

## Rules of the Sports Competition „DHL Carpathian Marathon” 2022

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### 1. About the Event

**DHL Carpathian Marathon** (hereinafter referred to as the „**Competition**” or „**Event**”) is a mountain run / trail run event, organized in Romania in the Meridional Carpathians – Leaota and Bucegi Mountains, open to both elite and aspiring and hobby runners, by offering a variety of races. The Event aims to bring together runners of all ages, beginners as well as experienced runners.

DHL Carpathian Marathon is an event for charity, supporting the cause of Paralympic athletes.

The Event is scheduled for Saturday, **18th of June 2022**, between **7:30 AM to 7:00 PM**, having the Start and Finish within the Biathlon Arena in **Cheile Gradistei Fundata resort** (hereinafter referred to as the „Race Village”), county of Brasov (GPS 45.453381, 25.300852).

The Event program will be posted on the official website [www.maratondhl.ro](http://www.maratondhl.ro)

### 2. Organizers

The Event organizer is Asociatia Clubul Sportiv MPG (hereinafter referred to as „MPG” or „Organizer” or „Organizers”). In order to offer participants a high quality experience, the Organizer will collaborate with Media Production Group SRL and MTB Academy for the implementation of the Competition.

### 3. Applicability of these Rules

The Rules described hereinafter are intended to be definitive and final. Unless the Rules specifically incorporate rules or regulations of any governing body for running (e.g. the regulations of the Romanian Athletics Federation), such rules and regulations will not be applicable to the Competition.

The Rules can be updated and amended at any time by the Organizer. The version of the Rules that is valid one day prior to the Event will remain valid for the entirety of the Event. Failure to comply with any of the Rules will result in an official warning or penalty, which could include a runner’s disqualification in certain circumstances.

The interpretation of any rule by the Race Director and/or the Event Organization Committee will be final and binding on all the participants in the Competition.

### 4. Right to participate

The Event is open to all amateur or performance athletes who participate in their own name or represent companies in Romania enrolled in the competition.

Participants must be at least 19 years old for the Marathon race and at least 16 years old for the Half-Marathon race. Other limitations regarding the age of participants are specific to each individual race type, according to the following table:

Race	Distance	Age
Marathon	42 Km	Minimum age: 19 yrs.
Half-Marathon	21 Km	Minimum age: 16 yrs.
Relay 6 x 7 km	7 Km	Minimum age: 14 yrs.
Relay 3 x 7 km	7 Km	Minimum age: 14 yrs.
Children - Kids Race 1K	1 Km	Age between 12 and 13 yrs.
Children - Kids Race 500m	500 m	Age between 9 and 11 yrs.
Children - Kids Race 250m	250 m	Age between 5 and 8 yrs.

The allocation of a participant to a specific age group is determined by subtracting his/her birth year from the year of the Event (2022). For example, if a rider is born in 1985, his/her age will be considered to be 37 (= 2022 – 1985) for the purpose of the Race.

Participating in the Competition requires an adequate health condition and knowledge of the conditions of the Event, as described by these Rules. All participants aged over 18 years will sign a Declaration on their own



responsibility, and for young people under the age of 18, the Declaration signed by the parent or the legal guardian will be mandatory.

**5. Race options; Race categories / Prize categories**

There are 7 Race types available at entry: Marathon 42 km, Half-Marathon 21 km, Relay 6 x 7 km, Relay 3 x 7 km, Kids 1 km, Kids 500 m and Kids 250 m. Participants may enroll in only one race type, corresponding to their age.

For each race, several race categories are determined (age-based or OPEN), each such category with its own ranking corresponding to prize categories, according to the following table:

Race type	Distance	Race category (*)	Participation
<b>Marathon</b>	42 Km	<b>M/W:</b> 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, over 50 years <b>M/W:</b> OPEN	Individual
<b>Half-Marathon</b>	21 Km	<b>M/W:</b> 16-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, over 50 years <b>M/W:</b> OPEN	Individual
<b>Relay 6 x 7 km</b>	7 Km	<b>M/W/Mixed:</b> 14-18, 19-39, over 40 years	* The 14-18 year category is open to 6-person teams that have only runners under the age of 18 * The ranking of a team in the 19-39 or 40+ age category is given by the age of the youngest runner in the team
<b>Relay 3 x 7 km</b>	7 Km	<b>M/W/Mixed:</b> 14-18, 19-39, over 40 years	* The 14-18 year old category is open to teams of 3 people who have only runners under the age of 18 * The ranking of a team in the 19-39 or 40+ age category is given by the age of the youngest runner in the team
<b>Children - Kids Race 1K</b>	1 Km	<b>M/W:</b> 12-13 years	Individual
<b>Children - Kids Race 500 m</b>	500 m	<b>M/W:</b> 9-11 years	Individual
<b>Children - Kids Race 250 m</b>	250 m	<b>M/W:</b> 5-8 years	Individual

Note: M / W = Men / Women

(\*) If a race category (age-based) does not have a minimum of 3 registered runners or teams, that race category will be merged with the immediate inferior category and timed together with it, thus resulting in a new enlarged Race category. If the minimum number of 3 runners / teams is not achieved after joining all race categories for the same sex (M, W or Mixed), that race category will be considered to be non-competitive and no prizes will be offered.

**6. Prizes**

For each Race category / Prize category there will be prizes awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in that respective category. The structure and content of the prizes will be announced on the Event website [www.maratondhl.ro](http://www.maratondhl.ro)

The prizes announced on the site do not oblige their winners to pay any taxes and duties, the payment of such taxes and duties, if any, falling under the Organizers’ responsibility.



## 7. Race tracks

Participants at the DHL Carpathian Marathon have racetrack options of different lengths, depending on the type of the race: 42 km (Marathon), 21 km (Half-Marathon), 7 km (Relay), 1 km, 500 m and 250 m (Kids Race) respectively. All the race courses are loop type, having the starting point and the arrival point in the same place, respectively the Biathlon Arena in the Cheile Gradistei Fundata resort. For safety reasons, the tracks in gpx format will be sent to all participants a few days before the event takes place.

The actual length of each racetrack may be different than the one published or announced.

The race course on which Kids Race participants will run will use the biathlon track and access ways in the Race Village. The 7 km long relay track uses both the biathlon track as well as forest roads and paths in the immediate vicinity of Cheile Gradistei Fundata. The marathon and half-marathon routes use a mix of forest roads, mountain paths and local public roads that are mostly unpaved.

A runner must at all times follow the official race track, obey the directions of the competition marshals, and may not take any shortcuts or take any other advantage of a similar nature against competitors. The responsibility for following the official race course lies with each participating runner.

The runners who exit the official race track for any reason must return to the course at the same point from which they exited.

The Organizers will obtain passage rights for all runners to access the designated race courses solely during the day of the Competition and only for the purpose of the Event. There is no explicit or implicit right secured by the Organizers from local authorities or landowners for any runner to access any of the designated routes outside the Competition. No runner shall trespass at any time of the year on land which is not open to the public for hiking and which forms part of the race tracks of DHL Carpathian Marathon.

The Competition will take place over a combination of private and public land. It is the duty of all participants to adhere to the rules of the Romanian civil code regarding road use (ex. staying on the right-hand side of the road) so as to ensure the safety of all participants and road users. Failure to do so may result in the participant being disqualified.

The Organizers may change any race track or cancel / stop the Competition at any time, in their sole discretion, for concerns related to the safety of participants or any other reason that they may consider appropriate.

## 8. Registration for the Competition

In order to participate in the DHL Carpathian Marathon 2022 edition, participants must perform two operations: (1) registering on the official website [www.maratondhl.ro](http://www.maratondhl.ro) and (2) validating the registration by paying the participation fee. The information on the participation fee is presented on the website of the event at [www.maratondhl.ro/inscrieri?lang=en](http://www.maratondhl.ro/inscrieri?lang=en).

The registration for the Competition involves 2 steps:

### ***Step 1 – Filling in online the enrollment form and paying the participation fee***

Online registrations are made through the website [www.maratondhl.ro](http://www.maratondhl.ro).

Payment of the participation fee can be made as follows:

- Online, via PayU (using a debit/credit card), immediately after completing the enrollment form. Registration will be automatically validated (confirmed) by PayU;
- Bank transfer via payment order (payment at a bank's cash desk or electronic transfer). In order to complete the registration, it is necessary to send a copy of the proof of payment to [events@mpg.com.ro](mailto:events@mpg.com.ro) and request the validation of the registration.

In order to pay directly to the Organizers' account, the following data for bank transfer or payment at a bank's cash desk will be used:



**Asociatia Clubul Sportiv MPG, CUI: 34882970**

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Banca: BCR – Sucursala Dorobanti

Entry in the competition is considered validated only after the payment of the participation fee is done and this payment is confirmed in the system.

### *Step 2 –Receiving the race number with the timing chip and the participation kit*

For riders registered before the 30th of May in the Half Marathon 21k, Marathon 42k and Relay 7k, race packs will be sent through DHL courier service. Riders registered after the 30th of May and all parents / tutors of participants starting in Kids Races can collect their race packs from the Race Village Info & Registration Office. The kit includes the official jersey of the event, plus various information and products offered by event sponsors.

Details regarding the race number (bib number) and timing chip pick up will be communicated on the website [www.maratondhl.ro](http://www.maratondhl.ro)

Wearing the race number and timing chip during the Competition is absolutely mandatory, in the absence of it the participant being unable to be detected by the electronic timing system. The absence of the race number leads to disqualification from the competition. A runner who does not carry the race number implicitly assumes that he/she should not be considered as participating in the Event, the Organizer not being responsible for his/her safety during the race.

### **9. Declaration on Own Responsibility**

Participation in the DHL Carpathian Marathon can only be made on the basis of a Declaration on Own Responsibility signed by the participant, showing that he/she participates in this Competition on his/her own responsibility, that he/she has taken note of the content of the Competition Rules, that he/she is apt from the medical point of view, that he/she does not suffer from any life-threatening diseases, that he/she has consulted a specialist doctor before the competition regarding his/her general health status, that he/she has knowledge of the conditions and the tracks of the Competition, and that he/she fully assumes all those declared under private signature.

Young people under the age of 18 (under 18 years of age at the time of the start) will be required to submit the Declaration signed by the parent or the legal guardian. Such participants may enroll and compete only based on the acceptance by their parents or tutors of all the risks presented in the current Rules.

All participants must have with them a valid identity document.

In the case of the Relay, the team leader must hand over the Declarations signed by all members of the team, accompanied by copies of each member's identity documents.

Participation in the Competition involves the full, express and unambiguous knowledge and acceptance of these Rules. By doing so, the participants implicitly acknowledge that they have learned and fully understand the inherent risks related to a mountain running competition, also described in these Rules, and agree to assume them all, among these risks also being:

- **Running equipment and personal goods:** loss, theft, destruction, wear;
- **Health** (accidents that may occur before, during or after the Competition): injuries, fractures, heart attack, exhaustion, anaphylactic shock, death;
- **Weather** (extreme weather conditions): rain, heat, storm, hail, wind, lightning;
- **Terrain** (dangerous areas along the running track): areas with mud, sudden changes of direction;
- **Meeting on the route with other traffic participants:** animals, ATVs, ambulances, fire engines and police cars on mission;
- **Others:** accidents caused by other competitors.



By enrolling in the Competition, the participants agree that in the event of an undesirable occurrence during their participation in the DHL Carpathian Marathon race, including injuries, they shall not make any claim or complaint against the Organizers of the event or its partners.

By signing up for the DHL Carpathian Marathon, the participants implicitly confirm reading, understanding, expressing their agreement and complying with the Rules of the Competition, as well as observing all the indications and directions given by the Organizers and Organizers' representatives during the event.

#### **10. Transfer to a different race**

All transfer solicitations to a different race in the Event must take place before the 1st of June 2022 and be submitted through the official Contact page on the Competition website. A transfer request will be denied if the race to which the transfer should be made is sold out. An additional fee may apply in order for the transfer request to be processed, depending on the changes necessary to be made in the registration system. As a result of the transfer, any personalized items part of the participation kit, such as the race number, will be cancelled & replaced by non-personalized items.

#### **11. Transfer of an Event registration to a different runner**

All solicitations regarding a transfer of an Event registration to a different runner must take place before the 1st of June 2022 and be submitted through the official Contact page on [www.maratondhl.ro](http://www.maratondhl.ro). If the request is validated, a non-refundable fee amounting to 10 Euro or 50 Ron, as the case may be, must be paid no later than the 4th of June 2022 for the transfer procedure to take place. Please note that all upgrades are transferable only as part of a whole entry subscription and not as separate and distinct items. As a result of the transfer, any personalized item which was part of the participation kit, such as the race number, will be annulled and replaced with a similar but non-personalized item.

#### **12. Cancellation of an Event registration**

Cancellation of a validated registration (participation fee has been paid) is only possible under certain strict conditions, as follows:

- a. The cancellation request must be made by 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 at the latest ("Limit Date ") and must be sent via the official Contact page at [www.maratondhl.ro](http://www.maratondhl.ro).
- b. Any cancellation request submitted after the Limit Date will be denied.
- c. If the request for cancellation was submitted until the Limit Date at the latest, the Organizer will return the participant 50% of the amount of the paid participation fee, the difference being donated to the charitable cause.

Please note that entries paid for the 2022 edition of DHL Carpathian Marathon cannot be transferred for the 2023 edition of the event.

If the Organizers cancel an entry or disqualify a participant as a result of race Rules being breached, no refund will be payable, the participation fee being donated to the charitable cause.

By enrolling in the Competition, all participants implicitly accept that in the exceptional case that obliges the Organizers to cancel the Event, for reasons beyond the Organizers' will (ex. "Act of God"), for the safety of the participants, the participation fees will not be refunded.

#### **13. Medical requirements**

It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that he / she is in good health to participate in this Event and has an appropriate level of physical training. By choosing to join the DHL Carpathian Marathon, the participants take full responsibility for their health throughout their participation in the Event.



**By these Rules, the Organizers of the DHL Carpathian Marathon inform the participants of the need to conduct a thorough medical check before the Event, one month or less before reaching the Competition, proving that the person in question is fit for physical exercise. The risk of not doing this medical check rests entirely with each participant or, if the participant is a minor, the risk lays with his/her legal parents / guardians.**

The Race Director has the right to remove a runner from continuing the race, on the basis of inadequate medical condition, indicated by an official Race doctor or any other medical official recognized by the Organizers. The decision is considered to be final.

#### **14. The Start; Technical session**

Each race will start at a specific hour, which is unique for each race. Start time schedule will be available on the Competition website [www.maratondhl.ro](http://www.maratondhl.ro)

The start chute opens 15 minutes before the start of each race, unless communicated otherwise.

Before each start a technical session will be held by the Race Director, through which he will convey important information about the status of the route, maximum race times, and safety measures for the participants, etc. Participants are required to be careful and to ensure that they understand what is transmitted during the technical session, the responsibility for non-observance of the indications transmitted during this session belonging entirely to them.

Each participant will start the race with the time indicated by the timing system when passing it over the official starting line (CHIP TIME). Thus, the time to run through the route will be given by the difference between the time recorded by the official chronometer at the passage over the finish line and the time indication of the chronometer when passing over the start line, within the start procedure. It is essential for a participant to wear the race number with the timing chip attached on its back side, in the absence of which the timing system being unable to detect his/her departure and thus automatically categorizing the competitor as DNS ("Did Not Start").

#### **15. Handing off the baton in the Relay Race**

All participants in the Relay Races 6 x 7 km and 3 x 7 km will have as relay leg the same 7-km loop race course starting and arriving at the Biathlon Base in the Race Village.

The baton handing off is made in the immediate vicinity of the start / finish line, in an area specially designated for this action. Competitors who are waiting to take over the baton must follow the instructions of the Starting Referee and do not impede in any way the handover of the other teams in competition.

The Referee may penalize a competitor and his team upon finding that he/she repeatedly obstructs the handing over of the baton by the other teams, up to the decision to disqualify the competitor's team.

#### **16. Race number; Identification of competitors**

All competitors are obliged to wear the race number in plain sight, in front of the shirt. It is forbidden to remove or modify the timing chip or the race number, in which case the participant risks not being registered at the checkpoints on the race course and / or the finish line, and thus being disqualified.

Race numbers may not be modified or damaged in any way, including cutting, adding stickers, removing existing stickers or trimming.

No runner may carry more than 1 race number (including timing chip) at any time, and no runner may pass his/her race number on to anyone else at any time throughout the Event. If a runner breaches this rule, he/she will automatically be disqualified from the Race and removed from the General Classification results.

No official DHL Carpathian Marathon sponsor logos may be removed from the Race number and/or be obscured in any way.

#### **17. Mandatory running equipment**

The following equipment is mandatory for each participant to be present at the start: appropriate running shoes





for mountain running (trail running), sports apparel appropriate for trail running, race number (provided by the Organizer).

#### **18. Hydration & Nutrition Points**

DHL Carpathian Marathon runs through mountain areas and will expose participants to various weather conditions. Runners have the ultimate responsibility to carry enough water and nutrition with them during the race.

The Organizers of the Competition will provide along the running course Hydration & Nutrition Points with specific supplies, including water, isotonic sports drinks, fruits and other nutrients to help restore runners' energy reserves. The water is exclusively for hydration. No excessive use of water for any other purpose will be permitted at these official Nutrition & Hydration Points.

The location of the Nutrition & Hydration Points will be communicated on the event website and will be announced during the technical session held before the start of the race.

#### **19. Medical assistance during the Event**

The medical assistance during the event is ensured both by the presence of an ambulance with specialized medical personnel, positioned in the start/finish area, as well as by personnel specialized in emergency situations located on the race course at the control points, points indicated on the Event race tracks map.

Both before and during the Competition, participants may request assistance from the medical staff present in the Race Village. By enrolling in the Competition, the participants assume on their own responsibility a proper health status for running the race they registered for.

#### **20. Access to the starting area. Parking and accommodation facilities.**

Car access to the Cheile Gradistei - Fundata Resort is made from DN 73F Moieciu de Jos - Moieciu de Sus, using the road that starts from Cheile Gradistei - Moieciu Resort. The national road DN 73F is bifurcate from DN 73 Bran - Rucar in the area of Moieciu de Jos. There are various parking areas in the Race Village.

For those interested, accommodation can be made both in Cheile Gradistei - Fundata resort and in Cheile Gradistei - Moieciu resort.

#### **21. Wardrobe / Storage of personal belongings. Toilets**

Nearby the start/finish area, competitors will benefit from wardrobe and cloakroom facilities arranged in one of the buildings which are part of the Biathlon Arena in the Race Village. The wardrobe area will benefit from security.

Competitors will be able to use both the toilets next to the cloakroom and the toilets located in the immediate vicinity of the start/finish area.

#### **22. Timing and Results**

Electronic timing is performed using MyLaps disposable chips attached on the back of the race numbers. The timing system used in the Competition is recognized as being one of the best in the world and is complemented by the assistance provided by professional marshals/referees. Only intermediary results will be displayed on-site. The final results will be made available after the Competition, on the official website of the Event.

The timing of the participants will be done using the CHIP TIME rule. The chronometer starts for each participant when he/she passes over the timing line (carpet) positioned right under the Start Arch and stops when he/she finishes the race by crossing the timing line (carpet) that is marked as the Finish line. Thus, within the starting procedure, there will be no need for a runner to being positioned in the immediate vicinity of the Start line. Wearing the race number and timing chip is absolutely mandatory during the whole race, from start to finish, otherwise the timing system cannot detect the presence of the runner in the race.

By using the CHIP TIME rule for timing, it does not matter when a runner takes the start, but only the time difference between passing the Finish line and the crossing over the Start line, as measured by the official chronometer.





***Did not finish (DNF)***

Any runner who withdraws from the race or who does not reach the designated cut-off points in time (also see below Cut-off Times) will be classified as 'Did Not Finish' or DNF. DNF runners will not be eligible for any prizes and will not appear in the General Ranking of the Race.

***Did not start (DNS)***

In case a participant does not start in the race for which he/she was registered, he/she will be considered a DNS and will not receive a race result, being also removed from the General Ranking of the Race.

***Start time***

Timing will start for each individual race when the official starting procedure is performed for a specific race. The start line will remain open for 15 minutes after the official start of the race.

Any runner who is not present at the official start must report to the Race Director within 15 minutes of the start time, in order to seek approval for a late start.

No runner is allowed to start late without approval. If no approval for a late start has been given, the runner will be considered a DNS (Did Not Start), and will not receive a race result.

The cut-off time for a race will not be adjusted for any runner who is permitted a late start.

***Cut-off Times***

The maximum Cut-off Times for each race type in the Competition are determined according to the length of each race course and the terrain to be covered along the race. Maximum Cut-off Times will be announced in the Race participation kit, but may be changed by the Competition Organizers at their discretion. Any variations of the Cut-off Times will be communicated to runners during the technical session organized prior to the official start of the race.

In case a runner finishes the race in a time greater than the maximum Cut-off Time set for the respective race, he/she will be marked as DNF (did not finish).

The Competition Organizers may designate intermediate cut-off points on the race course that must be reached within specific times (Intermediate Cut-off Times). Any runner which fails, or will in the sole opinion of the Race Organizers and Race Marshals be unable to reach an intermediate cut-off point prior to the Intermediate Cut-off Times set for that point will be prevented from continuing to race, be transported outside the race course to the Start/Finish area and be classified as DNF (did not finish) for that race.

A competitor's refusal to stop the race and leave the race course may endanger both the participant and the rescue teams and members of the organizing team. The refusal to stop and leave the race leads to the automatic disqualification of the participant, the Organizer being in no way responsible for the participant's safety from that time on. If a participant refuses to stop the race despite the referees' indications and after such decision a rescue or intervention operation needs to take place in order to evacuate the participant from the race course, the costs of such intervention will be fully borne by the participant and charged to him. Also, in such a situation, the participant becomes directly responsible for any injury suffered by a member of the organizing team during the rescue and / or participant's evacuation operation.

The race Organizers may at any time impose additional cut-off points due to safety reasons.

If a runner cannot continue the race for whatever reason, all efforts will be made to transport such runner to the start/finish area at no additional cost for the runner.

Any runner who does not complete the race within the maximum Cut-off Time set for that race will automatically be classified as DNF.

***Checkpoints***

There will be checkpoints on each race course, which will be shown on the race map.

Race Marshals will be located in some of these checkpoints. Runners that are not detected when passing these checkpoints may be disqualified. The location of these checkpoints will not be made explicit, and hidden checkpoints

are not excluded.

### 23. Penalties; Disqualification

Penalties that may lead to disqualification of the participant:

- Not following the official and marked race course, or deviation from the race track;
- Missing a checkpoint;
- Loss of the race number;
- Running without the race number positioned in plain sight, in front of the shirt;
- Use of a means of transportation during the race;
- Exceeding any of the Cut-off Times defined by the Organizer for the race;
- Abandoning packaging or equipment outside the Hydration Points or Control Points;
- Inappropriate behavior towards other runners, public, supporters, Organizers, partners, sponsors, volunteers.

The Organizers will take the necessary measures to minimize the risks of participating in the Competition. That's why it is absolutely essential for all participants to follow the instructions of the Official Marshals / Referees positioned on the race course. If a participant is alerted by a marshal/referee that he has to stop and abandon the race, for whatever reason (ex. exceeding a specific Cut-off Time, deterioration of the race course, marshal's / referee's assessment regarding the physical condition of the runner, a.s.o.), that runner is obliged to comply with the marshal's / referee's indication, otherwise **the competitor is automatically disqualified**.

### 24. Abandoning the race

Runners who cannot continue the race for whatever reason must immediately inform the Competition Coordination Office. This can be done at the race start, the finish, checkpoints or by calling the DHL Carpathian Marathon emergency mobile numbers (numbers printed on each race number).

Should any runner fail to inform the Competition Coordination Office that he/she has abandoned the race and should a search & rescue operation be initiated for such runner, the cost of such operation will be charged to the respective runner.

### 25. Conduct; Environmental and Ethical

All runners are expected to display good sportsmanship at all times, and must not use offensive or abusive language during the race, act in an unsporting manner, be disrespectful to the officials or ignore the Competition Rules.

Runners must respect the environment at all times, and no littering or damage to the environment will be tolerated. In particular, but without limiting the generality of this rule, the following actions are specifically prohibited:

- Throwing away on the race course of water bottles, packaging or other objects;
- Smoking at any point on the race course.

### 26. 3<sup>rd</sup> party assistance during the race

Under no circumstances is it allowed to provide a means of transportation to competitors during the race or any other form of assistance that may prejudice the outcome of the race.

Escort vehicles, other than those of the Organizers, are not allowed to follow the Event's race tracks. However, supporters can drive their own cars on public roads to reach meeting points which are common with the race course.

Some sections of the race tracks may be closed to traffic unrelated to the Event, including some public roads. Such restrictions must be respected by all those who do not participate in the Event.

No supporter of a participant may enter a restricted area in the Race Village, in case such area is explicitly marked as being restricted.



### **27. Discretion of the Race Marshals and Race Organizers**

Where any additional Rule interpretation is required, or where specific provision for any incident has not been made in these Rules, the decision of the committee consisting of Race Marshals and Race Organizers will be final.

### **28. Complaints**

A participant who considers that he/she has been disadvantaged in the race to which he/she has participated has the obligation to file a written and signed appeal, addressed to the Organizers, within 15 minutes from the time he/she finished the race.

A participant who believes that the results published by the Organizer at the end of the race are incorrect must file a written and signed appeal addressed to the Race Director within maximum 15 minutes from the moment the race results were displayed.

Possible complaints about the penalties received may be addressed in writing to the Disciplinary Commission ([events@mpg.com.ro](mailto:events@mpg.com.ro)), which has the obligation to give an answer in maximum 20 working days, the Commission's decision being irrevocable.

### **29. Processing of personal data**

No data, information and / or facilities offered through the DHL Carpathian Marathon event site [www.maratondhl.ro](http://www.maratondhl.ro), will be used by the Organizers for personal purposes. DHL Carpathian Marathon and / or the Organizers are exonerated of any liability whatsoever for their use without the permission of the DHL Carpathian Marathon and / or the Organizers or for illicit purposes by any person, including registered participants. The Organizers undertake to comply with the provisions of Law no. 677/2001 on the protection of personal data. The Organizers undertake to keep the personal data of the participants and to use them in accordance with these Rules and the legislation in force. The processing of any personal data will be done in compliance with the Law 677/2001 on the Protection of Individuals with regard to the Processing of Personal Data and the Free Movement of such Data, which provides for various rights including the right to information (Article 12) (Article 13), the right to interfere with data (Article 14) and the right to object (Article 15).

The personal data collected upon enrolling in the Competition (ex. name, surname, contact address, e-mail address, mobile phone number, date of birth, CNP) are required for the unequivocal identification of the participants, including prize giving, the Organizers' tax obligations related to prizes, checking the age of the competitors in connection with the admission to the appropriate race type and their inclusion in the accident insurance policy of the Event. Participants' personal data will be used strictly for the needs of the Event, including rankings, prizes, information through various means of communication (mail, e-mail, SMS or other means of communication permitted by law) regarding the Event and the participation of competitors and information on the next edition of the Event, the registration of the winners of the races and the production of internal statistical reports on the participants. The Organizers agree that the personal data of the participants will not be disseminated to third parties, except for the Organizers' empowered representatives.

### **30. Provisions of the commitment to participate in the DHL Carpathian Marathon**

The Organizer reserves the right to make changes to the information communicated to the participants, these Rules or the Event program, if the changes improve the Competition or the safety of the participants. Changes will be brought to the attention of the participants until the moment of the official start of the race.

By signing up for the DHL Carpathian Marathon, the participants agree that under no circumstances should they associate the names of DHL Carpathian Marathon and / or Asociatia Clubul Sportiv MPG and its partners Media Production Group and MTB Academy (the "Partners") with illicit activities or violation of good morals.

DHL Carpathian Marathon and / or the Organizer and its Partners will not assume any liability whatsoever for the actions / inactions committed by a participant to the Event that would cause material or moral damages to third parties, individuals and / or juridical persons. In relation to participation in a race, responsibility for the safety of personal property not entrusted to the Organizer during the race is entirely due to the participants in the



Competition, the management of DHL Carpathian Marathon and the Organizer and its Partners not offering any kind of insurance, implicit or explicit.

By signing up for the DHL Carpathian Marathon, participants are deemed to agree to waive claims of any kind against the Organizer and its Partners, including those relating to possible bodily integrity or health damage incurred during the journey to / from the event or during the Event.

By signing up for the DHL Carpathian Marathon, participants are deemed to implicitly agree:

- a. To release MPG full rights over their image (single and / or group), static or in motion, during the DHL Carpathian Marathon and in relation to the Event;
- b. To recognize the MPG's right to record and use personal data (ex. name, appearance, voice) using any media (including audio, photo and video) for the purpose of presenting and processing the results of the races, promoting DHL Carpathian Marathon and any activities carried out in connection with the Event;
- c. To have no material or any other claim whatsoever against the DHL Carpathian Marathon and / or the Organizer and its Partners in connection with the exercise by them of the rights set out hereinabove;
- d. To participate at own will in promotional activities of the DHL Carpathian Marathon, subject to availability, if there is a request from DHL Carpathian Marathon and / or MPG.

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