**TERMS AND CONDiTIONS »bistrški tek« running event (10 km)**

*We kindly ask you to read these terms and conditions carefully. Registration without signed statement of acceptance (attached at the end) of these terms and conditions will not be accepted. You may submit your statement signed and scanned via e-mail or directly at start number pick-up.*

**ORGANISER**

The organiser of the event isTekaško društvo Bistrc, Cankarjeva ulica 18, 6250 Ilirska Bistrica, Slovenija.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The “Bistrški tek” running event may be attended by competitors, who are 16 or older at the day of the event taking place, that have suitable psychological and physical strength for enduring stress and such competitions in natural environment, that have valid medical insurance and have fully registered to the event and paid the participation fee. Only exceptionally, younger than 16 may attend the 10 km race.

**Registration for senior race and junior races is possible also on the day of competition.**

By signing the attached statement at the end of this document all competitors confirm that they participate at their own risk and responsibility, that they are aware of and fully understand the rules of the competition and that they are aware of the risks that may occur during or after the competition. For younger than 18 the statement must be undersigned by parents or applicant (coach, assistant). Only exceptionally, younger than 16 may attend the 10 km race (contact organisers for further instructions). By registering the competitors waive the right of transfer of liability to the organiser, co-competitors or third persons.

**START NUMBER**

Each competitor receives a start number that he/she must wear throughout the competition visibly on his/her chest or front side. The start number may not be worn on the back or on either of the sides of the competitor. Ignoring the rule on start number placement may result in 15 minutes being added to final time.

**REFRESHMENT STATIONS**

* 2.6 km (water)
* 6 km (water)
* finish (water, fruit, isotonic drink)

**CHECKPOINTS AND SIGNPOSTS**

Start and finish of senior and junior routes is on Črne njive, above Ilirska Bistrica. The course follows a diverse terrain on a solid macadam road, among tall pine trees, and blooming karstic meadows. The course which begins with an ascent, and ends in a descent, passes by the foot of the picturesque Milanja ridge, also known as Volovja reber.

The junior routes go around the Črne njive area. The length varies from 300 m to 1000 m, depending on the age category of the participants. All courses run in flat terrain, the highest ascent is 20 m on the 1000 m long track.

Beside refreshment stations, several checkpoints for runners will be placed alongside the trail in addition to refreshment stations. The security of competitors will be ensured by organising staff and emergency services. If at any time the emergency services or organising staff estimate that the competitor is not able to safely continue the race, the competitor is excluded from the race and given adequate assistance as well as transferred to the finish line if needed. If the competitor does not respect the decision of the organising staff or emergency services he/she is immediately disqualified.

Trail will be marked, organising staff will be present at key intersections. All competitors should stay on marked routes. Any use of shortcuts and running outside the route is penalised with immediate disqualification. Organizer has right to check competitor’s identity. Running with pets is not allowed.

**TIME LIMITS AND RESIGNATION**

Competition time is limited and competitors that want to be officially qualified have to finish the race within time limits.

Time limit: **finish 10:30 / Špičasti hrib (5.2 km) 9:52**

Competitors that resign during the race must inform the organiser at the nearest refreshment station or return to finish and notify the organisers or notify the organisers over the phone.

In the case of an injury or if the competitor is unable to continue the race until the next refreshment station he/she must inform the organisers by phone (if possible) or with the help of co-competitors.

Having received the information that emergency services are required the organiser will activate the emergency rescue services. Time of arrival depends on the location of the injured competitor and terrain difficulty. The duration of evacuation and time of arrival to finish line also depend on the reason of resignation.

The organisers may not provide any emergency services or directions after the expiry of time limits; organiser staff will direct the remaining competitors to the finish using the shortest route.

**DISQUALIFICATION AND APPEAL PROCEDURE**

Disqualification implies immediate stop of competition as a result of:

* not following the marked route,
* using shortcuts,
* using any sort of transportation during the race,
* littering (except at refreshment stations) or endangering plants or animals alongside the route,
* changing start numbers with another competitor\*,
* not providing assistance to other competitors in trouble,
* unsportly behaviour, verbally assaulting other competitors, organisers or third people,
* disregarding the instructions of the organisers, organising staff or emergency services or
* inappropriate video or photo content, published after the competition, insulting other competitors, organisers or third people.

\* Wearing the start number at the wrong place adds 15 minutes to final time.

In the case of disqualification the organiser will consider the grounds for disqualification and decide upon banning the competitor from participating in the following year or permanently banning the competitor from participation if there are justified reasons to do so.

Appeals may be submitted in writing to the organising committee at the registration 10 minutes after first announcement of results. Appeals will be considered by the organising committee represented by three organising members that will deliver the final decision.

**KEY CONTACTS**

In case a competitor or co-competitor is injured and if there is no option to notify the organisers directly please call:

+386 (0)41 353 921 (Miodrag Vujković)

+386 (0)41 290 267 (Gregor Kovačič)

112 – emergency number

When calling explain who you are, what has happened and where (describe the location or provide your distance from the start from your sports watch), describe the injuries and what help is needed.

**CHAGE OF ROUTES – CANCELLATION OF COMPETITION**

The competition will be carried out in all weather conditions. The exceptions are only circumstances in which the safety of the participants is at risk (extreme weather conditions and other natural disasters). In such cases, the competition committee decides on the alternative route or even on the cancellation of the competition.

The organiser retains the right to change the competition routes or refreshment locations at any time and without warning. Changes will be published on the website of the competition. In the event of extreme weather conditions (heavy thunderstorm, strong winds, torrential rain etc.) or natural disasters the start of the competition may be postponed up to 24 hours. If the competition cannot be held within that time the competition will be cancelled. In such a case the competitors are entitled to 50% of registration fee. The competitors may also decide to use their registration fee next year. The list of registered competitors with their start numbers will be published on the website.

**CONSENT REGARDING THE USE OF PHOTO AND VIDEO MATERIAL**

By registering to the competition the competitors agree that entire photo and video material of the competition may be publically broadcasted and used for competition promotion purposes. The organiser retains all the rights of copying and distribution of the entire film and video material.

**PROTECTION OF NATURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

The competition is taking place within the habitat of large wild animals, large birds of prey and Natura 2000 habitat so fundamental rules of protection of nature and environment must be respected. Competitors may not litter, dispose garbage at or next to running trails from start to finish, except at refreshment points. Littering or endangering plants or animals alongside the route may lead to disqualification of the competitor.

Competitors are asked to follow parking instructions, food consumption and garbage disposal instructions at the main venue as provided by the organisers.

**BISTRŠKI TEK running event**

Registration form and statement

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| **Surname and name** |  |
| **Gender** | **M F** |
| **Address** |  |
| **Year of birth** |  |
| **Organization (sport club, society …)** |  |
| **Category (filled by organizer)** |  |
| **Telephone nu. or e-mail** |  |

By undersigning this registration form I state that I am fully aware of and accept the Terms and conditions of the “Bistrški tek” running event. I am aware that my participation is at my own risk and responsibility.

Place and date Signature

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