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THE MONT-BLANC MARATHON

FROM JUNE 25TH TO 28TH, 2026



new balance



Editorial

THE MONT-BLANC MARATHON, A LEGENDARY EVENT THAT CONTINUES TO COMMAND RESPECT

For more than forty years, the Mont-Blanc Marathon has brought together a wide variety of participants on one single starting line. International competitors striving for peak performance, dedicated amateurs pursuing personal goals, up-and-coming young runners, local residents of the valley, as well as nearly a thousand volunteers helping out along the trails.

It is this diversity that shapes the event's identity. Here the mountain sets the pace and its demands, serving as a reminder that trail running is a discipline rooted in **commitment, adaptation, and humility**; intimately connected to the landscape that surrounds it.

This 2026 edition continues on this trajectory, with a clear ambition to help evolve the concept of major **mountain sporting events**. In light of climatic, societal, and environmental changes, **the Mont-Blanc Marathon continues its transformation with clarity**, guided by concrete choices.

The development of the registration system, greater focus on sustainable mobility, recognition of the local residents' contribution, the nurturing of young talent, and the support for charity and environmental initiatives, all reflect one unified goal : **to organise a race that is in harmony with both its human and natural environments.**

Participating in the Mont-Blanc Marathon means **embracing the mountain as it is, demanding, yet inspiring**. It also signifies a commitment to **engaging in a communal journey** where athletic achievement meets with respect for the environment, collaboration, and the passing of knowledge.

This year we invite you to come and immerse yourself in the race, letting each stride resonate across time.



Fred Comte
Director of Chamonix Sports Club





NEW FOR 2026:

Rewarding the valley's residents

In 2026, the Mont-Blanc Marathon will take another step forward in its journey toward sustainability and regional integration. For the first time, **10% of the race bibs will be reserved for residents of the Chamonix Valley Community of Municipalities:** Servoz, Les Houches, Chamonix-Mont-Blanc, and Vallorcine, **who arrive on foot, by bike, or via public transport.**

These bibs, designed as a way recognising the contribution made by locals, will allow participants to sign up for four iconic events - the Duo Étoilé, the 23 km of Mont-Blanc, the 42 km of Mont-Blanc, and the 90 km of Mont-Blanc - without going through a lottery; places being allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

This initiative recognises individuals whose participation has helped deliver a nearly zero carbon footprint, while strengthening the event's deep connection with its host region. It serves as a tangible expression of gratitude to the local community that lives and breathes the Mont-Blanc Marathon every year.

Half the race bibs are eco-friendly.

In 2026, **half of the race bibs will be distributed without a lottery to participants who pledge to travel to the event via train or bus.** This initiative marks a significant step in the evolution of the event's model: focusing efforts where they can make the most impact - in particular on transportation, the main contributor to carbon emissions, with the aim of instilling lasting sustainable practices among runners.



Reporting ideas

- ▶ The resurgence of local talent at major sporting events
- ▶ Rewarding travel with a minimal carbon footprint.
- ▶ The challenges of incorporating the local community into major events



THE SHIFT

From concept to impact, A look back at 2025

1 | When the transition is quantifiable

Implemented for the 2025 edition, the updated bib allocation system for the Mont-Blanc Marathon has turned the event's environmental commitments into tangible results. By directly influencing runner's means of transport, the primary contributor to carbon emissions, the organisers have chosen to adopt the following specific measures:

- * 40% of the race bibs are allocated to participants traveling by train or bus.
- * Carbon offsetting is now a requirement for all registered users.

2 | The results that were observed

- The use of petrol and diesel fuelled vehicles was halved
- **Forty-eight percent of participants arrived by train or bus.** (compared to 25% in 2024)
- **77.6% of participants have chosen low-carbon mobility by 2025.**
- **€70,000 contributed to the French Agroforestry Association (AFA) to completely offset** of the event's carbon emissions, detailed as follows:
 - * €55,000 collected from participants (compared to €6,000 in 2024)
 - * €15,000 contributed by the event to mitigate its carbon footprint

3 | The Association for Agroforestry in France

During the winter of 2025-2026, seven agroforestry projects received support in Allier, Puy-de-Dôme, Loire, Drôme, and Haute-Loire.

These initiatives aim to integrate trees into agricultural systems; enhancing biodiversity, improving soil quality, providing shade for livestock and crops, and bolstering overall farm resilience.

A beneficial, community-oriented, and sustainable approach that aligns with our core values.





THE MONT-BLANC MARATHON

Key statistics

8
races

10 000
runners

300
elite athletes

1 000
volunteers



37.6 %
women



62.3 %
men



36 000
requests for bib
numbers in the lottery



30 000
accompanying
supporters



Competition days



85 nationalities
represented

11 million euros
Generated for the local
economy



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Strong values

Respect

sites and residents (complimentary shuttles for accompanying individuals to reduce the number of personal vehicles)

Responsibility

toward the environment in which we live (waste reduction, elimination of plastic bottles...)

Charity

Charity race bibs will support the youngsters in the Chamonix Sports Club, as well as the organisations Vaincre les Maladies Lysosomales, Trail Runners Against Muco, and Ultra Sports Science

Sharing

A total of 1,000 volunteers from various age groups participate in the race organisation

Performance

300 top-tier athletes on the starting line

Discovery

Providing young individuals with an opportunity to engage in sports through two races designated specifically for them



Why you should talk about the Mont-Blanc Marathon?

- 1** A LINE-UP OF THE WORLD'S ELITE ATHLETES
- 2** FRANCE'S MOST SOCIALLY ENGAGED MARATHON
- 3** UNVEILLING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ATHLETES
- 4** THE MARATHON: A FUSION OF HUMAN EXPERIENCE AND SOCIAL INFLUENCE
- 5** MANY RACES, ONE SHARED SPIRIT





THE MONT-BLANC MARATHON

A showcase for the world's elites

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➤ An iconic event in the world of mountain trail running, the Mont-Blanc Marathon stands out as **the premier competition for elite athletes**. This includes professional trail runners, biathlon champions, medal-winning skiers, record-breaking mountain bikers, and distinguished competitors from various sports including judo and ice hockey. These exceptional athletes are drawn to Chamonix, and the allure of thrilling personal challenges set against the breathtaking landscapes that define the Mont-Blanc Marathon. Each year, **over 300 elite athletes from across the globe** converge on Chamonix to participate in the different races on offer.

PROMINENT FIGURES IN SPORTS, THE MARATHON HAS HAD THE HONOR OF HOSTING:

- Kilian Jornet
- Xavier Thévenard
- François d'Haene
- Rémi Bonnet
- Hillary Gerardi
- Ruth Croft
- Sophia Laukli
- Judith Wider
- Germain Grangier
- Katie Schide
- Elhousine Elazzaoui
- [...]



THIS YEAR, THE FOLLOWING PARTICIPANTS ARE ANTICIPATED TO BE AT THE STARTING LINE OF THE VARIOUS RACES:

- Frédéric Tranchant
- Louison Coiffet
- Roberto Delorenzi
- Manuel Mérillas
- Eli Hemming
- David Magnini
- Ben Dieman
- William Boffelli
- Miguel Arsenio
- Dominik Rolli
- Thibaut Baronian
- Mattia Bertoncini
- Dakota Jones
- Mathieu Delpéuch
- Arthur Joyeux-Bouillon
- Blandine L'Hirondel
- Madalina Florea
- Naomi Lange
- Fabiola Conti
- Lucille Germain
- Ida Amelie Robsahm
- There is Leboeuf
- Christel Dewalle
- Camilla Magliano
- Bianca Tarboton
- Julia Font Gómez
- Camille Bruyas
- Martina Valmassoi
- Tabor Hemming
- Manon Bohard
- Nuria Gil Clapera
- Henriette Albon
- Candice Fertin
- Elise Poncet
- Maëlle Beauvir





THE MONT-BLANC MARATHON

France's most socially engaged marathon

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Mobility

THE REVOLUTION OF LOW-CARBON RACE BIBS

In 2023, a study conducted by the Aircoop agency on the environmental impact of the Mont-Blanc Marathon found that 96% of the event's carbon footprint was associated with the transportation of participants and their companions (home <-> Chamonix).

To tackle this issue, 50% of race bibs are now set aside (without a lottery) for runners who pledge to travel to the Mont-Blanc Marathon by train or bus for the next four races:

- The Mont-Blanc Duo Etoilé
- The Mont-Blanc 90 kilometres
- The Mont-Blanc 42 kilometres
- The Mont-Blanc 23 kilometres

Carbon footprint

ASSESS, ADJUST, CONVERT

To further this initiative, the Chamonix Sports Club is adopting several strategies to reduce or offset the event's carbon footprint:

- Carbon offsetting for participants' journeys (home / Chamonix) is required for all runners (proof of residence will be verified).
- Signing a partnership with the POW (Protect Our Winters) organisation to promote more sustainable mobility solutions, including a complimentary local transport initiative,
- Complete offsetting of remaining emissions by the organisation.

Event Organisation

CREATED TO PROTECT NATURAL ECOSYSTEMS

In a fragile mountain environment, eco-responsibility goes beyond waste management and transportation. It is also reflected in the way sporting events are organised. With this in mind, the Chamonix Sports Club adopts a thoughtful approach to its developing the races, striving to minimise their impact on the trails and surrounding ecosystems.

➤ No additional races will be created.

Since 2017, the event has chosen to kept growth stable in order to ease the pressure on the fragile natural environment and to sustainably manage its environmental impact.

➤ Wave departures

The staggered start system enhances the flow of runners along the routes, reduces the concentration of runners in sensitive areas, and improves the overall race experience.

➤ Restricted number of participants per event

Capacity limits are deliberately established to protect the trails, guarantee the safety of participants, and minimise environmental impact.



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The most dedicated marathon in France

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From words to action: 15 years of tangible commitments

Zero plastic waste objective: elimination of 70,000 plastic bottles

- * Water is provided at supply points via an innovative filtration and distribution system, that uses the local network.
Bottled fizzy drinks bottles have been replaced with a concentrated syrup blended with locally sourced sparkling water
- * No more single-use containers (cups, plates, cutlery). Each runner is required to bring their own reusable cup and extra tableware. (required equipment).

Accountable waste management:

- * Eighty-five percent of the waste generated by the event is biowaste, which is composted locally in Chamonix.
The remaining waste items consist of recyclable materials that are sent to the suitable sorting facilities.
- * Utilisation of dry sawdust toilets - devoid of water or chemicals - with residues that are entirely compostable.

Consciousness and clarity

The Mont-Blanc Marathon promotes a responsible attitude towards trail running for participants of all levels:

- * Option to decline the finisher's t-shirt to prevent unnecessary textile production.
- * Two-thirds of purchases for supplies are sourced from local producers and traders, primarily focusing on organic products.
- * Eco-friendly awards: the trophies presented to the winners are locally produced from bio-based materials (corn-based) that are entirely recyclable and compostable. The medals for finishers are created by a Chamonix artisan utilising recycled wood (sourced from construction sites).

Biodiversity

Biodiversity and respect for places visited

From the heart of Chamonix to the panoramic ridges overlooking Mont Blanc, the Mont Blanc Marathon trails provide a unique journey through **remarkable alpine scenery**: the Aiguilles Rouges National Nature Reserve, the Aiguillette des Posettes, the Emosson dam at dawn, the Mer de Glace, and the areas surrounding the Aiguille du Midi.

Four races pass through **the Aiguilles Rouges Nature Reserve**, a renowned protected area in the region. **Here modifications to routes and passage times require increased vigilance to ensure sensitive areas are protected.** The races offer runners the chance to explore this unique environment and to help preserve it. **Chamonix Sports Club enforces strict regulations to protect the environment : stay on designated paths, refrain from littering (there is a zero tolerance policy with immediate disqualification), and avoid disturbing the local wildlife.**



Reporting ideas

- Following a family or a group of friends as they arrive by train or bus from their residence.
- The Mont Blanc Marathon serves as a comprehensive laboratory for sustainable trail running.
- Can we continue to discuss responsible sport without considering mobility?

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Revealing the abilities of the future

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Unveiling the next generation of elite athletes

➤ The Young Race, nurturing the next generation of elite athletes

The Young Race has reached a major milestone. Since the previous edition, the event has been reorganised with **two distinct distances catering for the U18 and U20 categories**, featuring **technical courses** that serve as genuine testing grounds for the emerging talents of global trail running.

Just like the elite races, the start and finish now take place in the center of Chamonix, at the Place du Triangle de l'Amitié, which gives these young runners both visibility and recognition.

➤ Sponsored by New Balance, the title partner

Since 2025 The Young Race has set its sights on a clear goal : to establish itself as the leading trail running event for young athletes worldwide. More than just a competition, the event aspires to provide a **platform for excellence and athlete development**.

This initiative aligns perfectly with the mission of the Chamonix Sports Club: to inspire young individuals to explore their potential, to thrive, and to develop their athletic careers within a structured, challenging, and responsible environment. The Young Race therefore represents a significant commitment to the future of trail running, providing the upcoming generation with the opportunity to progress at a measured pace.



Reporting ideas

- Portraits of emerging talents
- The new generation of trail runners confronting their environmental responsibilities.
- Training the elite with meticulous attention to details





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A marathon: bridging human experience and social influence

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1. A shared adventure at the heart of the region

▾ The volunteers

The Mont-Blanc Marathon has a unique social flavour. Each year, nearly 1,000 volunteers come together before, during, and after the four days of competition, performing over 100 vital tasks, ranging from offering refreshments to ensuring the safety of the race. The volunteers, predominately from the Mont-Blanc area, often commit long-term, involving their families, and preserving a strong tradition of volunteering.

▾ The participants

Designed as an intergenerational event, the Mont-Blanc Marathon unites parents, children, friends, and enthusiasts through races designed for all skill levels. At the end of June, nearly 40,000 individuals will flock to the valley, generating around 11 million euros of income and involving the entire local community.

This collective momentum reflects the evolution of trail running: the emergence of The Young Race, the growing participation of women in the sport, and the diversification of runner profiles. Today runners are just as likely to be attracted to the event for its sporting challenge as for its reputation. With a history spanning over 40 years, the Mont-Blanc Marathon has grown into an event that unites sport, social connection, and personal goals.





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A dedicated marathon: bridging human experience and social influence

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2. Running for yourself, running for others



Since 2015, the Mont-Blanc Marathon has embraced **an inclusive approach to trail running**, encouraging participants to support charitable and environmental initiatives. Through charity and environmental bibs, each participant can help fund projects concerning sport, medical research, social inclusion, or environmental conservation.

By making volunteering accessible to a wide range of audiences the event also actively encourages social diversity. Working with local organisations, including the Aller plus Haut association in Sallanches (which supports individuals with disabilities) and the EPDA de Prévention spécialisée in Chamonix (which assists young people facing challenges), it enables everyone to help organise the events, whilst having a rewarding experience.

More than **€150,000** has already been raised through this group effort. This approach reflects the Mont-Blanc Marathon's ambition to go beyond sports and become a genuine catalyst for social action, enabling each bib to help support a cause.



Reporting ideas

- When a race bib become a symbol of support
- Running for a purpose: the athletes who add extra meaning to their sporting achievements
- How a sports event finances research, inclusion, and environmental initiatives

Solidarity Pledge 2026

215 000€ DONATED

€70 000

Carbon compensation

€10 000

Donations

280 solidarity bibs



130 youth from 13 distinct sports



ULTRA SPORTS SCIENCE

Assistance for organisations (pediatric illnesses, medical research in athletics).

100 CMBM bibs



40 eco-friendly bibs



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Many races, one unique spirit

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From Mini Cross to the 90km Mont-Blanc race: something for everyone

The Mont-Blanc Marathon is more than just one race or one category of runner.

It unfolds through a series of complementary events, ranging from the Mini Cross to the 90km Mont-Blanc race, designed to embrace a wide range of participants **while preserving the distinct identity of each race**. This variety of formats remains one of the event's defining features :

- * **Short formats provide an initial experience in trail running.**
- * **Intermediate distances encourage progression.**
- * **Long-distance races are designed for the most seasoned runners.**

These different formats encourage progression; cultivating long-term interest and sharing trail running values through the generations. Families, youngsters, amateurs and elite athletes come together over the weekend, united by a shared passion and mutual respect for the mountains. This inclusive strategy ensures that the Mont-Blanc Marathon will remain both a popular entry point to trail running and an attractive proposition for those seeking the unique sporting challenge that lies at the heart of this event.





42 km of Mont-Blanc



23 km of Mont-Blanc



Vertical kilometre



The Young Race



90 km of Mont-Blanc



Duo étoilé



10 km of Mont-Blanc



Mini Cross



2026 edition schedule



THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026	FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026	SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026		SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026
PLACE DU MONT-BLANC 09:30 AM 07:00 PM Trail Camp - Mont Blanc Marathon Expo 09:00 AM 09:00 PM Bib collection (EMC2 room) Available by appointment only HOTEL LES AIGLONS 06:30 PM Media welcome evening featuring addresses from New Balance and Club des Sports	PLACE DU MONT-BLANC 09:30 AM 07:00 PM Trail Camp - Mont Blanc Marathon Expo 09:00 AM 09:00 PM Bib collection (EMC2 room) Available by appointment only PLACE DU TRIANGLE DE L'AMITIÉ 90 KM OF MONT-BLANC 04:45 AM Begin (3 waves) 02:30 PM Initial arrivals VERTICAL KILOMETER OF MONT-BLNAC 04:00 PM Begin in time trial format (1 runner every 15 seconds). 05:00 PM Initial arrivals at Planpraz 09:00 PM Awards presentation	PLACE DU MONT-BLANC 09:30 AM 07:00 PM Trail Camp - Mont Blanc Marathon Expo 09:00 AM 09:00 PM Bib collection (EMC2 room) Available by appointment only PRESS AREA 05:00 PM Press briefing AIRE DES PARAPENTES 23 KM OF MONT-BLANC 8:00 AM Begin (6 waves) 10:00 AM Initial arrivals at Planpraz 10 KM OF MONT-BLANC 10:30 AM Begin (6 waves) 11:10 AM Initial arrivals MINI CROSS 02:00 PM Beginning of the 800m 02:15 PM Beginning of the 2 km 02:45 PM Beginning of the 3 km	PLACE DU TRIANGLE DE L'AMITIÉ THE YOUNG RACE 03:00 PM Departure 04:00 PM Initial arrivals 03:05 PM • Prize- giving ceremony of the 90 km • Prize- giving ceremony of the 23 km • Prize- giving ceremony of the 10 km 6:00 PM Presenting the finest of the 42km of Mont Blanc... ...Subsequently, there will be a book signing. 07:45 PM Evening The Young Race (awards presentation & dinner) DUO ETOILÉ DU MONT BLANC 7:30 PM Departure 09:45 PM Initial arrivals	PLACE DU TRIANGLE DE L'AMITIÉ 42 KM OF MONT-BLANC 06:45 AM Departure of distinguished women 07:15 AM Departure of the male elite... ...Then non-elite runners (six waves) 10:45 am Initial arrivals 04:50 PM Presentation of the charity race numbers from the Chamonix Sports Club. 5:00 PM Prize-giving ceremony for the Duo Etoilé and the 42 km



Focus on the Mont-Blanc Marathon races



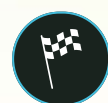
- 1** 90 KM OF MONT-BLANC
- 2** VERTICAL KILOMETRE
- 3** 23 KM OF MONT-BLANC
- 4** 10 KM OF MONT-BLANC
- 5** MINI-CROSS
- 6** THE YOUNG RACE
- 7** DUO ÉTOILÉ
- 8** 42 KM OF MONT-BLANC

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90 KM OF MONT-BLANC

An adventure to the heart of Mont-Blanc and beyond your limits

The 90 km of Mont-Blanc in brief



DEPARTURE

Friday, June 26, 2026
Beginning at 4:45 AM



HOW LONG IS IT?

92 km & 6,330 m elevation gain/loss



WHO?

1,000 seasoned runners
mountain racing



FIRST ARRIVALS

Beginning at 2:30 PM



Live streaming of the race on the
Mont-Blanc Marathon's YouTube
channel.

Features

From 1,000 to 2,500 meters in altitude, from dawn to dusk, from snow to warmth, from reflection to connection, from blossoms to rocky terrains, from the south-facing incline to the north-facing incline, from challenge to joy... An ADVENTURE!

Experiencing the sunrise above Mont Blanc, traversing the Emosson dam in Switzerland, jogging beside the Mer de Glace, passing beneath the Aiguille du Midi, and ultimately arriving in Chamonix to the cheers and congratulations for each runner... The 90km Mont Blanc is among the most technical and challenging ultra-trails in its class, yet it is also one of the most stunning!

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Théo DETIENNE

Winner of the 2025 edition

"The Mont-Blanc Marathon is incredible. I was uplifted by the supporters as well as by everyone watching on their screens. This marks my first victory in Chamonix, it's simply amazing...!"

Blandine L'HIRONDEL

Winner of the 2025 edition

"My earlier years did not match the promising beginning of my career. However, thanks to the Marathon, I rekindled the joy and spontaneity of my early days, and I truly enjoyed this race."

The champions of each edition since it first began:

2025	♂ Théo Detienne ♀ Blandine L'Hirondel
2024	♂ Dmitry Mityaev ♀ Ekaterina Mityaeva
2023	♂ Germain Grangier ♀ Jennifer Lemoine
2021	♂ Martin Kern ♀ Hillary Gerardi
2019	♂ Xavier Thévenard ♀ Katie Schide
2018	♂ Sylvain Court ♀ Minnie the Hawk
2017	♂ Xavier Thévenard ♀ Minnie the Hawk
2016	♂ Diego Pazos ♀ Caroline Chaverot
2015	♂ Alexander Nichols ♀ Mira Rai
2014	♂ Luis Alberto Hernando ♀ Tina-Emelie Forsberg
2013	♂ François D'Haene and Michel Lanne ♀ Caroline Chaverot

KmV

VERTICAL KILOMETRE OF MONT-BLANC

A vertical rush!

The Vertical Kilometre in brief



DEPARTURE

Friday, June 26, 2026
Beginning at 4:00 PM



HOW LONG IS IT?

3,8 km
1000 meters of elevation gain



WHO?

700 runners



TIME TRIAL FORMAT

Departures every 15 seconds.

Features

An aerial conclusion to the route, characteristic of a via ferrata, featuring steps, cables, pedals, a ladder, and handrails.



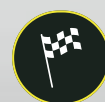
At 3.8 km, it is the shortest race of the weekend; however, participants must still ascend 1,000 m of elevation gain along a thoughtfully crafted singletrack beneath the Planpraz cable car.

Initially considered easy by the top runners, the trail progressively becomes steeper, culminating in a very steep and exposed final third that features cables and a ladder. This race welcomes all participants, from walkers to trail runners eager to challenge themselves with a vertical kilometre!

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The historic flagship race

The 23 km of Mont-Blanc race in brief



DEPARTURE

Saturday, June 27, 2026
Beginning at 8:00 AM



HOW LONG IS IT?

23 km
1,680 m D+ / 870 m D-



WHO?

2,000 runners



FIRST ARRIVALS

Beginning at 10:00 AM

Features

A route that has remained the same since 1979!

This historic route, quite unusual for contemporary trail running due to its predominantly uphill profile, has remained consistent since its establishment in 1979.

The arrival at Planpraz, situated at an altitude of 2,000 m, is sure to leave a lasting impression, featuring a finish overlooking an unparalleled view of Mont Blanc.

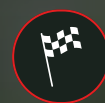
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10 KM OF MONT-BLANC

Short, intense, and accessible to all!

The 10 km of Mont-Blanc in brief



DEPARTURE

Saturday, June 27, 2026
Beginning at 10:30 AM



HOW FAR IS IT?

10 km
325 meters of elevation gain



WHO?

2,000 runners



FIRST ARRIVALS

Beginning at 11:00 AM

Features

A gathering that unites individuals in a celebratory and welcoming environment to explore trail running!



This 10km race, a genuine entry point to the other events of the Mont-Blanc Marathon, is accessible to all.

An opportunity to take part in a run with family and friends, celebrating the joy of participating in a festive race set in the forest, along cross-country ski trails, while also incorporating more technical sections. This event boasts the highest female participation, with over 50% of the participants being women!

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Mini

MINI CROSS

The champions of tomorrow are off!

The Mini Cross in brief



DEPARTURE

Saturday, June 27, 2026
Beginning at 2:00 PM



HOW FAR IS IT?

Three distances based on age
800 meters / 2 kilometers / 3 kilometers



WHO?

1,000 children aged 7 to 15 years

Features

A competition for the kids to be just like the grown ups !



Young

THE YOUNG RACE

Tomorrow's trail champions take the spotlight!

THE YOUNG RACE

The Young Race in brief



DEPARTURE

Saturday, June 27, 2026
Commencing at 3:00 PM



HOW LONG IS IT?

- U18 > 7 km (650 D+/-)
- U20 > 15 km (1200 D+/-)



WHO?

300 runners



INITIAL ARRIVALS

- U18 > 3:40 PM
- U20 > 4:35 PM



Live streaming of the race on the Mont-Blanc Marathon's YouTube channel.

Features

A bold, challenging, and unwavering program designed to enable the future stars of trail running to realise their complete potential.



The standard competition for U18 & U20

The Young Race aspires to be the premier trail running event worldwide for young athletes aged U18 and U20.

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Duo
DUO ÉTOILÉ

Team spirit and shared emotions

Le Duo étoilé in brief :



DEPARTURE

Saturday, June 27, 2026
Commencing at 7:30 PM



HOW LONG IS IT?

21 km
1 450 D+/-



WHO?

500 pairs



FIRST ARRIVALS

Beginning at 9:45 PM

Features

A night time race at the base of glaciers, with runners racing in teams of two!

Experience the unique atmosphere of a nighttime race for two, where teamwork and camaraderie are key.

The start in the heart of Chamonix is guaranteed to be exciting, as runners wind their way through the town encouraged by onlookers. They then leave the streets behind to tackle the Planards ski slope, where their endurance will certainly be put to the test.

The route proceeds along the renowned final stretch of the Vallée Blanche before diverging onto the trail that leads to Montanvers, then to the Plan de l'Aiguille refuge, passing by the Signal Forbes beneath the magnificent Aiguilles de Chamonix. The descent into the shimmering valley will be a standout moment of the race. Families, friends, couples—each team carries its unique narrative, its distinct motivations, its individual pace, yet at the finish line, they arrive with one common emotion of awe!

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42 KM OF MONT-BLANC

The holy grail for both the world's elite and passionate amateurs

The 42 km of Mont-Blanc in brief



DEPARTURE

Sunday, June 28, 2026
Beginning at 6:45 AM



HOW LONG IS IT?

42 km
2 540 meters D+/-



WHO?

2,300 seasoned mountain runners



FIRST ARRIVALS

Beginning at 10:45 AM



Live streaming on the different L'Equipe platforms (L'Equipe TV and L'Equipe Live) as well as on the Mont-Blanc Marathon YouTube channel.

Features

A legendary race featuring stunning vistas of the Mont Blanc massif and an unparalleled lineup of elite competitors in a French trail race.



For certain runners, the Mont-Blanc Marathon symbolises the ultimate sporting achievement, while for others, it serves as a milestone in their "world tour" of the most stunning marathons. Whether you are here to challenge your own limits or to compete with the elite of the sport, the 42km Mont-Blanc is a race that cannot be overlooked!

In the very centre of Chamonix, surrounded by the cheers and excitement of the crowds and onlookers, the 2,300 participants in the 42km Mont-Blanc race reach the Place du Triangle de l'Amitié, right where the race started several hours prior! The emotion is palpable...

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Davide Magnini

Winner of the 2025 edition

"I am going back to Chamonix this year following my initial victory in 2019. Therefore, winning this race once more brings me immense joy."

"This race marked a first for me. I had never visited Chamonix before, and it was my initial experience starting a 42km race, as I typically participate in shorter events. I didn't believe I could win. Therefore, I am extremely pleased to have accomplished it."

Joyline Chepngeno

Winner of the 2025 edition

The champions of each edition since the race began:

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2019	♂ David Magnini ♀ Ruth Croft
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2017	♂ Kilian Jornet ♀ Megan Kimmel
2016	♂ Cédric Fleureton ♀ Ida Nilsson
2015	♂ Marc Lauenstein ♀ Elisa Desco
2014	♂ Kilian Jornet ♀ Elisa Desco
2013	♂ Kilian Jornet ♀ Stevie Kremer



THE CHAMONIX ATHLETIC CLUB

Organisers since 1984!

The Chamonix Sports Club has been responsible for organising the Mont-Blanc Marathon since 1984.

Established in 1905, the Chamonix Sports Club is a non-profit organisation that encompasses 26 sports sections and boasts over 4,000 members.

With a proven track record in coordinating prestigious sporting events, the club is the driving force behind the famous Mont-Blanc Marathon, a key event for trail running and mountain running aficionados. Leveraging its deep local connections and dedicated team, the club showcases the stunning scenery of the Chamonix Valley, whilst creating a unique sporting experience that combines challenge, camaraderie, and respect for the environment.



Commitments and Objectives of the Chamonix Sports Club

- ▶ **To provide a diverse selection of sports for the residents of the Chamonix Valley:** encompassing recreational activities, wellness pursuits, and competitive events.
- ▶ **Enabling competitors to achieve the highest standards** (over 100 athletes across 16 disciplines compete at both European and world levels). Since 1924, at least one athlete has been chosen for every Winter Olympic Games.
- ▶ **Providing a variety of competitions, ranging from local events to major international contests:** Kandahar Ski World Cup, Mont-Blanc Marathon, Climbing World Cup.



A HISTORIC ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED IN 1905

The Chamonix Sports Club

A non-profit association celebrating 119 years of existence!

4 567

licensed in a region with a
population of 13,000 residents
(1 authorized member in each
household)

26

available sports -
skiing and board sports, ice
sports, team sports, outdoor
activities...

+70

annual events organised

2 missions

The goal is to promote the growth and practice of sports in the Chamonix valley, while fostering the physical development of youth by instilling values of respect—for oneself, for opponents, for physical integrity, and for the environment.

Promoting tourism in the area by hosting international sporting events such as the Mont-Blanc Marathon, Climbing World Cup, and Kandahar Ski World Cup.

60 000

Annual hours of volunteer
service

6,5

Millions allocated in the
budget annually

+300

partners



2026

TITLE PARTNER



MAJOR PARTNER



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EVENT REPORTING

and highlights for reporters

Press accreditation and bibs

Media accreditation requests should be submitted online using the form:

[Form](#)



What is included in accreditation?

It grants access to the **starting and finishing zones** of competitions as well as to **the press room** (Maison de la Montagne - Place du Triangle de l'Amitié). The **courses** and **aid stations** are open to access, just like for all companions and spectators.

However, we are available to **guide and advise** you on **strategic locations** based on the desired angle for your report. It is also possible, upon request, **to provide access (by vehicle and cable cars)** or accompany you, depending on your needs along the courses.

For press bibs (intended for reporting), requests must be submitted during online accreditation or via email to emeline@linkscom.fr.

NOTICE - Deadline for press bibs:
April 15, 2026

[Photos 2025](#)



THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026

HOTEL LES AIGLONS



2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Revocation of accreditations

6:30 PM

Welcome to the evening (address by New Balance and Sports Club)

FROM FRIDAY, JUNE 26TH TO SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH, 2026

MEDIA CENTER



9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Revocation of accreditations at the Maison de la Montagne.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026

MEDIA CENTER



5:00 PM

Press briefing

Highlighting the leading athletes of the 42km race along with the male and female champions of the 90km race.

6:00 PM

Elite presentation 42 kilometers

PLACE DU TRIANGLE DE L'AMITIÉ



07:45 PM

Evening The Young Race

Awards presentation and dinner

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