

KVARNER TRAILS - Race rules

1. ORGANIZATION

The KVARNER TRAILS races are being organized by club 'Društvo za sportove u prirodi AD NATURA' from Rijeka and company AD NATURA SPORT d.o.o. in cooperation with regional and local tourism boards (Kvarner Region, City of Rijeka, Municipality of Jelenje, Municipality of Mošćenička Draga, City of Delnice), Cities (Rijeka), Municipalities (Mošćenička Draga, Jelenje) as well as Public institutions (National Park Risnjak, Nature Park Učka).

2. TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

Races are open to all persons who meet the following conditions:

- at least 18 years (18th birthday on the day of the race acceptable)
- appropriate psycho-physical fitness for running in the nature
- possession of mandatory equipment for all race series
- made a complete registration for the race until the final date for the same
(Completed pre-registration form online and the payment of Entry fee)

By submitting the registration form online, each competitor directly agrees that he/she will compete in the race at his/her own risk, that he/she is familiar with the rules and regulations of the race and will abide by those and that he/she is aware of the potential risks that this event poses.

By submitting the registration form online, each competitor waives the possibility of transferring responsibility to the organizer of the race to other competitors or third parties. By submitting the registration form online, each competitor certifies his/her own medical ability to participate in this race and states to have the appropriate fitness level for this kind of competition.

All competitors who compete must have basic medical insurance. By submitting their registration form each competitor commits to carrying all the mandatory equipment during the entire race.

3. MANDATORY EQUIPMENT

The list of mandatory equipment which all competitors MUST have and carry at all races of the series, regardless of the length of the race:

- Whistle
- Backpack or waist belt
- Bidon or Camelbak (minimum 0.5L of fluid)
- First aid kit (elastic band, first band, compress, bandages)

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- Mobile phone (switched on, fully charged, memorized organizer's emergency contact info)
- Race bib (provided by organizer)

Recommended equipment / not mandatory:

- Food (energy gels, bars...)
- Water/wind proof jacket
- Trekking poles
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Replacement clothes

4. RACE BIBS

The race bib must be worn during the entire race, on the chest/front, must not be covered and must be clearly visible (not allowed to wear it on the back or on the side). For violation of this rule competitor may be penalized with penalty of +30 minutes.

5. REFRESHMENT POSTS

Along the race course, refreshment posts will be set up offering food and drinks (or drinks only). In case of any unfair conduct or violation of the rules and regulations of the race the race officials will notify the race jury who will decide upon disqualification / penalties for the competitor.

Each competitor must take into account to have enough liquids until the next refreshment post/finish line. Personal assistance during the race and along the course is not allowed.

Beside the final time limit there are time limits for the each refreshment posts. After time limit refreshment posts will be closed and all trail markers will be removed.

6. CHECKPOINTS

Besides refreshment posts on the race will be several checkpoints with race officials. They control the passing of competitors. Checkpoints have been set up in places where it is possible to shorten the race and they are not marked on the official race profiles, their position is not known.

In the case of any unsportsmanlike conduct or failure to comply with the rules of the race, or if competitors do not pass through the checkpoint, race officials will inform the race director & jury who will decide about disqualification of competitor.

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7. TRAIL MARKERS

The race runs through forest trails, narrow paths, dirt roads and a very few kilometers of paved roads. Most trails are marked with standard croatian hiking trail markers (red-white dots/lines) but, along that, the trail will be additionally marked with ribbons, signs (at important trail crossings), writings and arrows on the ground (asphalt). When there are no turns or trail crossings the distance between markers will be max. 100m.

8. TIME LIMITS

Race time is limited. To be in the official ranking, the competitor must finish the race within a final time limit.

Beside the final time limit there are time limits at refreshment posts. The competitor must leave the refreshment post before the time limit. After time limit refreshment posts will be closed and all trail markers will be removed.

9. WITHDRAWAL

Competitors who decide to withdraw during the race must do the following:

- inform organizers on the nearest refreshment post or
- return to the start/finish line and notify the organizer about their withdrawal or
- inform the organizer about their withdrawal via cell phone

If a competitor is retiring from the race due to an injury and he/she is not able to make it to the closest refreshment post or start/finish area he/she has to inform the race organizer via cell phone or with the help of other competitors.

Upon receipt of the information organizer will activate emergency medical and rescue team. Time of their arrival depends on the place of the injured competitor, about terrain and approach options.

Depending on the cause of withdrawal the organizer will decide about the speed/time of evacuation/return to the start/finish area.

10. DISQUALIFICATION

Disqualification means immediate retiring of a competitor from the race.

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A competitor can be disqualified if he/she:

- Refuses to have mandatory equipment checked out during the race
- Lacks more than 3 pieces of obligatory equipment
- Throws away rubbish along the course and endangers the flora and fauna
- Uses any type of transportation during the race
- Exchanges race bibs with other competitors
- Uses shortcuts and unmarked trails as well as runs on trails other than those marked for the race
- Doesn't help other competitors in difficulty
- Performs any kind of misconduct and/or doesn't respect other competitors or organizer
- Doesn't respect the decisions made by the organizers, race officials, doctors or rescue team members
- Inappropriate content on photos or videos published after the race where it is obvious that a competitor has not been acting respectfully towards the other competitors or the organizers

If a competitor is disqualified during/after the race organizer of the series will consider the reasons why the competitor is disqualified and he can forbid his/her participation in other races in series in the current year or for a lifetime.

A competitor can get penalties (penalties are being added after the race) for the next:

- For each piece of mandatory equipment missing (30 minutes / 3 pieces max.)
- For not wearing a race bib on the chest/front side of the body (30 min).

11. OBJECTIONS AND COMPLAINTS

All objections and complaints must be submitted to the race director in written form, after the race and at least an hour before the prize giving ceremony. The race jury will then review all the objections and complaints and bring the final decisions.

12. RACE JURY / RACE DIRECTOR

Race jury is made up of 3 organization members. Race director is Elvir Sulić.

13. ORGANIZER/EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS / in case of an injury/withdrawal

If you or another competitor happens to suffer from an injury, if you cannot inform the race

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officials on the course please contact the following race organizers: Elvir Sulic +385 (0)91 590 7065, Darko Mrsnik +385 (0)91 793 7818

14. RACE COURSE MODIFICATIONS / RACE CANCELLATION

The organization reserves the right to modify the route / refreshment posts / medical and rescue team posts at any moment and without prior warning. Possible changes will be announced on the race website. In the case of unfavorable weather conditions (heavy rain/wind, strong risk of storms) the start of the race may be postponed by a maximum of 24 hours. If the conditions don't improve after that time the race will be cancelled.

15. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

Series takes place in the nature as well as protected natural areas (National Park Risnjak, Nature park Ucka) and is accordingly required to abide by the basic rules of environmental protection and to respect the rules of conduct in protected natural areas.

The competitors during the race must not act against surrounding flora and fauna, leave rubbish at any part along the race course trails, from start to finish, except at designated refreshment posts.

Even if it wasn't the protected area, let's be gentle with nature, act with caution and enjoy its beauty.

16. PHOTO/VIDEO COPYRIGHT

By submitting the online registration form every competitor agrees that all video and photo material can be shown in public and used for race promotional purposes. Race organizer reserves the right to use, copy and distribute all recorded video and photo materials.