

ULTRA **BLUE** ISLAND



by AZORES TRAIL RUN®

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Welcome

Join us on Ultra Blue Island® in 2024 for an incredible adventure! Please read the rules carefully to ensure a fair and thrilling experience. Good luck, runners!

The Ultra Blue Island® race is an annual event organized by Azores Trail Run® on Faial Island in Portugal's Azores Archipelago. The event consists of six trail running races of varying distances and difficulty levels. Participants are required to comply with the event rules and ethical guidelines. Any changes to the event will be communicated to participants. Age requirements are in place for each race, and participants must agree to the rules and complete a liability commitment form. Registration is online, and fees vary based on race and registration date. The entry fee includes all services outlined in the regulations. Participants must meet essential requirements for participation, including being prepared for mountain conditions and being able to handle potential issues independently. It is recommended that participants undergo a sports medical examination. The event has a preliminary schedule, and race bibs must be collected before the race. Time limits and cutoff times are specified for each race. Participants are required to carry mandatory equipment, and gear checks may be conducted. The race routes are marked with way markers, and medical assistance is available along the route. Procedures for dropping out and evacuation in case of emergencies are in place. Prizes and awards are given based on the general classification and age categories. Penalties and disqualification policies are in place for rule violations. Participants can file complaints within ten days of the event. The event organizer reserves the right to change or cancel the event in exceptional circumstances. Refunds are only available in specific cases, and participants must adhere to environmental guidelines. Image rights and personal data protection policies are in place. Insurance coverage is provided for the event, and there is a claims procedure in case of complaints. Overall, the Ultra Blue Island® race promises participants an exciting and challenging experience.

1. Event Overview and Races

1.1. Event Management

The Ultra Blue Island® race is an event that occurs on Faial Island and is an initiative of Azores Trail Run®. The event is organized with the assistance of residents and trail-running enthusiasts and receives support from the Horta Municipality and the Government of the Azores Islands.

1.2. Age Requirements for Participation

- **General Age Requirement:** Participants must be at least 18 on the race day for all events except for specific categories.
- **Family Race:** The minimum age is 16 on the race day. Participants under 16 are welcome if accompanied by a parent.
- **Kids Trail:** This event is for children aged 6 to 12.

1.3. Race Participation Agreement

When taking part in any of the races hosted by Ultra Blue Island® by Azores Trail Run, all runners are required to fully comply with the rules and ethical guidelines of the event. This obligation also includes following any instructions provided by the event organizers. If necessary, the organizing team reserves the right to modify certain aspects of the event. However, any such changes will be promptly communicated to the participants.

1.4 Races Overview

The Ultra Blue Island® event, organized by Azores Trail Run, occurs on Faial Island in Portugal's Azores Archipelago. This event features six unique trail running races, all of which take place across Faial Island's beautiful hiking trails. Each race is a single-stage event with no set pace but a specific time limit.

- **Whalers' Great Route (WGR):** Covering approximately 118 km with an elevation gain of about 4,600 meters. This race begins at Porto do Salão and runs under semi-autonomy conditions. The cutoff time is 28 hours, with participation limited to around 150 runners.
- **Ultra Blue Island (UBI):** Covering around 65 km and an elevation gain of about 2,500 meters. It starts at Porto Pim, also in semi-autonomy. Runners have up to 14 hours to complete this race, with a limit of approximately 150 participants.
- **Coast to Coast (CC):** This route is around 42 km long, with an elevation gain of about 1,700 meters, beginning at Ribeirinha. Runners have 10 hours cutoff time, and the race accommodates around 200 participants.

- **Ten Volcanoes (TV):** A race of around 25 km, featuring about 900 meters of elevation gain. It starts from Parque do Cabouco, with semi-autonomy. The completion window is 9 hours, with around 300 runners participating.
- **Family Race (FR):** Designed as a more accessible race, it covers around 11 km with an elevation gain of about 400 meters. Starting from Vulcão dos Capelinhos, this race has a 5-hour cutoff time and is open to around 100 runners.
- **Kids Trail:** This event is for children aged 6 to 12.

2. Registration Guidelines

2.1. Registration Process

- **Agreement to Rules:** By registering for the Ultra Blue Island event, participants agree to fully understand and accept the event's rules and regulations without any reservations.
- Participants must complete a Liability Commitment form, which can be downloaded and submitted during Check-In.
- The registration fee must be paid during enrollment. Separate proof of payment is not required.

2.2. Entry Fees

2.2.1. Registration Platforms

Registrations can only be made through our designated online platforms. For the Ultra Blue Island by Azores Trail Run 2024, please register at Stop and Go (registerandgo.net).

2.2.2. Race Fees Schedule Pricing

Race	Price	29/02/2023	29/03/2024
WGR	75.00 €	90.00 €	110.00 €
UBI	65.00 €	75.00 €	95.00 €
CC	55.00 €	65.00 €	75.00 €
TV	40.00 €	45.00 €	55.00 €
FR	25.00 €	25.00 €	25.00 €

2.2.3. What the Fee Includes

The entry fee includes all services outlined in the current regulations, including any bank charges incurred during registration.

2.2.4. Registration Policies

- Registration is strictly personal and definitive. No refunds will be issued under any circumstances except as explicitly outlined in these rules.
- Transfer of registration to another race or individual is permissible until April 12th, 2024.

The fee covers all the services per current regulations. It includes bank charges to be paid at the time of registration.

3. Runner's Commitment

3.1. Essential Requirements for Participation

- **Awareness and Preparation:** Participants must fully understand the event's challenges and ensure they are thoroughly prepared.
- **Personal Autonomy:** Runners should have the capability for self-sufficiency in mountain conditions, enabling them to handle potential issues independently.

3.2. Key Competencies

- **Weather Adaptability:** Be equipped to deal with harsh weather conditions at altitude, including night, wind, cold, fog, and rain, without external assistance.
- **Physical and Mental Management:** Can address extreme fatigue, digestive problems, muscle or joint pain, and minor injuries, even when isolated.
- **Understanding Organizational Support:** Recognize that the event organizers are not responsible for assisting runners with these challenges.
- **Safety Responsibility:** Acknowledge that safety in mountain activities relies on the runner's capacity to adapt to various problems.

3.3. Health Recommendation

- It is advised that all participants undergo a sports medical examination to confirm their fitness for this type of physical activity.

4. PROGRAM (Preliminary)

Ultra Blue Island® 2024

Please find below the preliminary schedule for Ultra Blue Island® 2024. Please note that this program is subject to change:

May 2nd (Thursday)

- 08 pm to 10 pm. - Race Bib Collection at [Teatro Faialense](#)

May 3rd (Friday)

- 10 am to 8 pm. - Race Bib Collection at [Teatro Faialense](#)
- 9:00 pm - Bus departs from [António José D'Ávila School \(Horta\)](#) to WGR [start line](#)
- 10:00 pm – Start of the Whalers Great Route® (WGR118) – Location: [Porto do Salão](#)

May 4th (Saturday)

- 05.30 am – Start of the Ultra Blue Island at Porto Pim Gate
- 7:30 am - Bus departs from [António José D'Ávila School \(Horta\)](#) to CC [start line](#)
- 08.30 am – Start of the Marathon Faial Coast to Coast (CC) in front of [Ribeirinha Parish Council](#)
- 10 am - Bus departs from [António José D'Ávila School \(Horta\)](#) to TV [start line](#)
- 11.00 am – Start of the Trail Ten Volcanoes at [Cabouco Park](#)
- 1 pm - Bus departs from [António José D'Ávila School \(Horta\)](#) to FR [start line](#)
- 3 p.m. – Start of the Family Race at [Parque do Capelo](#)

May 5th (Sunday)

- 10h30 – Awards Ceremony at [Mercado Municipal da Horta](#)

5. RACE ORGANIZATION: GENERAL OVERVIEW

5.1. Race Bib Collection

5.1.1. Collection Requirements

Each runner must present the following to receive their race bib:

- A valid photo ID.
- A signed disclaimer affirming possession of the required gear and commitment to carry it during the race.
- In case someone wants to collect the bib for you, they should present us with a photo of your valid photo ID.

5.1.2. Race Bib Usage Guidelines

- The race bib must be worn on the chest or stomach area, ensuring it is always fully visible during the race.
- It should be placed over all clothing, not on a leg or attached to a pack.
- The bib must not be altered in any way that obscures the runner's name or the logos of event partners.

5.1.3. Functions of the Race Bib

- The bib is an access pass to shuttles, buses, aid stations, medical points, restrooms, and areas for bag drop-off or pick-up.
- It may be withdrawn if the runner does not comply with the race director's decisions.
- In case of race abandonment, the bib will be cut and deactivated.

5.2. Race Format

- The races should be completed in semi-autonomy.
- Semi-autonomy implies self-sufficiency between two aid stations regarding food, clothing, and safety equipment.
- Runners must be prepared to independently handle unexpected circumstances such as adverse weather, physical ailments, or injuries.
- All events occur in a single stage, at an individual pace, within specific cutoff times that vary per race.

5.3. Restrictions on Accompaniment

Receiving assistance or being accompanied on any part of the race route by someone not registered is strictly prohibited.

5.4. Drop Bags / Spare Bags Guidelines

5.4.1. Bag Labeling and Transportation

- At bib distribution, each participant will receive a label for their change of clothes bag, which will be transported directly to the finish zone.
- Participants should submit their bag at the starting area, and they can retrieve it at the finish area by presenting their bib number.
- It is advised not to place valuable items in these bags.
- The organization is not responsible for the contents of these bags.
- The organization will only transport the labeled change of clothes bags.
- No other items will be transported.

5.4.2. Drop Bag Service for WGR Participants

- Athletes registered for the Whalers' Great Route (WGR) are allowed to provide drop bags for transport to designated aid stations:

Portão de Porto Pim; Império do Canto; Império Vermelho.

- These bags will be delivered to the starting area and available to athletes at designated aid stations.
- Please take reasonable steps to weatherproof your bags. While we cannot guarantee full weather protection for every bag, you can simply put your clothing in a Ziploc bag inside the main bag.
- Bags must be labeled with name, bib number and destination.

5.5. Aid Stations Along the Race Routes

Upon departure from an aid station, each runner must have enough food and fluids to sustain themselves until they reach the next station.

5.5.1. Availability of Food and Fluids

- The racecourse has specific aid stations where runners can stop and refuel with food and fluids.
- These stations provide food and drinks for on-site consumption only.

5.5.2. Aid Station Provisions

- The organization will supply water and energizing drinks specifically for refilling water bottles or hydration packs.
- Runners are required to carry a personal beaker or container.
- Aid stations will offer fluids and food for on-site consumption.
- Participants must have enough supplies to sustain themselves until the next aid station, especially in the longer sections without aid.

For further information concerning aid stations:

WGR

Checkpoints	Aid Station	Distance	Time Barrier	GPS	Geolocation Google Maps
START	Porto do Salão	0	0h 15m	38°37'31.4"N 28°39'31.3"W	https://goo.gl/maps/bRvSKw94ggFhDyHy8
CP1	Levada Cedros	13,4Km	2h 30m	38°36'03.5"N 28°42'38.0"W	https://goo.gl/maps/yvee6gcJCXfbMn4q8
CP2	Fajã da Praia do Norte	22,9Km	4h 30m	38°36'32.5"N 28°45'53.9"W	https://goo.gl/maps/J9KATuArh92CsnmT8
CP3	Casa do Bote Capelo	31,5Km	6h 30m	38°35'34.3"N 28°49'32.9"W	https://goo.gl/maps/3i1rY5KxGxrTFwPQ7
CP4	Império da Ribeira do Cabo	39,2Km	8h 30m	38°34'20.5"N 28°46'14.9"W	https://goo.gl/maps/dX6L6EZjS8vrq4wd8
CP5	Casa da Falca	50,6Km	11h 30m	38°33'09.8"N 28°40'35.9"W	https://goo.gl/maps/CEGBZCyTDXLdPhPN7
CP6 Drop Bag	Portão de Porto Pim	60,1Km	13h 30m	38°31'34.9"N 28°37'43.0"W	https://goo.gl/maps/SEbGmYUQMaltTvpJ9
CP7 Drop Bag	Império do Canto do Chão Frio	72Km	16h 00m	38°33'54.7"N 28°38'17.3"W	https://goo.gl/maps/phpTzufiJRbMU46p7
CP8 Drop Bag	Império Vermelho	80,8Km	18h 00m	38°35'28.1"N 28°36'46.3"W	https://goo.gl/maps/3n4dQYzvMjbqojBf9
CP9	Parque do Cabouco	93,2Km	21h 00m	38°35'55.2"N 28°40'52.4"W	https://goo.gl/maps/zeFU6aghE6SymEFz8
CP10	Tanque da Levada	106,1Km	24h 00m	38°34'57.5"N 28°44'44.9"W	https://goo.gl/maps/8bYnvSXw97iXZcZH9
CP11	Parque Florestal do Capelo	111,5Km	25h 30m	38°35'03.8"N 28°47'00.6"W	https://goo.gl/maps/hTKZudmTjp3eWTxQA
FINISH	Vulcão dos Capelinhos	118Km	28h 00m	38°35'33.5"N 28°49'37.2"W	https://goo.gl/maps/gFH48hGLTwFASgkM7

UBI

Checkpoints	Aid Station	Distance	Time Barrier	GPS	Geolocation Google Maps
START	Portão de Porto Pim	0Km	0h 15	38°31'34.9"N 28°37'43.0"W	https://goo.gl/maps/SEbGmYUQMaltTvpJ9
CP1	Império do Canto do Chão Frio	12,5Km	2h 30m	38°33'54.7"N 28°38'17.3"W	https://goo.gl/maps/phpTzufiJRbMU46p7
CP2	Império Vermelho	21,3Km	5h 30m	38°35'28.1"N 28°36'46.3"W	https://goo.gl/maps/3n4dQYzvMjbqojBf9
CP3	Parque do Cabouco	33,6Km	8h 00m	38°35'55.2"N 28°40'52.4"W	https://goo.gl/maps/zeFU6aghE6SymEFz8
CP4	Levada Cedros	45,2Km	10h 00m	38°34'57.5"N 28°44'44.9"W	https://goo.gl/maps/8bYnvSXw97iXZcZH9
CP5	Tanque da Levada	51,8Km		38°34'57.5"N 28°44'44.9"W	https://goo.gl/maps/8bYnvSXw97iXZcZH9
CP6	Parque Florestal do Capelo	57,2,5Km	12h 00m	38°35'03.8"N 28°47'00.6"W	https://goo.gl/maps/hTKZudmTjp3eWTxQA
FINISH	Vulcão dos Capelinhos	65Km	14h 00m	38°35'33.5"N 28°49'37.2"W	https://goo.gl/maps/gFH48hGLTwFASgkM7

CC

Checkpoints	Aid Station	Distance	Time Barrier	GPS	Geolocation Google Maps
START	Casa do Povo da Ribeirinha	0Km	0h 15	38°35'28.1"N 28°36'46.3"W	https://goo.gl/maps/3n4dQYzvMjbqojBf9
CP1	Parque do Cabouco	12,4Km	4h 00m	38°35'55.2"N 28°40'52.4"W	https://goo.gl/maps/zeFU6aghE6SymEFz8
CP2	Levada Cedros	24Km	6h 00m	38°34'57.5"N 28°44'44.9"W	https://goo.gl/maps/8bYnvSXw97iXZcZH9
CP3	Tanque da Levada	31,1Km		38°34'57.5"N 28°44'44.9"W	https://goo.gl/maps/8bYnvSXw97iXZcZH9
CP4	Parque Florestal do Capelo	35,9Km	8h 00m	38°35'03.8"N 28°47'00.6"W	https://goo.gl/maps/hTKZudmTjp3eWTxQA
FINISH	Vulcão dos Capelinhos	42Km	10h 00m	38°35'33.5"N 28°49'37.2"W	https://goo.gl/maps/gFH48hGLTwFASgkM7

TV

Checkpoints	Aid Station	Distance	Time Barrier	GPS	Geolocation Google Maps
<i>START</i>	Parque do Cabouco	0Km	0h 15	38°35'55.2"N 28°40'52.4"W	https://goo.gl/maps/zeFU6aghE6SymEFz8
<i>CP1</i>	Tanque da Levada	13Km		38°34'57.5"N 28°44'44.9"W	https://goo.gl/maps/8bYnvSXw97iXZcZH9
<i>CP2</i>	Parque Florestal do Capelo	18,4Km	6h 00m	38°35'03.8"N 28°47'00.6"W	https://goo.gl/maps/hTKZudmTip3eWTxQA
<i>FINISH</i>	Vulcão dos Capelinhos	25Km	9h 00m	38°35'33.5"N 28°49'37.2"W	https://goo.gl/maps/gFH48hGLTwFASgkM7

5.6. Check Points Along the Racecourse

5.6.1. Mandatory Check-In at Aid Stations

Runners will be checked upon arrival at each aid station.

5.6.2. Nature of Checkpoints

- Checkpoints are compulsory crossing points for all participants.
- The locations of these checkpoints are subject to change until the race date based on weather conditions and terrain considerations.

5.6.3. Importance of Passing Through Checkpoints

- It is essential for participants to pass through all designated checkpoints.
- Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the race.

5.7. Time limit and Cut-Off times for finishing each race

Race	Start	Time Limit	<u>Route Information</u>
WGR	22:00	28 hours	MAP

UBI	05:30	14 hours	MAP
CC	08:30	10 hours	MAP
TV	11:00	9 hours	MAP
FR	15:00	5 hours	MAP

5.8. Routes, Adjustments and Checkpoint Policies

You can find your routes available for download here: <https://rb.gy/au2de2>

5.8.1. Potential Adjustments to Routes and Timings

The routes, checkpoint timings, and specific locations are subject to change until the day of the race based on weather and terrain conditions.

5.8.2. Consequences of Missing Time Barriers

Athletes who arrive at a checkpoint after the set time limit will have their bib number removed, indicating their disqualification from the race.

6. Mandatory Equipment

6.1. Equipment Requirements

- Participants must carry all items specified in the mandatory equipment checklist to ensure safety and the smooth operation of the event.
- The mandatory equipment includes a rough weather kit.
- Depending on weather conditions, the organization may require an additional kit. Participants will be informed of this before the race starts.

6.2. Mandatory Gear and Equipment Checks

- Participants must carry all items on the mandatory gear checklist.
- Runners must always have their gear, as race directors may conduct spot checks. Non-compliance may result in disqualification.

6.2. Equipment Verification

- Runners must present a signed disclaimer affirming possession of their mandatory equipment, including any additional items requested by the organization, to receive their race bib.

- It is mandatory to keep the mandatory equipment with the participant throughout the event.

6.3. Clothing and Gear Advisory

- It's crucial for each runner to personalize their gear based on their own experience and needs.
- Rather than choosing the lightest options, participants should select clothing that offers substantial protection against cold, wind, and snow for better safety and performance.

Mandatory equipment checklist	WGR	UBI	CC	TV	FR
Bib number	X	X	X	X	X
Backpack or similar equipment	X	X	X	X	
Water bottle or the equivalent of 0.5-liter capacity, minimum	X	X	X	X	X
Emergency blanket (min. 100 x 200 cm)	X	X	X	X	
Windbreaker / waterproof jacket	X	X	X	X	
Operational phone (with sufficient battery and credit time)	X	X	X	X	X
Backup food supply	X	X	X	X	
Whistle	X	X	X	X	
1 Flashlight/headlamp with replacement batteries	X	X	X		
Photo ID – passport/ID card	X	X	X	X	X

6.4. Other recommended equipment

- Poles
- Windbreaker / Waterproof pants *
- Cap/Beanie/Scarf/Bandana *
- Gloves *
- Clothing covering limbs *
- Sunscreen
- Change of clothes

- Vaseline or anti-heat cream
- GPS watch
- Cash amount (for any unforeseen event)

* Depending on weather conditions, the organization may require

7. Additional Equipment Regulations

7.1. Rules for Using Batons

- Participants who begin the race with batons are required to carry them to the finish line.
- Leaving or accessing batons during the course is strictly prohibited.

7.2. Gear Maintenance and Safety Check

For safety purposes, participants are strongly advised to inspect their gear before the race to ensure it is in optimal condition.

8. Way-Marking During the Race

8.1. Types of Way-Markers

- The race path is marked with red flags, reflective bands, and vertical signs.
- It is crucial for participants to stay on the signposted paths and avoid taking shortcuts.
- If you no longer see way markers, it likely indicates a deviation from the correct path. In such cases, retrace your steps until you locate the way-markers again.
- Always use common sense when navigating the course.

9. Security and Medical Assistance Guidelines

9.1. Medical Assistance Availability

Medical personnel will be stationed along the route, equipped with the organization's resources and public assistance means, to aid anyone in distress.

9.2. How to Seek Help

A runner in need of assistance should:

- Approach a medical aid station.
- Call the race emergency phone number.
- Request another runner to notify the security services.

9.3. Duty to Assist and Notify

- Every runner must help individuals in danger and inform the security services.
- In case of an absolute emergency and if unable to reach the race emergency number, call the National Security Services at 112 (especially in areas with only emergency call capabilities).

9.4. Expectations in Emergencies

- Be aware that environmental factors and race-related incidents could lead to longer wait times for assistance.
- Personal safety also depends on the quality of gear carried by each participant.

9.5. Authority of Medical and Security Personnel

- Medical, paramedical, first aid staff, guides, and personnel designated by race direction have the authority to:
 - Disqualify any participant deemed unfit to continue.
 - Require the use of mandatory equipment items.
 - Evacuate runners they consider to be in danger.
 - Direct patients to appropriate medical facilities.
- If a runner requires intravenous treatment, they must withdraw from the race.

9.6. Responsibility and Course Adherence

- Runners must always remain on the marked path, including when resting.
- Deviating voluntarily from the marked course absolves the organization of responsibility.

10. Procedures for Dropping Out and Evacuation

10.1. Protocol for Withdrawing from the Race

- If an athlete decides to withdraw from the race, they must immediately inform the organizers.
- This notification is crucial to ensure that the event's assistance services can concentrate on participants still in the race and avoid unnecessary searches for athletes no longer competing.

10.2. Dropping Out of the Race

- Runners intending to withdraw from the race, barring injuries, must do so at a checkpoint and inform the team leader at that checkpoint.
- If a runner decides to drop out between two checkpoints, they must continue to the nearest checkpoint to officially report their withdrawal.

10.3. Post-Checkpoint Withdrawal

After an aid station or security point has closed, the organization may arrange to repatriate runners who have abandoned the race and are still at the station.

10.4. Procedures in Adverse Weather Conditions

In severe weather that causes a partial or total cease of the race, the organization will ensure the prompt repatriation of all runners.

11. Finish Line Arrangements

11.1. Receiving the Finisher's Gift

Upon completing the race, each participant will receive a finisher's gift as a token of accomplishment.

11.2. Post-Race Refreshments

A post-race snack will be available for participants at the Vulcão dos Capelinhos area.

12. Rest Area Guidelines

12.1. Rest Area Location

A designated rest area is available for runners at Vulcão dos Capelinhos.

Access to Rest Area

This area is exclusively reserved for runners recently completing their race.

12.2. Limitations of Rest Area

- The rest area is not intended as overnight accommodation.
- Runners who have finished their race and wish to extend their stay on the island are responsible for arranging their accommodation.

13. Ranking and Awards for the Event

Prizes will be presented during the official award ceremony, as scheduled in the event program.

13.1. General Classification and Age Categories

- Each event features a general classification open to all participants.
- Additionally, age categories are recognized based on the participant's age as of October 31st, 2023.

13.2. Age Categories for Rankings

- General Male/Female (M/F)

- Sub 23 M/F: Ages 18 to 22
- Seniors M/F: Ages 23 to 39
- M40/F40: Ages 40 to 44
- M45/F45: Ages 45 to 49
- M50/F50: Ages 50 to 54
- M55/F55: Ages 55 to 59
- M60/F60: Ages 60 to 64
- M65/F65: Ages 65 and over

13.3. Teams

Team Classification Criteria

The team ranking will be determined by aggregating the results of the three best-performing team members.

13.4. Prize Distribution

Categories for Prizes

- **Individual Categories:**
 - Male and Female General Classification
 - Trophies for the top 3 finishers in each age group
- **Team Category:**
 - Trophies for the top 3 teams

13.5. Collection of Trophies

- Recipients must collect their trophies during the award ceremony, either personally or through a designated representative.
- The organization will mail awards to the runners' post-event only by request.

14. Penalties and Disqualification Policies

14.1. Enforcement of Rules

Race directors and team leaders at aid stations and security points can apply rule violation penalties immediately.

14.2. Infractions and Corresponding Penalties

- 1) **Short cutting the Route:** Discretion of the race director.
- 2) **Missing Mandatory Equipment (critical items):** Disqualification.
- 3) **Missing Other Mandatory Equipment:** 1 hour penalty.
- 4) **Refusal of Equipment Check:** Disqualification.
- 5) **Smartphone Off/Airplane Mode:** 15-minute penalty.
- 6) **Discarding Rubbish:** 1-hour penalty.

- 7) **Lack of Respect:** Disqualification.
- 8) **Not Assisting a Person in Difficulty:** Disqualification.
- 9) **Receiving Assistance Outside Authorized Areas:** 1-hour penalty.
- 10) **Accompaniment Along Route in Unauthorized Zones:** 15-minute penalty.
- 11) **Cheating (e.g., transport use, sharing bib):** Lifetime disqualification.
- 12) **Invisible or Non-Conforming Race Bib:** 15-minute penalty.
- 13) **Dangerous Behavior:** 15-minute penalty.
- 14) **No Electronic Chip:** Decision by race directors.
- 15) **Missing Checkpoint:** Decision by race directors.
- 16) **Refusal to Comply with Official Orders:** Disqualification.
- 17) **Refusal of Anti-Doping Test:** Same as drug-taking sanctions.
- 18) **Late Departure from Checkpoint:** Disqualification.

14.3. Complaints Procedure

Participants may send complaints via email within ten days following the event's conclusion.

14.4. Exceptional Conditions and Organizational Rights

Adaptability of the Event

The organization reserves the right to change aspects of the event, such as routes, start times, cutoff times, and the locations of aid and medical stations to ensure the event's smooth operation.

Actions in Case of Extraordinary Circumstances

- In response to force majeure, adverse weather, or any situation that could jeopardize participant safety, the organization may:
 - Postpone the race start.
 - Modify cutoff times.
 - Change the start date.
 - Alter the racecourse.
 - Cancel the event.
 - Neutralize the event.
 - Halt the race while in progress.

15. Cancellation of Registration and Refund Policy

Refund Deadline

- The organization has the right to withhold the registration fee for confirmed participants, even in cases of early withdrawal.
- Refund requests can be made until the last day of registration. After this deadline, no refunds will be issued, even if enrollment insurance has been purchased.

Eligibility for Refund

- Refunds are only available when a participant can prove:
 - Serious illness, pregnancy, severe injury, or the death of the participant or a close associate, rendering the participant's presence in the workplace essential.
 - Severe damage to the participant's property at their residence due to events like fire, storm, theft, or water damage, requiring their presence at home.
 - Cancellation requests must be sent via email.

Freezing of Entries

- The organization does not offer entry freezing.

Changes or Cancellation of Races

- In case of route changes or race cancellations due to adverse weather or other force majeure circumstances preventing their execution, registration fees will not be refunded. This applies particularly when authorities prevent the races from taking place.

16. Environmental Responsibility

Commitment to Environmental Protection

- By registering for a race, participants pledge to respect the environment and the natural areas they traverse.

Specific Environmental Guidelines

- Prohibition of Littering: Disposing of any waste, such as gel tubes, paper, organic refuse, plastic wrappers, etc., along the race route is strictly forbidden. Waste bins are provided at each aid station for proper disposal, and race stewards will monitor compliance.
- Waste Management by Participants: Runners must retain all their waste, including wrappers, until they can dispose of it in the bins at an aid station. Participants are advised to carry a bag or pouch for their waste.
- Trail Conservation: Participants must follow the marked paths without shortcuts, as shortcutting can cause erosion and environmental damage.
- Reduction of Disposable Items: To minimize plastic waste, no disposable dishes (cutlery, cups, or bowls) will be provided at checkpoints or aid stations. Participants are encouraged to bring their utensils for consuming hot meals at the aid stations.

17. Image Rights

17.1. Exclusive Rights to Event Images

The event organizer holds the exclusive rights to all imagery associated with the event.

17.2. Participant's Consent to Use of Images

- By registering for the event, participants implicitly grant permission for their images, captured during their participation, to be used by the organizer.
- These images may be utilized for promoting and publicizing the event across various media platforms.
- Participants thereby assign all related image rights to the organizer to use these recordings.

17.3. Restrictions on External Use

Any external projects or advertisement involving images from the event require prior approval from the organizer.

18. Policy on Political Expression at the Event

Prohibition of Political Displays

In alignment with our ethical charter, any conspicuous display of political messages or symbols during the event is strictly prohibited.

19. Personal Data Protection Policy for Participants

Use of Participants' Data

- The personal data provided by participants in the registration form will be used solely for managing the event and promoting future events.
- This data may be published in registration lists, news releases, and classifications.

20. Data Rights of Participants

- Participants can access, modify, or delete their data.
- To exercise these rights, participants should send an email request to info@azorestrailrun.com.

21. Insurance Coverage for the Event

21.1. Organizer's Insurance Policy

- The event organizer has arranged for civil liability and personal accident insurance that covers the entire duration of the event.
- This insurance covers responsibilities for the organizer, their employees, and all participants.

21.2. Access to Insurance Details

- Detailed conditions of the insurance policies are available for review. Please refer to the following links for specific information:
- Civil Liability Insurance

- Personal Accident Insurance

22. Claims

Complaints must be addressed in writing to the race office within a maximum of 1 hour after the arrival of the last athlete, accompanied by the amount of EUR 50. If the claim is accepted, this amount will be returned to them. Members of the Portuguese Trail Running Association (APTR) will have one week to complain (regarding APTR ranking).

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