



Race Regulations - Desafio Vertical 0/947 2025

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RACE RULES

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SUMMARY



Name: V Desafio Vertical 0/947

Features: DV Trail - 35,3 km / 1910 d+ / 1800 d- (ITRA 2, UTMB 50K, ATRP C.N. Trail e CTSMI - Trail)

DV Sprint - 20,7 km / 1170 d+ / 1070 d- (ITRA 1, UTMB 20K, ATRP C.N. Trail Sprint e CTSMI - Trail Sprint)

DV Hike - 11,3 km / 400 d+ / 540 d-

Date: April 12, 2025

Places: Finish Line - Polidesportivo de Água de Pau (DV Trail, DV Sprint e DV Hike)

Departures - Ponta da Galera (DV Trail e DV Sprint) and Casa da Água Trail Point (DV Hike)

Time: 08:30 am (DV Trail 1st Athlete Departure)

09:00 am (DV Sprint 1st Athlete Departure)

10:00 am (DV Hike Start)

Organization: Morcegos Trail Clube

Partners: Azores Regional Government, Lagoa Municipality and Água de Pau Parish Council

Race Director: Sara Palrinhas

DESCRIPTION

The V edition of Desafio Vertical 0/947 is a Trail Running event, which runs along trails and paths in Lagoa municipality, namely, in the parishes of Água de Pau and Ribeira Chã. It includes the Desafio Vertical Trail – 35,3 km / 1910 d+ / 1800 d-, the Desafio Vertical Sprint – 20,7 km / 1170 d+ / 1070 d- and the Desafio Vertical Hike – 11,3 km / 400 d+ / 540 d-. The DV Trail and the DV Sprint starts at Ponta da Galera, located in Caloura while the DV Hike starts at Casa da Água Trail Point, situated in Remédios. All races end at the Polidesportivo de Água de Pau, located in the parish of Água de Pau.

The Desafio Vertical 0/947 (DV Trail, DV Sprint and DV Hike) is open to all athletes. The DV 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 DV 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 DV Trail and DV Sprint races, participants must be at least 18 years old on the date of the end of the sports season.

In the DV 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.

1.2 REGULARIZED REGISTRATION

Registration in the Desafio Vertical 0/947 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 Desafio Vertical 0/947 consists of two competitive events, namely, the DV Trail and the DV Sprint, and a non-competitive event, the DV Hike. The event works in a time trial format, because all athletes start separately, with 1 minute interval (DV Trail) and 30 seconds interval (DV Sprint) between each start.

The competitive race with the highest mileage is called DV Trail and has a distance of approximately 35,3 km. The 1st athlete will departure at 08:30 am on April 12, 2025 at Ponta da Galera, in Caloura, and the finish line will be installed at the Polidesportivo de Água de Pau.

The short mileage competitive race is called DV Sprint and has a distance of approximately 20,7 km. The 1st runner will start at 09:00 am on April 12, 2025 at Ponta da Galera, in Caloura, and the finish line will be located at the Polidesportivo de Água de Pau.

The non-competitive race is designated by DV Hike and encompasses the distance of, practically, 11,3 km. The start of the race will take place at 10:00 am on April 12, 2025 at Casa da Água Trail Point, in Remédios, and the finish line will be installed at the Polidesportivo de Água de Pau.

2.2 PROGRAM

The race program includes activities from December 13, 2024 to April 12, 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.

December 13 (Sunday)

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

January 31 (Friday)

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

February 1 (Saturday)

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

March 30 (Sunday)

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

April 11 (Friday)

HOUR	ACTIVITY	PLACE
05:00/08:00 pm	Check-in	Casa da Água Trail Point

April 12 (Saturday)

HOUR	ACTIVITY	PLACE
08:00/09:15 am	Late Check-in	Água de Pau (Polidesportivo)
08:30 am	Departure of the 1 st DV Trail athlete	Ponta da Galera
09:00 am	Departure of the 1 st DV Sprint athlete	Ponta da Galera
09:15 am	Departure of the bus for DV Hike	Água de Pau (Polidesportivo)
10:00 am	DV Hike Start	Casa da Água Trail Point
12:00 pm	Expected beginning arrivals of the DV Sprint athletes	Água de Pau (Polidesportivo)
12:45 pm	Expected beginning arrivals of the DV Trail athletes	Água de Pau (Polidesportivo)
02:00 pm	Award Ceremony	Água de Pau (Polidesportivo)
03:30 pm	Finish Line and Event Closure	Água de Pau (Polidesportivo)

2.3 DISTANCE AND ALTIMETRY

The DV Trail race has a distance of 35,3 km, with a positive elevation gain of 1910m and a negative difference of 1800m (approximate values).

The DV Sprint race includes a course with a distance of 20,7 km, with a positive elevation gain of 1170m and a negative gradient of 1070m (approximate values).

The DV Hike event have a distance of 11,3 km, with a positive elevation gain of 400m and a negative difference of 540m (approximate values).

2.4 STARTING ORDER

The starting order for each of the races is defined by the Race Director and all athletes are obliged to respect her choices. The starting order for both races will be published until April 10.

2.5 TIME BARRIERS

The finish line closes at 03:30 pm, so the total time limit for doing the DV Trail is 07h00m, for the DV Sprint is 06h30m and for the DV Hike is 05h30m. For meteorological or safety reasons, the organization reserves the right to change the time barriers.

In addition, there are time barriers at intermediate points along the route. So, at PAC1 (Pico da Barrosa), the organization has the right to neutralize the athlete if he arrives after 11:30 am (limit valid only for DV Trail athletes). This right, also, applies to PAC2 (Miradouro da Barrosa) if the participant arrives there after 01:30 pm. In the same way, the organization does not allow the athlete to continue his race if he arrives at PAC3 (Valado Velho) after 02:30 pm. In all events, the organization may also retain the athlete 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.

2.6 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.

2.7 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 DV Trail there will be three supplies:

- PAC1 – Pico da Barrosa (12,2 km – approximately);
- PAC2 – Miradouro da Barrosa (21,0 km – approximately);
- PAC3 – Valado Velho (29,5 km – approximately).

The DV Sprint will have one supply:

- PAC1 – Pico da Barrosa (12,2 km – approximately).

For the DV Hike there will be, also, only one supply:

- PAC3 – Valado Velho (5,5 km – approximately).

2.8 MANDATORY MATERIAL

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

- Visible bib;
- Mobile phone with sufficient battery and balance to complete the entire race.

Not being mandatory, the organization advises, however, all athletes of the DV Hike to bring the following material:

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

2.9 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	Disqualification and eradication in future editions
Sharing the bib with another person for part or all of the route	Disqualification

Walk other paths 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

2.10 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.

2.11 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 Lagoa municipality, 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 (only for DV Hike), 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 December 13, 2024 to January 31, 2025
 - DV Trail: 20€
 - DV Sprint: 15€
 - DV Hike: 11€
 - From February 1, 2025 to March 30, 2025
 - DV Trail: 30€
 - DV Sprint: 25€
 - DV Hike: 15€

In the registration, the athlete accepts that their participation is his/her sole criminal or civil responsibility, and no physical, moral or material damage that occurs during the activity can be attributed to organization. Athletes are responsible for checking that their information is correct on the registration list.

The registration period ends on March 30, 2025, and total registration for DV events is limited to a maximum of 600 athletes.

The organization reserves the right to not refund the athletes registration fee after payment and also does not guarantee the delivery of the event t-shirt to athletes who register in the 2nd phase.

3.3 CHECK IN

The race check in will be open, for all races, on Friday, April 11, 2025 from 05:00 pm to 08:00 pm at the Casa da Água Trail Point, situated in Remédios. To collect the bag and the bib, it is necessary to present the citizen card.

4. AGE GROUPS AND PRIZES

4.1 DV TRAIL AND DV SPRINT CLASSES

The DV Trail and DV Sprint will have the following classes (the age refers to the day of the end of the sports season on September 30, 2025) 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 35-39 years) Male and Female;
- 40+ Class (athletes aged 40-44 years) Male and Female;
- 45+ Class (athletes aged 45-49 years) Male and Female;
- 50+ Class (athletes aged 50-54 years) Male and Female;
- 55+ Class (athletes aged 55-59 years) Male and Female;
- 60+ Class (athletes aged 60-64 years) Male and Female;
- 65+ Class (athletes aged 65-69 years) Male and Female;
- 70+ Class (athletes over 70 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.

As the DV 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 MOUNTAIN SEGMENT 0/947

In addition to the final prizes, trophies will be awarded for the Mountain Segment 0/947 to the fastest male and female athletes who complete each segment. There will be an uphill segment, whose route runs along a certain area of the climb to Pico da Barrosa, and a downhill segment, whose route runs along a certain area of the descent after Pico da Barrosa. These segments start and end locations will be identified on the day of the race. There will be only one winner, male and female, in each segment, from all the athletes participating in the DV Trail and DV Trail Sprint. All athletes who achieve all of the following points are eligible for this trophy:

- Be registered in the DV Trail or DV Trail Sprint and complete the race inside the time limit;
- Have an account on the STRAVA platform (<https://www.strava.com>) and publish the race until 1:45 pm. It must be “public” to be included in the segment ranking. Only athletes who appear in the segment ranking will be considered for the award of the trophy. The athlete’s name on STRAVA must clearly indicate the athlete’s first and last name in the race. If this does not happen, the athlete must inform the organization of this until 1:45 pm.

The event organizers reserve the right to not consider a certain record if they think that there is a gross error in the allocation of time in that segment. In case of a draw, the tiebreaker criteria will be applied in the following order:

- Advantage of the athlete who is in the DV Trail over the athlete in the DV Trail Sprint;
- Advantage of the athlete who finished the race with the fastest time over the slowest athlete.

The segments available on STRAVA can be consulted at:

- Mountain Segment 0/947 - Uphill: <https://www.strava.com/segments/38889446>
- Mountain Segment 0/947 - Downhill: <https://www.strava.com/segments/36554518>

4.3 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.

4.4 COMMUNICATION

The official means of communication and information of the race are considered the website <https://www.morcegostrail.com>, email desafiovertical@morcegostrail.com and the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/desafiovert0947>. 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.

4.5 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.

4.6 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 desafiovertical@morcegostrail.com.

4.7 MISCELLANEOUS

The fill out 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 Sara Palrinhas.

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.