



1st Balkan Mountain and Trail Running Championships

Tara, Bajina Bašta, Serbia

02-04. July 2026



INVITATION LETTER

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Location: Tara Mountain, Bajina Bašta, Serbia

Date: July 2–4, 2026

Organizer: Mountaineering Association of Serbia

Co-Organizer / Host Event: Tara Ultra Trail

Dear colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to participate in the **First Balkan Mountain and Trail Running Championship**, to be held on Tara Mountain in **Bajina Bašta, Serbia, from July 2 to July 4, 2026**.

This event represents a historic step for mountain and trail running in the region and will take place as part of **Tara Ultra Trail**, the most popular trail race in Serbia.

ELIGIBILITY

Participation is open to all member countries of the **Balkan Mountaineering Union (BMU)**.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If, as a BMU member federation, you do not have mountain or trail running under your jurisdiction, we kindly ask you—in the interest of the sport's development—to delegate the right to participate to an interested national federation (e.g., athletics, skyrunning, or another relevant national sports body) for a period you determine. Your cooperation and support are essential to the success of this Championship. If you delegate the participation rights to another organization, please inform us accordingly.

Athletes competing at the Balkan Championship may only be delegated by their respective National Federations.

In addition to the official Championship program, **OPEN mass-participation races** will be held and open to all interested runners.

Each BMU member may enter **one team per elite event**.

Each BMU member may enter up to **four athletes per race**, of whom **a maximum of three** will count toward the team result.

A national team may consist of up to **24 senior athletes (12 men + 12 women)** and **8 junior athletes (4 boys + 4 girls)**.

One athlete may compete in **two disciplines**, but only in the following combinations:

- Mountain Uphill + Mountain Classic **or**
- Mountain Uphill + Mountain Trail



DISCIPLINES

Discipline	Age Category	Date	Start / Finish	Distance	Ascent (+)	Descent (-)	Aid Stations
Mountain Uphill	Born in 2008 or earlier	July 3	Rastište Mountaineering hut Sjenic Viewpoint	6.15 km	1025 m	30 m	N/A
U18	Born 2009, 2010, 2011	July 4	Rača Monastery / Sports Center Bajina Bašta	9.5 km	350 m	476 m	1
Mountain Classic	Born in 2008 or earlier	July 4	Rača Monastery / Sports Center Bajina Bašta	13.5 km	565 m	674 m	1
Mountain Trail	Born in 2006 or earlier	July 4	Rača Monastery / Sports Center Bajina Bašta	35.6 km	1902 m	2008 m	3

Note: The listed data are provisional and subject to minor changes. Final information will be published in the Race Bulletin.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

- **Preliminary Entry Form:** deadline **April 15, 2026**
- **Final Entry Form:** deadline **June 8, 2026**

ACCOMMODATION

National federations are responsible for organizing and covering the accommodation expenses of their delegations. The organizer will provide information on recommended accommodation options.

ENTRY FEES

The entry fee is **35 EUR per athlete per discipline**.

For each discipline in which a three-member team is registered, the **fourth athlete is free**.

The entry fee includes a T-shirt, a finisher medal, free race photos, local transfers from Bajina Bašta to the race start, and transfer from the finish of the Mountain Uphill race back to Bajina Bašta ... and more.

Information regarding the Balkan Mountain and Trail Running Championship is available at: www.balkanmountain.run

We look forward to your participation and to jointly advancing mountain and trail running in the Balkans!

Warm regards,

Organizing Committee

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