

«MOUNTAIN RACE - SPORTING EVENT COMMITTED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION»

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MET – PRIVILEGE OF A FEW

MOUNTAIN RACE

In Collaboration with Sports Department, Hon. Marbella Town Hall

ORGANISATION

PROMOTING ENTITY

Marbella Epic Trail (**MET**) is an ultra-exclusive experience developed and delivered by the **Ultra Trail Sierra Blanca Sports Club (CDUTSB)**, a renowned organisation specialising in high-level mountain events.

PREMIUM STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

This world-class event is supported institutionally and benefits from the strategic collaboration of leading public bodies and prestigious private partners, whose commitment to sporting excellence is reflected in their role as official sponsors and collaborators.

SPECIALISED TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT

The comprehensive management of the event — including operational coordination, advanced safety protocols, and environmental sustainability oversight — is handled by our specialised executive team, supported by certified technicians and a select group of highly qualified volunteers.

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

These regulations form the comprehensive and mandatory legal framework for all participating athletes, effective from the moment of registration confirmation until the official conclusion of the event.

The organisation of MET reflects our unwavering commitment to operational excellence and the premium experience our athletes deserve.

THE EVENT

OFFICIAL DATE

MET will take place on **21 February 2026**.

STARTING POINT

The race will start on the [Marbella Promenade](#), in front of the Plaza del Mar shopping centre. Access to the assembly area will be via [Calle Rafael Zea, número 17C](#), with the start scheduled for 05:00.

TECHNICAL ROUTE

The course will pass through the municipalities of Marbella, Ojén, Monda, and Istán, in the province of Málaga, offering a technical challenge through the Sierra Blanca. The finish line will be located at the entrance to [Fuerte de Nagüeles](#), Marbella.

OFFICIAL APPROVAL

The event is officially authorised by the Andalusian Federation of Mountain Sports, Climbing and Hiking (FADMES), ensuring compliance with the technical and safety standards required for a single-distance course.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Detailed specifications of the technical profile can be found in the relevant section of these regulations.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Participants should note that minor adjustments to the course may occur due to variations in GPS device accuracy during the event, while maintaining the integrity of the original route.

TECHNICAL DETAILS OF THE EVENT

Element	Specifications
 Start	Marbella Promenade (Access via: Calle Rafael Zea, 17C)
 Start Time	05:00 hours
 Finish Line	Fuerte de Nagüeles, Marbella
 Finish Cutt-Off	00:00 hours
 Distance & Ascent	65 km +5,000m



-  **CUT-OFF TIME SYSTEM** Cut-off times have been technically calculated to allow completion within the established schedule, taking into account strategic breaks for rest and nutrition.
-  **CHECKPOINT PROTOCOL** Athletes are required to pass through all checkpoints and leave each section before the assigned cut-off time, regardless of their individual arrival time.
-  **AUTOMATIC DESCALIFICATION** Any participant who fails to meet the established time limits will be automatically withdrawn from the competition for operational safety reasons.
-  **OPERATIONAL CLOSURE** Checkpoints and aid stations will close following the passage of the official sweep team. This measure ensures overall safety and optimises the event's logistical management.

Compliance with these protocols is essential for the safety of athletes, volunteers, and technical staff.

CATEGORIES AND SUBCATEGORIES

CATEGORY	SPECIFICATIONS
OVERALL	Participants aged 21 or older during the year of the competition.

SUBCATEGORY	SPECIFICATIONS
SENIOR	Aged 21 to 39, not turning 40 within the year of the competition.
VETERANS A	Aged 40 to 49, not turning 50 within the year of the competition.
VETERANS B	Aged 50 to 59, not turning 60 within the year of the competition.
VETERANS C	Aged 60 and above, turning 60 during the year of the competition.
LOCAL	Participants registered as residents in the municipality of Marbella.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES AND FEES

DATES	LICENSED / NON-LICENSED	COMMENTS
Until 31/01/2026	105.00€ / 110.00€	Under no circumstances will the organisation increase the participant quota, thus preserving the exclusive nature and optimal safety conditions that define this competition.
Waiting List	115.00€ / 120.00€	

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRATION?

This ultra-exclusive experience is designed solely for athletes prepared to face one of the most extreme trail running challenges over distances between 50 and 100 km. The registration includes:



EXCLUSIVE PREPARATION & ACCESS

- ▲ Strategic event guide with detailed course analysis, extreme conditions, and safety protocols (available December 2025)
- ▲ Guaranteed access to the start line
- ▲ Premium welcome kit featuring high-end technical gear



COMPREHENSIVE PROTECTION

- ▲ Full civil liability and Sports accident insurance
- ▲ Advanced rescue systems with drones and rapid intervention teams
- ▲ Specialised mountain medical teams present throughout the course, including start and finish zones



TECHNICAL AID STATIONS

- ▲ Strategically placed aid stations offering premium sports nutrition, isotonic drinks, and energy supplements
- ▲ Special dietary options available: lactose-free, gluten-free, and nut-free (notification required during registration)



SUPPORT SERVICES

- ▲ Secure bag drop at the finish line during bib collection
- ▲ Evacuation service for athletes who must withdraw
- ▲ Recovery facilities with exclusive showers and changing rooms
- ▲ Post-race sports physiotherapy service



RECOGNITION

- ▲ Exclusive commemorative medal for those who cross the finish line
- ▲ Premium finisher gift (limited selection based on arrival order)
- ▲ Unique design trophies for podium finishers in each category



GASTRONOMIC EXPERIENCE

- ▲ Exclusive gastronomic celebration with open bar and gourmet BBQ for all finishers
- ▲ Vegetarian option (notification required)
- ▲ Additional guest tickets available during registration or later via personal account area, for family and friends wishing to celebrate with the finishers.

Important Note: This event is designed to test human limits. Only athletes with significant ultra-trail experience should consider registering.

REGISTRATION CALENDAR

REGISTRATION WINDOW Registrations Will be open from **1 June 2025** until **31 January 2026**.

OFFICIAL PLATFORM All registrations must be processed exclusively through the official platform: www.marbella-epictrail.com

AUTOMATIC CLOSURE Registration will close automatically once the participant limit is reached or the deadline is met.

WAITING LIST SYSTEM If places sell out before 31 January 2026, a premium waiting list will be automatically activated.

AUTOMATIC NOTIFICATIONS Athletes on the waiting list will receive an immediate email notification if places become available.

The registration system is designed to ensure transparency and fairness in access to this elite-level experience.

INVESTMENT PROTECTION GUARANTEE

By confirming participation in this ultra-exclusive experience, each athlete is required to select one of the following protection options:



STANDARD OPTION (No additional cost)

For athletes fully committed to participating:

Request Date	Guaranteed Refund
Until 30/10/2025	50 % of the amount paid
Until 30/11/2025	30 % of the amount paid
Starting from 01/12/2025	No refund



PREMIUM FLEX OPTION (€15 additional fee)

Maximum flexibility for athletes seeking full protection against unforeseen events:



EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS:

- ✓ Until 31/01/2026: Full 100% refund or guaranteed transfer to the 2027 edition.
- ✓ From 01/02/2026 to 19/02/2026: Exclusive transfer to the 2027 edition (no refund)



PREMIUM CONDITIONS:

- ✓ The €15 protection fees is part of the overall commitment and is non-refundable
- ✓ Transfers retain the original registration holder – athlete changes are not permitted
- ✓ **Requests must be made exclusively via email: reclamaciones@cdutbsb.org**
- ✓ **Final deadline: 19/02/2026 (Requests received after this date will not be processed)**
- ✓ Transfer is valid for the immediately following edition (2027) only
- ✓ Transfers are final and cannot be rescheduled



UNIVERSAL POLICY:

The premium welcome kit is reserved exclusively for active participants on the official event date. No cancellations or transfers include delivery of event materials.

This policy has been designed to maintain the integrity and exclusivity of the event while offering flexible options to our athletes.

REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER MANAGEMENT

Athlete Self-Management Platform

Our digital registration platform has been specifically designed to allow athletes to manage their participation independently, efficiently, and with maximum flexibility.



ACCESS TO YOUR PERSONAL AREA Once your registration is confirmed, you Will receive login credentials by email to access your private account. This platform has been developed to optimise your management experience.



STREAMLINED PROCESS

To ensure maximum efficiency and immediate response, all changes must be made exclusively through your personal area. If you require individual assistance, please contact us at visit@sierrablancamarbella.com.



AVAILABLE MANAGEMENT SERVICES



PARTICIPATION TRANSFER

Full process to transfer your place to another qualified athlete, including all associated rights and benefits.



PROFILE UPDATE

Modificación de datos personales registrados: información de contacto, afiliación deportiva, datos de emergencia, y otros elementos de su perfil de atleta.



MANAGEMENT CALENDAR



Modification window: Until **10 February 2026**



Final closure: From **11 de febrero de 2026** - No exceptions

TECHNICAL NOTICE: Equipment sizes are final and cannot be modified, as they are high-end items produced under a limited custom manufacturing run.

This self-management system is part of our premium a service philosophy, designed to offer total control and immediate response to our athletes.

MANDATORY TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT

TECHNICAL INSPECTION PROTOCOL

All mandatory equipment will be subject to **rigorous inspections** during bib collection and at strategic points along the course. Our certified technical officials will carry out thorough checks to ensure compliance with the safety standards set by the Federation.

 **STRICT COMPLIANCE:** Failure to meet these technical specifications will result in immediate penalties or disqualification. Athletes who cannot demonstrate full adherence to the Organisation's protocols will be prohibited from continuing in the event.

 **DYNAMIC INSPECTION:** All equipment, including items carried in backpacks, must be available for immediate inspection upon request from our technical officials or certified referees throughout the course.

MANDATORY TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

ADVANCED BODY PROTECTION

- ✓ Technical trousers or compression tights – Minimum coverage below the knees
- ✓ Windproof jacket – With integrated hood, long sleeves, and fitted to the athlete's size
- ✓ Survival thermal blanket – Minimum size: 1.20m x 2.10m
- ✓ Technical protective gloves

PROFESSIONAL HYDRATION SYSTEM

- ✓ Primary hydration system – Minimum capacity of 1 litre + additional 500ml bottle
- ✓  **CRITICAL SECTION:** Full hydration is mandatory between Puerto de Marbella and Istán (*no aid stations in this area*)

NAVIGATION AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- ✓ Professional headlamp + spare batteries + red rear light (*mandatory activation at night*)
- ✓ Advanced GPS device or Sports watch with preloaded official track
- ✓ Fully charged mobile phone
- ✓ Emergency whistle
- ✓ Official race bib – must be visible at all times

SUN PROTECTION

- ✓ Technical cap, sports visor or protective bandana

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT

Sustainable Cup Required – As part of our commitment to environmental excellence, all plastic waste has been eliminated along the course. Each athlete must carry their own collapsible personal cup for exclusive use at aid stations. (Cups are also available for purchase at bib collection.)



This equipment protocol has been developed specifically to ensure survival and optimal performance in extreme conditions, maintaining the highest safety standards for all athletes.

MEDICAL PROTOCOL AND HEALTH ASSISTANCE

Medical Condition Declaration

During the registration process, each athlete must declare any food intolerances or medication allergies. This confidential information will be used exclusively to personalise available nutrition options and enhance the emergency response of our specialised medical team.

Personal Medication Responsibility

Each competitor is fully responsible for carrying and administering their prescribed medication throughout the event. This is an essential condition for safe participation.

Aid Station Assistance Protocol

Products such as Reflex (or an equivalent therapeutic product) will be available at aid stations for athlete use only. Volunteers are not authorised to apply these products.

Participants must self-administer such products after leaving the refreshment area and must return the product to the volunteers after use, ensuring the integrity of the health and safety protocol.

BIB ASSIGNMENT AND COLLECTION

-  **DIGITAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM** To collect their race bib, athletes must present the official **QR code** received with their registration confirmation. This optimised system ensures maximum efficiency and minimises processing times.
-  **ALTERNATIVE IDENTIFICATION** If the QR code is unavailable, athletes may collect their bib by presenting a valid form of ID: passport, national ID card, NIE, or driving licence.
-  **THIRD-PARTY COLLECTION PROTOCOL** If a bib is collected by an authorised representative, they must provide:
 -  A signed authorisation letter from the registered athlete
 -  The official QR code or a digital copy of the athlete's ID
-  **STRICT COMPLIANCE POLICY** Bib collection will only be granted upon full verification of the required documentation. The organisation operates a zero-tolerance policy — no exceptions will be made under any circumstances. Participants are fully responsible for complying with these rules.
-  **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OF THE BIB** Each athlete will receive a personal and non-transferable bib with an integrated timing chip. The bib must:
 -  Remain visible on the front of the athlete's clothing throughout the event
 -  Stay intact – not folded, cut, or altered in any way
 -  Maintain full timing functionality at all times
-  **OFFICIAL COLLECTION CENTRE**
Location: Plaza del Mar, ground floor, Calle Camilo José Cela 17, 29602, Marbella, Málaga
-  **MANDATORY COLLECTION TIME**
Date: **Friday, 20 February 2026**
Time: **12:00 - 20:00** (*Collection is mandatory for all participants*)

AWARD CEREMONY

To honour those who demonstrate the extraordinary endurance required to conquer this extreme challenge, prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each category and subcategory. The inclusive category is a special exception, where every courageous participant will be recognised for their determination.

Prizes are unique and non-transferable by category. If someone is to receive an award on behalf of a winner, this must be communicated and explicitly authorised by the organisation at least 30 minutes in advance.

The award ceremony will take place on the same day as the race, starting at 16:00, at the finish area in [Fuerte de Nagüeles, Marbella](#), here, we will celebrate the athletes who have proven their mental and physical strength.

For categories whose finalists do not reach the finish line before the start of the ceremony, their well-deserved awards will be available at the organisation table, strategically placed next to the finish line, awaiting these mountain warriors still battling their own limits.

PARTICIPATION RULES

-  **EQUIPMENT AND APPEARANCE**
All athletes must wear their bib prominently on the front of their technical gear and use only equipment specifically designed for ultra-distance competitions. It is mandatory to carry a fully charged mobile phone, essential both for safety protocols and for race tracking
-  **EXCLUSIVE ACCESS REQUIREMENTS**
 -  **Physical Condition:** This race is reserved for athletes with exceptional physical conditioning and the necessary experience to take on the extreme demands of the selected course.
 -  **Athlete Profile:** Access is limited to ultra-distance runners who have either:
 - ✓ Completed at least one mountain race with a minimum positive elevation gain of 4,500m,
 - ✓ Or achieved finisher status in the legendary Sierra Blanca DESTROYER race (or an equivalent event).
-  **MEDICAL CERTIFICATE**
Submission of a valid **medical certificate (dated within the past 6 months)** is strictly required. Failure to provide this documentation will result in denial of participation without the right to a refund.

COMPETITION REGULATIONS AND SANCTIONS

Compliance with these rules is essential to maintain the integrity of the competition. The Mountain Running Regulations of the Andalusian Federation of Mountain Sports, Climbing and Hiking (FADMES) will be strictly enforced.

ART. 35.- PENALTIES OR DISQUALIFICATION OF AN ATHLETE OR TEAM

The following sanctions will apply if a competitor commits any of the listed infractions:

- ▲ **Deviating from the official course to gain an advantage** = 3-minute penalty to disqualification
- ▲ **Receiving unauthorised assistance outside designated zones (except medical aid)** = 3-minute penalty to disqualification
- ▲ **Littering on the course (including organic waste such as fruit peels, which can disrupt soil pH in ecosystems where such fruits do not occur naturally)** = 3-minute penalty to disqualification
- ▲ **Intentionally obstructing another competitor** = 3-minute penalty to disqualification
- ▲ **Lacking required equipment at official checkpoints** = 3-minute penalty to disqualification
- ▲ **Disobeying instructions from organisers or referees** = 3-minute penalty to disqualification
- ▲ **Tampering with or refusing to wear the race bib** = disqualification
- ▲ **Altering official race markings or organisational equipment** = disqualification
- ▲ **Repeated false start (second offence)** = disqualification
- ▲ **Substituting mandatory equipment provided by the organisers** = disqualification.

ART. 36.- DISQUALIFICATION WITH POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL SANCTIONS

The following conduct will result in immediate disqualification and may lead to further disciplinary action:

- ▲ **Serious sportsmanship incident** (e.g. aggression or verbal abuse towards competitors, organisers, referees or spectators)
- ▲ **Deliberately causing an accident**
- ▲ **Testing positive in an anti-doping test**
- ▲ **Competing with someone else's race bib.**

ADDITIONAL ORGANISATIONAL PROTOCOLS

Drinking directly from containers intended for refilling individual bottles at aid stations is strictly prohibited. This violation will result in immediate disqualification.

ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

- ▲ **Respect for the Environment:** Competitors must strictly follow the marked route and respect the natural environment. Respect for fellow athletes and the ecosystem is a core value of this competition.
- ▲ **Absolute Restrictions:** The use of support vehicles, the presence of animals, and any external assistance or aid outside officially designated points is strictly forbidden.
- ▲ **Control System:** All participants must pass through official checkpoints and use only the timing chip system provided by the organisation.

Failure to comply with these regulations may result in penalty and/or disqualification, thereby safeguarding the excellence and integrity that define the competition.

COMPLAINTS PROTOCOL AND APPEALS SYSTEM

ART. 40.- COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

40.1. All complaints must be submitted in writing to the Competition Technical Committee using the official form annexed to the regulations, along with the fee established by FADMES during the General Assembly. This amount will be refunded if the complaint is upheld. Each complaint must include the specific details outlined in the FADMES regulations, page 54.

40.2. Objections regarding provisional classifications may only be submitted within 30 minutes of their official publication.

For full information, refer to the: [FADMES Regulations](#)

ORGANISATIONAL APPEALS PROTOCOL

Complaints relating to the organisation of the event must be submitted exclusively via email to reclamaciones@cdutbsb.org within a **strict deadline of 48 hours after the event**.

Complaints submitted through alternative channels will not be considered. Resolutions will be communicated within two months of the conclusion of the event, ensuring a thorough and fair review process.

IMAGE RIGHTS AND AUDIOVISUAL MATERIAL

Authorisation for Recording

The organisation reserves the exclusive right to film, document, and collect audiovisual and informational material during the course of the competition, which may include all participating athletes.

Promotional Use Licence

All audiovisual material may be used at the organisation's discretion for event promotion, institutional relations, media communications, and sports marketing campaigns related to this exclusive competition.

External Use Protocols

Use of this material in external media or advertising projects requires prior written authorisation from the organisation to ensure control over the event's image and reputation.

MODIFICATIONS AND EXCEPTIONAL CONDITIONS

Right to Amend Regulations

The organisation reserves the right to modify these regulations should significant or unforeseen circumstances arise. All updates will be communicated officially via certified email and institutional social media channels.

It is the sole responsibility of each athlete to stay informed of such official communications.

Force Majeure Protocol

In cases of force majeure — including, but not limited to, extreme weather conditions (thunderstorms, heavy rain, high winds), wildfires, official health restrictions, road closures, or any other circumstances beyond the organisers' control — the event may be suspended, modified, or cancelled without entitlement to any financial compensation.

Severe Weather Alert Protocol

In the event of an official orange alert declared by the competent authorities, the competition will be automatically cancelled for safety reasons. This cancellation does not entitle participants to a refund, as the safety of all athletes takes absolute priority.

CONTACT

For specialist queries and technical assistance:

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Our athlete support team is available to assist with any queries relating to the competition.