

TDE 2026 REGULATIONS

PREAMBLE

ORGANISATION

UTMB Group organizes the Trail Alsace by UTMB in collaboration with the Bas-Rhin Departmental Committee.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE REGULATIONS AND RACE ETHICS

Participation in the Trail Alsace by UTMB events implies the express and unconditional acceptance of these regulations, the ethics of the event, and any instructions given by the organizer to participants.

RACE CHARACTERISTICS

The **TDE (Trail des Écuyers)** is a race organized in collaboration with the **Time 2 Run association** and the **municipality of Châtenois**.

It is open to young runners born between **2007 and 2010** (Cadets and Juniors) and consists of:

1. A self-sufficient trail race, starting from the center of Châtenois:

- **Cadets** (born in 2009 or 2010) and **Juniors** (born in 2007 or 2008) with 15 km-effort*

** Kilometer-effort is calculated as the sum of the distance in kilometers and one hundredth of the positive elevation gain in meters. This system converts elevation gain into flat-distance equivalence.*

To validate their registration, each runner must, before April 30, 2026, complete all additional registration requirements (PPS*, declaration on honor, transport reservation, etc.) via the online form available in their runner account.

*** Please note: from January 15, 2026, the PPS will be subject to a fee for adult participants. Payment must be made directly on the PPS website.**

Runners born in 2009 or later, who are minors on race day, must provide parental authorization (second part of the official medical certificate form downloadable from their runner account).

No bib number will be issued if all additional registration requirements have not been completed.

ENTRY FEES

Registration is exclusively online with secure payment by credit card.

2026 Entry Fees

- **Trail des Écuyers:** 17€
(Online registration from January 20, 2026 to May 16, 2026 at 12:00 PM)
- **Late registration:** 19€
(From May 16, 2026 at 12:00 PM to May 16, 2026 at 4:00 PM)

Entry fees include all services described in these regulations.

They do not include 8% banking fees, payable in addition at the time of registration.

Registration is personal, nominative, final, and non-refundable, regardless of reason, unless otherwise stated in these regulations.

Transfers to another race or another person are strictly prohibited.

RUNNER COMMITMENT

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

Due to changes in French legislation, providing a medical certificate is no longer mandatory for all Trail Alsace by UTMB races.

All **adult participants** who do not hold a **FFA competition, running, or corporate license** must complete the **PPS (Health Prevention Pathway)** established by the French Athletics Federation.

Since **January 15, 2026**, the PPS costs **€5 per year**, payable directly on the PPS website. All PPS completed before the launch of the new Pass remain valid for **3 months**.

Participants under 18 years old on race day must provide parental authorization (second part of the official medical certificate form available in their runner account).

Each runner is responsible for their own health and must ensure they are physically fit to participate.

MANDATORY EQUIPMENT

Each participant in the TDE must carry the mandatory equipment listed below **throughout the entire race**.

The organizer may require additional equipment depending on weather conditions and race specifics.

Equipment checks may be carried out at any point during the race. Missing equipment will result in penalties.

Mandatory Equipment – TDE

Basic Kit

- Smartphone with **LiveTrail app installed** (Phone must be turned on at all times; airplane mode prohibited. Unreachable runners will be penalized. External battery strongly recommended.)
- Personal cup **minimum 15 cl** (bottles or flasks with caps are not accepted)
- Minimum **0.5 L water reserve**
- Survival blanket **minimum 1.40 m x 2 m**
- Whistle

Recommended Equipment (non-exhaustive)

- Food supply
- GPS watch

Bad Weather Kit

(may be required shortly before the race depending on weather conditions)

- Hooded jacket suitable for mountain weather, made with a *waterproof and breathable** membrane
(*minimum recommended 10,000 Schmerber / *RET < 13)
 - Hood must be integrated or factory-attached
 - Seams must be sealed
 - No non-waterproof fabric areas (manufacturer ventilation zones are accepted)
- Waterproof pants
- Warm, waterproof gloves
- Recommendation: third warm layer (mid-layer)

Heatwave Kit

(may be required shortly before the race depending on weather conditions)

- Sunglasses
- Cap, hat, or buff
- Additional **0.5 L water**
- Sunscreen

Sticks

Sticks are allowed throughout the entire course.

If a runner starts with poles, they must keep them for the entire race.

Starting without poles and picking them up later is prohibited.

INSURANCE

Civil Liability

The organizer provides civil liability insurance covering financial consequences arising from the responsibility of the organizer, its staff, and participants.

Personal Accident Insurance

Each runner must hold personal accident insurance covering **search and evacuation costs**.

This insurance may be obtained from any provider, including the French Athletics Federation (Pass'Running or license).

UTMB Group offers a **mandatory insurance** in partnership with **Assurinco**:

- **€49/year**
- Worldwide coverage for rescue, repatriation, and medical expenses (including helicopter rescue)
- Valid for training, races, and course reconnaissance
- Covers additional activities (hiking, trekking, cycling, skiing, snowshoeing)
- Valid for **1 year**

Helicopter evacuations are chargeable. Evacuation decisions are solely made by the organization, prioritizing runner safety.

ENVIRONMENT & COURSE MARKING

No paint will be used on trails.

Participants must strictly follow marked paths and must not shortcut.

Littering is strictly prohibited. Any participant caught littering will be **immediately disqualified**.

IMAGE RIGHTS

All participants waive any rights to their image during the event and renounce any claims against the organizer or its partners for the use of their image.

Only the organization may grant image rights to media via accreditation or license.

INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS

Sponsored runners may display sponsor logos only on clothing and equipment used during the race.

Any other advertising material (flags, banners, etc.) is prohibited anywhere on the course, including the finish area.

PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

In accordance with French data protection law and GDPR (EU 2016/679), each runner has the right to access and rectify their personal data.

Data is collected for race organization purposes and is stored for **10 years**, renewable with each registration.

After this period, data is deleted except for name, surname, date of birth, gender, and nationality for ranking purposes.

Data access and modification requests can be made via:

- Mail:
DPO UTMB
UTMB Group
31 rue du Lyret
74400 Chamonix, France
- Email: **dpo@utmb.world**

RACE ORGANIZATION

BIB NUMBERS

Bib numbers are issued individually upon presentation of:

- Photo ID
- Race bag with all mandatory equipment

Bib pickup: **Châtenois – Saturday, May 16**

Bib must be worn on the chest or abdomen and remain fully visible at all times.

The name and the logos of the partners must not be modified or concealed.

The bib is the mandatory pass required to access shuttle buses, refreshment areas, the medical station, showers, etc.

Except in the event of refusal to comply with a decision made by a race official, the bib is never withdrawn. In the event of withdrawal from the race, it is deactivated

AID STATIONS

The TDE is run in full self-sufficiency.

A liquid aid station will be available at the **Hahnenberg checkpoint**.

CHECKPOINTS & WITHDRAWAL

“Each runner will be equipped with two electronic timing chips, both attached to the bib. Runners who do not wear their chips at all times will be penalized.

Checks (checkpoints) will be carried out during the race in order to ensure participant tracking and the regularity of the event. Participants must obligatorily submit to these checks by presenting themselves to the officials with their bib clearly visible and by following their instructions.

A first automatic timing check is carried out when crossing the starting line.

To avoid any unnecessary search operations, any participant who withdraws from the race must report their withdrawal as soon as possible at a checkpoint or directly by phone to Race Headquarters.

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

ASSISTANCE

All external assistance and accompaniment are strictly prohibited.

TIME LIMITS

- **Maximum time:** 2 hours
- A time barrier will be published on the race website.

SAFETY & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Participants are the first link in the emergency response chain. In the event of an accident, whether as a witness or a victim, they must provide assistance by promptly and accurately alerting Race Headquarters by phone (the emergency phone number is printed on each participant's bib).

Rescue teams, in direct contact with Race Headquarters, are stationed along the course and are able to intervene whenever necessary. A medical team is present throughout the duration of the race and may intervene on the course using any appropriate means, including helicopter evacuation if required. Medical and rescue services, as well as official emergency services, are authorized to withdraw a bib and remove from the race any participant deemed unfit to continue.

Any costs arising from the use of exceptional rescue or evacuation means shall be borne by the assisted participant, who must also arrange and cover the cost of their return from the evacuation location. It is the sole responsibility of the runner to submit a claim to their personal insurance provider within the required timeframe

RANKINGS & AWARDS

All finishers receive a medal.

Overall and category rankings (men & women) are established.

Top 3 in each category receive trophies and prizes.

PENALTIES & DISQUALIFICATION

| Observed Infringements | Penalties |
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| Absence of any mandatory equipment item | 10 minutes added to the race time |
| Dropping off or picking up poles during the race | 5 minutes added to the race time |
| Identity fraud and exchange of personal bib | Disqualification and exclusion |
| Course cutting / shortcutting the course | According to the decision of the Race Management |
| Refusal to submit to an anti-doping control | Test considered positive |
| Failure to report to or refusal to pass through a checkpoint | According to the decision of the Race Management |
| Failure to assist a person in difficulty (requiring medical assistance) | Disqualification and exclusion |
| Accompaniment (external assistance) | 15 minutes added to the race time |
| Failure to comply with instructions given by checkpoint officials | 5 to 15 minutes added to the race time |
| Failure to comply with these regulations outside the infractions listed above | According to the decision of the Race Management |

PROTESTS

All protests must be submitted by email within **10 days** after the event.

EXCEPTIONAL CONDITIONS

If circumstances so require, the organization reserves the right to modify at any time the courses, start times, time barriers, the location of aid stations and medical posts, as well as any other aspect related to the proper conduct of the events.

In the event of force majeure, particularly unfavorable weather conditions, or any other circumstance that may endanger the safety of participants, the organization reserves the right to:

- Postpone the start
- Modify the time barriers
- Postpone the race date

- Adapt the race route
- Cancel the event
- Neutralize the event
- Stop the event while in progress

In the event that a race is canceled, for any reason whatsoever, more than fifteen (15) days before the scheduled start date, a partial refund of the entry fees will be issued. The amount of this refund will be determined so as to allow the organization to cover all non-recoverable costs incurred at the date of cancellation.

If the cancellation is decided less than fifteen (15) days before the start date, or in the event that the race is interrupted for any reason whatsoever, no entry fee refund will be issued.

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION

- **Without insurance:** no refund
- **With cancellation insurance:** full refund under defined conditions

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

The cancellation insurance must be taken out at the time of registration

DISPUTES

Any claim arising in connection with the runner's registration for UTMB® must be submitted in writing to the following address: info@utmb.world or to 31 rue du Lyret, 74400 Chamonix-Mont-Blanc, France.

Any claim that cannot be resolved directly within a period of two months following the sending of a registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt to UTMB Group may also be submitted to the UTMB Group consumer mediator, who can be contacted using the following details:

MCP Médiation

12 square Desnouettes

75015 Paris

<http://mcpmediation.org>

It is expressly stipulated that disputes prior to registration (such as an unsuccessful lottery draw) or relating to sporting management (withdrawal from a race, etc.) may not validly be the subject of a claim.

