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Dear Rogaining Friends,

It is with great pleasure and honour that we invite you to Romania, to the European Rogaining Championship 2027, which will take place on 10–11 July 2027 in Predeal, in the heart of the Carpathian Mountains.

Hosting an international event of this importance represents both a great honour and a major responsibility for us. We are grateful for the trust you have placed in our team and we are fully dedicated to preparing a memorable championship that meets the high expectations of the international rogaining community.

Our goal is to organise a European Championship at the highest standards, offering competitors a genuine and challenging experience on a spectacular and demanding mountain terrain. We hope that every team will discover in Romania a setting that matches their ambition and level of preparation.

Transylvania is ready to welcome you!

With its spectacular mountain landscapes, extensive forests, challenging relief and rich cultural heritage, our region offers an ideal framework for a 24-hour rogaining competition. We hope that you will explore the competition area, enjoy the beauty of Romania and discover the traditions and renowned hospitality of Transylvania.

On behalf of the entire organising team, I invite you to join us in Predeal in July 2027, for a memorable edition of the European Rogaining Championship.

We look forward to welcoming you to Romania!



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Organiser, Competition Format, Rules



Organiser

CS Transylvania Rogaining was founded in 2016, with the aim of developing and promoting rogaining in Romania. The club's most important competition is Carpath Rogaining Trophy, a 24-hour event which reached its third edition in 2026.



Competition Format and Rules

The European Rogaining Championship 2027 will be organised in the official 24-hour format, in accordance with the International Rogaining Federation Rules (valid from 1st January 2024):

International Rogaining Federation Rules – rogaining.org/rules

In parallel, a 6-hour rogaining competition will also be organised, with a separate ranking.

Competition Course

- Control points may be visited in any order. Control markers will be equipped with reflective bands.
- The first digit of each control point code indicates the point value of that control.
- Certain out-of-bounds areas, including some nature reserves, may be marked on the map. Entering these areas is strictly forbidden.
- Violation of this rule will result in team disqualification.



COMPETITION AREA AND EVENT CENTRE

Event Centre

The event centre is located near the town of Predeal, at the biathlon ski base, where there is excellent space for the start / finish area, with all necessary organisational facilities, as well as an extensive camping area for tents and camper vans.

Event Centre coordinates
45°29′22.8″N 25°32′47.6″E



Competition Area – ERC 2027

The European Rogaining Championship 2027 will take place in a mountain area of approximately 180 km², located in the Romanian Carpathians, with the town of Predeal at the centre of the competition area.

The proposed area extends through Diham, Pârâul Rece and Trei Brazi, continuing towards Timișul de Sus, Valea Azugii and Azuga, encompassing a varied mountain terrain.



Embargo Area

For future participants in ERC 2027, the area indicated on the competition-area map is closed, and participation in training sessions and orienteering or rogaining competitions is forbidden from the date of publication of Bulletin No. 1 until the start of ERC 2027.

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Terrain, Vegetation, Wildlife and Weather



Terrain and Terrain Characteristics



The competition area features varied mountain terrain, including forested ridges, steep slopes, valleys, clearings and mountain meadows. The town of Predeal is situated at approximately 1,010 m above sea level. The competition area extends from approximately 650 m to 1,600 m above sea level.

Off-trail runnability varies depending on vegetation density and terrain steepness. Movement may be relatively easy in mature, open forests, while young forest, dense undergrowth and steep slopes can significantly reduce travel speed.

An extensive network of forest roads, mountain trails and smaller paths provides varied route choices throughout the competition area.

Competition Map

The competition map will cover the approximately 180 km² competition area in the Carpathian Mountains around Predeal. It will depict forest roads, mountain trails, smaller paths and other terrain features essential for route planning. The map will be produced at a scale of 1:30,000, with a contour interval of 10 metres. Further details, including the exact map dimensions, paper specifications and other technical information, will be published in Bulletin No. 2.

SCALE 1:30,000 **CONTOURS 10 m** **AREA APPROX. 180 km²**

VEGETATION

Most of the terrain is covered by coniferous and deciduous forests, with spruce, fir and beech predominating. Forests alternate with clearings, mountain meadows and open areas.

WEATHER

In July, the average daytime temperatures in Predeal are approximately 20–23 degrees Celsius, while average night temperatures are approximately 10–12 degrees Celsius. Rain showers and short summer storms are frequent in the Predeal area, and weather conditions can change rapidly in the mountains. In unfavourable weather conditions, temperatures may drop to 5–10 degrees Celsius, or even lower at higher elevations, especially at night, and strong winds, rain and reduced visibility are possible.

WILDLIFE

The region hosts rich wildlife characteristic of the Carpathian Mountains: brown bear, deer, roe deer, wild boar, wolf, fox, lynx, wildcat, as well as many bird species. The presence of the brown bear is an important characteristic of the region. However, during the rogaining competitions organised by us in recent years, no encounters or other incidents involving bears have been recorded. The organisers will publish in future bulletins and on the website specific recommendations and safety measures for moving through areas with wildlife.



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Transport, Accommodation and Tourist Information



Transport to the Event Centre

BY CAR

- Henri Coandă International Airport — Bucharest (OTP): approximately 130 km / approximately 2.5–4 hours (depending on traffic).
- Brașov–Ghimbav International Airport: approximately 40 km / approximately 45 minutes.

BY TRAIN AND BUS

Predeal has a railway station and bus connections. Participants can use services from Bucharest or Brașov to Predeal.

Accommodation

Camping is possible in the event centre area. Nearby lies the town of Predeal, a mountain resort with numerous hotels, guesthouses and cabins. On the competition website, we will publish accommodation recommendations and places to eat, including traditional Romanian and Transylvanian cuisine.



Tourist Attractions near the Competition Area

- Bran Castle — Dracula's Castle
- Peleș Castle in Sinaia
- Libearty Bear Sanctuary in Zărnești
- Brașov Old Town
- Poiana Brașov mountain resort





More details about guided excursions will be published on the competition website.

Visas

Participants from European Union member states do not need a visa to enter Romania. Citizens of other countries are advised to check in advance the visa requirements and travel documents needed to enter Romania.

Participants and Competition Classes – 24 Hours



Participants – ERC 2027 Romania

TEAM COMPOSITION

- Participation is in teams of 2 to 5 members.
- If one team member is under 14 years of age, the team must include at least one member aged 18 or older.
- All participants under 18 years of age must present written consent from their parents or legal guardians at registration.
- A participant is considered to represent a country if he or she holds citizenship or permanent residence in that country.

International Participants

- Participants from countries outside Europe may take part in the competition and are eligible for European Rogaining Championship medals, in accordance with the ERC rules.
- Participants from Russia and Belarus may compete only under the designation “International”, without officially representing their countries.
- During ERC 2027, the use of the flags, insignia and national symbols of Russia and Belarus is not permitted.

Competition Classes – 24 Hours

The 24-hour competition includes the following 15 classes: MO, WO, XO, MY, WY, XY, MV, WV, XV, MSV, WSV, XSV, MUV, WUV, XUV.

Team Composition

Code	Description
M	Men: all team members are men.
W	Women: all team members are women.
X	Mixed: the team includes at least one man and one woman.

Age Categories

Participants’ ages are calculated as at 31 December 2027.

Code	Description
O	Open — No age restriction
Y	Youth — All team members are 23 years old or younger
V	Veteran — All team members are 45 years old or older
SV	Super Veteran — All team members are 55 years old or older
UV	Ultra Veteran — All team members are 65 years old or older

Classification of Teams

Teams are classified in the relevant categories according to the composition and age of the members. Each team automatically competes in all categories for which it is eligible.

For example, a men’s team in which all members are over 55 years old will be included in the MO (Open), MV (Veteran) and MSV (Super Veteran) rankings.

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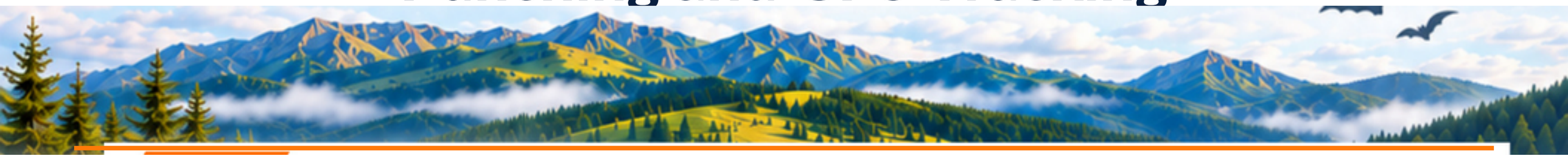
Mandatory Equipment, Punching and GPS Tracking



Mandatory Equipment

- Each team member must carry a whistle, a race number, a survival blanket and an SI card sealed to their wrist at all times. One team member must also carry the GPS tracking device provided by the organiser at all times.
- Each team must carry at least one mobile phone at all times. Any mobile phone carried during the competition must be switched off, sealed by the organiser and used only for emergency calls.



Recommended Equipment

Compass, headlamp with spare batteries, and first-aid kit.

Forbidden Equipment

- The only navigation aids permitted are the map provided by the organiser, a magnetic compass and watches used exclusively for time measurement, without GPS or altitude functions.
- The use of any other navigation aids, including GPS devices of any kind, is prohibited.
- Such devices may be carried only if sealed by the organiser so they cannot provide useful navigation information during the competition.
- The use of any maps other than the official competition map provided by the organiser is prohibited, including during course planning.
- All competitors must respect the principles of fair play and the rules of sportsmanship.

Control Punching

- The electronic SPORTident (SI) system, non-Air version, will be used to record visits to control points.
- Competitors may use their own SPORTident cards, provided they ensure that the card capacity is sufficient to record all visited control points.
- The organiser will offer SI cards for rent at a fee of 4 euros per card. In case of loss of a rented SI card, a fee of 80 euros will be charged.
- For the score of a control point to be valid, all team members must record their visit with their own SI card at the SPORTident station of that control point within a maximum interval of 60 seconds.

GPS Tracking

Each team in the 24-hour competition will receive a GPS tracking device from the organiser. Teams are required to carry the GPS device throughout the entire competition while they are on the course.

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Results, Protests, Hash House and Registration



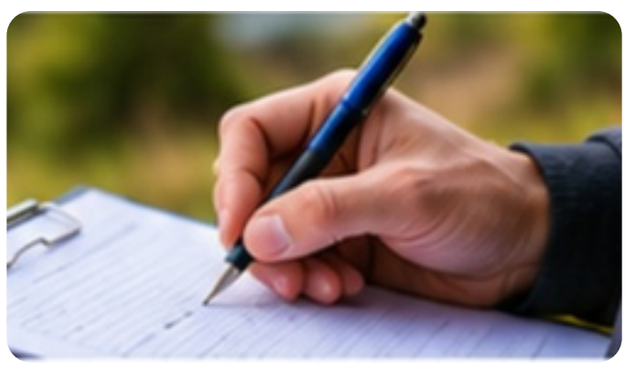
Results

- After crossing the finish line, each competitor will receive a printed report with the data recorded on the SPORTident (SI) card, including all visited control points, total competition time, split times between control points and the total score accumulated.
- The individual SPORTident report represents a preliminary result and does not constitute the final official result.
- The preliminary team results will be displayed at the Event Centre.
- The final results and official rankings will be published on the ERC 2027 website: www.erc2027.com.



Protests

- Teams may submit protests within 45 minutes after the official competition finish time.
- Protests must be submitted in writing, in English, and delivered to the organiser.



Hash House

- The Hash House opens on Saturday, 10 July 2027, at 18:00 and closes on Sunday, 11 July 2027, at 09:00. Food and drinks will be available during this period.
- Vegetarian options will also be offered.
- Lunch for competitors will be served on Sunday, 11 July 2027, from 11:00 to 13:30.



Registration

Online registration for the European Rogaining Championship 2027 will open on 30 November 2026. Registration will be completed online through the official registration platform accessible from the competition website: www.erc2027.com.

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6-Hour Rogaining Competition



In parallel with the European Rogaining Championship 2027, the organisers will hold a 6-hour rogaining competition on Saturday, 10 July 2027, with rankings and prizes separate from the 24-hour competition.

Competition Classes

Category	Code	Participation Conditions
Women Open	WA	No age restriction
Men Open	MA	No age restriction
Mixed Open	XA	No age restriction
Women Junior	WJ	All members under 21 years of age
Men Junior	MJ	All members under 21 years of age
Mixed Junior	XJ	All members under 21 years of age
Women Master	WM	All members at least 50 years of age
Men Master	MM	All members at least 50 years of age
Mixed Master	XM	All members at least 50 years of age

PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS

- Teams consist of 2–5 members. Mixed teams must include at least one man and one woman.
- Age is calculated as at 31 December 2027. Junior: participants born on 1 January 2007 or later. Master: participants born on 31 December 1977 or earlier.
- Teams including participants under 14 years of age must have at least one member aged 18 or older. Participants under 18 years of age must present written consent from their parents or legal guardians.
- Teams automatically compete in all categories for which they are eligible.

TIMING & REGISTRATION

Control points will be recorded using the SPORTident system. The 6-hour competition will have rankings separate from ERC 2027.

GPS TRACKING

No GPS tracking devices will be used for the 6-hour competition.

REGISTRATION

Registration opens on 30 November 2026 via the website www.erc2027.com. Participation fees and deadlines will be announced later. All other general rules are identical to those of the 24-hour competition, except for the provisions specific to the 6-hour format.

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Preliminary Event Programme



Friday, 9 July 2027

Time	Activity
12:00	Event Centre and camping area open
12:00–22:00	Registration

Saturday, 10 July 2027

Time	Activity
07:00–10:00	Registration
10:00	Map handout — 24-hour competition
12:00	ERC 2027 mass start — 24-hour competition
13:00	6-hour competition mass start
18:00	Hash House opens
19:00	6-hour competition finishes
19:30	Late finish cut-off — 6-hour competition
19:45	Deadline for submitting protests — 6-hour competition
20:30	6-hour competition prize-giving ceremony

Sunday, 11 July 2027

Time	Activity
09:00	Hash House closes
11:00–13:30	Lunch for Competitors
12:00	ERC 2027 finish — 24-hour competition
12:30	Late finish cut-off — 24-hour competition
12:45	Deadline for submitting protests — 24-hour competition
14:00	ERC 2027 prize-giving ceremony
18:00	Event Centre closes

Sun and Moon

Date	Time	Astronomical event
Saturday, 10 July	13:30	Moonrise
Saturday, 10 July	21:06	Sunset
Saturday, 10 July	21:44	End of civil twilight
Sunday, 11 July	00:17	Moonset
Sunday, 11 July	05:03	Start of civil twilight
Sunday, 11 July	05:40	Sunrise

Moon illumination: approximately 50% (First Quarter on 10 July). All times are approximate and local (EEST, UTC+3); mountain terrain affects visibility.

The programme is preliminary and subject to change.

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Entry Fees and Organising Team



Entry Fees (per competitor)

Registration deadline	24-hour competition	6-hour competition
Until 31 March 2027	€80	€30
Until 31 May 2027	€100	€40
Until 30 June 2027	€120	€50

Registration & Payment

Online via the official competition website: www.erc2027.com.

What the Entry Fee Covers

- Participation in the competition, competition map and course-planning map
- Food and drinks at the Hash House during the event, and lunch after the event
- Parking near the Event Centre and camping from Friday to Sunday
- Awards for the best teams
- GPS tracking service (24-hour competition only; not provided for the 6-hour event)

Cancellation and Refund Policy

In case of withdrawal notified by 30 June 2027 (inclusive), the organisers will refund 50% of the entry fee paid, less bank transaction charges.

No refunds will be issued after 30 June 2027.

Organising Team

Event Manager: Mihai Costea-Arieșanu

Technical Coordinator: Iuliu Dopovecz

Communication, PR and Projects: Mădălin Iacob and Diana Dopovecz
Lead Mapper: Florin Pătraș

Entry System and Website: Misha Santa

SPORTident Manager: Olimpiu Pop

Secretariat: Diana Dopovecz

Further Information

More detailed information about the camping area, the competition map, the event programme and other organisational arrangements will be provided in subsequent information bulletins and on the official ERC 2027 website.