

**To All WA Federations.**

**Dear General Secretary**

**World Mountain and Trail Running Championships, Thailand, 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

### **Summary**

Further to the latest information on the postponement of the World Mountain and Trail Running Championships to 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and our recent site visit, we can now bring you some details of the course and accommodation and the competition grants and prize money that will be available. The World Championships website [www.wmtc2021thailand.com](http://www.wmtc2021thailand.com) will be reactivated in the New Year and the General Information Sheet (GIS) will be published soon and further news will be published regularly on the website.

### **Travel and Accommodation.**

Bangkok Airport will be the key international hub for all teams and there is easy transfer to internal flights to Chiang Mai. [Currently Covid restrictions require a 24H quarantine in a nearby hotel in Bangkok while awaiting the results of a PCR test before further internal travel but that will hopefully change].

In Chiang Mai, the airport is only 6 km (20 mins) from the accommodation hotels and only a further 3 km to the Convention Centre which is the Race HQ and where most races start and finish.

All accredited athletes and management will benefit from the subsidised travel and accommodation arrangements provided by the LOC listed below:

- All internal flights (BKK – Chiang Mai return) will be at a discounted cost of no more than \$120.
- Accommodation with breakfast will be available for the period 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 at the following costs per room per night (either 2 persons sharing, or 1 single - same price)
  - 3\* \$45/55 (450 available)
  - 4\* \$100 (210 available)
  - 5\* \$125 (50 available).

If a Federation cancels their accommodation, they will be refunded as follows:

60 days beforehand (or more)	80%
45 days -60 days	50%
30 days or less	no refund

However, if the whole event has to be cancelled due to the COVID situation then there would be a full refund bar administration costs.

Free lunches will be provided for all athletes and team officials by showing your accreditation. Extra meals can be purchased at \$15 per person. Dinners will also be free to all accredited personnel. All accommodation details will be in the GIS and on the website and Federations will be able to register in the New Year. It is likely that all meals apart from breakfast will be taken at the Race HQ in the Convention Centre.

### **Courses: Annex A & B.**

The recent site visit has allowed us to work through the best mountain and trail courses with the LOC and these are illustrated in Annex A (attached file) with their profiles. There will be one main refreshment point for the two trail championship courses where team management can attend their athletes. This will also be the finish point to for the uphill mountain races. Annex B contains some photographs of the courses.

## Championships Indicative Timetable

We are proposing the following indicative timetable for the Championships. Arrival times and dates will also be dependent on health requirements at the time.

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Teams arrival and accreditation	Chiang Mai Exhibition Centre
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Teams arrival and accreditation	Chiang Mai Exhibition Centre
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Teams arrival and accreditation	
	Course visits	
Morning	WMRA Congress	
Afternoon	WMRA Technical Meeting (Uphill)	
	Opening Ceremony/Welcome dinner	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Arrival and accreditation	
Morning	Uphill Championships (Men)	
	Uphill Championships (Women)	
Afternoon	World Trail Running Technical Meeting	
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> November		
Morning (6 am)	Long Trail Championships race start	
(7 am)	Short Trail Championships race start	
10:30 – 12:00	Short Trail Championships race finish	
14:00 – 20:00	Long Trail Championships race finish	
Afternoon	WMRA Technical Meeting ( Up and down)	
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> November		
Early morning	Open trail and road races start/finish	
8:30 – 11:30	Classic Up and Down Mountain Championships	
	Junior Men	
	Junior Women	
	Senior Men	
	Senior Women.	
Afternoon/evening	Post race press conferences	
	Closing Ceremonies & Farewell Party	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Teams check out and departure.	

## Competition Grants.

Every Federation that brings at least 2 athletes (1 male and 1 female) to the Championships and preferably with scoring teams (3 male and/or 3 female athletes) will be entitled to the following competition grants to defray against the costs of travel and accommodation. Athletes may compete in more than one team for their federation at the different events but only count once for the purposes of the competition grants.

2 single athletes	\$1000
1 scoring team of three athletes or four athletes in total.	\$2000
2 scoring teams of three athletes	\$3000
3 scoring teams of three athletes	\$4000
4 scoring teams of three athletes	\$5000

A scoring team can be male or female for trail (senior only) or mountain (senior or junior) or any championships. The maximum number of teams eligible for competition grants is four. However, Federations do have the opportunity of entering a team for each event i.e. 10 teams.

## Prize money.

The LOC are very generously providing 66,000 US Dollars in prize money. This will be allocated as follows in all the Senior Championships. There is a Thailand government requirement to deduct 5% tax before any prize money is paid.

Position	Vertical Mountain Race	Classic (12K) Mountain Race	Short (40K) Trail Race	Long (80k) Trail Race
<b>Womens Races</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup>	4.000,00	4.000,00	4.000,00	4.000,00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.000,00	2.000,00	2.000,00	2.000,00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1.000,00	1.000,00	1.000,00	1.000,00
4 <sup>th</sup>	750,00	750,00	750,00	750,00
5 <sup>th</sup>	500,00	500,00	500,00	500,00
<b>Mens Races</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup>	4.000,00	4.000,00	4.000,00	4.000,00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.000,00	2.000,00	2.000,00	2.000,00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1.000,00	1.000,00	1.000,00	1.000,00
4 <sup>th</sup>	750,00	750,00	750,00	750,00
5 <sup>th</sup>	500,00	500,00	500,00	500,00
TOTAL	16.500,00	16.500,00	16.500,00	16.500,00

There will be no prize money for the Junior events nor for teams, although team medals will be awarded. Member Federations will not be required to pay any entry fees for the championships.

We will be keeping in touch with further information over the next months and the GIS will be issued in January. Meanwhile stay safe and healthy.

Best wishes.

*Hilary Walker*

On behalf of The World Mountain and Trail Championships Partnership.