

# YCC 2026 REGULATIONS

## INTRODUCTION

### ORGANIZATION

UTMB Group organizes the UTMB® Mont-Blanc in collaboration with Les Amis du Mont Blanc association and the support of the municipalities of Chamonix, Les Houches, Saint-Gervais, Les Contamines, Hauteluce, Beaufort, Bourg SaintMaurice, Séez, La Thuile, Pré Saint-Didier, Courmayeur, Morgex, Orsières (La Fouly, Champex-Lac), Trient et Vallorcine.

### ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES AND ETHICS OF THE RACE

Participation in the UTMB® Mont-Blanc races implies the express and unconditional acceptance of these regulations, the ethics of the event, and any instructions given by the organizer to the participants.

## RACE

The YCC (Youth Chamonix Courmayeur) is organized in collaboration with the UCPA and the municipality of Courmayeur. It is open to young runners born between 2006 and 2011 (minimes, cadets, junior) and consists of:

- 1. A race in total autonomy, starting from Courmayeur: Minimes (born in 2010 or 2011): 6 km-effort\* Cadets (born in 2008 or 2009): 15 km-effort\* Juniors (born in 2006 or 2007) : 27 km-effort\*.
- 2. A second race organised on Wednesday in Chamonix, reserved for the top 200 runners ranked in the previous day's event. It will take the form of a pursuit race: the start times will be determined by the time differences in Tuesday's race.

The 200 places will be allocated fairly between men and women, as well as between the three categories, based on the number of starters in each.

Non-qualified runners will have the opportunity to complete the course in a non-timed and non-ranked format after the race.

For the YCC, an overall ranking for men and women and a ranking for each category for men and women will be established. The top three men and women in the overall ranking, as well as the top three in each category, will receive a trophy and a prize.

For the YCC The Revenge: a men's and women's ranking will be established for the 200 participants according to categories (minimes, cadets, juniors).

The final ranking for the YCC The Revenge will be based on the time achieved in the YCC The Revenge.

\* Kilometre-effort: for any gain of 100m in elevation, one kilometre is added to the distance of the route.

To validate their registration, each runner must:

1. Before July 31st, 2026, complete all the additional actions required to finalize the registration (PPS, sworn statement, transport reservation...) via an online form available on their runner's account.
2. Runners born in 2008 or later, minors at the date of the event, will have to provide parental authorization (second part of the official medical certificate form downloadable in their runner's space).

No race bib will be assigned if all additional actions related to registration are not completed.

## **ENTRY FEE**

Registrations exclusively online and via secure payment by credit card.

Fees :

YCC Juniors : 55€

YCC Cadets : 48€

YCC Minimes : 37€

The registration fees include all services described in these regulations. They do not include an 8% banking fee, which must be paid additionally at the time of registration.

The registration is personal and final. It cannot be refunded for any reason, except as provided in these regulations. Transferring registration to another race or another person is strictly prohibited, regardless of the reason.

## **RUNNER COMMITMENT**

## MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

Following a change in French legislation, providing a medical certificate is no longer mandatory for all races of the HOKA UTMB Mont-Blanc 2026. We now ask all adult participants who do not hold an FFA competition, running, or corporate license to complete the PPS (Health Prevention Pathway), established by the French Athletics Federation.

Participants under the age of 18 on the day of the race must provide parental authorization (second part of the official medical certificate form, downloadable from their runner's space).

We recommend that each runner take responsibility for their own health and ensure they are in good physical condition in preparation for the event.

## INSURANCE

### **Civil liability**

The organizer subscribes to civil liability insurance for the duration of the event. This insurance covers the financial consequences of their liability, as well as that of their staff and participants.

### **Individual accident**

Each competitor must have personal accident insurance covering search and evacuation costs in Italy. This insurance can be purchased from any provider of the competitor's choice, including the French Athletics Federation, through a Pass'Running subscription or a license.

UTMB Group, in collaboration with Assurinco, offers repatriation insurance to support you in your Trail Running experience—and beyond.

For 49€ per year, you can subscribe to an insurance that provides worldwide coverage for your rescue, repatriation and medical care expenses (including helicopter rescue) related to your trail running practice—whether for training, competition, or even reconnaissance outings.

The following disciplines are also covered: hiking, trekking, cycling and mountain biking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. You are also covered if you are a professional.

This insurance is mandatory on the UTMB® Mont-Blanc and the UTMB® World Series and is valid for 1 year.

Click [HERE](#) for the general conditions.

NB: Helicopter evacuations are not free. The decision to evacuate is made solely by the event organizers, who will put the runner's security first.

## **WAY MARKERS**

Out of respect for the environment, no paint will be used on the trails. It is essential to follow the marked paths without taking shortcuts, as cutting a trail causes harmful erosion to the site. Do not discard wrappers, tissues, or any other waste, and a few extra grams in your pockets won't slow you down, but they will help everyone fully enjoy this spectacular natural space. Any participant caught violating these rules will be immediately disqualified.

## **PHOTO COPYRIGHT**

Every competitor expressly waives their image right during the event, as well as any claims against the organizer and its authorized partners regarding the use of their image. Only the organization is permitted to transfer image rights to any media outlet via accreditation or an appropriate license.

## **INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS**

Sponsored runners may only display their sponsors' logos on their clothing and equipment used during the race. Any other advertising accessories (flags, banners, etc.) are prohibited at all points along the course, including the finish line. Violations may result in penalties at the discretion of the race directors.

## **PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA**

According to the French Data Protection Act of August 6th 1978, and in accordance with the new General Data Protection Regulations (EU RGPD 2016/679), any competitor has the right to access and correct their personal data.

The information is collected as part of registration for one of the UTMB® Mont-Blanc races, for organizational purposes - primarily to individually identify each participant and communicate any relevant information before, during, or after the event regarding their participation.

The runner's data is retained for 10 years. This period is renewable with each registration, in accordance with the legal retention period for medical certificates confirming no contraindications for competitive athletics or running, as well as sports licenses. After this 10-year period, and unless the runner provides explicit authorization, all data is deleted, except for name, surname, date of birth, gender, and nationality, which are retained to maintain race rankings.

Any runner can access their personal data on their runner's account which is available from the following link: [utmb.world/my-utmb/my-dashboard](https://utmb.world/my-utmb/my-dashboard)

Any request for data modification can be made:

1. By mail to the following address:

DPO UTMB

UTMB Group

31 rue du Lyret

74400 Chamonix

2. By email to the following address: [dpo@utmb.world](mailto:dpo@utmb.world)

Any request for access or modification of personal data will be processed as soon as possible after receipt of the request, within a maximum period of 1 month.

## **RACE DETAILS**

### **RACE BIBS**

Every bib is individually handed to each runner upon presentation of:

- A proof of identity with photo,

The race bib must be collected in Courmayeur on Tuesday, August 25. The race bib must be worn on the chest or stomach and must always be fully visible throughout the race. It must always be placed on top of clothing and can never be attached to a bag or a leg. The name and logo of the partners must not be altered or hidden.

The bib serves as a pass for access to buses, aid stations, medical assistance, showers, etc. Unless a runner refuses to comply with a decision from race officials, the bib is never removed. In case of withdrawal, it is deactivated.

## **AID STATIONS**

The YCC is a self-sufficient race. A liquid refreshment station will be available at the Suche checkpoint.

## **CHECKPOINTS AND WITHDRAWAL**

Each runner is equipped with 2 electronic chips; both attached to their race-bib. Runners who do not have their chips at all times will be penalized. Checkpoints will be conducted throughout the event to ensure participant tracking and race regulation. Competitors must comply with these checkpoints by presenting themselves to officials with their bib clearly visible and following their instructions.

An initial automatic checkpoint is carried out when crossing the start line. To avoid unnecessary researches, all participants must report their withdrawal as soon as possible, either at a checkpoint or directly by calling race control (PC course).

After withdrawing, any runner whose health does not require evacuation must return to the finish area as quickly as possible by their own means.

## **ACCOMPAGNYING AND ASSISTANCE**

Any form of support or assistance is strictly prohibited on YCC.

### **CUT-OFF TIMES**

The maximum time for the event, covering the entire course, is set at:

- Trail-run: 4 hours
  - Cut-off time : 13 :15

### **RESCUE AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

Participants are the first link in the rescue chain. They must provide assistance by quickly and accurately reporting accidents (whether they are a witness or a victim) to the race control center by phone (the phone number is printed on each participant's race bib).

Rescue teams, in direct communication with race control, are stationed along the course to provide assistance whenever needed. A medical team is also present throughout the race and can intervene on the course by any appropriate means, including helicopter evacuation if necessary. Medical and rescue services, as well as

conventional authority, have the right to remove a runner's bib and exclude any participant deemed unfit to continue the race.

The costs incurred from using emergency rescue or evacuation services will be the responsibility of the rescued individual, who must also arrange their own return from the evacuation location. It is solely the runner's responsibility to compile and submit a claim to their personal insurance within the specified timeframe.

## SHOWERS

Runners can take a hot shower, but only at the finish line. Access to these showers is strictly reserved for competitors, and the race bib serves as a pass to enter the shower area.

## RANKINGS AND REWARDS

Each finisher will receive a reward.

For each race, a general ranking for men and women, as well as a categorybased ranking for men and women, will be established. The top three men and top three women in the general ranking, along with the top three finishers in each category, will receive a trophy and a prize.

## PENALTIES – DISQUALIFICATION

Any violation of these rules will result in a penalty for the participant. If multiple infractions are observed, the penalties will be cumulative. The jury will notify the participant of their sanction within 20 minutes after their arrival. The final race ranking will take into account both the total race time and any applicable penalties.

<b>Breaches of the regulations</b>	<b>Sanctions</b>
For the lack of each element of the obligatory material	10 minutes added to the race time
Depositing or collecting walking-poles during the race	5 minutes added to the race time
Impersonation or exchange name specific race-bib	Disqualification and exclusion
Short-cutting the route	Jury's decision
Refusal to take anti-doping control	Control assumed to be positive
Non presentation at ,or lack of passing through, a control point	Jury's decision
Not assisting somebody in difficulty (requiring care/assistance)	Disqualification and exclusion
Support	Support 15 minutes added to race time

Non compliance with the instructions given by persons in charge of the post	Between 5 and 15 minutes added to the race time
Non respect for the current regulations not already cited above	Jury's decision

## COMPLAINTS

Any complaint must be sent by email, within 10 days after the end of the event.

## 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 the event of force majeure, extremely unfavorable weather conditions, or any other situation that endangers the safety of competitors, 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

In the case of the cancellation of a race, for any reason whatsoever, decided more than 15 days before the departure date, a partial refund of the registration fees will be made. The amount of this refund will be determined in such a way as to enable the organization to cover all the non-recoverable expenses incurred as of the date of cancellation. In the event of cancellation decided less than 15 days before departure or in the event of interruption of the race, for any reason whatsoever, no registration refund will be made.

## CANCELLATION OF A REGISTRATION

**Refund without insurance:**



If the runner does not take out insurance, no refund will be possible.

### **Registration cancellation insurance**

The purpose of this cancellation insurance is to enable runners to receive a full refund of the entry fee if they wish to cancel their entry for the reasons described in the terms and conditions of insurance, available [HERE](#).

The cancellation insurance must be stipulated at the time of registration.

### **CLAIMS**

Any claim arising from the runner's registration for one of the UTMB® races must be emailed at: [info@utmb.world](mailto:info@utmb.world) or mailed to 31 rue du Lyret 74400 Chamonix-MontBlanc, France.

Any complaint that cannot be resolved within two (2) months of sending UTMB Group a registered letter may also be brought to the attention of UTMB Group's ombudsman, whose contact details are:

MCP Médiation

12 square Desnouettes

75015 PARIS

<http://mcpmediation.org>

Any dispute concerning registration (e.g., if a runner is not selected via the lottery) or relating to sporting management and rules (e.g. if a runner abandons a race) is not considered a valid reason for a claim.

The original version of this document (YCC regulations) is in French. In the event of inconsistency or discrepancy between the French version and any of the other linguistic versions of this regulations, the French version shall prevail.