

# **TARAWERA ULTRA-TRAIL BY UTMB**

## **2027 RACE RULES**

These Tarawera Ultra-Trail by UTMB® Race Rules (the **Race Rules**) govern participation in the 2027 Tarawera Ultra-Trail by UTMB® (the **Race**). Where indicated, certain rules may apply to a particular Race distance only (being the **T14, T21, T50, T102** and **TMiler**). These Race Rules incorporate any Race distance particulars set out on the Race website (<https://tarawera.utmb.world/>) under the header Runners > Entry Info > Terms and Conditions > 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 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 Race organisers' discretion and are final.**

### **1. ON-COURSE**

1. Athletes must follow the directions of Race staff, the medical team and course marshals.
2. Athletes must start in their allocated start group or any later start group.
3. Athletes must not compete under someone else's name or allow another person to compete under their name. Any breach will result in both individuals being suspended from future events.
4. Athletes must remain on the marked course at all times. Short cuts are prohibited (including on any switchbacks). If an athlete is lost, they should return to the last sighted marking.
5. Athletes must follow all informational signage, such as track closures. Athletes training in the area before the Race must stay within publicly accessible areas and public land.
6. Athletes must withdraw if notified by Race staff or course marshals that they have missed a time cut-off at a checkpoint or on course.
7. Athletes withdrawing (including those required to withdraw under Rule 6) must do so at a checkpoint (unless assisted from course by the medical team). To withdraw, athletes must notify Race staff and complete the checkpoint withdrawal form.
8. Athletes requiring first aid must use the phone numbers on their bib to contact the Race safety team.
9. Unauthorised persons (including Support Crews and/or Spectators) are not allowed to enter the course to collect athletes.
10. Athletes must not:
  - a. litter on course, at Race venues or in any surrounding areas;
  - b. leave human waste on, or near, the course. Athletes must use toilets, waste bags, or go well off-track following "leave no trace" principles. Athletes are responsible for supplying their own waste bags;
  - c. smoke or light any fire on course, at Race venues or in any National Park; and
  - d. take dogs onto course or, where applicable, in any National Park. Exceptions may apply for registered assistance/service dogs. Please contact the Race organiser for details.
11. Athletes must leave gates as they are found. If a gate is closed and needs to be opened to pass through, the athlete must close it again after passing.
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. Language must not

discriminate against or harass any person on any grounds including 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 are only permitted for the T50, T102 and TMiler Race distances.**

1. Spectators and Support Crew must not pace athletes (see Section 3 below for further detail on Pacers).
2. Spectators and Support Crew must not run on course with athletes except:
  - a. **T50, T102 and TMiler distances:** the final section from the Redwood checkpoint to the start of the finish chute;
  - b. **T102 and TMiler distances:** down the finish chute; or
  - c. in the defined zones of tolerance in the vicinity of a checkpoint.

Any Spectator or Support Crew member(s) intending to accompany an athlete under these exceptions must:

- a. ahead of their athlete's arrival, position themselves at the:
    - i. zone of tolerance;
    - ii. designated location in the Redwood checkpoint; or
    - iii. start of the finish chute,as applicable.
  - b. if entering at the Redwood checkpoint, register with Race staff and receive a wristband;
  - c. follow all instructions of Race staff and course marshals;
  - d. behave safely; and
  - e. participate at their own risk.
3. **T14 and T21 only:** Outside assistance is not permitted including at checkpoints and water points. Assistance from Race staff is permitted. Spectator access is permitted.
  4. **T50, T102 and TMiler only:** Outside assistance from Support Crew is permitted under the following conditions only:
    - a. at (or within 500m of) designated checkpoints specified in the Runner Guide and on the Race website.
    - b. Athletes are responsible for the conduct of their Support Crew.
    - c. Where a checkpoint has a restricted athlete area, only one Support Crew member may enter, and they must wear the wristband provided with the athlete's bib.
    - d. Support Crew must follow instructions from Race staff and course marshals. Athletes may be penalised or disqualified for Support Crew breaches.
    - e. Support Crews must obey all road rules, observe speed limits and ensure they are well rested when driving.
    - f. Support Crews must not eat checkpoint food, which is for athletes only.
    - g. Where specified in the Runner Guide and/or on the Race website, limits may apply to the number of Support Crew vehicles at certain checkpoints. If issued, the Support Crew vehicle sticker must be adhered to the outside of the top left of the windscreen.

- h. Race organisers are not responsible for the safety or whereabouts of Support Crew. Support Crew must act safely and participate at their own risk.
- i. **T102 and TMiler only:** Support Crew and Spectators must purchase a transport ticket to access the Okataina checkpoint.
- j. **T50 and TMiler only:** Support Crew and Spectators must purchase a transport ticket to access the Puarenga checkpoint.

### **3. PACERS**

1. **T14, T21, T50 and T102 only:** Pacers are not permitted.
2. **TMiler only:** Pacers are permitted subject to the following rules:
  - a. Pacers must register online and complete and sign the entry waiver.
  - b. Pacers must attend Runner Check-in to collect their pacer bib, which corresponds to their athlete's bib number.
  - c. Pacers must be aged 18 or over.
  - d. Pacers must carry all Pacer Mandatory Gear (as specified in the Runner Guide and/or the Race website).
  - e. Pacers must meet their athletes only at designated pacer pick-up locations listed in the Runner Guide and/or the Race website. Meeting at any other location will result in athlete disqualification.
  - f. Athletes may use up to TWO (2) pacers, but only ONE (1) pacer at a time. Pacers must change over at a checkpoint, where the outgoing pacer must hand over the pacer bib to the incoming pacer.
  - g. Pacers are responsible for their own transport.
  - h. Pacers may not carry or provide water, food or equipment for their athlete.
  - i. Except in an emergency or medical situation, pacers cannot provide any material or physical assistance to their athlete.

### **4. EQUIPMENT & MANDATORY GEAR**

1. Trekking poles:
  - a. Permitted for all Race distances but must be fully collapsible and either fit inside a running pack or be strapped to the running pack (and not protrude). Trekking poles must not be carried in hands when not in use.
  - b. Trekking poles must be used safely and without endangering 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. Athletes must ensure their bib number is:
  - a. visible at all times;
  - b. worn on the front of their body over the abdomen or chest;
  - c. on the outside of clothing and gear, including backpack straps, thermal layers, waterproof jackets (including transparent jackets), and high-visibility vests (if required); and
  - d. not folded, cut or altered in any way.
3. Where provided, the bag timing tag must be securely attached to the back of the athlete's running pack. If athletes change packs during the Race, they must re-attach the bag tag to the new pack.
4. Headphones are allowed (but not recommended) subject to the following rules:
  - a. Athletes must ensure use of headphones does not impact their ability to carry a mobile phone with an appropriately charged battery at all times.

- b. Headphones must be switched off:
    - i. on single track sections to allow communication with passing athletes;
    - ii. on public roads to hear traffic; and
    - iii. at all checkpoints so that instructions from Race staff can be heard.
  - c. If worn, headphones must be used safely and at a volume which allows full awareness of surroundings.
5. **Athletes must carry all Mandatory Gear specified for their Race Distance, as listed in the Runner Guide and on the Race website, for the entire duration of the Race.**
  6. Random gear checks may occur at any time. Penalties (including disqualification) may apply for non-compliance. Penalties are applied in accordance with the UTMB Race Regulations.
  7. Athletes should pay close attention to any communications received from the Race organiser in Race week specifying any weather dependent Mandatory Gear requirements.
  8. **T100 and TMiler only:** A High Visibility Safety Vest (compliant with New Zealand 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) must be worn over the athlete's torso and backpack at the times and locations as specified in the Runner Guide. Bib numbers must remain fully visible on the outside of the High Visibility Safety Vest.
  9. Athletes 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>