

Lovćen SkyRace 2026

Rules and Regulations

General Information

Lovćen SkyRace 2026 is a Skyrunning-format mountain race that crosses the hinterland of the Bay of Kotor over Mount Lovćen, starting and finishing in the Old Town of Kotor. The race begins at sea level and climbs above 1,700 m, an exceptionally attractive and rare profile in European skyrunning. The first edition takes place on **28 November 2026**.

Start/Finish: City Waterfront (Gradska Riva), Old Town of Kotor

Distance: 30 km with 2,200 m of elevation gain

Schedule

- **27 November 2026:** Race pack collection, 17:00–20:00, Kotor Cultural Centre.
- **28 November 2026:** 07:30 briefing · 08:00 race start · 17:00 official finish cut-off.

If weather conditions are unfavourable, the race will move to Sunday 29 November 2026. The organiser reserves the right, at its own discretion, to postpone, cancel or partially postpone the race. If a participant cannot take part because of a postponement, the entry fee will not be refunded.

Organisation

The race is organised by the Skyrunning Club “Lovćen”, based in Kotor, with the support of the Municipality of Kotor, the Kotor Tourist Board and the race sponsors.

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The Course

Lovćen SkyRace: 30 km, 2,200 m+. The first part of the course is a steep climb to Pestingrad (1,000 m of gain in 3 km), which will be timed as a separate segment within the race. The course may be modified for safety reasons or due to weather conditions.

There will be three aid stations with water, other drinks, fruit and food:

- **Krstac** – 5.5 km from the start.
- **Mauzolej (Mausoleum)** – 13 km from the start.
- **Žanjev Do** – 23 km from the start.

From these points, transport to the finish area is provided for runners who withdraw or miss a cut-off.

Who Can Take Part

The race is open to runners aged 18 to 70 with experience in technical races, carrying the mandatory equipment set by the organiser. Participants under 18 must provide a consent form signed by both parents. All runners must be self-sufficient during the race.

Registration

Registration is open from **20 October to 22 November 2026**, online through the official website. Registration is complete only once the entry fee has been paid.

Every registration includes a race bib, race pack, aid-station refreshments and transport from the checkpoints in case of withdrawal. On race day, registrations without payment, acceptance of the rules and a signed waiver will not be valid. Registrations cannot be transferred to a future edition.

Entry fee: €40

Mandatory Equipment

- Trail running shoes
- Headlamp with charged batteries
- Long tights and long-sleeved shirt (in case of cold weather)
- Waterproof jacket with hood (minimum 10,000 mm waterproof rating)
- Gloves
- Hat or bandana
- Emergency blanket
- Cup
- Minimum 1.5 L of water
- First-aid kit (gauze, plasters, bandage)
- Whistle
- GPX track of the course

Recommended: trekking or running poles.

The organiser may activate the cold-weather equipment requirement up to 24 hours before the race. Incorrect use of, or missing, mandatory equipment will result in disqualification.

Race Bibs

The race bib must be visible at all times during the race and worn on the front.

Cut-Off Times

Every race has defined cut-off times to keep runners safe. Runners who do not pass a checkpoint within the allowed time cannot continue and must head directly to the nearest station to return. Continuing on the course without a race bib is strictly forbidden.

- **Pestingrad:** 2 h after the start (transport to the finish area provided from Krstac)
- **Mausoleum:** 5 h after the start (transport to the finish area provided from the Mausoleum checkpoint)
- **Žanjev Do:** 7 h 30 min after the start (transport to the finish area provided from the Žanjev Do checkpoint)
- **Maximum finish time:** 9 h

In case of unfavourable weather and/or for safety reasons, the organisation may stop a race in progress, delay the start or change the cut-off times.

Conduct and Fair Play

Maximum respect for the mountain, fellow runners and volunteers is required. Littering on the course is strictly forbidden and is punishable by disqualification. Assistance from people who are not part of the race is not allowed, except in the designated zones.

Penalties and Disqualification

Any runner found to be missing even one item of mandatory equipment may be disqualified or penalised, with no right of appeal. Irregularities, including those confirmed by video footage sent to the organisers after the race, may lead to penalties or disqualification.

The organiser may impose a penalty ranging from 30 minutes to disqualification for serious rule violations, in particular:

- Incorrect bib placement
- Missing all or part of the mandatory equipment
- Failing to help another runner in difficulty
- Using personal assistance outside the permitted zones
- Leaving personal equipment along the course
- Ignoring the ban on accompaniment on the course
- Littering along the course
- Cutting the course
- Insults, rude behaviour or threats towards organisers or volunteers
- Refusing an equipment check by the organisation at any point during the race

Appeals

All appeals must be submitted to the organiser within 15 minutes of crossing the finish line, with a written explanation if the organiser requests it. Any subsequent decision by the organiser is final.

Cancellation or Changes

In the event of extreme weather or force majeure, the organisers may modify, stop or cancel the race without refund, unless otherwise stated.

Insurance

Participants are fully responsible for their own participation and waive any right to claim against the organisers for damage or other consequences arising during the race. At registration, runners must sign a liability waiver. Runners are advised to take out personal accident insurance.

Data and Photography

By registering, participants consent to the free use of their image and data for promotional and statistical purposes, in accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR).

Safety

Safety is provided by the organiser. Checkpoints and medical assistance will be available along the course. For safety reasons and/or in case of unfavourable weather, the organisers reserve the right to modify, stop or cancel the race.

Rankings and Prizes

There are two categories: men and women. The top three finishers in each category receive prizes. There will also be a prize for the best result on the “Pestingrad Vertical” segment for the fastest woman and man.

Acceptance of the Rules

Registration implies full knowledge and acceptance of these rules, the liability waiver and the principle of personal responsibility in a mountain environment. By registering, each participant agrees to abide by these rules and releases the organisers from any civil or criminal liability for any accident or incident, as well as for damage to persons or property that may occur during the event. The official event rules are those set out above.