



Dear competitors, adventure and nature lovers:

La Ruta Madre Adventure Race returns in **November 2024** to celebrate its **8th edition** and offer you an unforgettable adventure through the most impressive mountains and canyons of **Nuevo León!** More than just a race, La Ruta Madre AR is a transformative experience that will test your physical and mental endurance, spirit of teamwork and determination, all while enjoying beautiful landscapes and forming great friendships that will last a lifetime.

**Please read this race announcement very carefully and in its entirety, as we strive to include all the relevant information you need to know to sign up for this adventure. 99% of your questions are answered in this document and in the communications that will be sent to you prior to the event.**

You can learn more about La Ruta Madre AR by watching the documentaries of the first three editions and following us on social media:

Documentary 2019: [LA RUTA MADRE ADVENTURE RACE 2019](#)

Documentary 2018: [Documentary: La Ruta Madre Adventure Race 2018](#)

Documentary 2017: [Aftermovie La Ruta Madre Adventure Race 2017](#)

YouTube: [La Ruta Madre Adventure Race - YouTube](#)

Instagram: [@larutamadre](#)

Facebook: [La Ruta Madre Adventure Race](#)

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## Race Overview:

**Dates:** November 16 to 18, 2024

**Distances/Estimated times:** Kids, 15K/2.5h, 30K/4h, 60K/12h, 100K/24h\*

\*Part of the ARWS North America Series

**Disciplines** (the longer the distance, the more disciplines): Trekking, mountain biking, canyoneering, rope descent, kayak/stand up paddle, navigation with map and compass, and plogging

**Team format:** 2-3 people or new relay modality

**Support team:** Optional. The Organization will move your belongings to adapt to the ARWS guidelines.

**Venue:** Laguna de Sánchez, Nuevo León, Mexico (2-hour drive south of Monterrey)

**Destination airport:** General Mariano Escobedo International Airport, Monterrey, N.L., Mexico

**Deadline for registration and changes:** October 31st

**Team registration, map handout, technical equipment and abilities check:** Nov. 16th, 9:00-14:00 hrs

**Race briefing, teams presentation and Q&A:** Nov. 16th, 14:30 - 16:00 hrs

**Kids' race:** Nov. 16th, 17:00 - 18:30 hrs

**Race start 15, 30, 60 and 100K:** Nov. 17th, 6:00 hrs

**Awards ceremony and closing party:** Monday, Nov. 18th, 12:00 hrs

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**If, upon arriving at the event, the participant shows that they have not read this document, the Organization has the right to not allow their participation for their own safety.**



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### Disciplines and Elevation Gain by Distance

Disciplines	100K/24h	60K/12h	30K/5h	15K/2.5h	Kids
Trekking	48 km +2,450 m	24 km +1,800 m	28 km +1,250 m	13 km +700 m	2-4 km
Mountain biking	47 km +1,100 m	31 km +590 m			
Canyoneering (downstream or upstream, dry or wet)	5 km	5 km	2 km	2 km	
Rappels (Up to 40 m)	✓	✓			
Kayak or Stand Up Paddle	✓	✓			
Navigation with map and compass	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Plogging	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

The route is confidential until one day before the race. On Saturday, November 2nd, we will send the race summary with a breakdown of the legs, disciplines, distances, elevation gain, estimated times and locks. The route will be revealed on Saturday, November 16th, at 9:00 hrs and at this time you will be given the race maps, racebooks and passports.



## Registration and Pre-Race Meeting

It is mandatory for the entire team to be present for registration, race kit pick-up, equipment check and pre-race meeting. **No exceptions.**

### Saturday, November 16, 2024

**9:00 - 14:00 hrs:** It is important to arrive at the venue in advance so that you can prepare your race logistics and strategy. Mandatory emergency equipment (detailed in **Rules**) and rappelling technical skills check, followed by team registration and pick-up of race kit with racebooks, maps, and passport. **It is important to mention that the participants must arrive at the race mastering the rappelling technique. During the skills check, the staff won't teach, they will just evaluate. In case the team doesn't master this skill in a safe way, the race staff will take note and during the race the team won't be permitted to do the rappelling stages: The team will be penalized with considerable time to be below the ranking from the other teams that showed mastery in this skill.**

**14:30 - 16:00 hrs:** Pre-race meeting, presentation of teams and Q&A.

**17:00 - 18:30 hrs:** Kids' race

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## Estimated Race Times

\*Considering the times of a first place finish

**Kids:** 30-90 minutes, depending on age, walking

**15K:** 2.5 h\*, final cut-off 5 h (11:00 on Sunday, Nov. 17th)

**30K:** 4 h\*, final cut-off 8 h (14:00 on Sunday, Nov. 17th)

**60K:** 12 h\*, final cut-off 18 h (00:00 on Monday, Nov. 18th)

**100K:** 24 h\*, final cut-off 30 h (12:00 on Monday, Nov. 18th)

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## Categories

	Kids	15K	30K	60K	100K
Team format	2 people (kid + adult*)	2 to 3 people			
Relay mode	X		3 to 5 people (2 always running)		
Categories	5-7 years 8-10 years	Mixed, Female or Male			

\*For the Kids race, one adult must run for each minor. If the adult is registered for any other distance, it is not necessary to pay extra to participate in the Kids race, only the kid would pay. Otherwise, if the adult is not registered for another distance, they would have to pay for their registration for the Kids race.

The participation of minors is permitted for the distances of 15, 30, and 60 K, with due authorization and liability waiver signed by the parent or guardian. For the 100K, participants must be over 18 years old on the start date of the race.

## Prices

To encourage female participation: **50% discount to all women and girls.** (In the case of mixed teams, women pay the percentage of their proportional share; in the case of women's teams, it applies to the entire team).

All prices are **per person** and expressed in **Mexican pesos (MXN)**.

(\$ per person)	Jun - Jul 2024	Aug - Sep	Oct
Kids	\$350	\$400	\$500
15K	\$800	\$1,000	\$1,200
30K	\$1,200	\$1,450	\$1,700
60K	\$1,900	\$2,400	\$2,800
100K	\$4,000	\$4,500	\$5,000



The registration price includes:

- Official race t-shirt
- Participant kit with maps, passport, race book, and sponsors' products
- Loaned radio for communication in case of emergency (for distances of 15, 30, 60, and 100 K)
- Transportation of boxes/bags to the different transition areas, as described in the **Mandatory Equipment** (for distances of 60 and 100 K)
- Installation of ropes for the vertical stages
- Professional photos shared two weeks after the end of the event
- Design of an amazing multidisciplinary route through the mountains of Nuevo León
- Logistics of more than 50 people involved in the execution of the event
- Participation medal for adults and kids
- Trophy for the winning teams of the first three places in each category
- Staff trained in wilderness first aid
- 100K: Adventure Racing World Series North America Qualifier Race license
- **An epic and unforgettable adventure!**

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## Registration Process

### Attention:

1. Should the event take place as planned, **we do not have a refund policy**, neither before, nor during, nor after the race.
2. If a health contingency or natural disaster prevents the event from taking place, the registration payment is **saved** for the next edition.

**REGISTER HERE!:** [Registration La Ruta Madre Laguna de Sánchez 2024](#)

**AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION, YOU MUST ALSO FILL OUT YOUR LIABILITY WAIVER, FIND IT HERE:** [Liability Waiver LRM Laguna de Sánchez 2024](#)

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## Mandatory Equipment

**Everything described as mandatory equipment for the race is MANDATORY for your safety, no exceptions. Random checks will be carried out at different checkpoints. If a team is surprised without any of these items, they will be disqualified. This is for your safety and survival if necessary.**

Review the ARWS Mandatory Equipment List: [Mandatory Equipment List - ARWS](#)

Review the ARNAS Mandatory Equipment List: [Mandatory Equipment List - ARWS - Regional Round](#)



Mandatory equipment for **ALL DISTANCES** (individual and to be carried at all times unless otherwise specified):

- **Official race t-shirt.** All participants must wear it visible (over jackets, raincoats, etc.) and at all times during the race. The only place where you can take it off is in the transition areas for changing the clothes under it. It must be worn even inside the wet canyons over the wetsuit and below the PFD. 30-minute penalty for each time you are caught not wearing it during the race.
- **Complete first aid kit.** It can be one per team. It should include at least bandages, gauze, gloves, adhesive tape, flexible splint, antiseptic, anti-inflammatories, antihistamines, antidiarrheals and analgesics, as well as any other personal prescription medication.
- **Emergency blanket**
- **Headlamp with extra batteries**
- **Whistle**
- **Lighter**
- **Pocket knife/multitool**
- **Bike and/or mountain helmet** (one is enough for the entire route). To be carried at all times when there is height, on the bike, inside a cave or canyon/river (progression between rock walls where there is no path), whatever applies to your distance.
- **Compass with clear base plate.** At least one per team.
- **Map protection** such as contact paper, map cases or holders to prevent them from getting wet or damaged. It is recommended to always have maps on hand and in sight.
- **Appropriate footwear** for each discipline or leg
- **Warm, waterproof and breathable clothing**, according to the weather forecast
- **Backpack** to carry all the necessary equipment for each stage and between each checkpoint
- **Food and hydration** for the entire route

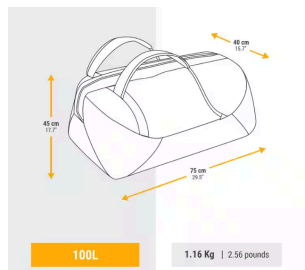
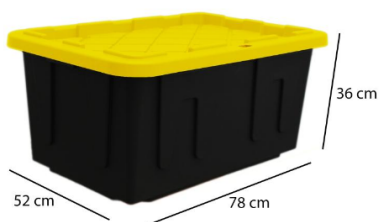
Mandatory equipment for **15, 30, 60 & 100K** (in addition to what is described above; to be carried at all times):

- **Emergency radio** provided by the Organization. One per team. Check rules #15 and #16.

Mandatory equipment for **60 & 100 K** (in addition to what is described above; individual unless otherwise specified and to be carried on the necessary sections):

- **Climbing or canyoneering harness** for rappelling
- **Personal Anchor System (PAS)**, e.g. Daisy Chain, Coordelette, Spelegyca, etc.
- **Descender**, e.g. Carabiner with figure eight, pirana, totem, ATC, reverse, oca, CRITR2, etc.
- If you will not have a support team, a **102L heavy-duty box or a bag with a maximum capacity of 102 L** so the Organization can transport the team's gear to transition areas. Required:  
**1 box/bag per team for 60K**  
**2 boxes/bags per team for 100K**

The box/bag must be identified in at least three parts with the team name and number. References and examples: [HEAVY DUTY BOX 102 L | THE HOME DEPOT](#). All outdoor bags and backpacks specify their capacity in liters.



- **Mountain bike** with MTB handlebars, tires and suspension. Road, electric, gravel or hybrid bikes are not permitted.
- **Front and rear bike lights**
- **Safety reflectors** in helmet and/or clothing during bike stages
- **Pump, tube, spare parts and tools for MTB**
- **Personal Flotation Device (PFD)**
- **Dry keg/bag** in excellent conditions. Waterproof backpacks do not work. At least one per team. **Mandatory to protect the radio** (see rule #16).
- **Neoprene wetsuit** to prevent hypothermia due to contact with cold water or in case of cold weather. Recommended thickness of at least 2-3 mm, worn with long-sleeved synthetic clothing in case it is short-sleeved. The wetsuit, whether long or short, does not replace the PFD.

Mandatory equipment for **100K** (in addition to what is described above; individual unless otherwise specified and to be carried on the necessary sections):

- **GPS tracker device (personal or rented) and hiring of the live tracking platform.** The tracker can be a Garmin inReach Messenger/Mini, Find me Spot, etc. Go to the following link to hire the live tracking service with [Follow My Challenge](#). Tracking service price for the whole race: **\$32 USD**. Price for renting a tracker for the whole race: **\$100 USD** (not including international shipping USA-MEX-USA, **confirm the rental before Oct. 25th**). See **rule #17** to register the appropriate emergency contacts. If you rent a Find me Spot, you will need 4 AAA batteries, specifically of the model Energizer Ultimate Lithium. If you have a Garmin inReach, make sure to bring an external battery to charge it in transitions or during the route.

**NOTE:** On this occasion, there will be **NO** rental of equipment offered by the Organization.

## Recommended Equipment

- For 15, 30 and 60 K, **GPS tracker device (personal or rented) and hiring of the live tracking platform.** This is optional, but highly recommended, you must do so with anticipation. The tracker can be a Garmin inReach Messenger/Mini, Find me Spot, etc. Go to the following link to hire the live tracking service with [Follow My Challenge](#). Tracking service price for the whole race: **\$32 USD**. Price for renting a tracker for the whole race: **\$100 USD** (not including international shipping USA-MEX-USA, **confirm the rental before Oct. 25th**). See **rule #17** to register the appropriate emergency contacts. If you rent a Find me Spot, you will need 4 AAA batteries, specifically of the model Energizer Ultimate Lithium. If you have a Garmin inReach, make sure to bring an external battery to charge it in transitions or during the route.



- **Watch without GPS**, e.g. Casio SGW300H-1AV, Casio SGW1000-1, etc., or **with adventure race mode**, e.g. Garmin Fénix 6, Garmin Enduro, Tactix Delta and Marq. Other watches with GPS will not be allowed, as described in **rule #18**.
  - **Waterproof digital camera/GoPro**
  - **Cellphone blocked by the Organization** with the sole and exclusive purpose of taking photos and videos during the race. See **rule #14**.
  - **Altimeter**
  - **Trekking poles**
  - **Cap**
  - **Sunglasses**
  - **Tows to pull teammates**
  - **Duct tape**
  - **Buff** (the official race buff will be on sale)
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## Venue and Lodging

**Venue:** Laguna de Sánchez, Nuevo León, Mexico.

**Lodging:** The venue has cabin options that can be booked through the Organization. If you want a more economical option, you can camp there as well. In addition, there are other lodging options in Laguna de Sánchez, from cabins to campsites. It is highly recommended to stay here to be more comfortable, prepare race logistics, rest and socialize, as well as to book in advance to secure your place or look for other lodging options on your own.

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## Mountain Sports Training (MST) Team

We have a multidisciplinary training team with the goal of training outdoor athletes and preparing them for any sporting challenge, whether physically or technically, as is the case of La Ruta Madre AR. It can be in person or online. It includes a daily training plan, weekday and weekend in-person trainings, and technical skills courses. Here you can also meet people with the same interests with whom you can form a team for the race.

<https://www.instagram.com/mstmexico/> [https://www.instagram.com/p/Cx\\_fhpCPiKC/?img\\_index=1](https://www.instagram.com/p/Cx_fhpCPiKC/?img_index=1)

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## Rules

**At the time of registration, the team agrees with and will have read, understood and accepted all and each one of the following rules.**

Please review the ARWS Rules of Competition: [ARWS Rules of Competition 1.6.2](#)





1. All participants must follow these rules before and during the race. The Organization reserves the right to modify the rules at their discretion to ensure the safety of all participants. Any changes will be notified to participants.
2. The highest authority of the race is the staff and Organization of La Ruta Madre Adventure Race, who will have the right and responsibility to change the race route in case of threatening the safety of the participants.
3. All participants must have the physical, mental and health conditions that correspond to the demands of the race, considering the distance and modality in which they are participating. If any participant does not demonstrate this and shows symptoms of extreme fatigue or illness, the staff may at any time decide to end the team's participation.
4. All participants must have current medical insurance, the details of which must be included in the liability waiver that they will fill out when registering.
5. Changes to team members and information are authorized until October 31st, 2024. Each change after this date will cost \$200 MXN.
6. All participants must carry the mandatory equipment (as described in this document) individually and at all times during the race, unless otherwise specified.
7. All participants must possess first aid and CPR knowledge and technique.
8. If a team does not provide assistance to another that requires it in the event of an accident or emergency, they will be disqualified. The team that provides assistance may request credit for the time it spends helping the other.
9. Any physical or verbal aggression between participants of the same or different teams is prohibited. If any participant is caught with aggressive behavior, the team(s) involved will be disqualified.
10. It is prohibited to use any type of drug or physical or mental adulterant during the race. Any participant who is surprised doing this will result in their team's disqualification. If you take any special medication, you must notify us prior to the race.
11. Each team must designate a leader, who will be the representative before the staff before and during the race. Any claim or complaint must be dealt with only by the team leader with the Race Director behind closed doors in the time between finishing the race and the awards ceremony.
12. **It is strictly prohibited to throw any kind of garbage** during the race. If any participant is caught doing this, their team will be disqualified from the race. This also applies to the support teams.



13. The participants will do *plogging*, the practice of running while picking up trash. Sadly, it is very easy to find garbage in our mountains, so picking it up will not be too difficult or take up too much time. We want to encourage the cleanup of our mountains by asking **each participant to cross the finish line with at least 10 items of trash** which they have picked up along the race. Participants who do not comply with this will not be considered for podium. (Reference: [What is plogging?](#))
14. Teams may carry a cellphone **blocked by the Organization** during the race **for the sole and exclusive purpose of taking photos and videos**, as long as it is registered at the time of team registration (the day before the race) to be able to deactivate facial and fingerprint recognition and change the password so that it cannot be used for any other purpose. The objective of this is to give you the opportunity to document your experiences during La Ruta Madre since we know that it is difficult to explain with words all that is experienced during an adventure race. Cellphones, watches or any prohibited devices will be randomly checked at checkpoints to ensure compliance with the rules. The cellphone can replace the waterproof digital camera/GoPro. Any cellphone model from several years ago to date has IP67 or 68 ratings ([What is an IP67 Rating?](#)), review the specifications of the cellphone you choose to carry. IP67 or 68 grade is waterproof.
15. For the 15, 30, 60 and 100 K teams, it will be mandatory to carry the radio provided by the Organization at all times during the race for the purpose of being used **only in case of emergency to communicate with the staff**. These radios are configured with private channels to communicate with staff radios; any other type of radio or having any other means of communication (e.g. Cellphones, satellite messenger, etc.) between the participants and their support team or people outside the event is not allowed. **The radio will be given sealed and if it's used, the team will no longer compete for the podium**. An evaluation will be carried out by the Organization to activate a search and rescue protocol if necessary. Depending on the situation, the support team may assist the team. The search and rescue protocol does not ensure that help will arrive immediately because staff and vehicles from the Organization will have to be mobilized to get closer. However, please rest assured that we always do our best to ensure your safety.
16. The radio must be returned to the Organization immediately upon finishing the race. If the radio is delivered wet or damaged, it will result in a charge of \$500 (MXN) to replace it for future editions. The radios are tested one by one prior to the race to ensure functionality.
17. If you have a satellite GPS device (Find me Spot, Garmin inReach, etc.), **DO NOT use the SOS button**. In case there's an emergency and the radio does not work, use the **assistance button** (on the Spot, it's the left-side button with the two hands) to send a help message and your location to the emergency contacts (in this case, the LRM Organization). Before the race, please configure the following emergency contacts on your device:
- Javier Barreda 8182870675 javier.barreda21@gmail.com
  - Melissa Lambert 5512289362 melissalambert2015@hotmail.com
  - Fabiola Segovia 8118001143 segovia8@gmail.com
  - Marcela Ramírez 8115399070 chela16@gmail.com



18. It is strictly prohibited to use **GPS** or devices that have **GPS**, such as cellphones, tablets, watches or cameras not authorized by the Organization on the day of registration. **The use of an altimeter is allowed.** The use of watches that do not have the adventure racing mode and have functions to display maps, tracking, coordinates, way back, etc., is prohibited. Only the latest Garmin software has an adventure racing mode, which is allowed and will be used according to the following rules:

**Regulations of use of Garmin Watches.**

We are pleased to offer you the opportunity to track data during the race on your Garmin Watch, running the Adventure Racing activity.

- We will be checking the start time on your Garmin watch when you cross the finish line.
- Teams must notify the organisers that they plan to use an acceptable Garmin GPS enabled watch. There will be an opportunity at the check in. The watch must be using the latest software with AR activity and all GPS features locked. The Garmin Enduro, Fenix 6 series (Fenix 6S, Fenix 6, Fenix 6X), Tactix Delta and Marq are able to run the Adventure Racing Activity. No other GPS enabled watches will be allowed.
- At the Finish line the start time of your Adventure Race activity must show a time prior to the start of the race.
- If your watch is out of battery at the finish line it must be charged and shown.
- If your start time is after the race start time your team will receive a 24 hour penalty. (or the time after the start that your watch shows if less than 24 hours).
- If your watch accidentally goes out of Adventure Race activity your team will receive a 24 hour penalty.
- If your watch is lost your team will receive a 24 hour penalty.
- No other GPS devices may be used. (except organiser issued). If you do not like these rules, please do not use a Garmin Watch.

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19. The use of night vision devices is prohibited.

20. It is prohibited to use any means of transportation between stages that is different from what is indicated in the race, e.g. Trekking, bike, SUP, etc.

21. All participants must have the necessary knowledge in handling and descending ropes to do it safely; they must master the techniques of correctly placing the rope in their descender and using their PAS. If they do not demonstrate it and threaten their own safety and that of other participants, the staff will decide to prevent the team from performing the rappel, resulting in a penalty. On the descents there will be no staff taking care of the participants' rope (giving belay), but there will be staff taking care of safety aspects at the top of each rappel. Pre-race rappelling clinics will be offered; contact the Organization if interested or keep an eye on social media. **It is important to mention that the participants must arrive at the race mastering the rappelling**

**technique. During the skills check, the staff won't teach, they will just evaluate. In case the team doesn't master this skill in a safe way, the race staff will take note and during the race the team won't be permitted to do the rappelling stages: The team will be penalized with considerable time to be below the ranking from the other teams that showed mastery in this skill.**

22. In the rappelling stages, one line per team will be designated and the ropes will already be installed. The progression will depend on the efficiency of each team to overcome each rappel.



A faster team will be able to pass another along their respective rope. If the ropes become saturated with teams, the waiting time will not be credited.

23. It is mandatory to use a personal anchor system (PAS) to secure yourself when starting any rope descent. Penalty of 30 additional minutes on the total race time for each participant who does not properly use the PAS.
24. A helmet must be worn in all disciplines that require it, such as cycling, canyoneering, rappels and caves. Penalty of 60 additional minutes on the total race time for each participant who does not wear it in each discipline. On the third warning call, the team is disqualified. The use of helmet is not necessary in trekking.
25. The race maps may be topographic maps from INEGI or topographic maps designed for specific navigation sections. Taking care of the map is the team's responsibility. It is necessary to bring material to protect the maps such as contact paper or map cases/holders to prevent them from getting wet or damaged. At least one member of the team must have knowledge of navigation, map reading (at any scale, including UTM) and compass operation. Navigation is of utmost importance in an adventure race. Pre-race navigation clinics will be offered; contact the Organization if interested or keep an eye on social media. Link to maps of the region: [La Ruta Madre INEGI Maps](#)
26. Each team will have its passport where the checkpoints will be punched. If they reach a checkpoint and the previous one is missing, the team must return to complete the punch. If you do not wish to return to complete the course, you can continue, but with a penalty and in another ranking below those who do complete the full course.
27. During the route there will be "locks", that is, times in which, if a checkpoint is not crossed before a set time, the team will not be able to continue through this section. This is for your safety, especially before entering canyons and navigation stages. If this happens or a PC is passed without notifying it, the team can shorten the route, but with a penalty and in a different ranking. The team has the opportunity to continue competing in a different ranking since it is common for several teams to be in the same situation.
28. Team members must be together at all times, close enough to see each other and communicate verbally at all times. Individual runners are not allowed, everyone must always be accompanied. Penalty of 1 additional hour on the total race time for each warning. On the third warning, the team may be disqualified.
29. In the case that a teammate decides to leave, they may do so at a checkpoint in the presence of their support team, all teammates and race staff. **It is prohibited to abandon in the middle of the wilderness where there is no communication, support team or race staff present.** If you do this, **you will be permanently banned** from La Ruta Madre AR, since teamwork is the spirit of an adventure race.



30. If a teammate decides to abandon, the team is out of the competition. However, the other participant may join another team to finish the route, performing this action in the presence of their support team and in front of the race staff. The entire team that the participant joins is still in competition. If there are at least two teammates who continue, they can enter another ranking of incomplete teams.
31. The union of different complete teams is allowed to complete the race together, within competition.
32. For teams competing in the relay modality, the relays of the members must be carried out in the same way, at a checkpoint or transition area in the presence of their support team, all teammates and race staff.
33. The final race time of each team will be the time at which its last member crosses the finish line, adding the times if there are penalties or subtracting them if there are credits. The final results will be announced at the time of the award ceremony.
34. The support team and vehicle for this edition is **optional**. If you do want to have it, a tall 4x2 vehicle is recommended (if you have 4x4 it is better, but not mandatory). The vehicle must be in good mechanical condition. The support team will be able to move the team's food, hydration and equipment (if you do not have a support team, the Organization will move it with the dimensions specified in the **Mandatory Equipment**, this applies to the 60 and 100K).
35. If you have a support vehicle, it is not allowed to use the vehicle as a tow, cut off the air or get on it. If caught doing any of these actions, the team will be penalized with 4 hours. "Drafting" is allowed between teams to cut the air in cycling stages.
36. Participants are allowed to push or pull their teammates by their own physical means.
37. Considerations for ranking:
  - a. The biggest consideration for ranking is that the entire team has to start and finish the route. If the team crosses the finish line incomplete because a teammate could not continue, this team cannot be ranked above any complete team that has completed the course. The same applies to the relay modality: the members who start will have to finish the stage they choose to enter the main ranking.
  - b. All teams that complete the course in its entirety will be higher in the ranking than any team that does not complete the full course or the course designed for the race. Teams that do not complete the full course will receive a considerable penalty and may enter another ranking below those that have completed it. If different teams do not complete different sections, the most challenging sections will have the highest ranking.
  - c. Losing your passport or maps results in a 4-hour penalty and we do not ensure we have extra copies. To avoid this, they will have a section to put your team name and number. If you lose it and the Organization does not have a copy, the team will decide whether to continue the race or not.