



PENACOVA TRAIL DO CENTRO
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VERY IMPORTANT

- It is essential to be in a good physical condition to participate in this race;
- Registration on this competition implies full acceptance of the rules;
- By signing up you agree to receive our Newsletters.
- Each runner must drink and eat properly at the refreshment posts;
- The registration is personal, non-transferable, and will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis;
- All the data information provided by participants is their own responsibility and must be legit;
- If a registered athlete can no longer participate in the event the organization has no obligation to reimburse the registration fee;
- During the month before the event is not permitted to change personal details in the registration and the organization has no obligation to reimburse the registration fee.
- Keep yourself on the marked routes;
- Preserve the flora and avoid disturbing the fauna;
- Do not leave litter or other traces of your passage through the routes;
- Do not start a fire;
- Be nice with the people around you;
- In order to preserve a natural heritage of enormous wealth, we want you to enjoy it in full communion with nature, by respecting and protecting it. For this same reason, we inform you that **liquid refreshments will not be supplied in bottles or plastic cups. Athletes are responsible for bringing with them the container(s) they deem most suitable for their hydration (preferably also suitable for hot drinks);**
- **The Organization reserves the right to accept last minute registrations.**
- **For registrations made in the last month prior to the race, the organization does not guarantee t-shirt size.**
- The contents of this manual are subject to change without notice.
- **This race is part of the “Best Trail Series”, organised by Carlos Sá Nature Events, and the ATRP (Trail Running Portuguese Association) Series.**

1. Terms of participation

1.1. Age requirement

The minimum age requirement for participation in **Penacova Trail do Centro** is 18 years of age.

1.2. Confirmed registration

To participate in the competition athletes must have their registration validated and agree to comply with the race regulations.

1.3. Physical condition

- It is essential to be in a good physical condition to participate in this race;
- The terrain where this race is held is subject to sudden weather changes. Therefore, runners might be exposed to different weather conditions such as: heat, cold, strong wind, thick mist, intense rain and even snow;
- Athletes must know how to manage their physical and mental stress and cope with adverse situations during the race;
- Athletes must know how to manage physical or mental problems arising from high fatigue, digestive problems, muscular or joint pain, etc;

1.4. External help

External help is not allowed, except on refreshment posts. Athletes must know how to adapt to the problems encountered during the race.

1.5. Race bibs

The race bib is personal and not transferable. Race bibs must be clearly visible throughout the race. In the case of abandonment runners must return their race bib to the organisation.

1.6. Sportsmanlike conduct rules

Unlawful behaviour, offensive language and verbal/physical aggressions will not be tolerated and will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

2. The event

2.1. Presentation of the event / organization

The **Carlos Sá Trail Running Centers** is a project that arises from all the accumulated experience in organizing trail events, in order to respond to the needs of lovers of this sport (and others), who wish to know a new territory in a completely autonomous way.

It is an organized place with several marked routes, with specific signs homologated by the Portuguese Trail Running Association (ATRP), while guaranteeing the usability of the trails in a safe way.

The purpose is to guide visitors and, at the same time, provide them all the information about the place in which they are, enriching their visit. To promote and give more visibility to this project it will be held the 6th edition of **Penacova Trail do Centro**.

The **Penacova Trail do Centro** is organized by Carlos Sá Nature Events® with the support and collaboration of the Municipality of Penacova and it will be held on the 06th September and 07th September 2025.

On the 06th September it will be held the **PTC Prologue 2km** in Reconquinho River Beach and on the 07th September three races will take place: **PTC 46km**, **PTC 31km** and **PTC Mini Trail /Hike 16 km**.

2.2. Program

06th September 2025

18:00 pm – 20:00 pm – Race bib distribution (Reconquinho River Beach, Penacova)

18:30 pm – Start Trail Kids

19:00 pm – Start Prologue 2km

07th September 2025

07:00 am – 08:00 am – Race bib distribution PTC 46km (Reconquinho River Beach, Penacova)

08:00 am – Start **PTC 46km** and **PTC 31km** (Reconquinho River Beach, Penacova)

08:00 am – 09:00 am – Race bib distribution Mini Trail/Hike 16km (Reconquinho River Beach, Penacova);

09h00 am – Start **PTC Mini Trail/Hike 16km** (Reconquinho River Beach, Penacova);

14:00 pm – Prize giving ceremony

16:00 pm – End of the event

2.3. Distance and altimetry

PTC 46 km – D+ 2003m D- 2005m

PTC 31 km – D+ 1224m D- 1222m

Mini Trail – 16 km – D+ 664m D- 664m

2.4. Map / profile altimetry / courses

See 2.1. and more info at:

<http://carlosanatureevents.com/evento.aspx?idevento=PNTC>

2.5. Time barriers

- The time limit to conclude **PTC 46 km** is **10 hours maximum**. There are no time limits for the other races.
Time barriers for the 46 km race:
29 km – Penacova – 7h race (at 3pm, therefore)
- Any runner who abandons the race must alert the organization and return his race bib.

2.6. Time check

Controlled by chip, the athlete must validate it in each control post. The loss of a chip is the sole responsibility of the participant. All the costs associated with its replacement shall be borne by the participant.

2.7. Control posts

Intermediate time controls will be opportunely defined.

2.8. Refreshment posts

PTC 46 km

- **Atalhada Mills – 11km**
- **Foz do Alva Bridge – 24km**
- **Fornos da Cal – 35km**
- **Lorvão – 41km**

PTC 31 km

- **Atalhada Mills – 11km**
- **Foz do Alva Bridge – 24km**

Mini trail / Hike 16 km

- **Fornos da Cal – 4,5km**
- **Lorvão – 10km**

PTC Prologue 2km

- **Refreshment:** liquids at the finish line

2.9. Mandatory gear

The use of a protective mask is mandatory in the racing bibs distribution, in the event arena, at the start line to a duly marked point, at the refreshment posts and right after the finish line.

Mandatory gear	Prologue 2 km	Mini Trail / Hike 16 km	PTC 31 km	PTC 46 km
Stock of water	-	x	x	x
Survival blanket	-	x	x	x
Whistle	-	x	x	x
Cellphone	-	x	x	x

No matter the weather conditions, athletes should consider this equipment as their survival kit. So, it is recommended that athletes always have this equipment in high mountain terrain, whose access can be very difficult.

2.10. Information of places with car traffic

The organization will have a security system throughout the route, however, as it will be impossible to cut road traffic in some places, participants must comply with the traffic rules on public-use roads and must respect the surrounding environment. The participants cannot cross private property.

2.11. Disqualifications

Disqualification, based on the following chart:

- No complying with the rules;
- Not finishing the route;
- Throwing away rubbish;
- Race number not visible;
- Refusal to comply with the orders from the organization;
- Anti-sporting behavior.

Participants covered by the last two points won't be able to register in future editions.

2.12. Participation Conditions

Registration on this competition implies full acceptance of the rules. Participants will be held accountable for all actions that may cause material or moral damages to themselves and/or to third parties. The organization declines all responsibility in case of accident, negligence, or theft of objects.

During the race, athletes will be able to overtake other athletes as long as they do not put their integrity and that of their competitors at risk, taking care to signal it, and they must always keep a distance of 2 meters from the athlete to be overtaken. Overtaken athletes should facilitate the overtaking maneuver, leaning as far as possible or stopping if necessary.

2.13. Insurance

The entry fee includes a personal accident insurance premium.

3. Registration

3.1. Registration process

Online registration: <http://www.carlossanatureevents.com/>

3.2. Registration prices and deadlines

Online registrations start on 15th January 2025.

Registrations closing: 29th August 2025

- **PTC 46 km**
 - 35 euros (40€ from 15th August 2025 onward)Registration fee includes: race bib, injury insurance, refreshments, finisher medal, showers, race T-shirt and a light meal at the finish line. The organization might substitute some of these offers for similar ones.

- **PTC 31 km**
 - 27 euros (30€ from 15th August 2025 onward)Registration fee includes: race bib, injury insurance, refreshments, finisher medal, showers, race T-shirt and a light meal at the finish line. The organization might substitute some of these offers for similar ones.

- **Mini Trail / Hike 16 km**
 - 15 euros (20€ from 15th August 2025 onward)Registration fee includes: race bib, injury insurance, refreshment at the finish line, finisher medal, showers, race T-shirt. The organization might substitute some of these offers for similar ones.

- **PTC Prologue 2 km**
 - 5 eurosRegistration fee includes: injury insurance.

3.3. Conditions refund of registration fee

In case the athlete cancels his participation, part of the amount already paid will be refunded according to the table below:

Cancellation Date	Refund Percentage
until June 29th	70% of the registration fee will be refunded
June 30th to July 31st	40% of the registration fee will be refunded
After August 1st	No refund

3.4. Material included in the registration

See 3.2.

3.5. Secretariat (time and places)

06th September 2025, 18:00pm – 20:00pm – Race bib distribution– (Reconquinho Beach, Penacova)

07th September 2025, 07:00 am – 08:00 am – Race bib distribution (Reconquinho Beach, Penacova)

07th September 2025, 08:00 am – 09:00 am – Race bib distribution (Reconquinho Beach, Penacova)

4. Rankings and prizes

4.1. Prize giving: times and places

See program.

4.2. Prizes

Regarding the overall and category rankings, the athletes will be awarded with trophy according to the table below:

Prizes	M/F	46km	31km	16km
General	1 ^o ,2 ^o ,3 ^o	X	X	X
Jun from 18 to 19 years	1 ^o ,2 ^o ,3 ^o	X	X	X
Sub-23 from 20 to 22 years	1 ^o ,2 ^o ,3 ^o	X	X	X
Seniors from 23 to 39 years	1 ^o ,2 ^o ,3 ^o	X	X	X
M/F 40 from 40 to 49 years	1 ^o ,2 ^o ,3 ^o	X	X	X
M/F 50 from 50 to 59 years	1 ^o ,2 ^o ,3 ^o	X	X	X
M/F 60 + 60 years	1 ^o ,2 ^o ,3 ^o	X	X	X

As for team classifications, the times of the 3 best athletes in the general classification will be considered, (regardless of sex or age).

5. Information

5.1. How to get to Penacova

If you are coming from Coimbra, take IC2 and IP3 and take the exit towards Penacova. Alternatively, go through Estrada da Beira (N17) and take N 110 until Penacova.

If you are coming from Lisbon or Porto, using either A1 or N1, take IP3 and leave at the Penacova exit.

If you are coming from Spain, through Vilar Formoso, keep on A 25 until Mangualde, after it take IC12 until Santa Comba Dão and then IP3 until Penacova.

5.2. Where to stay

See:

<http://www.cm-penacova.pt/pt/pages/comeredormir>

6. Marks and control posts

The route is marked with bright tapes and flags. All participants must pass through the established control posts.

7. Carbon Compensation - Environmental responsibility

You can't throw down your litter (whether it's biodegradable or not) along the route. You must dispose your litter either in the nearest refreshment post, or at the finish line.

For 2025 Carlos Sá Nature Events wants to suggest, to all who decide to register for its events, a small contribution of **5€ (optional)** for the purchase of native trees, choosing the EXTRA **Carbon Compensation** at the registration. In partnership with the local partners that have accompanied us over the last few years, Carlos Sá Nature Events, commits itself, with the funds raised, to develop tree planting actions and reforestation of burnt areas in the geographic areas where it develops its activity. These actions will be scheduled and carried out by CSNE following the knowledge of these local partners who, better than anyone, know the region, the species and the right time to make the plantations.

8. Image rights

Each participant authorizes the organizers to record and to use any images taken during the event, without the right (for the participant) to receive any financial compensation. These images may be used for promotional documents and/or advertising mediums (radio, press, video, photo, internet, outdoors, etc.).

9. Support and emergency

There will be support, help and emergency teams to provide care to the participants who need it.

10. Omissions

Omissions in this regulation shall be resolved by the organizing committee, whose decisions will not be appealed.

11. Others

Participants are obliged to help injured parties and respect traffic rules at road crossings.

The organization reserves the right to make any modifications it deems necessary, depending on the different conditions, as well as to suspend the race, if weather conditions so require, or for reasons of force majeure.

If a participant is unable to participate and/or weather conditions/force majeure do not allow the event to take place or its cancellation, the organization does not see itself as obligated to refund the registration fees, as well as refunds to sponsors.