



TRAIL DOS MORCEGOS

Race Regulation Trail dos Morcegos 2026



RACE REGULATION

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SUMMARY

Name: X Trail dos Morcegos

Features: TdM Ultra Trail - 52,0 km / 2210 d+ / 2250 d- (ITRA 3, UTMB 50K, ATRP C.N. Ultra Trail and CTSMI - Ultra Trail)

TdM Trail - 34,4 km / 1590 d+ / 1640 d- (ITRA 2, UTMB 50K, ATRP C.N. Trail and CTSMI - Trail)

TdM Trail Sprint - 18,9 km / 670 d+ / 990 d- (ITRA 0, UTMB 20K, ATRP C.N. Trail Sprint and CTSMI - Trail Sprint)

TdM Mini Trail - 10,0 km / 340 d+ / 530 d-

TdM Hike - 6,5 km / 70 d+ / 260 d-

TdM Kids - 1,9 km / 10 d+ / 90 d-

Date: September 19, 2026

Places: Finish Line - Centro Social e Paroquial Nossa Senhora das Neves (TdM Ultra Trail, TdM Trail, TdM Trail Sprint, TdM Mini Trail, TdM Hike and TdM Kids)

Departures - Palheiro da Candelária (TdM Ultra Trail and TdM Trail), Merendário do Charquinho das Moças (TdM Trail Sprint), Miradouro da Vigia da Baleia das Feteiras (TdM Mini Trail and TdM Hike) and Alminhas da Rocha (TdM Kids)

Time: 07:30 am (TdM Ultra Trail Start), 08:30 am (TdM Trail Start), 10:00 am (TdM Trail Sprint Start), 11:00 am (TdM Mini Trail and TdM Hike Start) and 11:30 am (TdM Kids Start)

Organization: Morcegos Trail Clube

Partners: Ponta Delgada Municipality, Relva Parish Council, Candelária Parish Council, Covoadela Parish Council and Feteiras Parish Council

Race Director: David Lopes

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The X edition of Trail dos Morcegos is a trail running event, taking place along trails and rural paths in the municipality of Ponta Delgada. It includes 6 races: the TdM Ultra Trail – 52,0 km / 2210 d+ / 2250 d-, the TdM Trail – 34,4 km / 1590 d+ / 1640 d-, the TdM Trail Sprint – 18,9 km / 670 d+ / 990 d-, the TdM Mini Trail – 10,0 km / 340 d+ / 530 d-, the TdM Hike – 6,5 km / 70 d+ / 260 d- and the TdM Kids – 1,9 km / 10 d+ / 90 d-. The TdM Ultra Trail and TdM Trail start at Palheiro da Candelária (Candelária), the TdM Trail Sprint starts at Merendário do Charquinho das Moças (Covoadela), the TdM Mini Trail and the TdM Hike start at Miradouro da Vigia da Baleia das Feteiras (Feteiras) and the TdM Kids starts at Alminhas da Rocha (Relva). All races finish at Centro Social e Paroquial Nossa Senhora das Neves, located in the parish of Relva.

The TdM Ultra Trail is classified as ITRA 3, UTMB 50K, contributes points to the ATRP National Ultra Trail Championship (Series 150) and scores for the São Miguel Island Trail Circuit – Ultra Trail. The TdM Trail is classified as ITRA 2, UTMB 50K, contributes points to the ATRP National Trail Championship (Series 150) and scores for the São Miguel Island Trail Circuit - Trail, while the TdM Trail Sprint is classified as ITRA 0, UTMB 20K, contributes points to the ATRP National Trail Sprint Championship (Series 150) and scores for the São Miguel Island Trail Circuit - Trail Sprint.



1. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

1.1 MINIMUM AGE FOR PARTICIPATION IN EACH COMPETITION

To participate in the TdM Ultra Trail and TdM Trail, participants must be, at least, 18 years old on September 30, 2026 (end of the athletics season according to the FPA – Portuguese Athletics Federation).

To participate in the TdM Trail Sprint and TdM Mini Trail, participants must be, at least, 16 years old on September 30, 2026 (end of the athletics season according to the FPA – Portuguese Athletics Federation).

In the TdM Hike, 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.

To participate in the TdM Kids, participants must be between 6-15 years old on September 30, 2026 (end of the athletics season according to the FPA – Portuguese Athletics Federation) and such participation is previously authorized.

1.2 REGULARIZED REGISTRATION

Registration for the Trail dos Morcegos implies understanding and accepting, without reservation, the rules and the race regulation. The athlete must complete the following steps:

- Correctly register on the registration platform;
- Proceed with payment of the corresponding registration fee;
- Verify that the information entered is correct and corresponds to reality;
- By registering, the athlete declares that have adequate physical and psychological condition to take part in the race and may not hold the organization responsible for any consequences arising from their participation.

1.3 PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

Participants are allowed to receive personal assistance only at the supply and control stations (PAC), previously designated by the organization.



1.4 RACE BIB PLACEMENT

The race bib must be permanently visible during the entire race, namely, it must be positioned over the clothing, in the chest or abdomen area and only participants with a visible bib will have access to the supply stations.

2. RACE

2.1 RACES OVERVIEW

The Trail dos Morcegos consists of five competitive races, namely, the TdM Ultra Trail, the TdM Trail, the TdM Trail Sprint, TdM Mini Trail and the TdM Kids, and one non-competitive event, the TdM Hike.

The longest competitive race for adult participants is designated as TdM Ultra Trail and covers an approximate distance of 52,0 km. The start will take place at 07:30 am on September 19, 2026 at Palheiro da Candelária (Candelária) and the finish line will be located at Centro Social e Paroquial Nossa Senhora das Neves (Relva).

The upper intermediate competitive race for adult participants is designated as TdM Trail and covers an approximate distance of 34,4 km. The start will take place at 08:30 am on September 19, 2026 at Palheiro da Candelária (Candelária) and the finish line will be located at Centro Social e Paroquial Nossa Senhora das Neves (Relva).

The lower intermediate competitive race for adult participants is designated as TdM Trail Sprint and covers an approximate distance of 18,9 km. The start will take place at 10:00 am on September 19, 2026 at Merendário do Charquinho das Moças (Covoadá) and the finish line will be located at Centro Social e Paroquial Nossa Senhora das Neves (Relva).

The shortest competitive race for adult participants is designated as TdM Mini Trail and covers an approximate distance of 10,0 km. The start will take place at 11:00 am on September 19, 2026 at Miradouro da Vigia da Baleia das Feteiras (Feteiras) and the finish line will be located at Centro Social e Paroquial Nossa Senhora das Neves (Relva).

The non competitive race is designated as TdM Hike and covers an approximate distance of 6,5 km. The start will take place at 11:00 am on September 19, 2026 at Miradouro da Vigia da Baleia das Feteiras (Feteiras) and the finish line will be located at Centro Social e Paroquial Nossa Senhora das Neves (Relva).

The competitive race for children between 6-15 years is designated as TdM Kids and covers an approximate distance of 1,9 km. The start will take place at 11:30 am on September 19, 2026 at

Alminhas da Rocha (Relva) and the finish line also will be located at Centro Social e Paroquial Nossa Senhora das Neves (Relva).

2.2 PROGRAMME

The race programme includes activities from January 1, 2026 to September 19, 2026 and the participating athletes must scrupulously respect it under penalty of having their participation in the event refused. The programme presented is subject to changes by the organization, if necessary, but in these cases the organization commits to notify the athletes.

January 1 (Thursday)

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

March 31 (Tuesday)

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

April 1 (Wednesday)

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

July 31 (Friday)

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

August 1 (Saturday)

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

September 6 (Sunday)

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

September 18 (Friday)

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

September 19 (Saturday)

HOUR	ACTIVITY	PLACE
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06:15/11:15 am	Late Check-In	Centro Social e Paroquial Nossa Sra. das Neves (Relva)
06:30 am	Departure of the TdM Ultra Trail Bus	Jardim 5 de Agosto (Relva)
07:30 am	TdM Ultra Trail Start	Palheiro da Candelária (Candelária)
07:30 am	Departure of the TdM Trail Bus	Jardim 5 de Agosto (Relva)
08:30 am	TdM Trail Start	Palheiro da Candelária (Candelária)
08:45 am	Departure of the TdM Trail Sprint Bus	Jardim 5 de Agosto (Relva)
10:00 am	TdM Trail Sprint Start	Merendário do Charquinho das Moças (Covoadá)
10:00 am	Departure of the TdM Mini Trail and TdM Hike Bus	Jardim 5 de Agosto (Relva)
11:00 am	TdM Mini Trail and TdM Hike Start	Miradouro da Vigia da Baleia (Feteiras)
11:15 am	Departure of the TdM Kids Van	Jardim 5 de Agosto (Relva)
11:30 am	TdM Kids Start	Alminhas da Rocha (Relva)
02:00 pm	Award Ceremony	Centro Social e Paroquial Nossa Sra. das Neves (Relva)
04:30 pm	Finish Line and Event Closure	Centro Social e Paroquial Nossa Sra. das Neves (Relva)

2.3 DISTANCE AND ELEVATION

The TdM Ultra Trail race has a distance of 52,0 km, with a positive elevation gain of 2210 m and a negative elevation loss of 2250 m (approximate values).

The TdM Trail race has a distance of 34,4 km, with a positive elevation gain of 1590 m and a negative elevation loss of 1640 m (approximate values).

The TdM Trail Sprint race has a distance of 18,9 km, with a positive elevation gain of 670 m and a negative elevation loss of 990 m (approximate values).

The TdM Mini Trail race has a distance of 10,0 km, with a positive elevation gain of 340 m and a negative elevation loss of 530 m (approximate values).

The TdM Hike event has a distance of 6,5 km, with a positive elevation gain of 70 m and a negative elevation loss of 260 m (approximate values).

Finally, the TdM Kids race has a distance of 1,9 km, with a positive elevation gain of 10 m and a negative elevation loss of 90 m (approximate values).

2.4 CUT-OFF TIMES

The overall cut-off time at the finish line will be:

- TdM Ultra Trail – 9 hours to complete the entire course (04:30 pm);
- TdM Trail – 7 hours to complete the entire course (03:30 pm);
- TdM Trail Sprint – 5 hours to complete the entire course (03:00 pm);
- TdM Mini Trail – 3 hours to complete the entire course (02:00 pm).

Intermediate barrier times will be established at the supply and control stations (consult the official event website). To be allowed to continue in the race, participants must leave the supply and control station before the designated barrier time.

For meteorological or safety reasons, the organization reserves the right to adjust the cut-off times. Additionally, the organization also reserves the right to neutralize (stop) an athlete at the cut-off times established at the supply and control stations, or if it is clearly demonstrated that the athlete is unable to reach the next control point/finish line within the defined time limit, or does not present adequate physical condition to continue the race.

2.5 SUPPLY AND CONTROL STATIONS

The supply and control stations (PAC) are mandatory crossing points and are located at specific locations designated by the organization. The organization reserves the right to modify the location of any supply and control station without prior notice.

2.6 LOCATIONS AND TYPE OF SUPPLY STATIONS

The organization provides to all athletes, in all supply stations, solid and liquid nutrition to adequately meet their fueling needs according to the distance covered.

For TdM Ultra Trail are planned five supply stations:

- PAC1 – Cumeeira Pequena (10,8 km – approximately);
- PAC2 – Portal do Vento (19,4 km – approximately);
- PAC3 – Aqueduto do Carvão (30,7 km – approximately);
- PAC4 – Miradouro da Vigia da Baleia (39,7 km – approximately);
- PAC5 – Alminhas da Rocha (47,8 km – approximately).

For TdM Trail are planned three supply stations:

- PAC3 – Aqueduto do Carvão (13,0 km – approximately);
- PAC4 – Miradouro da Vigia da Baleia (22,1 km – approximately);



- PAC5 – Alminhas da Rocha (30,1 km – approximately).

For TdM Trail Sprint are planned two supply stations:

- PAC4 – Miradouro da Vigia da Baleia (6,5 km – approximately);
- PAC5 – Alminhas da Rocha (14,6 km – approximately).

For TdM Mini Trail is planned only one supply station:

- PAC5 – Alminhas da Rocha (8,1 km – approximately).

For TdM Hike also is planned only one supply station:

- PAC5 – Alminhas da Rocha (4,5 km – approximately).

For TdM Kids are not planned any supply station.

2.7 MANDATORY EQUIPMENT

The mandatory equipment for the TdM Ultra Trail, TdM Trail and TdM Trail Sprint includes the following items:

- Race bib visible at all times;
- Mobile phone with sufficient credit and battery for the entire duration of the race;
- Whistle;
- Reservoir(s) with a minimum capacity of 0,5 L filled with water or isotonic drink;
- Survival blanket;
- **Headlamp or handheld torch (only in TdM Ultra Trail) – IMPORTANT.**

Although not mandatory, the organization strongly recommends that all athletes participating in the TdM Ultra Trail, TdM Trail and TdM Trail Sprint carry the following equipment:

- Waterproof jacket and/or windbreaker;
- Hat, beanie or buff;
- Spare nutrition;
- Long-sleeve shirt or arm sleeves;
- Poles;
- Sunscreen;
- Cup (no cup will be provided at supply stations).



The mandatory equipment for the TdM Mini Trail and TdM Hike includes the following items:

- Race bib visible at all times;
- Mobile phone with sufficient credit and battery for the entire duration of the race.

Although not mandatory, the organization strongly recommends that all athletes participating in the TdM Mini Trail and TdM Hike carry the following equipment:

- Spare nutrition;
- Whistle;
- Reservoir(s) with a minimum capacity of 0,5 L filled with water or isotonic drink;
- Survival blanket;
- Cup (no cup will be provided at supply stations).

The mandatory equipment for the TdM Kids includes the following item:

- Race bib visible at all times.

2.8 PENALTIES

The organization and race officials stationed at control zones may apply the following sanctions at any point during the event:

BEHAVIOR	PENALTY
Failure to assist a participant who need help	Time penalty
Abandoning the race without notifying the organization	Exclusion from future editions
Sharing or transferring the race bib with another person, in part or throughout the course	Disqualification
Using paths other than the ones signposted for the race to gain advantage	Time penalty or disqualification
Using unauthorized transportation	Disqualification
Removing course markings or signage	Disqualification
Ignoring safety measures indicated by the organization or associated entities	Time penalty or disqualification
Absence of mandatory equipment and/or refusal to present it when requested by the organization	Time penalty or disqualification
Exceeding the time limit	Disqualification
Missing a supply and control station (PAC)	Disqualification
Littering or causing environmental damage	Disqualification and exclusion from future editions
Receiving external assistance outside the areas designated by the organization	Time penalty

Race bib not visible or positioned in a non-visible location	Time penalty
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2.9 SPORTS INSURANCE

In accordance with Decree-Law No. 146/93 of 26 April, the organization provides sports insurance covering all participants. In case of an accident that requires hospital treatment, the injured athlete must request a medical report to submit to the insurance company. The costs must initially be paid by the injured athlete and will subsequently be refunded by the insurance company (for the amount exceeding the deductible). The organization declines any responsibility for payment.

The injured athlete must notify the organization on the day of the event, via email and telephone, and report to the insurance company on the following day. For all claims submitted to the insurer, injured athletes must provide the name of the event organizer, the insurance policy number, and the date and time of the incident. 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 SAFETY

The race will be covered almost entirely on trails and dirt roads, and parking of vehicles at the start and finish areas is not allowed. The route includes agricultural paths and pedestrian trails located in the municipality of Ponta Delgada, and athletes must remain alert for potential crossings with vehicles and animals.

Withdrawals must be carried out exclusively at supply and control stations (PAC). In case of an accident or injury that prevents the participant from reaching a control station or the finish line, the athlete must activate a rescue operation by contacting the organization. The organization's emergency contact number will be printed on the participant's bib and should also be saved in advance on mobile phone.

The organization reserves the right to modify the course and the location of the supply and control stations (PAC) at any time without prior notice. In case of adverse weather conditions, the start may be delayed by a maximum of one hour, after which the race will be cancelled.

Additionally, during the race, in case of bad weather or other circumstances, and for safety reasons, the organization reserves the right to modify the cut-off times and/or suspend, shorten, neutralize or stop the race. No refunds will be issued.

3. REGISTRATIONS

3.1 REGISTRATION PROCESS

Interested participants may register through the STOP and GO platform, which can be accessed at <https://www.morcegostrail.com>. The registration includes race bib, t-shirt, transportation upon selection at the time of registration, insurance, and a small meal at the end of the event.

Registrations will only be considered valid after payment and confirmation by the STOP and GO platform sent to the athlete's registered email address.

The issuance of an invoice must be requested at the time of registration on the STOP and GO platform by providing the tax identification number (NIF). After the registration period has closed, the organization will no longer be able to issue invoices.

3.2 REGISTRATION FEES AND PERIODS

The registration fee varies according to the event which the athlete participates and also depending on the date which the registration is completed.

- Registration Fees:
 - From January 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026
 - TdM Ultra Trail: 25€
 - TdM Trail: 20€
 - TdM Trail Sprint: 15€
 - TdM Mini Trail: 12€
 - TdM Hike: 10€
 - TdM Kids: 5€
 - From April 1, 2026 to July 31, 2026
 - TdM Ultra Trail: 33€
 - TdM Trail: 28€
 - TdM Trail Sprint: 23€
 - TdM Mini Trail: 17€
 - TdM Hike: 15€
 - TdM Kids: 5€
 - From August 1, 2026 to September 6, 2026
 - TdM Ultra Trail: 40€



TdM Trail: 35€

TdM Trail Sprint: 30€

TdM Mini Trail: 22€

TdM Hike: 20€

TdM Kids: 5€

The registration period ends on September 6, 2026, and the total number of registrations for the TdM events is limited to a maximum of 650 athletes. In addition, athletes are responsible for checking if their personal data is correct on the list of registered participants, and corrections will only be allowed until September 6, 2026.

The organization reserves the right not to refund the registration fee after payment has been made and does not allow the transfer or deferral of registrations to future events organized by the club.

If the athlete wishes to obtain the t-shirt event, €10 will be added to the base registration fee (except for the TdM Kids race).

For each registration, €1 will be donated to a social welfare institution, which will be designated at a later date.

3.3 CHECK-IN

The check-in will operate for all races on Friday, September 18, 2026, from 05:00 pm to 08:00 pm at stand Dionísio Carreiro de Almeida (Mitsubishi), and on Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 06:15 am to 11:15 am at Centro Social e Paroquial Nossa Senhora das Neves.

To collect the race bag and respective bib number, the following documents must be presented:

- Citized ID card;
- Liability waiver (required only for participants under 18 years of age);
- It will be possible to collect another athlete's bag and race bib, since the person collecting it presents the athlete's ID card (or a copy);
- If the athlete or their authorized representative does not collect the athlete's race bag at the check-in locations designated by the organization, the bag and bib will not be stored for future collection.



4. AGE CATEGORIES, ETHICS AND COMMUNICATION

4.1 TDM ULTRA TRAIL, TDM TRAIL, TDM TRAIL SPRINT, TDM MINI TRAIL AND TDM KIDS CATEGORIES

The TdM Ultra Trail, TdM Trail and TdM Trail Sprint events will include the following categories (age calculated as of the end of the sports season), with awards for the top three finishers:

- Overall Classification Male and Female;
- Under-23 Category (athletes aged 18-22 years) Male and Female;
- Seniors Category (athletes aged 23-34 years) Male and Female;
- Veterans 35 Category (athletes aged 35-39 years) Male and Female;
- Veterans 40 Category (athletes aged 40-44 years) Male and Female;
- Veterans 45 Category (athletes aged 45-49 years) Male and Female;
- Veterans 50 Category (athletes aged 50-54 years) Male and Female;
- Veterans 55 Category (athletes aged 55-59 years) Male and Female;
- Veterans 60 Category (athletes over 60 years) Male and Female;
- Teams.

For the teams classification, the three best athletes in the overall ranking will be considered, regardless of gender or age group. The team classification will be determined by the sum of the ordinary rankings of the three fastest athletes from each team and the team with the lowest points will be declared the winner. This classification may only be contested by teams that have at least three members in each race and all of them must complete the race. In the event of a tie in points, the tie-breaking criteria will be the sum of the times of the three athletes who scored for the team classification, with the team having the lowest total time being declared the winner.

The TdM Mini Trail will have an overall classification for the top three finishers (male and female), with no age-group classifications.

The TdM Kids event will include the following categories (age calculated as of the end of the sports season), with awards for the top three finishers:

- Benjamins A Category (athletes aged 6-8 years) Male and Female;
- Benjamins B Category (athletes aged 9-11 years) Male and Female;
- Infantis Category (athletes aged 12-13 years) Male and Female;
- Iniciados Category (athletes aged 14-15 years) Male and Female.



As the TdM Hike is a non-competitive event, it will not be timed and no trophies will be awarded to the fastest participants.

All athletes who complete the event will receive a commemorative item related to the event.

4.2 ETHICAL STANDARDS IN COMPETITION

All athletes must demonstrate exemplary behaviour and fair play towards everyone involved in the competition, including both opponents and members of the organization.

In addition, athletes must refrain from using substances, pharmacological groups, or methods intended to artificially enhance their physical abilities. All participants are required to undergo any anti-doping control if requested to do so.

4.3 OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

The official communication and information channels for the race are the website <https://www.morcegostrail.com>, the email tdm@morcegostrail.com and the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/traildosmorcegos>. The athlete must periodically consult these channels to stay informed about news or possible changes to the course and regulations, as well as to check or confirm their registrations..

4.4 IMAGE RIGHTS AND ADVERTISING

The organizing entity has the exclusive rights to the use of the race's image and any photographic or journalistic audiovisual material from the event. Any project or promotional material intended for publication must obtain prior consent from the organization.

4.5 DATA PROTECTION

The personal data provided by athletes in the registration form will be recorded by the organizing entity exclusively for the purpose of processing the event and may be published, namely in the list of registered participants, news, and race results. All participants can exercise their right to access, rectify or cancel personal data by sending an email to tdm@morcegostrail.com.



4.6 MISCELLANEOUS

Completing and submitting the registration form for the races implies that the athlete acknowledges that they have read and unconditionally accepted this regulation. Any cases not covered by this regulation will be resolved by the organization, whose decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

5. RACE DIRECTOR

The race direction is under the responsibility of David Lopes.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE REGULATIONS

By registering for the event, the athlete fully accepts the present regulations. The organisation reserves the right, for safety-related reasons, to postpone or cancel the race, as well as to modify these regulations.