Start) and 12:30 pm (TdM Kids and TdM Adapted Sport Start)

Organization: Morcegos Trail Clube

Partners: Azores Regional Government, Ponta Delgada Municipality, Santo António Parish Council, Relva Parish Council, Covoada Parish Council, Santa Bárbara Parish Council and Feteiras Parish Council

Race Director: José Tavares

DESCRIPTION

The IX edition of Trail dos Morcegos by Mitsubishi Motors is a Trail Running event, which runs along trails and paths in Ponta Delgada municipality. It includes 6 races with 4 routes: the TdM Trail – 36,3 km / 1740 d+ / 1790 d-, the TdM Sprint – 20,6 km / 780 d+ / 1110 d-, the TdM Mini Trail / TdM Hike – 8,0 km / 300 d+ / 430 d- and the TdM Kids / TdM Adapted Sport – 2,3 km / 90 d+ / 100 d-. The TdM Trail starts at Jardim 5 de Agosto (Relva), the TdM Sprint starts at the Merendário do Charquinho das Moças (Covoada), the TdM Mini Trail and TdM Hike start at the Parque de Merendas de Santa Bárbara (Santa Bárbara), while the TdM Kids and the TdM Adapted Sport start at the Igreja de Santo António (Santo António). All races end at the Polidesportivo de Santo António, located in Santo António.

The TdM Trail is classified as ITRA 2, UTMB 50K, will contribute to the score of the ATRP Trail Circuit (150 Series) and the São Miguel Island Trail Circuit - Trail, while the TdM Sprint is categorized as ITRA 1, UTMB 20K, will score for the ATRP Trail Sprint Circuit (150 Series) and the São Miguel Island Trail Circuit - Trail Sprint.

1. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

1.1 MINIMUM AGE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE DIFFERENT EVENTS

To participate in the TdM Trail and TdM Sprint races, participants must be at least 18 years old on the date of the end of the sports season.

To participate in the TdM Mini Trail race, participants need to be at least 16 years old on the date of the end of the sports season.

In the TdM Hike race, the registration/participation of minors who are at least 6 years old will be allowed, as long as they are accompanied/supervised by an adult and such participation is previously authorized.

In the TdM Kids race, participants must be between 6-15 years old on the date of the end of the sports season and such participation is previously authorized.

The TdM Adapted Sport event is exclusive to citizens with disabilities.

1.2 REGULARIZED REGISTRATION

Registration in the Trail dos Morcegos by Mitsubishi Motors implies understanding and accepting, without any restriction, the rules and regulations of the race. It is necessary for the athlete to comply with the following steps:

- Correctly register on the registration platform;
- Proceed with the payment of the registration fee;
- Verify that the data entered is correct and corresponds to reality;
- By registering, the athlete assumes that he is in physical and psychological conditions to carry out the race, and cannot impute any responsibility to the organization.

1.3 PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

Participants are allowed to receive personal assistance, only at the checkpoints/supplies (PAC) previously defined by the organization.

1.4 BIB PLACEMENT

The bib number must be permanently visible throughout the race, that is, it must be positioned on clothing, in the chest or abdomen area, and only participants with a visible bib will have access to the check/supply stations.

2. RACE

2.1 RACES PRESENTATION

The Trail dos Morcegos by Mitsubishi Motors consists of five competitive events, namely, the TdM Trail, the TdM Sprint, the TdM Mini Trail, the TdM Kids and the TdM Adapted Sport, and a non-competitive event, the TdM Hike.

The competitive race for adults with the highest mileage is called TdM Trail and has a distance of approximately 36,3 km. The start will take place at 08:00 am on September 20, 2025 at Jardim 5 de Agosto (Relva) and the finish line will be installed at the Polidesportivo de Santo António (Santo António).

The intermediate mileage competitive race for adults is called the TdM Sprint and has a distance of approximately 20,6 km. The race will start at 10:00 am on September 20, 2025 at the Merendário do Charquinho das Moças (Covoadá) and the finish line will be located at the Polidesportivo de Santo António (Santo António).

The competitive race for adults and children between 16-17 years old with lower mileage is called TdM Mini Trail and the non-competitive race is called TdM Hike. Both have a distance of approximately 8,0 km and will start at 11:00 am on September 20, 2025 at the Parque de Merendas de Santa Bárbara (Santa Bárbara) and the finish line will be installed at the Polidesportivo de Santo António (Santo António).

The competitive event for children between 6-15 years old is called TdM Kids and the competitive event for citizens with disabilities is called TdM Adapted Sport and both have a distance of approximately 2,3 km. The start of the races will take place at 12:30 pm on September 20, 2025 at the Igreja de Santo António (Santo António) and the finish line will be installed at the Polidesportivo de Santo António (Santo António).

2.2 PROGRAM

The race program includes activities from March 1, 2025 to September 20, 2025 and the participating athletes must scrupulously respect it under penalty of not being accepted their participation in the race. The program presented is subject to changes by the organization, if necessary, but in this situation the organization undertakes to notify the athletes.

March 1 (Saturday)

HOUR	ACTIVITY	PLACE
-	Opening of the 1st Phase of Registration	On-Line Platform

April 13 (Sunday)

HOUR	ACTIVITY	PLACE
-	Closing of the 1st Phase of Registration	On-Line Platform

April 14 (Monday)

HOUR	ACTIVITY	PLACE
-	Opening of the 2nd Phase of Registration	On-Line Platform

July 31 (Thursday)

HOUR	ACTIVITY	PLACE
-	Closing of the 2nd Phase of Registration	On-Line Platform

August 1 (Friday)

HOUR	ACTIVITY	PLACE
-	Opening of the 3rd Phase of Registration	On-Line Platform

September 7 (Sunday)

HOUR	ACTIVITY	PLACE
-	Closing of the 3rd Phase of Registration	On-Line Platform

September 19 (Friday)

HOUR	ACTIVITY	PLACE
05:00/08:00 pm	Check-in	Stand Dionísio Carreiro de Almeida (São Roque)

September 20 (Saturday)

HOUR	ACTIVITY	PLACE
06:15/10:15 am	Late Check-in	Junta de Freguesia (Santo António)
06:30 am	Departure of the bus (TdM Trail) Santo António - Relva	Junta de Freguesia (Santo António)
08:00 am	TdM Trail Start	Jardim 5 de Agosto (Relva)
09:00 am	Departure of the bus (TdM Sprint) Santo António - Covoadá	Junta de Freguesia (Santo António)
10:00 am	TdM Sprint Start	Merendário do Charquinho das Moças (Covoadá)

10:15 am	Departure of the bus (TdM Mini Trail/TdM Hike) Santo António - Santa Bárbara	Junta de Freguesia (Santo António)
11:00 am	TdM Mini Trail and TdM Hike Start	Parque de Merendas (Santa Bárbara)
11:15 am	Expected arrival of the 1st athlete of the TdM Trail	Polidesportivo (Santo António)
11:40 am	Expected arrival of the 1st athlete of the TdM Mini Trail	Polidesportivo (Santo António)
11:45 am	Expected arrival of the 1st athlete of the TdM Sprint	Polidesportivo (Santo António)
12:30 pm	TdM Kids and TdM Adapted Sport Start	Igreja (Santo António)
12:45 pm	Expected arrival of the 1st athlete of TdM Kids and 1st athlete of TdM Adapted Sport	Polidesportivo (Santo António)
02:00 pm	Award Ceremony	Polidesportivo (Santo António)
03:00 pm	Finish Line and Event Closure	Polidesportivo (Santo António)

2.3 DISTANCE AND ALTIMETRY

The TdM Trail race has a distance of 36,3 km, with a positive elevation gain of 1740m and a negative difference of 1790m (approximate values).

The TdM Sprint race includes a course with a distance of 20,6 km, with a positive elevation gain of 780m and a negative gradient of 1110m (approximate values).

The TdM Mini Trail and TdM Hike events have a distance of 8,0 km, with a positive elevation gain of 300m and a negative difference of 430m (approximate values).

Finally, the TdM Kids and TdM Adapted Sport events comprise a course with a distance of 2,3 km, with a positive elevation difference of 90m and a negative difference of 100m (approximate values).

2.4 TIME BARRIERS

The total time limit for the TdM Trail is 07h, for the TdM Sprint is 05h and for the TdM Mini Trail and TdM Hike is 04h. For meteorological or safety reasons, the organization reserves the right to change the time barriers.

In addition, in the TdM Trail and TdM Sprint, the organization has the right to neutralize the athlete if it takes more than 05h and 03h, respectively, to reach PAC2 (Aquaduto do Carvão) or if it is proven that he cannot reach the time limit set for the arrival at the finish line or does not present reasonable physical conditions to continue the race.

2.5 CHECKPOINTS

The checkpoints and control stations (PAC) are mandatory crossing areas and are located in a certain place mentioned by the organization, and the organization reserves the right to change the refueling and control point without any prior notice.

2.6 LOCATIONS AND TYPE OF SUPPLY STATIONS

The organization provides all athletes, in all PACs, with solid and liquid supplies in order to meet their needs according to the distance they will travel.

For the TdM Trail there will be three supplies:

- PAC1 – Miradouro da Vigia da Baleia (12,5 km – approximately);
- PAC2 – Aqueduto do Carvão (21,5 km – approximately);
- PAC3 – Canada Larga (31,1 km – approximately).

The TdM Sprint will have two supplies:

- PAC2 – Aqueduto do Carvão (5,9 km – approximately);
- PAC3 – Canada Larga (15,5 km – approximately).

For the TdM Mini Trail and TdM Hike there will be only one supply:

- PAC3 – Canada Larga (2,8 km – approximately).

2.7 MANDATORY MATERIAL

The mandatory equipment for the TdM Trail and TdM Sprint consists of the following items:

- Visible bib;
- Mobile phone with sufficient battery and balance to complete the entire race;
- Whistle;
- Reservoir(s) with a minimum total capacity of 0.5L with water or isotonic drink;
- Survival blanket.

Not being mandatory, the organization advises, however, all TdM Trail and TdM Sprint athletes to use the following material:

- Waterproof and/or windproof jacket;
- Hat, beanie or buff;
- Food reserve;
- Sweater with long sleeves or armsleeve;
- Sticks;

- Sun cream;
- Cup (the organization does not provide cups in the supplies).

The mandatory material for the TdM Mini Trail and the TdM Hike consists of the following items:

- Visible bib;
- Mobile phone with sufficient battery and balance to complete the entire test;
- Whistle;
- Reservoir(s) with a minimum total capacity of 0.5L with water or isotonic drink.

Not being mandatory, the organization advises, however, all athletes of the TdM Mini Trail and the TdM Hike to bring the following material:

- Food reserve;
- Cup (the organization does not provide cups in the supplies).

The must-have material for TdM Kids and TdM Desp. Adapted consists of the following item:

- Visible bib.

2.8 PENALTIES

The organization and those responsible present in the control areas may, at any time during the race, apply the following sanctions:

BEHAVIOUR	PENALTY
Not providing assistance to a participant who is in need of help	Time penalty
Abandoning the race without notifying the organization	Eradication in future editions
Sharing the bib with another person for part or all of the route	Disqualification
Walk paths other than those marked for the race, taking benefits from it	Time penalty or disqualification
Using unauthorized transportation	Disqualification
Remove signs from the route	Disqualification
Disobey the security measures indicated by the organization and associated entities	Time penalty
Do not present the mandatory material and/or refuse to present it, if requested by the organization	Disqualification
Exceed time limits	Disqualification
Miss checkpoint and aid station (PAC)	Disqualification

Throwing garbage on the ground and/or damaging the environment	Declassification and eradication of future editions
Receive outside of the areas defined by the organization	Time penalty
Not having the bib visible or affixed in a non-visible place	Time penalty

2.9 SPORTS INSURANCE

The organization, in accordance with Dec. Law No. 146/93 of April 26, has a sports insurance in which all participants are covered. In the event of an accident resulting in hospital treatment, the victim must request a medical report to present to the insurance company. The costs will be borne by the injured athlete and reimbursed later by the insurance company. The organization declines any kind of payment.

On the day of the race, the injured athlete must notify the organization by phone and email and the next day make the report to the insurance company, mentioning the organization of the event, the policy number, date and time of the occurrence. In race insurance, there is a deductible, that is, the insurer only pays for the damages caused up to a certain amount, which is defined in the contract.

2.10 SECURITY

The race will be covered almost entirely on trails and dirt roads, and the parking of vehicles in the start and finish area is not allowed. The places of passage are agricultural paths and pedestrian trails located in the municipality of Ponta Delgada, and athletes should be aware of the possibility of crossing with vehicles and animals.

Abandonments must be made only and exclusively at the checkpoints and aid stations. In the event of an accident or injury that prevents the participant from reaching the checkpoint or finish line, he/she must activate a rescue operation by contacting the organization. The organization's contact number, for emergency purposes, will be printed on the participant's bib and must also be recorded in advance on the mobile phone.

The organization has the right to change the route and position of the checkpoints and aid stations at any time without any notice. In case of adverse weather conditions, the start may be delayed by a maximum of one hour, after which the race is canceled.

In addition, during the race, in case of bad weather or other conditions, and for safety reasons, the organization reserves the right to modify the time barriers and/or to suspend, reduce, neutralize or stop the race. There will be no right to a refund.

3. REGISTRATIONS

3.1 REGISTRATION PROCESS

Athletes will be able to register through the STOP and GO platform, which can be accessed through the <https://www.morcegostrail.com> address. The registration includes bib, t-shirt, transportation, sports insurance and a small meal at the end.

Registrations will only be considered valid after payment and confirmation from the STOP and GO platform to the email used by the athlete.

3.2 REGISTRATION FEES AND PERIODS

The registration fee values vary according to the race that will be disputed and also according to the date on which the athlete registers.

- Registration Fees:
 - From March 1, 2025 to April 13, 2025
 - TdM Trail: 20€
 - TdM Trail Sprint: 15,5€
 - TdM Mini Trail: 10€
 - TdM Hike: 10€
 - TdM Kids/TdM Adapted Sport: 5€
 - From April 14, 2025 to July 31, 2025
 - TdM Trail: 27,5€
 - TdM Trail Sprint: 22,5€
 - TdM Mini Trail: 17,5€
 - TdM Hike: 15€
 - TdM Kids/TdM Adapted Sport: 5€
 - From August 1, 2025 to September 7, 2025
 - TdM Trail: 35€
 - TdM Trail Sprint: 30€
 - TdM Mini Trail: 22,5€
 - TdM Hike: 20€
 - TdM Kids/TdM Adapted Sport: 5€



The registration period ends on September 7, 2025, and all registrations in the TdM events are limited to a maximum of 650 athletes. In addition, athletes are responsible for verifying that all their data is correct on the entry list, and rectifications are allowed only until September 7, 2025.

The organization reserves the right not to refund athletes the registration fee after payment of the registration fee.

If the athlete is interested and wants the event jersey, 8€ is added to the base registration fee (except in the case of TdM Kids and TdM Adapted Sport).

For each registration, 1€ will be donated to a social solidarity institution, which will be designated in due course.

3.3 CHECK IN

The race check in will be open, for all races, on Friday, September 19th, from 05:00 pm to 08:00 pm at the Dionísio Carreiro de Almeida (Mitsubishi) stand. To collect the bag and its bib, it is necessary to present the citizen card.

4. AGE GROUPS AND PRIZES

4.1 TDM TRAIL, SPRINT, MINI TRAIL, KIDS AND ADAPTED SPORT CLASSES

The TdM Trail and TdM Trail Sprint will have the following classes (the age refers to the day of the end of the sports season) with prizes for the first 3 classified:

- Absolute Overall Male and Female;
- Under-23 Class (athletes aged 18-22) Male and Female;
- Senior Class (athletes 23-34 years old) Male and Female;
- 35+ Class (athletes aged 35-44 years) Male and Female;
- 45+ Class (athletes aged 45-54 years) Male and Female;
- 55+ Class (athletes aged 55-64) Male and Female;
- 65+ Class (athletes over 65 years old) Male and Female;
- Teams.

For the team classification, the first three athletes classified in the general classification count, regardless of gender or the class to which they belong. The team classification will be the sum of the ordinary classification of the 3 fastest athletes of each team, and the one who obtains the lowest value of this sum will be declared the winner. This classification can only be disputed by teams that have at



least three elements in each race, all of whom must complete the race. In the event of a tie in the score, the tiebreaker will be the sum of the time of the three elements that scored for the collective classification, and the team that obtains the lowest time in that sum will be declared the winner in the tiebreaker.

TdM Kids will present the following classes (the age refers to the day of the end of the sports season) with prizes for the top 3 classified:

- Benjamins A Class (athletes from 6-9 years old) Male and Female;
- Benjamins B Class (athletes from 10-11 years old) Male and Female;
- Infantis Class (athletes 12-13 years old) Male and Female;
- Iniciados Class (athletes 14-15 years old) Male and Female.

The TdM Adapted Sport will have the following levels (the age refers to the day of the end of the sports season) with prizes for the first 3 classified:

- Cognitive Impairment Seniors A Male and Female;
- Cognitive Impairment Seniors D Male and Female;
- Cognitive Impairment Down Syndrome Male and Female.

In the TdM Mini Trail, only, there will be a general classification, with prizes for the first 3 male and female classified.

As the TdM Hike is a non-competitive event, it will not be timed nor will there be any trophies awarded to the fastest participants.

All athletes who finish the race will receive a souvenir alluding to the event.

4.2 ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES AND ETHICS IN THE COMPETITION

Any athlete must have an exemplary and fair play behavior towards everyone involved in the competition, not only the opponents, but also the elements of the organization.

In addition, the athlete must refrain from using substances, pharmacological groups and methods designed to artificially increase his or her physical abilities. In any case, any participant must pass any anti-doping control if requested.

4.3 COMMUNICATION

The official means of communication and information of the race are considered the website <https://www.morcegostrail.com>, email tdm@morcegostrail.com and the Facebook page



<https://www.facebook.com/traildosmorcegos>. The athlete must periodically consult the media to stay informed about news or possible changes in the course and its regulations, as well as to consult or confirm registrations.

4.4 IMAGE AND PUBLICITY RIGHTS

The organizer has the exclusive right to exploit the image of the event and photographic and journalistic audiovisuals of the event. Any project or advertising media produced for publication must obtain the prior consent of the organization.

4.5 DATA PROTECTION

The data of the athletes indicated in the registration form will be registered by the organization for the exclusive purpose of processing in the event, being published, namely, in the list of entries, various news and classification. All participants can exercise their right to access, rectify or cancel their personal data by sending an email to tdm@morcegostrail.com.

4.6 MISCELLANEOUS

The completion and submission of the registration form for the races implies that the athlete who registered has been aware of and accepted without any reservation these regulations. Cases omitted from this regulation will be resolved by the organization, whose decisions will not be appealed.

5. RACE DIRECTOR

The race direction is handed over to José Tavares.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE REGULATION

All participants, by registering, accept these regulations. The organization has the legitimacy to, for reasons of safety of the athletes, postpone or cancel the race, as well as modify this regulation.