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Monaco, 18 June 2026

To: MEMBER FEDERATIONS

Copy: Council Members
Executive Board Members
Commission Chairpersons
Area Associations
Dentsu Athletics

**Re: 2027 World Mountain & Trail Running Championships, Cape Town, RSA - 06-10 October 2027
Information**

Dear all,

On behalf of World Athletics, our partner associations the World Mountain Running Association (WMRA), the International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) and the International Trail Running Association (ITRA), and the World Mountain & Trail Running Championships (WMTRC) 27 Local Organising Committee, I am pleased to provide some preliminary information to assist Member Federations in their preparation for the Championships, including details regarding athlete quotas for this edition and initial information on the race courses (i.e. distances, elevation, and terrain). Further information and final details will be provided in due course.

As with previous editions, Member Federations will be invited to submit their preliminary entries through the World Athletics Event Entry System (EES), which is expected to open in April 2027.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at natacha.manchado@worldathletics.org should you have any questions regarding the attached information.

Best wishes,

Jon Ridgeon
Chief Executive Officer

Appendices: A - Quota and Non-Quota Athletes
B – Courses



APPENDIX A

QUOTA AND NON-QUOTA ATHLETES

Quota athlete means the number of athletes entitled to receive free full-board accommodation (i.e. breakfast, lunch and dinner) during the World Mountain and Trail Running Championships Cape Town 2027.

For the WMTRC Cape Town 27, the maximum number of QUOTA ATHLETES is ten (10) per national team, which should equate to one (1) QUOTA ATHLETE per gender per race with a maximum of three (3) QUOTA ATHLETES per gender per race.

Thirty-eight (38) NON-QUOTA ATHLETES per national team with a maximum of five (5) NON-QUOTA ATHLETES per gender per race for each trail race and a maximum of three (3) NON-QUOTA ATHLETES per gender per race for each mountain race.

Athletes/Team Officials

Number of Athletes	Number of Team Officials per team to receive free full board accommodation for 5 nights
1- 5 Quota Athletes	1
6+ Quota Athletes	2

The Local Organising Committee shall arrange and pay for full-board accommodation (i.e. breakfast, lunch and dinner) for the applicable number of QUOTA ATHLETES and Team Officials, in accordance with the table and provisions above, for up to five (5) nights. Accommodation will be provided in twin rooms, with two (2) athletes / team officials per room.

Further information and final details will be provided in due course.



APPENDIX B

COURSES

EVENT	DISTANCE*	ELEVATION GAIN*
UPHILL	6.5km	960m
SHORT TRAIL	40.5km	2100m
LONG TRAIL	84.5km	4300m
CLASSIC	14km	740m
CLASSIC U20	7km	370m

**Please note that these values are approximate and final details will be provided in due course.*

RACE PROFILES**

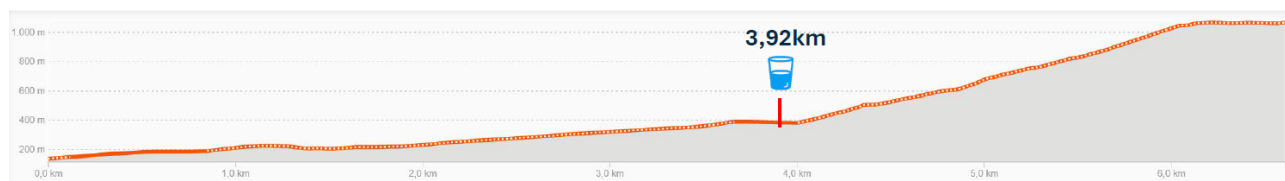
Senior Classic



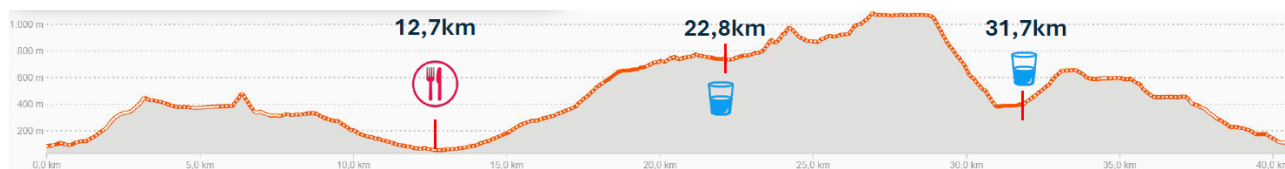
U20 Classic



Uphill



Short Trail





Long Trail



***Please note that the final race profiles, as well as the locations of aid stations, will be confirmed further and communicated in due course.*