ULTRA TRAIL ~ MARÃO

ANNEX III 2027

Competition, equipment, classification, penalties and protests

On this side of Marão, we run with heart.

ANNEX STRUCTURE

1. **Course, times and controls**
2. Mandatory equipment and external assistance
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This Annex III forms an integral part of the UTM 2027 General Regulations. In matters of competition, equipment, classification, discipline and protests, its specific provisions shall prevail, without prejudice to any mandatory provisions of applicable law.

ARTICLE 1 — COMPETITIVE PRINCIPLES

UTM is an individual competition conducted in partial self-sufficiency. Equal treatment, safety, respect for the course and validity of controls are essential principles.

No sporting result takes precedence over a safety decision or an instruction issued by a competent authority.

For races sanctioned by the Portuguese Athletics Federation (FPA), the competition also complies with the applicable federation technical and competition rules for the relevant trail-running category.

ARTICLE 2 — OFFICIAL COURSE

The athlete must follow the course determined by the Organisation, comply with course markings and instructions, and pass through all applicable control points.

An unintentional deviation must be corrected by returning, whenever reasonably possible, to the point where the error occurred, without cutting the course in order to regain an advantage.

An overtaking manoeuvre must be signalled in advance whenever terrain conditions make this advisable and must be carried out without creating a risk to any participant. The athlete being caught must facilitate passage as soon as there is a safe place to do so. Deliberately blocking another participant's progress or, without a safety reason, refusing a reasonable opportunity to allow overtaking is prohibited.

ARTICLE 3 — TIME LIMITS AND CUT-OFF TIMES

RACE	2027 TIME LIMIT	CUT-OFF RULE
UTME 120 km	32 h	On leaving the aid station/checkpoint
UTM 60 km	17 h	On leaving the aid station/checkpoint
TM 40 km	10 h	On leaving the aid station/checkpoint
MTM 25 km	6 h	On leaving the aid station/checkpoint
TMC 15 km	4 h	On leaving the aid station/checkpoint

The official passage and cut-off tables for each race implement, for the 2027 edition, the time limits and cut-off points established in this Article and form part of the operational information applicable to the event. The cut-off is assessed when leaving the aid station/control point. The tables may be adjusted during the event only for safety reasons, weather conditions, an order from a competent authority, a course change or another relevant operational need, by decision of Race Direction and communication through the available channels. An expected athlete passage time does not replace or bring forward the official cut-off time.

ARTICLE 4 — WITHDRAWAL AT A CUT-OFF

An athlete who is not in a position to leave the checkpoint before the cut-off time is withdrawn from the race and must follow the collection instructions. Where withdrawal results from application of a cut-off, closure of a section, a medical decision or a safety instruction, the athlete may not continue through the section concerned, even if they state that they intend to do so outside the competition, and must comply with the instructions of the Organisation, medical team or competent authority.

ARTICLE 5 — CONTROL POINTS

Electronic, manual or verification controls are used. Some may not be announced in advance. The athlete must ensure that the race bib/chip is presented in a manner compatible with reading and must comply with any requested validation.

ARTICLE 6 — MANDATORY EQUIPMENT

The following table defines the core equipment requirements applicable to each race.

For the purposes of this table:

*** Cond. — Conditional equipment: equipment that may be made mandatory by the Organisation according to weather conditions, time of day, a course change or risk assessment, with notice given before the start of the relevant race whenever this is operationally possible.**

**** Rec. — Recommended equipment: equipment that the Organisation advises athletes to carry for reasons of safety, protection or comfort, but which is not mandatory unless expressly communicated otherwise under the provisions governing conditional equipment.**

EQUIPMENT	UTME	UTM	TM	MTM	TMC
Visible race bib	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Whistle	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Operational mobile phone	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Emergency/survival blanket — minimum size 140 × 200 cm	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reusable cup	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reusable container for soup and the post-race meal	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Spoon and fork	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Water reserve	1 L	1 L	1 L	0.5 L	0.5 L
Emergency food reserve	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Rec.**
Waterproof jacket with hood	Yes	Yes	Cond.*	Cond.*	Cond.*
Main headlamp + functional backup light	2 lights	2 lights	Cond.*	Cond.*	Cond.*
Red rear light	Yes	Rec.**	Rec.**	Rec.**	Rec.**
Long-sleeved thermal top	Yes	Yes	Cond.*	Cond.*	Cond.*
Adhesive elastic bandage/tape	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Waterproof trousers	Cond.*	Cond.*	Cond.*	Cond.*	Cond.*
Gloves + hat/buff	Cond.*	Cond.*	Cond.*	Cond.*	Cond.*

For the purpose of using aid station facilities and the post-race meal service, participants in the UTME 120K, UTM 60K and TM 40K must carry a reusable cup, a suitable container for soup and the post-race meal, a spoon and a fork. The same container may be used for both the soup and the main course.

In the MTM 25K and TMC 15K, only a reusable cup is required in respect of aid station utensils. Participants are not required to carry a food container, spoon or fork.

The Organisation does not provide cups, plates, bowls, containers or cutlery. Each participant is responsible for bringing the utensils necessary for the services provided in their respective race.

The race bib must remain complete, legible and visible throughout the race, positioned so that it can be read and the athlete identified by judges, Organisation personnel, the timing service and safety teams. It is prohibited to cut, reproduce, alter, replace, manipulate or fold the bib in a way that conceals or impairs the reading of the number, chip, codes, safety elements or any other mandatory information shown on it.

The athlete must carry all mandatory equipment for the entire period during which it is required. Checks may take place at the start, during the course and at the finish.

Absence of equipment identified as "Rec." does not, by itself, constitute a regulatory infringement or grounds for a penalty. Equipment identified as "Cond." only becomes mandatory when that requirement has been expressly communicated by the Organisation in accordance with this Article.

ARTICLE 7 — QUALITY AND SUITABILITY OF EQUIPMENT

Equipment must be functional and suitable for its intended purpose. Where a technical waterproof garment is required, the official communication may specify minimum standards for waterproofing, seams and hood.

The core list does not limit the athlete's responsibility to carry any additional items reasonably required by their condition, experience and foreseeable circumstances.

Clothing and footwear used in competition must comply with the applicable FPA/World Athletics rules, be in suitable condition and must not become transparent when wet where this is prohibited by federation regulations.

ARTICLE 8 — HEADPHONES AND AUDIO DEVICES

During the course, it is prohibited to use headphones or devices that prevent or materially reduce awareness of environmental sounds, instructions from the Organisation, safety warnings or approaching third parties. Bone-conduction devices or equivalent technology are permitted provided that the ears remain unobstructed and full awareness of the surrounding environment is maintained, without prejudice to any stricter federation or safety requirement.

ARTICLE 9 — POLES AND EQUIPMENT RECEIVED OR HANDED OVER

Where an athlete starts the race with poles or other equipment whose exchange is restricted by official communication, they must keep it with them until an authorised location. Equipment may not be handed over or received outside an authorised area, except in an emergency or where directed by the Organisation.

ARTICLE 10 — EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE

External assistance may only be provided at officially authorised aid stations or zones and within the limits established by the Organisation and applicable federation regulations. Accompanying an athlete along the course, external pacing or progression alongside a person who is not entered in the race is

prohibited, even where it begins next to an assistance zone, except for safety or rescue intervention or where directed by the Organisation.

Where the Organisation authorises personal assistance, it may limit this to one accredited assistant per athlete and only for the races and areas published in advance. The assistant must comply with circulation, capacity, hygiene and safety requirements and with the instructions of the person responsible for the aid station; access may be temporarily limited or suspended. Products made available at aid stations are intended for athletes in the race and may not be removed by an assistant for personal consumption or storage.

ARTICLE 11 — TIMING AND OFFICIAL RESULT

Classification is based on the official timing system and the event's control records.

A technological failure may be corrected by the Organisation where sufficient official evidence exists, including records from the official timing service, manual controls, official video, aid-station reports or other operational records. Personal GPS data may be used as supporting evidence but, on its own, does not replace official evidence.

ARTICLE 12 — INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATIONS AND UTM AGE CATEGORIES

For each competitive race, an Overall Men's Classification and an Overall Women's Classification are produced, determined by the official order of time/finish. For UTM's own classifications, the Men's and Women's Categories are determined by biological sex at birth, without prejudice to mandatory federation rules applicable to sanctioned races or official competitions.

A single sequential finishing order is established in every individual classification. A simultaneous, voluntary or agreed finish by two or more athletes does not entitle them to the same finishing position.

Where two or more athletes have the same official time at the resolution displayed in the published results, their finishing order is determined using the available official evidence capable of establishing the actual order in which they crossed the finish line, including official timing records, finish records and, where available, official images or video. Once the finishing order has been established, consecutive positions are assigned.

For races subject to federation regulations, this rule applies without prejudice to any mandatory federation technical rules.

For the purposes of Ultra Trail do Marão's own classifications, the following age categories apply separately to men and women:

CATEGORY	RULE
Overall Men	Official order of time/finish
Overall Women	Official order of time/finish
Under-23	18 to 22 years
Senior	23 to 39 years
Veterans I	40 to 49 years
Veterans II	50 to 59 years
Veterans III	60 years or older

For the purpose of determining the age category, the athlete's age on 30 September 2027 is used, and the same category is maintained throughout the 2026/2027 sporting season.

UTM age-category classifications are classifications specific to the event and are independent of any classifications produced for federation purposes.

Whenever a UTM race or distance is sanctioned by, or incorporated into, a Championship, Cup, Circuit, Ranking or other official competition of the Portuguese Athletics Federation, a separate federation classification will be produced where applicable, in accordance with the age categories, eligibility criteria, affiliation requirements and other FPA rules in force for that competition.

The existence of a federation classification does not, in itself, alter UTM's own age categories, classifications or prizes, unless expressly provided for in these Regulations or required by an applicable federation rule.

ARTICLE 13 — TEAM CLASSIFICATION

UTM's own team classification is determined separately for men's and women's teams and for each competitive race.

To be classified, a team must have at least three eligible finishers in the same race entered under the same team name.

For the purposes of the team classification, the three team athletes who are best placed in the men's or women's overall classification for the relevant race are counted. Each athlete receives the number of

points corresponding to their position in the official overall classification: 1 point for 1st place, 2 points for 2nd, 3 points for 3rd, and so on.

The team's score is the sum of the points of its three best-placed athletes. The team with the lowest total number of points wins.

The individual classification is not reordered to exclude athletes without a team or athletes belonging to other teams. The points awarded correspond to the position actually occupied by the athlete in the official overall classification.

If two or more teams are tied on points, the team whose third scoring athlete is better placed prevails.

If the tie remains, the position of the second and then the first scoring athlete is compared in sequence. If an absolute tie still remains, the team with the lower aggregate official time of those same three athletes prevails.

Disqualification or DNF of an athlete removes that athlete from the scoring trio and the next eligible athlete from the same team is counted. A team remains classified only if it retains at least three eligible classified athletes.

Where a team classification is also required for federation purposes, it is calculated separately in accordance with the applicable FPA rules and does not replace or alter UTM's own team classification unless expressly provided otherwise.

ARTICLE 14 — VALID RACE COMPLETION, DNF, DQ AND NEUTRALISATIONS

An athlete is deemed to have validly completed the race where they complete the relevant race in full, within the applicable time limit, following the course and control points and complying with all other regulatory conditions, without disqualification.

DNF (Did Not Finish) means withdrawal or failure to complete the race under valid conditions. DQ means disqualification for an infringement. CP means control point.

If a section is neutralised or the race is altered, Race Management determines the fairest and technically verifiable classification method and may cancel a segment or specific classification where there is no reliable basis for comparing all athletes.

ARTICLE 15 — ANTI-DOPING AND SUBSTANCES

The use of substances or methods prohibited under the applicable anti-doping rules is forbidden. The Organisation cooperates with the competent bodies and may provisionally suspend a prize or validation of a result where an anti-doping control or proceeding has been officially notified.

ARTICLE 16 — DISCIPLINARY PRINCIPLES

Penalties must be proportionate to seriousness, risk, competitive advantage, intent where relevant, repetition and the possibility of correction.

The same factual situation must receive equivalent treatment, without favouritism based on status, sponsor, team, nationality or classification.

ARTICLE 17 — PENALTY TABLE

INFRINGEMENT	REFERENCE CONSEQUENCE
Intentional shortcut or significant course cutting	DQ
Missing a CP without sufficient evidence of valid passage	DQ or DNF, depending on the nature of the case
Continuing after a cut-off, medical withdrawal or safety instruction	DQ and immediate withdrawal
Deliberately blocking progress or unjustifiably refusing to facilitate safe overtaking	30 minutes; in the event of repetition, prolonged blocking, material competitive advantage or creation of risk to third parties: 60 to 120 minutes or DQ, depending on seriousness.
Missing a critical safety item	Start not permitted until corrected, or DQ during the race
Missing another mandatory item	30 to 60 minutes per item and obligation to correct; Repetition may lead to DQ
Race bib not visible, incorrectly positioned or manipulated in a manner that can be corrected	Warning and obligation to correct immediately; 15 minutes if not corrected after instruction from the Organisation.
Exchange/transfer of race bib, false identity or chip fraud	DQ; possible exclusion from up to 2 editions, subject to a reasoned decision
Intentional alteration, reproduction, falsification or manipulation of the race bib intended to prevent identification, control or timing, or to obtain an advantage	DQ; where identity fraud is involved, the rules on race-bib transfer/fraud also apply.
Use of prohibited headphones/audio device	Immediate obligation to remove; refusal or repetition: penalty or DQ according to seriousness and the applicable federation rules.
External assistance/external pacing outside an authorised area resulting in an advantage	DQ
Unsporting conduct without serious risk	30 to 120 minutes; DQ in serious or repeated cases
Violence, threat, sabotage, assault or deliberate risk to third parties	DQ; possible exclusion from 1 to 3 editions and report to the authorities where applicable
Unjustified refusal to assist in an evident danger situation where it is safe to do so	30 to 120 minutes or DQ, depending on seriousness

INFRINGEMENT	REFERENCE CONSEQUENCE
Deliberate littering, prohibited fire/flame, intentional environmental damage	DQ; report to the authorities where applicable
Unreported withdrawal that results in an avoidable search operation	Disciplinary record; possible exclusion from up to 1 edition where an avoidable search operation has resulted

A critical item includes, in particular, an item whose absence creates a relevant risk in the specific conditions: lighting during night-time periods, waterproof clothing when mandatory, a mobile phone when required, emergency blanket, minimum water reserve, or another item expressly designated as critical in official communications.

ARTICLE 18 — EVIDENCE

The following may be considered: official timing, controls, official or verifiable images, reports from the Organisation team, consistent witness statements, collected material and technically reliable technological data.

A penalty must be based on sufficient and identifiable evidence. Whenever the decision is not urgent, the athlete must be given an opportunity to present their account before a serious penalty or future exclusion is imposed.

ARTICLE 19 — IMMEDIATE DECISION DURING THE RACE

A measure required for safety, course integrity or competitive equality may be implemented immediately. A brief statement of reasons may be formalised subsequently where conditions on the ground do not allow this to be done at once.

ARTICLE 20 — SPORTING PROTESTS

The procedure in this Article governs UTM's internal protests. In matters subject to FPA officiating or federation protest procedures, the procedure, jurisdiction, deadline and decision provided for in the applicable federation regulations apply.

The directly affected athlete may submit a written protest within 2 hours of publication of the relevant provisional result or, for a matter occurring during the race without an associated result, within 2 hours of their finish or withdrawal, whichever reasonably occurs first.

No protest fee or deposit is required.

The protest must identify the athlete, race bib number, contested decision or fact, grounds, requested outcome and available supporting evidence.

ARTICLE 21 — RACE JURY

Where a jury, referee, delegate or technical official has been appointed by the FPA for the matter concerned, the federation officiating structure takes precedence for decisions falling within its jurisdiction.

The Jury comprises three members appointed for the matter: the Race Director or delegate; the relevant technical manager (timing, safety or course); and a third person independent of the specific incident.

Any person directly involved in the incident must, where possible, be replaced in order to ensure impartiality.

The decision is communicated with a brief statement of reasons as soon as reasonably possible and, as a rule, within 24 hours after the close of the relevant race.

ARTICLE 22 — EFFECT AND SCOPE OF THE SPORTING DECISION

The Jury's decision concludes UTM's internal sporting process and may alter a classification, time, penalty or prize.

This finality is limited to sporting and operational matters and does not remove legal, administrative or judicial rights that cannot lawfully be excluded.

ARTICLE 23 — EXCLUSION FROM FUTURE EDITIONS

Exclusion from future editions should only be imposed for fraud, violence, sabotage, serious risk, serious harassment, repeated disciplinary breaches or particularly serious non-compliance.

The decision must be in writing, state its duration and grounds, and allow the person concerned to submit observations before it becomes final, except where an urgent interim measure is required.