



ULTRA-TRAIL AUSTRALIA BY UTMB®

2026 RACE RULES

These Ultra-Trail Australia by UTMB® Race Rules (the **Race Rules**) govern participation in the 2026 Ultra-Trail Australia by UTMB® event (the **Race**). Where indicated, certain rules may apply to a particular Race distance only (being the **UTA11, UTA22, UTA50, UTA100 and UTA Miler**). These Race Rules incorporate any Race distance particulars set out on the Race website (<https://uta.utmb.world/runners/entry-info>) under the header Race Rules. To the extent of any inconsistency between these Race Rules and the UTMB World Series Race Regulations, these Race Rules will prevail.

Failure to comply with any of the Race Rules may result in an athlete being deemed ineligible to participate (pre-race), receiving a time penalty during the race, disqualification from the race (during or after) or suspension from future events (where indicated in the Race Rules only). Any such penalties are at the organisers' discretion and are final.

1. ON-COURSE

1. Athletes must follow the directions of event staff and course marshals at all times.
2. All athletes must start in a start group no earlier than their allocated start group. Athletes must not start in an earlier start group.
3. Athletes must not permit someone else to compete under their name, or compete under someone else's name. Violation of this rule will result in the suspension of both parties from competing in the Race in future years.
4. Athletes must stay on the marked course and not leave the trail. Short cuts are prohibited (including on any switchbacks). In the event that an athlete becomes lost, that athlete should return to the last sighted marking.
5. Athletes must follow all information signage, such as track closures, etc. Athletes should also observe all informational signage if training in the area prior to Race day, and must contain all training to publicly accessible areas and public land.
6. Athletes must withdraw if notified by event staff or course marshals that they have missed a time cut-off at either a checkpoint or on course.
7. Athletes who withdraw from the Race (including those athletes required to withdraw under Rule 6) must do so at a checkpoint, unless assisted from the course by the Race medical team. To withdraw at a checkpoint, an athlete must notify event staff and complete and sign the checkpoint withdrawal form.
8. Athletes requiring First Aid help on the course must use the phone numbers in their Participant Emergency Instructions (on the back of each athlete's bib) to contact the event safety team who will arrange retrieval. Unauthorised persons (including Support Crews and/or Spectators) are not allowed to enter the course to collect athletes.

9. Athletes must not:
 - a. litter on course, at any Race venue or in any surrounding areas;
 - b. leave human faeces on the course or any track. Athletes who need to relieve themselves should either use a toilet, a waste bag or get well off the track and follow the 'leave no trace' principles. Individual athletes are responsible for providing their own waste bag if required.
 - c. smoke or light any fire on course, at any Race venue or in any National Park; and
 - d. take dogs on any part of the course (and, where the Race requires athletes to attend a National Park, anywhere in that National Park). Exceptions may apply for registered assistance/service dogs, please contact the Race organiser for details.
10. Athletes must leave gates as they are found. If closed, an athlete may open a gate to pass through but it is each athlete's responsibility to close the gate behind them.
11. **UTA100 and UTA Miler only:** On Giant Stairway, only if used as part of the course, athletes must stop running 5 metres before reaching any tourist or other person and continue walking for 5 metres after passing them. Athletes may only recommence running when completely past the other person.
12. Athletes must respect the rights, dignity and worth of every individual at the Race including other athletes, staff, marshals, volunteers and spectators. Athletes must at all times act responsibly and maintain high standards of behaviour and language and must not discriminate against or harass any person on any grounds but in particular based on sex, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, ability or performance.

2. SPECTATORS AND SUPPORT CREW

For the purposes of these Race Rules:

- **Spectators** are those athlete supporters who attend the Race to provide encouragement to their athlete and view the Race from areas that are publicly accessible. Spectators are not permitted to provide outside assistance in any distance of the Race. **Spectators are permitted for all Race distances.**
 - **Support Crew** are those athlete supporters whose designated role on Race day is to provide outside assistance to their athlete at designated checkpoints. Support Crew numbers are limited to the number of passengers in an athlete's allocated Support Crew vehicle. **Support Crew are only permitted for the UTA50, UTA100 and UTA Miler Race distances.**
1. Spectators and Support Crew are not permitted to pace participating athletes (see Section 3 below for further detail on Pacers)
 2. Spectators and Support Crew are not permitted to run on course with their athlete at any time, with the sole exception of running down the finish chute with their athlete or accompanying the athlete in the clearly defined zones of tolerance in the vicinity of a checkpoint. Any Spectator or Support Crew member(s) intending to do so must:
 - a. corral themselves at the start of the finish chute or the zone of tolerance of the checkpoint shortly in advance of their athlete's arrival;
 - b. when entering the finish chute or checkpoint, follow all instructions of Race staff and course marshals;
 - c. conduct themselves in a safe manner; and
 - d. do so at their own risk.
 3. **UTA11 and UTA22 only:** Outside assistance is not permitted. This includes at checkpoints, aid stations, water points or any other location during the Race. Assistance from event staff is permitted.
 4. **UTA50, UTA100 and UTA Miler only:** Outside assistance from Support Crew is permitted, subject to the following rules:

- a. Support Crew assistance is only permitted at the checkpoints specified in the Runner Guide and on the Race website. Athletes must not receive outside assistance at any other points on the course. Assistance from event staff is permitted.
- b. Only one Support Crew member is permitted inside the restricted Athlete's area at each checkpoint. This Support Crew member must be wearing the wristband provided to athletes with their Athlete bib number.
- c. Each Athlete is responsible for the actions of their Support Crew.
- d. Support Crew must comply with all instructions from Race staff and course marshals. Athletes may be penalised or disqualified for breaches of these Rules by their Support Crew.
- e. Support Crews must obey all road rules and drive within the speed limits. Please ensure that Support Crew get sufficient rest and are not tired when driving.
- f. Support Crews must follow the instructions of all event staff, course marshals and road traffic controllers.
- g. Support Crews must not eat the provided food at checkpoints. Supplied food at checkpoints is for athletes only.
- h. Where specified in the Runner Guide and/or on the Race website, the number of Support Crew vehicles per athlete may be limited at particular checkpoints (where parking or vehicular access is limited). If necessary for the safe conduct of the Race, Athletes may be given one Support Crew car sticker with their athlete bib number. Only where stickers are issued, to be allowed into the checkpoint parking areas, this sticker must be stuck to the outside of the Support Crew vehicle's front windscreen at the top left-hand side beyond the reach of the windscreen wipers.
- i. Race organisers are not responsible for the safety or whereabouts of Support Crew. Support Crew must always conduct themselves in a safe manner, and do so at their own risk.

3. PACERS

1. **UTA11, UTA22, UTA50 and UTA100 only:** Pacers are not permitted.
2. **UTA Miler only:** Athletes are permitted to use pacers, subject to the following rules:
 - a. Pacers **MUST** register online, and must complete and sign the entry waiver.
 - b. Pacers must wear a compulsory race bib number and must attend Runner Check-in to collect their bib. Pacer numbers will be yellow and correspond to the athlete they are pacing.
 - c. Pacers must be aged 18 or over.
 - d. Pacers must carry their own set of Pacer Mandatory Gear (as specified in the Runner Guide and/or the Race website).
 - e. Pacers must only meet their athletes at the designated pacer pick-up locations set out in the Runner Guide and/or on the Race website. Pacers cannot meet their athlete at other locations or at intermediate points. Doing so results in disqualification.
 - f. Athletes may use up to **THREE (3)** pacers during the Race, but only **ONE (1)** pacer at a time. Pacers must change over at a checkpoint, at which time the outgoing pacer must hand over their pacer number to the next pacer.
 - g. Pacers are responsible for their own transport.
 - h. Pacers may not carry for, or provide to, their athlete any extra water, food or equipment.
 - i. With the exception of an emergency or medical situation, pacers cannot provide any material or physical assistance to their athletes.

4. EQUIPMENT & MANDATORY GEAR

1. **UTA11 only:** Trekking poles are not permitted for this Race distance.
UTA22, UTA50, UTA100 and UTAMiler only: Trekking poles are permitted for these Race distances, subject to the following rules:
 - a. Trekking poles must be fully collapsible so they can either fit inside a running pack or be strapped to the outside of a running pack (and not protrude) when not in use. Athletes must not hold trekking poles in their hands when not in use.
 - b. Trekking poles must always be used in a safe manner so as not to affect the safety of other athletes or persons.
 - c. Trekking poles do not need to be carried for the entire race and can be collected/dropped off at nominated checkpoints.
2. **UTA50, UTA100 and UTA Miler only:** Athletes must ensure their bag timing tag is attached securely to the back of their running backpack. Athletes who change backpacks during the Race must re-attach the bag tag to their new backpack.
3. Athletes must ensure their bib number is visible at all times on the outside of their clothing and on the front of their body over the abdomen or chest. It must not be worn on pants or legs. Athletes must not cover their bib number with any backpack strap or article of clothing (such as thermal top, waterproof jacket (including see-through jackets) or, if mandatory, a high visibility safety vest. Athletes must not fold, cut or change their bib number in any way. It must be worn as is, unfolded.
4. Headphones are not recommended, but are permitted for all race distances subject to the following rules:
 - a. Athletes must ensure that their use of headphones does not impact their ability to carry a mobile phone with an appropriately charged battery at all times.
 - b. Athletes must switch off headphones when running on single track so that they can hear communication from other athletes attempting to pass and on any public roads so that they can hear approaching traffic.
 - c. Athletes must switch off headphones at all checkpoints so that instructions from event staff can be heard and followed.
 - d. Athletes who choose to use headphones must do so in a safe and sensible manner and at a volume which still allows the athlete to remain aware of their surroundings.
5. **Athletes must carry all Mandatory Gear specified for their Race Distance in the Runner Guide and on the Race website (and must do so at all times during the Race).**
6. Random gear checks will be performed during the Race. Penalties (including disqualification) may be applied for breaching the mandatory equipment requirements. Penalties are applied in accordance with the UTMB Race Regulations.
7. Athletes should pay particular attention to any communications received from the Organiser in Race week indicating which weather dependent Mandatory Gear items are required.
8. **UTA50, UTA100 and UTA Miler only:** A High Visibility Safety Vest (that complies with Australian Standard AS/NZS 4602:1999 or AS/NZS 4602:2010 or AS/NZS 4602: 2011 as well as Class D/N for day and night time wear) is required to be worn over the top of each athlete's torso and back pack at the times and locations as specified in the Runner Guide. Athletes must ensure their bib number is still visible at all times on the outside of the High Visibility Safety Vest. *UTA50 only:* note this item is a weather dependent item and is subject to race organizers weather ruling.
9. Runner's must supply their own checkpoint bag if they choose to use them.

5. ANTI-DOPING

Please refer to the UTMB Anti-Doping Policy available here: <https://utmb.world/Anti-doping>