

# SET OF RULES PUERTO VALLARTA MÉXICO BY UTMB®

2024 EDITION

## ORGANIZATION

OSM and UTMB INTERNATIONAL S.L. organizers of the sporting event "PUERTO VALLARTA MÉXICO by UTMB®", with the support of Jalisco Tourism Board, Tourism Trust of Puerto Vallarta, Municipalities of Mascota and Puerto Vallarta and the local councils of the area.

## DEFINITION OF THE RACES

PUERTO VALLARTA MÉXICO by UTMB® is an event which includes several off road races, winding through the hiking trails of the PUERTO VALLARTA region. Each race takes place in one single stage, at an undefined pace and within a time limit (Cut-off time for each distance will be available by April 2023).

### 100M CATEGORY

- **WIXÁRIKA®:** around 147 km and about 5,500 meters elevation gain, starts from Mascota, Jalisco, Mexico, in semi-autonomy.

### 100K CATEGORY

- **HIKURI®:** around 95 km and about 3,500 meters elevation gain, starts from Mascota, Jalisco, Mexico, in semi-autonomy.

### 50K CATEGORY

- **NAKAWÉ®:** around 49 km and about 2,300 meters elevation gain, starts from the Boardwalk of Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, in semi-autonomy.

### 20K CATEGORY

- **HARAMARA®:** around 33 km and about 1,550 meters elevation gain, starts from the Boardwalk of Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, in semi-autonomy.
- **ERENO®:** around 20 km and about 1,000 meters elevation gain, starts from Ejido Jorullo main offices in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, in semi-autonomy.

### 10K CATEGORY

- **PATA SALADA®:** around 8 km run with 400 elevation gain, starts from at the Malecon of Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, in semi-autonomy.

## RUNNER'S COMMITMENT

To participate in the PUERTO VALLARTA MÉXICO by UTMB® event, in particular the WIXÁRIKA® & HIKURI®, it is essential:

- To be completely aware of the length and specificity of the event and to be fully prepared for it.
- To have acquired, previous to the race, a real capacity of personal autonomy in the mountains allowing for the management of problems induced by this type of event, and notably:
  - Know how to confront, without outside help, climatic conditions which could be very difficult to manage at altitude (night, wind, cold, fog or rain).
  - Know how to manage, including when one is isolated, physical or mental problems arising from great fatigue, digestive problems, muscle or articular pains or small wounds.
  - To be totally conscious that the organization's role is not to help a runner manage these problems.
  - To be totally aware that for such an activity in the mountains, security depends upon the runner's capacity to adapt to the problems encountered or foreseen.
  - To inform and to sensitize the members of the runner's crew regarding the respect for nature, people and the regulations of the race.

## SEMI-AUTONOMY

The principle of an individual race in semi-autonomy is the rule. The PUERTO VALLARTA MÉXICO by UTMB® events take place in one single stage, at an undefined pace, within the limits of the time restraints which are specified for each event. Semi-autonomy is defined as having the capacity to be autonomous between two aid stations, as much regarding nutrition as that of clothing and security, allowing for adapting to problems encountered (bad weather, physical problems, injury...)

This principle implies, in particular, the following rules:

1. Each runner must have with them throughout the duration of the race the totality of their mandatory equipment. They must transport this equipment in a pack; tagged during race-bib delivery and which cannot be changed along the race route. At any moment of the race, the race officials can verify the pack and its contents. The runner is obliged to submit to these checks in good humor, at the risk of penalization or expulsion from the race in case of omitting any item. \*For more info, check the mandatory equipment list for each distance.
2. The aid stations supply drinks and food to be consumed on site. The organization only supplies still water or energy drink for filling water bottles or hydration packs. The runner should take care to ensure they have, when leaving each aid station, the quantity of drink and food which is necessary to keep going until the following aid station. For slower runners, the longest sections without hydration could be more than 4hrs during the WIXÁRIKA® & HIKURI®.

3. For the WIXÁRIKA® y HIKURI®, an approved support crew is permitted exclusively at certain aid stations (\*), in the zone specifically reserved for this use and at the discretion of the chief of the aid station. Only one person can only give assistance, without specific equipment other than a bag with a maximum volume of 30 liters. Assistance given by a team of professionals, or any medic or paramedic external to the event organizer, is strictly forbidden. The rest of the aid stations are strictly reserved for the runners. No assistance is allowed, at any point along the race route, except at official assistance points.
4. It is forbidden to accompany or be accompanied along any part of the race route by a person not registered for the race, outside of the tolerance zones which are clearly marked in the proximity of the aid stations.  
  
\*It is not allowed to be accompanied by a dog or any other animal.
5. A participant who accepts being accompanied outside of the expressly designated zones contravenes the principle of semi-autonomy. The race stewards witnessing irregularities are authorized to penalize the participants in order to guarantee the spirit of trail-running events.

(\*) Crew support is permitted at the following aid stations:

**WIXÁRIKA®:**

- NAVIDAD (32 km)
- MASCOTA (52 km)
- SAN JOSÉ DEL MOSCO (78.5 km)
- UMA (116.5 km)
- CANOPY (139.6 km)

**HIKURI®:**

- SAN JOSÉ DEL MOSCO (26.5km)
- UMA (64.5k)
- CANOPY (87.6km)

Crew assistance is forbidden at all other aid stations, as well as at any other point along the race route.

**NAKAWÉ / HARAMARA / ERENO / PATA SALADA:** no assistance is allowed at any point throughout the race.

## EQUIPMENT AND MANDATORY EQUIPMENT

In order to ensure runner security and the smooth operation of each event, each participant must carry with them all the items listed in the mandatory equipment checklist (see below), and carry all the equipment with them during the race even if the runner is not using it.

Systematic and/or random checks will be carried out during the race. A penalty up to disqualification will be applied to runners who do not have all the mandatory equipment with them (see PENALTIES).

Please note: the items included in the mandatory equipment checklist are the basic pieces which each trail-runner must adapt according to their own skills. In particular, **you should not choose the lightest possible clothing but prefer clothing that really provides good protection in the mountains against rain, cold, wind, humidity and therefore better safety and performance.** The list may be modified according to weather conditions or environment. Officially, the confirmation of mandatory equipment will be announced 12 hours before the bib number delivery opens.

Use of hiking/trekking poles: If you choose to use poles, it is for the duration of the race. It is forbidden to start without poles and retrieve them during the course of the race. Poles are not allowed in drop bags. The use of poles may be prohibited in certain areas that will be marked for safety or environmental reasons.

**Consult the Mandatory & Recommended Equipment List per Distance**

**MANDATORY & RECOMMENDED  
EQUIPMENT LIST**

147K  
**WIX**  
100K/M








95K  
**HIK**  
100K/M

49K  
**NAK**  
30K/M

33K  
**HAR**  
20K/M

20K  
**ERE**  
20K/M

8K  
**PTS**  
10K

ITEM	DESCRIPTION					
	<b>Running Pack or Vest</b> To carry mandatory kit throughout the race.	YES	YES	YES	YES (Running Belt is permitted)	YES (Running Belt is permitted)
	<b>Minimum water supply</b> At some aid stations, it will be mandatory to leave with 100% refill depending on the section.	YES (2 lts.)	YES (1.5 lts.)	YES (1 lt.)	YES (1 lt.)	YES (500 ml.)
	<b>Mobile Phone</b> Smartphone is recommended, Runners must be accessible/traceable at any moment before, during and after the race: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mobile phone with international roaming that allows for use in Mexico (save in your phone the security numbers of the organization, do not encrypt your number and do not forget to fully charge the battery).</li><li>• Keep the phone on airplane mode is prohibited and could be sanctioned with disqualification.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LiveTrail App installed and activated.</li><li>• An external battery is recommended.</li></ul></li></ul>	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	<b>Personal Collapsible Cup</b> 150 ml minimum. (Bottles, flasks or soft flasks with lids are not accepted).	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	<b>Headlamp</b> Must be in good working condition, with spare batteries for each lamp. (Recommendation: 200 lumens or more for the main lamp).	YES (2 Headlamps)	YES (1 Headlamp)	YES (1 Headlamp)	--	YES (1 Headlamp)
	<b>Whistle</b> To be used in case of emergency.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	<b>Thermal Survival Blanket</b> 1.40m x 2m minimum.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	<b>ID Document</b>	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	<b>At least \$200</b> Mexican pesos in cash. Just in case!	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	<b>Self-adhesive elasticated bandage</b> This should work as a bandage or strapping. (Minimum 100 cm x 6 cm).	YES	YES	YES	YES	RECOMMENDED
	<b>Food Reserve</b> According to personal nutrition plan for the race.	YES (800kcal: 2 gels + 2 energizing bars)	YES (800kcal: 2 gels + 2 energizing bars)	YES (400kcal: 1 gels + 1 energizing bars)	YES (400kcal: 1 gels + 1 energizing bars)	RECOMMENDED
	<b>Cap or bandana or Buff®.</b>	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	<b>Leg Protection</b> Long-legged trousers or race leggings or a combination of legging and socks which cover the legs completely. <b>3*</b>	YES	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	<b>Arm Protection</b> Long-sleeve shirt or a combination of short-sleeve shirt and long sleeves which cover the arms completely. <b>3*</b>	YES	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED

## MANDATORY & RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT LIST



ITEM	DESCRIPTION	WIX	HIK	NAK	HAR	ERE	PTS
	<b>Jacket With Hood</b> The jacket must withstand bad weather in the mountains and made with a waterproof. <b>1*</b> and breathable <b>2*</b> layer. (Check the jacket recommendations).	YES	YES	YES (Mandatory just in case of bad weather)	YES (Mandatory just in case of bad weather)	YES (Mandatory just in case of bad weather)	YES (Mandatory just in case of bad weather)
	<b>Plates and Cutlery to eat</b> No cutlery or disposable dishes are provided at aid stations.	YES	RECOMMENDED	--	--	--	--
	<b>Hiking/trekking Poles</b> Recommended for technical paths, slippery terrain or ascent. <b>4*</b>	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	<b>GPS Watch</b>	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	<b>Others</b> Vaseline or anti-chafe cream/stick, mosquito/bug repellent.	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	<b>Sunglasses</b>	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	<b>Knife or scissors</b> For cutting elastic bandage.	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	<b>Emergency sewing kit</b>	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	<b>Personal medications</b> In case of medical prescription.	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	<b>Light Running Gaiters</b> Protection article. (Not required to wear during the race).	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	<b>Spare Clothes</b> To cover yourself from the cold, essential in case of heat or humid/rainy weather or in case of injury.	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED

### NOTES

#### JACKET RECOMENDATIONS:

\* **1.** Minimum 10 000 Schmerber.

\* **2.** RET recommended inferior to 13.

- The jacket must, imperatively, be fitted with an integrated hood or one which is attached to the jacket by the original system designed for that purpose by the manufacturer.
- The seams must be sealed.
- The jacket must not have sections of fabric which are not waterproof, but air vents fitted by the manufacturer (under-arm, in the back), since they do not damage in any obvious way the impermeability, are accepted.
- It is the runner's responsibility to judge, with these criteria, if their jacket fits the regulations stated and so bad weather in the mountains, but, during a check, the judgment is made by the person in charge of the check or the steward.

#### \* 3. ARM / LEG PROTECTION:

- It is not mandatory to wear them, but it is mandatory to carry them in your backpack, as a protection item if required. The purpose of this equipment is for protection against insects, fauna or plants in some sections of the route.
  - All clothing must be the correct size for the competitor and without having been modified in any way after leaving the factory.
- Bring this equipment in a pack which must be tagged during Bibs Delivery and is not interchangeable during the race.

#### \* 4. POLES:

If you choose to use poles, it is for the duration of the race. It is forbidden to start without poles and retrieve them during the course of the race. Poles are not allowed in drop bags. The use of poles may be prohibited in certain areas that will be marked for safety or environmental reasons.

Maximum list of equipment required by distance.

According to the competition rules, the final list could be modified according to the weather conditions for the race day. The final list will be confirmed 12 hours before the official opening of the check-in.

## RACE-BIBS

Race-bibs are handed out to each runner upon presentation of:

- A valid ID with photo or passport\*.
- To present equipment and mandatory equipment for validation.
- The BIBS delivery will be available only in Puerto Vallarta for all races. (Will not BIBS delivery at Mascota for WIXÁRICA & HIKURI).
- In case of registration as a National it is necessary to present a current Mexican passport or INE (National Official ID) to validate the nationality.

The race-bib must be worn on the chest or stomach and must remain permanently and completely visible during the whole race.

- It must always be placed on top of all clothing and must not be positioned on a leg or on the pack.
- The runner's name and race sponsors' logos must not be altered or hidden.
- The bib is the pass to access the shuttles, buses, aid stations, medical points, rest rooms, showers, bag drop-off or pick-up areas, etc.
- The bib is only withdrawn if the runner refuses to comply with the race director's decision. If the runner abandons the race, the bib is cut and deactivated.

## DROP BAG

**WIXÁRIKA®:** at the race-bib delivery, each participant receives two 30-liter bags. The runner must be fill it with the items of their choice, close them and label them. The first bag is taken to Life Base Mascota (km 52) by the runner on race day prior the start. The second bag must be left by the runners at BIBs delivery on registration day, and then the organizer will transport it to UMA (km 116.5). Both bags will be carried to the Finish Line (Puerto Vallarta) by the organization at the end of the race to be claimed by the runners.

**HIKURI®:** at the race-bib delivery, each participant receives one 30-liter bag. After be fill it with the items of their choice, close them and label them. The runners must be left the bag at BIBs delivery on registration day, and then the organizer will transport it to UMA (km 75). The bags will be carried to the Finish Line (Puerto Vallarta) by the organization at the end of the race to be claimed by the runners.

**NAKAWÉ®, HARAMARA®, ERENO® & PATA SALADA:** Available to drop at the assigned area before the start and pick-up at finish.

## How to get your bags in Puerto Vallarta:

- The bags are returned to either the runner or a family member or friend, only upon presentation of the race-bib. The bags must be retrieved no later than 1 hour after the end of the race. After that time, the

runner must come, in person, to retrieve their bag, at their own cost, at the organization headquarters in Puerto Vallarta.

- The organization will take to Puerto Vallarta the bags of runners who drop out, on condition that their withdrawal is registered. Because of logistical factors, the organization cannot guarantee that all bags will be brought to Puerto Vallarta before the end of the race.
- Only bags supplied by the organization will be transported. Poles are not allowed in these bags. As the items in the bags are neither checked nor controlled, we will accept no claims on that matter. We recommend not to put any valuable items in the bags. We advise you to keep personal care supplies and spare clothes in Puerto Vallarta.
- The maximum time to claim the bags will be up to 24 hours after the official closing of the event. The organizer is not responsible for bags that have not been claimed within the established time.

## AID STATIONS

Along the race route, there are some points where runners can get food and drink supplies. Aid stations supply drinks and food for consuming in situ. The organization supplies water and energy or isotonic drinks for filling water bottles/hydration packs and personal collapsible cups are mandatory. The runner must make sure, when leaving the aid station, that they have the necessary quantity of food and drink to keep them going until the next aid station.

**Only runners with a visible and properly placed race-bib will have access to the aid stations.**

The race guide and our web-site provide an exhaustive list of aid stations and what kind of food/drink runners may find there.

## CHECK POINTS

Runners are checked in upon arrival at an aid station and at some security points.

Unexpected check points are set up along the route. Their location is kept a secret.

## COURSE MARKING

Course markers are made of a reflective material that catches the light from your headlamp, so that you can easily spot them even at night.

**WARNING: if you can't see any course marker, turn back!**

Because we respect the environment, we do not use any paint on the trails.

Identify the types of signs used officially for the Puerto Vallarta race. During the route, segments are shared with other marked trails for other sports: mountain bike, hiking, etc.



## SECURITY AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

There are several medical stations along the route. These stations are in direct communication with the race security HQ in Puerto Vallarta. There is medical staff at the race security HQ in Puerto Vallarta during the events.

Medical stations are intended to assist any person in danger with the organization's own or public means.

It is up to a runner in trouble or seriously hurt to call for the help:

- By going to a medical station.
- By calling the race HQ.
- By asking another runner to alert the emergency service.
- By using the SOS app LiveTrail.

Every runner must give assistance to any person in danger and alert the security or medical services.

If you are unable to call the race HQ, and only if it is an absolute emergency, you may call directly one of the national security services (especially if you are crossing an area where only emergency calls are possible) 911.

**Do not forget that any kind of unexpected events - linked to the environment and the race - could make you wait for help longer than expected. Your safety therefore depends upon the quality of the items that you have in your pack.**

All medical, paramedical, first aid and staff, as well as any person appointed by the race direction are able to:

- Exclude from the race any participant who is deemed to be unable to continue the event.
- Require any competitor to use any item of the mandatory equipment.
- Evacuate by any means the runners they deem to be in danger.
- Refer patients to the most appropriate care structure.
- A runner who contacts a doctor or search and rescue staff submits to their authority and agrees to accept their decisions. If a runner's state of health justifies treatment via intravenous drip, the runner shall compulsorily withdraw from the race.
- There is an infirmary in Puerto Vallarta available for runners with severe medical problems. Comfort care is based on decision of the medical staff within the limits of availability.
- Runners must stay on the marked path, even when they sleep.
- All runners who voluntarily venture from the marked course are no longer under the responsibility of the organization.

## TIME LIMIT AND CUT-OFF TIMES

The total cut-off time for finishing each distances will be:

- **WIXÁRIKA®**: 33 hours and 30 minutes to finish
- **HIKURI®**: 21 hours and 30 minutes to finish
- **NAKAWÉ®**: 13 hours to finish
- **HARAMARA®**: 8 hours
- **ERENO®**: 5 hours
- **PATA SALADA®**: 3 hours

\* The cut-off times are calculated according to the start or last “wave” of runners.

In case of any changes (see Exceptional Conditions), the new cut-off times will be announced via SMS/text message prior to event start or during the race.

Cut-off times are calculated to allow participants to reach the finish within the time limit. In order to be authorized to continue a race, all participants must leave the check point/aid station before the cut-off time (whatever their time of arrival at the check point).

All participants excluded from the race who wish to continue the route can only do so after having returned their race-bib and under their own responsibility and in complete autonomy.

## WITHDRAWAL AND RUNNER TRANSPORT

Except in the case of injury, a runner who wishes to abandon the race must do so only at a checkpoint. They must inform the person responsible for the point or report their abandonment via the LiveTrail app and inform the race HQ. In case of leaving the race, the BIB number will be marked as “withdrawal”.

If a runner wishes to abandon while on the route between 2 checkpoints, they must reach the nearest checkpoint where they must report their abandonment.

Runners who drop out must keep their race bib because it is the pass to access shuttles, buses, meals, treatment rooms, drop bags, etc...

Return transport (repatriation) works as follows:

- Transport are available at some aid stations - marked by a pictogram «bus» on time charts - to take runners who drop out back to Puerto Vallarta or Mascota.
- Runners who abandon at any other aid station or check point but whose state of health does not require them to be evacuated must return as quickly as possible and by their own means to the nearest point of return transport.
- As for aid stations or security points accessible by car or 4x4:

- After the closing of the aid station/security points, the organization might transport any runners who have abandoned and haven't left the aid station yet.
- In the event of bad weather conditions justifying the partial or total stop of the race, the organization will make sure that all runners are transported as soon as possible.

## FINISH

When you finish your race, you will receive the finisher's gift.

Finisher runners will have access to a final aid station located in Puerto Vallarta, with restricted access to runners, and only once.

## SHOWERS

During the race, showers (when available) are only accessible on medical advice.

## REST

During the race, runners will have rest areas in some aid stations.

In the **WIXÁRIKA** at Mascota Life Base and UMA, and in the **HIKURI**, at the UMA aid station there will be a rest area.

There won't be a rest area in Puerto Vallarta.

Runners having finished their race and wishing to prolong their stay must have their own accommodation.

## RANKING AND AWARDS

For each race, there is an overall ranking by gender - men and women - and a category ranking - men and women - (see further details for each category below).

The first 5 men and the first 5 women in the general ranking receive a trophy. Trophies are only distributed at the ceremony, so the presence of the winners is mandatory.

## AGE CATEGORIES

Age categories UTMB® World Series 100M WIXÁRIKA & 100K by HIKURI	Age categories UTMB® World Series 50K by NAKAWÉ	Age categories UTMB® World Series 33K by HARAMARA	Age categories UTMB® World Series 20K by ERENO	Age categories 10k Pata Salada
20-34	18-19	18-19	16-17	16-17
35-39	20-34	20-34	18-19	18-19
40-44	35-39	35-39	20-34	20-34
45-49	40-44	40-44	35-39	35-39
50-54	45-49	45-49	40-44	40-44
55-59	50-54	50-54	45-49	45-49
60-64	55-59	55-59	50-54	50-54
65-69	60-64	60-64	55-59	55-59
70-74	65-69	65-69	60-64	60-64
75-79	70-74	70-74	65-69	65-69
80-84	75-79	75-79	70-74	70-74
85+	80-84	80-84	75-79	75-79
	85+	85+	80-84	80-84
			85+	85+

The top 3 Women and Men of the 100M will get a direct access to the UTMB 2025.\*

The top 3 Women and Men of the 100K will get a direct access to the CCC 2025.\*

The top 3 Women and Men of the 50K will get a direct access to the OCC 2025.\*

\* They get their spot at the finals (no lottery), but they have to pay their entry fees.

## PENALTIES - DISQUALIFICATION

If a runner breaks the rules, race directors and/or aid station / security point team leaders can instantly apply (\*) a penalty according to the following chart:

### WIXÁRIKA & HIKURI

BREACH OF REGULATION	PENALTIES (*) – DISQUALIFICATION
Short-cutting the route	At the race director's discretion
Missing item(s) of the mandatory equipment checklist (no water supply of a volume of a minimum of 2 liters, no waterproof jacket with hood, no headlamp, no thermal survival blanket, no smartphone)	Disqualification
Absence of other mandatory equipment items (Pack, cup, one lamp, whistle, Self-adhesive elastic bandage, food reserve, Long-legged trousers, Long-sleeve shirt, gaiters, Cap)	1 hour penalty
Refusal to have mandatory equipment checked	Disqualification
Smartphone turned off or in airplane mode	Disqualification
Discarding of rubbish (voluntary act) by a competitor or a member of their crew	1 hour penalty
Lack of respect for others (organization or runners) Note: a participant whose supporters are rude and/or refuse to respect the organization's instructions will be penalized.	Disqualification
Not assisting a person in difficulty (in need of care)	Disqualification

Assistance outside of authorized zones	1 hour penalty
Being accompanied along the route outside the clearly defined zones of tolerance in the vicinity of an aid station.	15 minute penalty
Cheating (eg.: use of a means of transport, sharing a race-bib, ...)	Immediate disqualification for life
Lack of visible race-bib	15 minutes penalty
Wearing a non-conforming race-bib	15 minute penalty (during which time the runner places their race-bib in a manner which conforms to the rules)
Dangerous behavior (eg.: poles with unprotected points orientated towards runners or spectators)	15 minutes penalty
No electronic chip	According to the race directors' decision
No passage through a check point	According to the race directors' decision
Refusal to comply with an order from the race directors, race stewards, aid station team leader, doctors or search and rescue staff.	Disqualification
Refusal of anti-doping control	The runner will be sanctioned in the same manner as they would be for drug use
Departure from a check point after the time barrier	Disqualification
Pack not tagged	1 hour penalty
Use of poles not carried from the beginning of the race	1 hour penalty

(\* ) The time penalties are immediately applicable in situ, that's to say that the runner has to interrupt their race for the duration of the penalty time. Any other breach of the rules will be subject to a penalty decided by the Race Directors.

### NAKAWÉ, HARAMARA & ERENO

<b>BREACH OF REGULATION</b>	<b>PENALTIES (* ) – DISQUALIFICATION</b>
Short-cutting the route	At the race director's discretion
Missing item(s) of the mandatory equipment checklist (no water supply of a volume of a minimum of 1.5 liter, no waterproof jacket with hood, no headlamp, no thermal survival blanket, no smartphone)	Immediate disqualification
Absence of other mandatory equipment items (Pack, cup, one lamp, whistle, Self-adhesive elastic bandage, food reserve, Long-legged trousers, Long-sleeve shirt, gaiters, Cap)	30 minute penalty
Refusal to have mandatory equipment checked	Disqualification
Smartphone turned off or in airplane mode	Disqualification
Discarding of rubbish (voluntary act) by a competitor or a member of their crew	30 minute penalty
Lack of respect for others (organization or runners) Note: a participant whose supporters are rude and/or refuse to respect the organization's instructions will be penalized.	Disqualification
Not assisting a person in difficulty (in need of care)	Disqualification
Assistance outside of authorized zones	30 minute penalty

Being accompanied along the route outside the clearly defined zones of tolerance in the vicinity of an aid station.	10 minute penalty
Cheating (eg.: use of a means of transport, sharing a race-bib, ...)	Immediate disqualification for life
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Refusal to comply with an order from the race directors, race stewards, aid station team leader, doctors or search and rescue staff.	Disqualification
Refusal of anti-doping control	The runner will be sanctioned in the same manner as they would be for drug use
Departure from a check point after the time barrier	Disqualification
Pack not tagged	30 minute penalty
Use of poles not carried from the beginning of the race	30 minute penalty



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## COMPLAINTS

- Any complaint that involves a change in classification must be sent by email, within 24 hours after the end of the event to [deportes@grupoochoa.com.mx](mailto:deportes@grupoochoa.com.mx)
- Other complaints must be made by email, within a maximum of 10 days after the race.
- Any complaint or disagreement related to the registration (e.g. a runner is not selected in the lottery) or in relation to the sporting management of the race and its rules (e.g. if a runner abandons the race) are not valid to be considered as a complaint.

## EXCEPTIONAL CONDITIONS

If necessary, the organization reserves the right to modify at any time the routes, starting times, cut-off times, the position of aid stations and medical stations, and any other aspect related to the smooth running of the events. In case of force majeure, bad weather conditions or any other circumstance endangering the participants' safety, the organization reserves the right to:

- Postpone the start of the race
- Modify the cut-off times
- Change the start date
- Adapt the race's course
- Cancel the event
- Neutralize the event
- Stop the race in progress

## CIVIL LIABILITY INSURANCE

The organization has civil liability insurance which is valid for the duration of the event. This civil liability insurance guarantees the economic consequences derived from the civil liability of its workers, volunteers and all participants.

## ANNEX REGISTRATION CONDITIONS

There is an annex to this Set of Rules that regulates the conditions of registration for the event.



The routes are not available for prior training, since they are private land where we will only have authorized access for race days.

## UTMB® WORLD SERIES RUNNER'S COMMITMENT – WAIVER

### ACCEPTING THE RULES AND ETHICS OF THE RACE

Participating in the PUERTO VALLARTA MÉXICO by UTMB® events implies full and unreserved acceptance of the race regulations and the document presented hereinafter, the ethics of the event and any instructions addressed by the organization to the participants.

### RUNNER'S COMMITMENT

To participate in PUERTO VALLARTA MÉXICO by UTMB®, in particular the WIXÁRIKA & HIKURI, it is essential:

- To be completely aware of the length and specificity of the event and to be fully prepared for it;
- To have a real capacity for personal autonomy in the mountains (1) allowing for the runner to manage any sort of problems that might occur during this type of event:
  - Know how to face weather conditions which could be very difficult to deal with at high altitude (night, wind, cold, fog, rain) without any help.
  - Know how to manage, including when alone, physical or mental problems arising from great fatigue – such as digestive problems, muscle or articular pains, small wounds...
  - To be totally aware that the organization's role is not to help a runner manage these problems.
  - To be totally aware that for such an activity in the mountains, security depends on the runner's ability to adapt to these problems.
  - That runners inform their crews that they must respect nature, people and the regulations of the race.
  - To accept to receive newsletters providing information about the event.

(1) participating in the qualifying races in order to gain the required number of points to register is useful for acquiring this experience (see Annex Registration Conditions).

### RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT

When registering for one of the UTMB® events, participants agree to respect the environment and the natural areas they pass through. In particular:

- Littering is strictly forbidden (gel packets, paper, organic detritus, plastic wrappers...). Trash/rubbish bins are available at each aid station and they must be used. The race stewards will be checking all along the race route.
- All participants must keep their rubbish and wrappers with them until they can throw them in the bins at an aid station. Runners should carry a bag or pouch to carry their waste until the next bin. Plastic bags

for soiled paper are handed out with the race-bibs. They must be used for collecting any paper used during any urgent need along the route.

- You must follow the paths as they are way-marked, without short-cutting them. Actually, short-cutting a path causes erosion thus damaging the site.
- No disposable dishes (cutlery, cups, bowls) will be distributed at any check point or aid station. This is to reduce the plastic waste by runners, as well as by the volunteers. We invite you to bring your own utensils if you wish to eat hot meals at the aid stations.

## RIGHTS FOR IMAGES

Every competitor expressly foregoes the right to any images during the event, just as they renounce any right of appeal to the organizers and their partners for the use of their image. Only the organization can transfer this right for images to any media, via an accreditation or relevant license.

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## INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS

Runners who are sponsored can only display their sponsors' logos on their clothing and equipment during the race. All other sponsoring items - such as flags or banners - are forbidden along the race route including at the finishing line. Breaking these rule May incur a penalty decided on by the race directors.

## POLITICAL EXPRESSION

As per our [ethical charter](#), any ostentatious display of political messages or images during the event is prohibited.