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1. GENERAL

The TREK Matterhorn Ultraks is an annual mountain run with individual classification that takes place in Zermatt. The first edition of the race was held in 2013 and the next one will take place from Friday, 20 to Sunday, 22 August 2027.

The TREK Matterhorn Ultraks is organised by Ultraks SA with the support of the municipality of Zermatt and Zermatt Tourismus.

2. PARTNERSHIPS

The EXTREME race is an official part of the international *Merrell Skyrunner® World Series* (http://www.skyrunnerworldseries.com/) with the status 'Official stage of the 2027 Merrell Skyrunner® World Series'.

Any cancellation of this series will not prevent the TREK Matterhorn Ultraks from being held.

3. ROUTES

Detailed maps and profiles of the different distances are available on the website on the respective sub-page of each route.

The start and finish of all races (except VERTINIGHT) will take place in the Ultraks Plaza on Obere Matten in Zermatt.

The lengths and altitude differences vary depending on the source. The following table gives the best estimates for each route:

	Length	ALTITUDE DIFFERENCES
ACTIVE	20 km	1,083 m
MOUNTAIN	32 km	2,000 m
SKY	49 km	3,600 m
EXTREME	26 km	3,066 m
VERTINIGHT	4.9 km	691 m/9 m

Attention! *Don't rely solely on the details on your watch. Depending on fog and other factors, deviations of up to five per cent are possible. Over a distance of 49 km, a deviation of more than two kilometres can occur.*

3.1. Replacement routes

If one or more races cannot take place due to weather conditions or changes in official regulations on the planned routes, alternative routes will be suggested where possible. The organizer reserves the right to make changes at any time.

3.2. Route marking

Information on the marking of the track will be posted later.

4. RACES

4.1. EXTREME

- Estimated length: 26 km
- Altitude ascent/descent: 3,066 m
- Starting time: Friday, 8:00 am (subject to change)
- Start mode: Mass start

4.2. VERTINIGHT

- Estimated length: 4.9 km
- Altitude ascent: 691 m, descent: 9 m
- Starting time: Friday, 8:45 pm (subject to change)
- Start mode: Mass start

4.3. SKY

- Estimated length: 49 km
- Altitude ascent/descent: 3,600 m
- Starting time: Saturday, 7:00 am (subject to change)
- Start mode: In blocks of around 200 runners

4.4. MOUNTAIN

- Estimated length: 32 km
- Altitude ascent/descent: 2,000 m
- Starting time: Saturday, 9:30 am (subject to change)
- Start mode: In blocks of around 200 runners

4.5. ACTIVE

- Estimated length: 20 km
- Altitude ascent/descent: 1,083 m
- Starting time: Sunday, 8:30 am (subject to change)
- Start mode: In blocks of around 200 runners

4.6. RELAY by Loyco

TREK Matterhorn Ultraks is holding a corporate relay race on the MOUNTAIN route in collaboration with Loyco. The specifications and conditions for the MOUNTAIN route also apply for the relay race.

4.6.1. Relay

The RELAY by Loyco race is run by teams of three runners each:

	Starting point – relay/arrival point	*Length*	*Altitude ascent*	*Altitude descent*
Runner 1	Zermatt – Sunnegga	7.5 km	665 m	10 m
Runner 2	Sunnegga – Furi (via Riffelalp)	10.4 km	389 m	810 m
Runner 3	Furi – Zermatt (via Schwarzsee)	14.1 km	946 m	1,180 m

4.6.2. Relay team composition

The teams can be put together freely (women and/or men).

The only condition is that each participant is at least 18 years old (year of birth 2010) and is an employee of the same company.

Only one ranking per team is created. There is one rating for men/mixed and one for all-women teams.

4.7. Children's race

Two races are offered for children, depending on the age group.

4.7.1. SUPER WOLLI

- Length: 2,600 m
- Altitude difference: 151 m
- Starting time: Friday, 5:45 pm (subject to change)
- Start mode: Mass start

a. <u>Age categories:</u>

Category	**Birth year**
Boys / Girls 1	2013 – 2014
Boys / Girls 2	2015 – 2016
Boys / Girls 3	2017 – 2018

4.7.2. WOLLI

- Length: 900 m
- Altitude difference: 17 m
- Starting time: Friday, 5:30 pm (subject to change)
- Start mode: Mass start

a. Age categories:

Category	Birth year
Boys / Girls 4	2019 – 2020
Boys / Girls 5	2021 – 2022

Children may be accompanied by an adult on the WOLLI route.

5. TIME LIMITS

5.1. Principle

The TREK Matterhorn Ultraks is a race in which time limits are applied for the comfort and safety of the participants.

The time limits apply equally to all starting blocks and are based on fixed times. Therefore, a later start in a subsequent block does not result in an extension of the time available.

5.2. Changes to routes or time limits

In case of bad weather and for safety reasons, the organiser reserves the right to cancel the current race, to adapt the routes and/or checkpoints and to change the time limit. The decision is made by the race committee and is irrevocable.

5.3. Table of time limits

Detailed time limits are available on the website on the respective sub-page of each route.

6. AID STATIONS

Aid stations can be viewed on the website under course details. Runners are only allowed to receive assistance from third parties within the area of the official aid stations. Any other external assistance is not permitted. Disregarding this rule will result in a penalty for each violation. The official Merrell Skyrunner® World Series competition rules apply to the EXTREME race.

7. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

7.1. Participation

Except for the RELAY, all races are single races.

7.2. Minimum age

Participation is open to all persons who fulfil the following age requirements:

- VERTINIGHT
  born 2013 or earlier
- ACTIVE
  born 2011 or earlier
- MOUNTAIN, SKY, EXTREME and RELAY
  born 2009 or earlier
- WOLLI AND SUPERWOLLI
  See point 4.7.

Minors require written permission from their parents. The corresponding form is available for download on the website and must be completed and signed for the bib number to be issued.

The organiser reserves the right to decide on exceptional cases.

7.3. Special conditions for the EXTREME race

Due to the technical difficulty of the route, participants in the EXTREME race must have mountain running experience.

Participants must be able to move independently in the high mountains away from trails and paths and in bad weather and/or fog.

Before confirming your registration, the organisers thoroughly check the required evidence.

Race management reserves the right to refuse access to the race. In this case, the participants will be guaranteed a place in one of the other races if they wish.

Any cost difference will be refunded. The decision of the race committee is irrevocable.

8. CATEGORIES

8.1. Overview of main races

	EXTREME	MOUNTAIN SKY	ACTIVE	VERTINIGHT
Men U20	2008 – 2009	2008 – 2009	2008 – 2011	2008 – 2013
Men M20	1998 – 2007	1998 – 2007	1998 – 2007	1998 – 2007
Men M30	1988 – 1997	1988 – 1997	1988 – 1997	1988 – 1997
Men M40	1978 – 1987	1978 – 1987	1978 – 1987	1978 – 1987
Men M50	1977 or older	1968 – 1977	1968 – 1977	1968 – 1977
Men M60+		1967 or older	1967 or older	1967 or older
Women U20	2008 – 2009	2008 – 2009	2008 – 2011	2008 – 2013
Women W20	1998 – 2007	1998 – 2007	1998 –2007	1998 – 2007
Women W30	1988 – 1997	1988 – 1997	1988 – 1997	1988 – 1997
Women W40	1978 – 1987	1978 – 1987	1978 – 1987	1978 – 1987
Women W50	1977 or older	1968 – 1977	1968 – 1977	1968 – 1977
Women W60+		1967 or older	1967 or older	1967 or older

8.2. Overview of children's races

	WOLLI	SUPERWOLLI
Boys/ Girls 1		2013 – 2014
Boys/ Girls 2		2015 – 2016
Boys/ Girls 3		2017 – 2018
Boys/ Girls 4	2019 – 2020	
Boys/ Girls 5	2021 – 2022	

9. REGISTRATION

9.1. Registration fees

Price in Swiss Francs per person (incl. GoActive fee, credit card fee and VAT 2.5%)

	The first 200 registrations per race	201st –500th registration per race	From the 501st Registration
ACTIVE	79.-	99.-	109.-
MOUNTAIN	129.-	139.-	149.-
SKY	149.-	159.-	179.-
EXTREME	149.-	149.- [1]	
VERTINIGHT	39.-	39.-	49.- [2]
RELAY by Loyco *(per team)*	300.0 [3]		
WOLLI and SUPER WOLLI	10.-		

9.2. Deadline for registration

Deadline for registration for a personalised bib is Sunday, 8 August 2027 at midnight, subject to available places.

For registrations between 9 and 18 August 2027, bib will not be personalized anymore. As of 18 August at 12pm lunchtime, the online registration is closed.

Registrations are possible on-site from Thursday, 19 August at 4:00 pm, provided the respective category is not sold out and the reserve bib numbers are still available.

9.3. Limited number of participants

The number of registrations per race is limited:

ACTIVE: 1,700
MOUNTAIN: 1,300
RELAY: 75 Teams
SKY: 1,100
EXTREME: 250
VERTINIGHT: 400
WOLLI: 150
SUPER WOLLI: 150

1 There are only 250 places available (220 of which are open to the public)

2 From 1 July 2027

3 Maximum 75 teams

9.4. Modification or cancellation of participation

9.4.1. Changing route selection

- If there are available spots, a runner can change their course selection until 8 August at midnight free of charge.
- In the case of a course change, the difference between the price at the time of the first registration and the current registration fee applicable on the day of the change must be paid.
- Should the price initially paid be higher than the registration fee for the new course after the change, the participant shall not be entitled to any refund or the additional services included in the previous route category.
- Transferring the race number to another person is not possible.
- Bib transfers to another category are possible on-site, provided the respective category is not sold out and the reserve bib numbers are still available.

9.4.2. Cancelling participation

You have the option to cancel your participation when registering online. This protection covers only the reimbursement of registration fees in cases which comply with the GTC.

9.5. Cancellation of the race

9.5.1. Reasons

- If the race is cancelled by the organiser for safety reasons, act of nature or due to force majeure (apart from pandemic), the registration fee will not be refunded.
- If the race is cancelled by the organiser for reasons other than safety, act of nature or force majeure, the registration fee will be refunded.
- Please note that in the event of a change of route or interruption for safety reasons (especially bad weather conditions), non-compliance with time limits, day changes during the race weekend or force majeure, no refund will be granted.

9.6. Starting package

Each registered participant is entitled to the following benefits:

- A bib number that entitles the runner to use the mountain railway for the return to Zermatt in the event of a withdrawal or a descent after the VERTINIGHT race[4]
- An electronic chip integrated into the bib number. This chip is disposable and does not need to be returned
- Refreshments during the race at the official aid stations along the course
- Medical services during the race and in the finish area
- Refreshments at the finish line after the race
- A (1) meal after the race
- Access to sanitary facilities
- Luggage storage (transport to arrival at VERTINIGHT)
- A finisher t-shirt
- A medal
- Showers in walking distance to the finish line

[4]This does not apply to the Täsch-Zermatt route.

Children are entitled to the following benefits:

- Bib number with disposable chip
- A commemorative medal included with the registration fee

Participants must pay for all services not mentioned (in particular, parking, train Täsch-Zermatt, accommodation and other refreshments).

10. EQUIPMENT

10.1. For all races except the exceptions listed below

- No compulsory equipment is required by the race committee, except for the EXTREME (see point 10.2) and the VERTINIGHT (see point 10.3) races.
- It is up to the participants themselves to decide what they take with them for the race. However, checking the weather forecast before you start is strongly recommended so that you have the right equipment for the weather conditions (mobile phone, long sleeve shirt and emergency blanket should be included).
- The locations of the aid stations should be studied in detail so that the food and drinks available between points can be factored in as best as possible.
- Please note that there are no cups available at the aid stations (except for on arrival at VERTINIGHT). You must, therefore, bring your own cup.

10.2. EXTREME race

The organisation requires runners to have the following equipment:

- Windproof jacket with long sleeves (rainproof in case of rain)
- Emergency blanket
- Micro crampons (see an example on the picture)



During the race, the section to be covered wearing micro crampons is clearly marked and monitored by the guides. Any participant who does not possess or wear micro crampons in this section will be disqualified immediately and will not be able to continue the race.

In addition, the EXTREME race must comply with the official rules and regulations of the *Merrel Skyrunner® World Series*, which are available on their website (https://www.skyrunnerworldseries.com/rules/). Please read them carefully.

10.3. VERTINIGHT race

A headlamp is required.

10.4. Poles

Poles are permitted on all routes. However, caution must always be exercised, especially at the start of the race. It is recommended not to actively use poles during the starting phase to avoid obstructing other participants – fair play!

11. RACE RULES

11.1. Start and time measurement

- The EXTREME, VERTINIGHT and kids' races have a mass start.
- The rest of the races will start in blocks consisting of around 200-250 runners and with interval pauses (of some minutes).
- At the time of registration, participants must indicate their estimated duration. This allows the starting blocks to be set up according to speed.
  Please reflect your actual performance – fair play!
- Only a runner from the first block can win the event.
- The block on the bib number is considered binding.

11.2. Wearing the bib number

- Each participant must wear their race bib number clearly visible on their chest, abdomen or right thigh throughout the race.
- Upon presentation of the bib number, the participants will receive refreshments, medical care and access to the zones and facilities reserved for the runners (luggage storage, etc.).

11.3. Behaviour on the route

Participants undertake to comply with all rules and requirements set out in the provisions of these regulations, as well as directives and instructions from the race committee.

Participants should pay particular attention to the following rules:

- All participants must follow the route markings.
- Participants shall, irrespective of any specific rules or instructions, take the necessary precautions bearing in mind track and weather conditions to prevent endangering themselves, other participants, organisational representatives or third parties on the route.
- Participants must help people in danger or in an accident and immediately report any accident to the race committee by telephone or to an official helper on the route (orange vest). The telephone number will be communicated later.
- Participants must clear the way and allow others to overtake them.
- The runners must protect the environment. No waste must be left on the route.
- Any form of physical support to a runner (pushing, pulling, carrying) is prohibited.

11.4. Withdrawal or disqualification

- A participant who has problems during the race may voluntarily withdraw from the race or be withdrawn from the race by decision of the race committee.
- A participant may only withdraw at a checkpoint unless they are injured. In this case, they must follow the instructions from the race committee.
- Any participant who does not reach the time limit will be disqualified and must

follow the instructions of the race committee. In the event of early withdrawal or disqualification, there is no entitlement to a refund.

11.5. Anti-doping

The organiser requires the participants to respect in particular the integrity and ethical aspects of the sport. Participants are prohibited from engaging in any form of doping.

The current doping regulations of Swiss Olympic apply to this competition. Doping tests may be conducted. Participants are subject to the anti-doping rules of Swiss Olympic and acknowledge the exclusive jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Commission for Doping Cases of Swiss Olympic and the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, to the exclusion of ordinary courts (doping list).

The official Merrell Skyrunner® World Series anti-doping rules apply to the EXTREME race.

11.6. Penalties

11.6.1. General

- In the event of a participant breaking the rules, a penalty will be imposed.
- All decisions regarding penalties are taken by the race committee. They are irrevocable.

11.6.2. Summary of penalties

Rule breach	Penalty imposed
• Failure to follow the safety instructions of the race committee • No micro crampons in the marked section of the EXTREME race • Positive doping test	• Disqualification
• Other behaviour that contravenes the rules or instructions	• Five minutes of penalties per infringement (cumulative) • Disqualification in case of serious infringements • Exclusion from rankings possible (no prize money, etc.)

11.7. Appeals

- Any appeals must be lodged in writing with the race committee and the timekeeping van no later than 15 minutes after the participant has reached the finish line. After that, no further appeal is possible.
- When filing an appeal, a security deposit of CHF 100 must be paid. This will be refunded if the appeal is upheld. If the appeal is rejected, the organiser will keep the deposit.
- The decision of the race committee on an appeal cannot be appealed.

12. RESULTS AND AWARDS

12.1. Results

- After the results are announced, a classification by category will be drawn up and published on the race website.
- If the race is stopped early, the classification will be drawn up according to the order and time of arrival of the participants at the last checkpoint.

12.2. Award ceremony

- Prizes are provided for the following races:
  - To the top three runners in the men's overall and women's overall categories
  - To the winners of the men's and women's age categories
  - To the top three teams in the RELAY race
  - To the top three children in each girls' and boys' category
- These prizes will be awarded at an award ceremony, the exact time of which can be found in the programme on the website.
- To receive a prize, the presence of each participant at the ceremony is required. Prizes will not be sent out.

12.3. Special prices

- In the EXTREME race, the top 10 runners will be awarded.
- The prize money for the EXTREME race is EUR 6,000.

13. ORGANISATION AND RACE COMMITTEE

13.1. Organisation

- The TREK Matterhorn Ultraks race is organised by Ultraks SA.

13.2. Race Committee

13.2.1. Composition

- The organiser shall appoint a race committee.
- Official representatives such as mountain guides, doctors and volunteers on the route are considered representatives of the race committee.

13.2.2. Responsibilities

- Managing the race, in particular the modification or interruption of the programme or the route
- Enforcement of the regulations
- Acting as a jury in the event of an appeal

- Decide on matters not covered by these regulations, if circumstances so require

14. LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

- Participation in the race is the sole responsibility of the runner, who knows and accepts the risks associated with mountain races.
- In the event of an accident, the runner expressly declares to release the organiser and all persons or entities involved in the organisation, including but not limited to the organiser's bodies and employees, authorised representatives, contractors, auxiliaries, including volunteers, from all liability to the greatest extent possible by law.
- Participants must be privately insured against accidents and other injuries.
- The costs of rescue in the event of an accident shall not be borne by the organiser.
- In the event of an emergency, for reasons which are always in the interest of the rescued person, the rescue service will be called in, which will then take charge of the operation and arrange for all appropriate means, including helicopter rescue. The costs resulting from the use of these exceptional means shall be borne by the rescued person, who shall also bear the costs of their return from the place of evacuation. It is up to the participant to prepare a dossier within the specified time limit and submit it to their private insurance company.
- If the organiser has had to pay the rescue costs directly, they will be reimbursed by the participant or their insurer.

15. PERSONAL DATA

By registering for the TREK Matterhorn Ultraks, you agree to us using your data for the purposes of the race.

You can request a correction of your data at any time by sending an email to info@matterhorn-ultraks.ch.

By registering, you consent to the publication of your name, first name, birth year, place of residence, bib number, race time and rank in the starting and ranking lists of the event. This consent applies both to the publication on the internet, in print media, on TV and via social media as well as to the display of lists and speaker announcements. Photographs and films taken in connection with our race event may be used on TV, internet, our own advertising material, magazines and books without any entitlement to remuneration.

You agree that the data provided for registration may be used for the purposes of the event and by sponsors and guarantee the accuracy of the information provided. The data is stored automatically. They will be deleted as soon as the purpose for which they were collected is fulfilled. Without written notification to us (to the email or postal address provided above) up to one week prior to the event, your personal data such as first and last name, home address (street, postal code and city), date of birth, telephone number, and your email address may be shared with sponsors and partners (e.g. photo and video services, EXTREME participant email addresses to Merrell Skyrunners® World Series) for services or selected promotional purposes in connection with the race event.

16. IMAGE RIGHTS AND USE FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES

16.1. General

- Each participant expressly authorises the organiser, partners and media to use the images or videos of the race, including pre-race and post-race footage in which they may be seen competing in the TREK Matterhorn Ultraks, on all media, including promotional material and/or leaflets, throughout the world and for the longest period provided for in applicable laws, regulations and contracts, including any extensions to this period.
- Participation in the race does not grant the participants the right to use the race and/or its name for advertising or commercial purposes for their own purposes or to transfer these rights to third parties.
- Any communication outside the private sphere and social networks relating to the event or using images of it is excluded without the express written permission of the organiser, who defines the terms and conditions.
- Matterhorn Ultraks is a registered trademark.

16.2. Photo service provider Sportograf

Sportograf Digital Solutions GmbH (web: www.sportograf.com) will be used as media partner and exclusive photo service provider for the competition.

Sportograf may collect video or image material on which you can be personally identified. By registering, you declare your consent to this.

Sportograf uses the data collected at the sporting events to fulfil its obligation as a photo service provider under the underlying contract with the organiser and, in its own economic interest, to market photos or videos of the event to interested participants via its website www.sportograf.com.

The data will not be passed on to subcontractors. Only photographers who have been instructed and engaged by Sportograf in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation will be used to collect the relevant photos/film material. In addition to manual image searches using location and time, a search using the bib number or a picture (selfie) is also possible. The latter uses an algorithm to determine the anonymous and non-personal characteristics of participants. The legal basis is our aforementioned legitimate interests according to Art. 6 para. 1 of the General Data Protection Regulation of the European Union (GDPR). An objection may be lodged against the processing.

For more information on the handling of this personal data and the right to object please refer to the privacy policy at www.sportograf.com/de/privacy.

In the event of discrepancies between the wording of the various versions of the regulations, the German version of the regulations shall prevail.

The organizer reserves the right to make changes to the regulations at any time.

The Organiser

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