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Article: 1 Organization

BOOGIE EVENTS organize the next edition of Racing Madagascar: 6 trail-running stages for a cumulative distance of 150 km, in the northern region of Madagascar.

Article: 2 Race Description

RACING MADAGASCAR is a trail-running event with stages from 7 km to 42 km for 6 days.

The path has been accredited by ITRA (International Trail Running Association) and offers a cumulated distance of 150 km and 700 m ascending elevation. The stages are spread over as such:

STAGE	DISTANCE	HEIGHT DIFFERENCES	TIME CUTOFFS	CHECKPOINTS
STAGE 1 Beamalona Waterfall → Anivorano	20km	647 D+ 755 D-	6h00	1
STAGE 2 Anivorano → Irodo River	26km	179 D+ 499 D-	8h30	1
STAGE 3 Irodo River → Ankerika	27,1km	354 D+ 353 D-	9h00	1
STAGE 4 Ankerika → Ampondrafeta	41,8km	454 D+ 470 D-	11h00	3
STAGE 5 Ampondrafeta → Antafihamalama Bay	28,2km	164 D+ 172 D-	9h00	2
STAGE 6 Montagne of French → Diego	7 km	0 D+ 0 D-	2h00	1

It is an individual speed-free competition. The time cut offs to be ranked is limited for each stage - all breaks included. Runners must check in at each checkpoint before cut offs times detailed in the Road Book (See article 14).

Beyond these cut offs times, competitors won't be ranked and will be off-race. Be aware that cut offs have been determined to allow as much as possible runners to reach the finish line of each stage, even with breaks (Resting, eating...).

It is a half self-sufficiency race: runners must take what they eat or drink for each stage. Staff will provide water at each checkpoint. Personal belongings and luggage are transported by the organization.

Supporters are implied in the event but no assistance is allowed during stages. A dedicated supporter package is available for those who want to follow runners at the start and finish lines of each stages, and at some checkpoints.



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Article 3: Runners' commitments

Regarding these rules:

All competitors agree to comply with these rules when entering to the event and agree to not engage the organizers' liability for any accident that may occur due to non-application of rules.

Regarding the Event:

All competitors are fully aware of the race features and are carefully trained before. All competitors are in a healthy condition, compliantly to the efforts required for such race. All competitors should be fully aware of the race's features and should be well trained before the race starts. All competitors should have a healthy condition considering the physical efforts they are about to make.

Runners must know how to handle digestive troubles, muscles or joints pains, small injuries caused by such race and all physical troubles caused by tiredness that such race can imply.

Runners are also fully aware that for such open-air activity, their safety depends on their ability to adapt to their environment and to the troubles encountered or predictable that they may be faced with.

Competitors are therefore fully aware that the role of organization is not a substitute to him/her to handle personal troubles.

Article 4: Participants Admission requirements

Is admitted as runner: anyone from both genders, aged from 16 years old by the time the race will start.

Under 18 aged participants will have to provide a discharge letter signed by at least one of their parents the day of their registration for them to be accepted in the race. They must be accompanied by a responsible adult all along the race.

It is possible to enter:

-On the event's website: <http://www.racing-madagascar.com/en/entries/>

-By email on this address: marketing@racing-madagascar.com

-At the office of Boogie Events in Antananarivo: Trio Property Building, Tana Waterfront, Ambodivona, Antananarivo 101

All runners must attach his/her Health Certificate dating from less than 6 months and attesting his/her physical capacity to run a long physical event. A fillable copy is available on the organization's website: <http://www.racing-madagascar.com/en/entries/>

The Health Certificate must be provided during the bib collection at the latest.

Entries' closing for RACING MADAGASCAR is set by the organization and displayed on the event's website. Entries remains open until this date, under the condition of remaining entries available. The maximum number of entrants is set at 100 runners.



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Article 5: Categories / Rankings / Rewards

All runners of Racing Madagascar are ranked in one of the 5 gender/age category accordingly to the following table (Age withheld is the age recorded at the start of the race). Organizer is allowed to change categories without prior notice before the start of the race.

Categories	Class name	Age
Junior I Men and Women	Junior I	16 to 23 y.o.
Junior II Men and Women	Junior II	24 to 29 y.o.
Senior I Men and Women	Senior I	30 to 38 y.o.
Senior II Men and Women	Senior II	39+ y.o.

Time record of each competitor will be split into hours, minutes and seconds. The chronometer of the organization will be the only official. Stage results will available on the evening at the camp.

A trophy will be awarded to the 1st Men/Women final scratch and to the 1st of each category. All runners finishing the race will receive a prize.

Article 6: Gear provided by organization

The organizer provides a bib and 3 T-shirts to each runner on the day before the race starts.

Article 7: Sponsors enlightenment

All advertising support prohibited at all stages of the path, including at the arrival.

The organization can modify this article accordingly to written demands from the runners.

Article 8: Event Program

Pre-Race Day 1: Meet and Great at the Hotel "La Terrasse des Voyageurs"

- 10.00: Welcoming of the entrants. Technical, medical, administrative checks. Bib, race shirt and roadbook collection
- 11.30 to 14.30: Bus transfer to the first camp - Beamalona Waterfall. Light meal provided (Sandwich on the way)
- 18.00 to 19.00: Briefing on the race, the event and stage 1
- From 19.00: Diner and night at Camp no 1 - Beamalona Waterfall

Day2: Stage 1 • From Beamalona Waterfall to Anivorano • 20kms

- From 06.30 to 07.30: Breakfast, drop-off bag packing
- 08.00: Stage 1 Start
- From 09.30: Arrival at camp no 2
- Afternoon: Free
- 19.00: Stage 2 briefing
- 19.30: Dinner, night at Camp no 2

Day 3: Stage 2 • From Anivorano to Irodo River • 26 kms

- From 06.30 to 07.30: Breakfast, drop-off bag packing
- 08.00: Stage 2 Start
- From 09.45: Arrival at camp no 3
- Afternoon: Free
- 19.00: Stage 3 briefing
- 19.30: Dinner, night at Camp no 3



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Day 4: Stage 3 • From Irodo River to Ankerika • 27 kms

- From 06.30 to 07.30: Breakfast, drop-off bag packing
- 08.00: 4x4 transfer from camp no 3 to the other side of Irodo river
- 08.30: Stage 3 Start from the northern side of Irodo river
- From 10.30: Arrival at camp no 4
- Afternoon: Free
- 19.00: Stage 4 briefing
- 19.30: Dinner, night at Camp no 4

Day 5: "Marathon" Stage 4 • From Ankerika to Ampondrafeta • 42 kms

- From 05.30 to 06.30: Breakfast, drop-off bag packing
- 07.00: Stage 4 Start
- From 10.15: Arrival at camp no 5
- Afternoon: Free
- 19.30: Stage 5 briefing
- 20.00: Dinner, night at Camp no 5

Day 6: Stage 5 • From Ampondrafeta to Antafihamalama Bay • 28 kms

- From 06.30 to 07.30: Breakfast, and drop-off bag packing
- 08.00: Stage 5 Start
- From 10.00: Arrival at camp no 6
- Afternoon: Free
- 19.00: Stage 6 briefing
- 19.30: Dinner, night at Camp no 6

Day 7: "Solidarity" Stage 6 • From Mountain of the French to Diego-Suarez • 10 kms

- From 06.30 to 07.30: Breakfast, drop-off bag packing
- 08.00 to 08.45: 4x4 transfer to the start line at the bottom of Mountain of the French
- 09.00: Stage 6 Start
- From 09.30: Stage 6 arrival at the entrance of Diego Suarez city
- 10.30: Disabled athletes and Racing Madagascar runners will leave together for the last km to Diego Suarez townhouse, place Foch
- 11.00: Arrival at Diego Suarez townhouse
- 11.00 to 12.30: Animations and celebrations in front of the townhouse
- Afternoon: Free
- 17.00 to 20.00: Closing ceremony / Prizes distributions

Article 9: Meet and Greet / Bibs collection / Administrative checks

Check-in of each entrant will be during bibs collection, scheduled on Day 1 inside the Hotel « La Terrasse des Voyageurs » (See Article 8).

In the same time, we will proceed with the technical (Mandatory Gear: See Article 19), medical (Certificate, health certificate) and administrative checks.

Each runner will be attributed a number card on his bib, which is obviously not for trade.



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Article 10: Transportation / Life on camp

Runners Transportation: The organizer takes in charge the runner and its luggage transport throughout the event – i.e. From Diego Suarez to Diego Suarez.

Transportation bags: must carry your personal belongings + 1 sleeping bag

Light Bag: Must carry everything you need for your recovery as your transportation bag will take time to come after the stage (Transportation between camps).

Accommodation: Each runner is accommodated in a two-person tent with a single mattress. **Sleeping bags are not provided.**

Meals: Meals are made in collaboration with local providers: Breakfast, post-race lunch, Dinner. Still water is provided on all checkpoints and camps.

Hygiene: Open-air separated showers and toilets are available on each camps.

Security: A watch team is settled in order to ensure the participants' safety (See article 26).

Article 11: Check before each stage start

At the start of each stage, each runner must clip his/her bib, placed in front and belt-heighted in order to leave the chest free.

Article 12: Checkpoints

Checkpoints will be placed throughout each stage. They are mandatory check stations for runners. A random check of the bags and bibs may be done by the race staff at any moment of the race.

Drinking water is provided on each checkpoint.

Every runner delayed due to assisting / helping another runner must enquire to the next checkpoint to benefit a time compensation (See article 22).

Article 13: Abandon

A DNF competitor must go to the closest checkpoint. If injured, he must warn the closest race staff or runner to let the organizer know. Bibs can be restituted on simple request of the DNF runner on camps. Following the abandon, the runner moves to the status of supporter.

Article 14: Road Book

During the bib collection. It includes practical information such as detailed description of each stage cut-offs time for each checkpoint, staff phone numbers.

Article 15: Medical support

A multi-competency AID staff will be present throughout the event. It will ensure AID for competitors at every checkpoint and on camps. It can inform the race director on a competitor's incapacity to finish the race. The final word remains to the organization.

The race director commits to ensure evacuation for runners in severe trouble during stages or on camps (See next article).



Article 16: Insurance Policy

The organization has subscribed public liability insurance considering third persons and competitors for the duration of the event. This insurance covers damages directly related to breaches in the organization of the event.

It is mandatory for foreign runners to subscribe for a personal insurance covering sanitary evacuation, before they start the race.

Article 17: Half Self-Sufficiency: Alimentation / Communication / Safety

It is defined by the capacity to be self-sufficient between the start and the finish lines of the stage on food, communication, safety equipment.

This rule implies particularly that:

- Runners should have with them their mandatory equipment at all time during the race (See Article 19). Race commissioners can check randomly the bag and its content. The runner has to submit to this check with cordiality, at the risk of competition exclusion.
- Checkpoints are supplied with drinking water in order for runners to refill their bottles or bags. The runner must plan water and food quantity needed to reach the next checkpoint when he leaves.
- No personal or professional assistance (Coach, doctor, medical professional...) is allowed at any time of the stages.
- It is forbidden to be accompanied or accept to be accompanied partly or fully during stages (Outside of supply locations).

Article 18: Personal Assistance

Runners cannot benefit of any kind of assistance during stages. Any kind of assistance such as pacers, mules or guide is not allowed (Refer to article 21).

Article 19: Mandatory Gear

Mandatory gear:

Apart from the bib and hydration bag of 1-liter minimum capacity, 1 whistle, 1 adhesive and elastic support bandage, 1 headlamp, food supply, and cellphone working inside the country. One light bag must contain all you need for your recovery after finishing the stage.

For runners coming from abroad, it is possible to ask before the race for a cheap cellphone and a phone chip compatible to the country networks.

Recommended gear (non-exhaustive):

1 cap, 1 sunglasses, 1 sweatshirt, 1 lighter, 1 knife, 1 piece of string, 1 sun cream, 1 Vaseline tube, anti-blisters bandages, spare clothes, road book, windbreak jacket, small change, survival blanket.

Trekking poles are allowed.



Article 20: Penalty grounds

A 30-minutes penalty in the following cases:

- Bib unregularly/not wore
- Unauthorized assistance
- Shortcuts
- Not checking at one checkpoint as well as at the start line
- Unauthorized sponsor advertising
- Checking at a checkpoint out of indicated time

Flying squads will be circulating for random checks between checkpoints.

Article 21: Compensation grounds

Runners helping other runners in danger or in trouble will be granted of the loss of time if they provide a statement and the statement of the helped runner.

Article 22: Disqualification grounds

- Not checking at several checkpoints
- Leaving a checkpoint past the indicated limit hour
- Use of any means of transport during the stage
- Non assistance to an endangered runner
- Littering during the stage
- Littering at the camp by the runner or his/her supporters
- Insults or threats against race staff or another runner
- Refusing to submit to medical evaluation during the event
- Physical or psychologic state of the runner considered inadequate to keep on the race by the doctor
- Dangerous behavior or in possession of a prohibited item.

All competitors disqualified and willing to pursue the race could do so only after restituting his/her bib and under his own liability and independently.

Article 23: Claims

Claims are admissible after the display of stage results on camps.

Article 24: Race Committee

Only the race committee can decide on disputes or disqualifications occurred during the event. The concerned runner is listened to and at the end of the examination of claims, the committee will announce its final decision. The decision will be irrevocable.



Article 25: Media coverage & rights

All runners renounce expressly to their right of representation during the event. They renounce to all legal proceedings against the organizer and its agreed partners on the use of his/her image. Regarding media professionals must obtain their accreditation with the organization. No picture or movie can be sold/used to/by other stakeholders without the agreement of the organization.

Article 26: Safety & Assistance

Beyond medical and paramedical assistance, safety is handled throughout the event by local police patrols, local authorities, first aid workers and security guards - dispersed within the stages and outside the camps.

Article 27: Entries

Entry fee for Racing Madagascar is 1 500 euros per runner. Commitment is firm and conclusive and includes all services as follows:

- The bib and 3 race shirts
- Logistics (Water supplies, camp putting up and putting down, checkpoints, drop bags transportation)
- Breakfast, lunches, dinners on camps and cocktail for the closing ceremony
- Accommodation for the nights before/after the race in the organization's partner hotel (B&B)
- Accommodation in tents on the camps
- Security guards in camps
- Medical assistance throughout the race and in the camps
- Organization's Public liability
- 1 prize for Finishers

This entry does NOT include:

- Airplane tickets
- Accommodation outside the dates of the event
- Visas, vaccines
- Side activities not mentioned in the event's program

Foreigners wanting to travel to Madagascar must have passport validity beyond 6 months counting from their arrival in the country.

Article 28: Entry cancellation

All entry cancellations must be done by email. No cancellation will be considered by fax or phone. Refund applies as follows:

Notification Date	Refund
6 months before the start of the race	60 %
4 to 6 months before the start of the race	50 %
3 to 4 months before the start of the race	40 %
2 to 3 months before the start of the race	30%
Up to one month before the start of the race	No refund

Swapping Bibs is not allowed



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Article 29: Entry cancellation for injury

In case of injury of the runner occurred after entry and non-totally healable before the event, the injured runner can ask a race postponement for next year. In this purpose, the runner must request a demand to the medical committee. This request must be attached with a detailed medical file. If the medical committee agrees on it, the runner will be granted registration for next year's race. All requests must arrive at the latest ten days after the injury occurred.

Article 30: Route modification

The organization reserves the right to modify at any moment the route without prior notice accordingly to the weather forecasts and other cases of force majeure. In case of cancellation of the event because of force majeure, the runner can ask for a refund accordingly to article 28.

Article 31: Organizers limited liability

The organizers cannot be liable for accidents or injuries affecting a runner's health before, during and after the event.