



2026 Virtus World Half Marathon & 10K Championships



WORLD
HALF MARATHON & 10K

PONTA DELGADA, AZORES 2026

10th to 13th April 2026



2026 VIRTUS World Half Marathon & 10K Championships, Ponta Delgada, Azores – Portugal

INVITATION TO THE
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Ponta Delgada, São Miguel Island, Azores - Portugal
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Dear sport friends,

The Organising Committee supported by ANDDI-Portugal the Portuguese Sports Association for Intellectual Development and VIRTUS the International Federation for Athletes with Intellectual Impairments, have the pleasure to invite you to the **“2026 Virtus World Half Marathon & 10K Championships”** to be held in **Azores, Portugal, next 10th to 13th April 2026**, at **Ponta Delgada, São Miguel Island**.

For the first time ever in Virtus Road Race Championships we will include a specific short race – **1 Mile (1.609m) for I/2 group**.

Enclose we send you all the information about this event.

We do hope you will appreciate the hospitality of our country, and would be grateful for your confirmation and participation.

I would be grateful for your confirmation and participation, so please send us your **intent of participation before November 30th 2025**.

We hope to see you all next November in PONTA DELGADA – AZORES.

Will you participate at the “2026 VIRTUS WORLD HALF MARATHON & 10K CHAMPIONSHIPS”?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Country – _____

Yours sincerely,

José Costa Pereira
President
ANDDI-Portugal

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INFORMATION

1. ORGANISATION

ANDDI-Portugal - the Portuguese Sports Association for Intellectual Development

JIV – Clube Desportivo e Cultural Juventude Ilha Verde

AASM - São Miguel Athletics Association

2. STATUS - Sanctioned by

VIRTUS - International Federation for Athletes with Intellectual Impairments

3. TECHNICAL SUPPORT

FPA – Portuguese Athletics Federation

4. LANGUAGE

English is the official language of VIRTUS event. All material and information will be available in English. The organisers will provide each team with a volunteer for translation.

5. DATE

10th to 13th April 2026

6. VENUE

Ponta Delgada, São Miguel Island, Azores – Portugal

Is a Portuguese city located in the island of São Miguel and belongs to the Autonomous Region of the Azores. Ponta Delgada is the economic capital of the Autonomous Region of the Azores and the largest city in this region. With more than 5 centuries of existence, it is a flat, modern and cosmopolitan city. It is the largest municipality and the one with the greatest diversity of equipment.



7. AIRLINES AND TRANSPORT

Direct fly from some international airports to Ponta Delgada (João Paulo II Airport) or flight connection from Lisbon and/or Oporto airports. The Organising Committee will provide transportation from and to the Ponta Delgada airport, as well as during the Championship.



8. VISA REQUIREMENT

Visa to come to Portugal might be required for some countries

9. ACCOMODATION AND FOOD

The Organising Committee provides a **full board logistic facilities** which includes accommodation and meals in a comfortable hotel (twin and triple rooms) close to the start of the race (city centre).

10. INSURANCE

The Organising Committee ensures satisfactory arrangements in respect of public liability and professional indemnity.

Participating member organisations are responsible for their own insurance requirement for travel, personal accident, liability and medical matters.

11. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Tour around the São Miguel Island visiting the beautiful lagoons.

12. PROVISIONAL SCHEDULED PROGRAMME

April 10 th , Friday	Arrival of Delegations
April 11 th , Saturday	Training Session Social Programme Technical Meeting
April 12 th , Sunday	Competition Awards Ceremony Final Lunch Departure (by evening)
April 13 th , Monday	Departure

13. SPORTS RULES AND REGULATIONS

According the World Athletics and the VIRTUS rules.



14. ELIGIBILITY / ACCREDITATION / MEDICAL PROVISION / DOPING

- **Eligibility of athletes:** all participants should be registered with VIRTUS and should appear on the VIRTUS master list until March 15th.
- **Accreditation cards:** will be issued to each athlete after she/he personally has proved her/his passport to a VIRTUS officer.
- **Medical support:** will be available at competition venues and accommodation.
- **Doping Control:** Doping Control will be ensured by the Portugal Doping Control Unit.

15. PARTICIPANTS

No limit number of participants per country;

For the Team Competition a country has to register a minimum of 3 competitors' men and/or women.

16. REGISTRATION FORMALITIES

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| • <u>Intention of Participation</u> | - before 30th November 2025 |
| • <u>1st entry form (by number) and payment of 30%</u> | - before 31th January 2026 |
| • <u>2nd Entry form (by names), Arrival form and final 70%</u> | - before 28th February 2026 |

17. ENTRY FEE for the WHOLE PACKAGE

360 EURO per person for all members of the delegation (athletes, coaches and staff), for accommodation in a 4**** hotel in twin or triple rooms, full board, transport from / to Ponta Delgada Airport, local transports, social programme, and all ceremonies are included in the whole package.

Single Room – extra €40,00/night

Extra days - €100,00/person/day

18. VIRTUS Accreditation fee

Virtus Capitation Fee (per team member, players + staff) of €95,00 (equivalent to £80).

19. PAYMENT FORMALITIES

The Entry Fee must be paid to:

BANK Caixa Geral de Depósitos
ACCOUNT NAME ASSOCIACAO NACIONAL DESPORTO DESENVOLVIMENTO INTELECTUAL
 PORTUGAL ANDDI PORTUGAL
NIB 0035 0888 00088552030 39
IBAN PT50 0035 0888 00088552030 39
SWIFT CODE CGDIPTPL
ADRESS Avenida da República, 879
 4400-280 Vila Nova de Gaia – Portugal
Specification: Name of your country + Virtus HM Azores 2026

20. CANCELLATION POLICY

According to the Virtus terms of entry available at virtus.sport (point 21 above), in addition, please note the following:

Athlete or team withdrawing:

	Before first entry deadline	Before final entry deadline	After final entry deadline
30% first entry/deposit	100% refunded	50% amount refunded	0% amount refunded
70% final entry/balance	n/a	50% amount refunded	50% amount refunded

Cancellation of event by LOC:

	Before first entry deadline	Before final entry deadline	After final entry deadline
30% first entry/deposit	100% refunded	95% amount refunded	0% amount refunded
70% final entry/balance	n/a	90% amount refunded	90% amount refunded

All other costs, for example flights, insurance etc. are entirely the responsibility of the member organisation/team.

21. ORGANISATION AND INFORMATION OFFICE

ANDDI – Portugal, ASSOCIAÇÃO NACIONAL DE DESPORTO PARA DESENVOLVIMENTO INTELECTUAL

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1st ENTRY – DELEGATION FORM (1)

COUNTRY	
VIRTUS MEMBER	
E-mail	
Contact person and Mobile phone	
Position	

1 st ENTRY (Number)	RACE*	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Number of Athletes II1				
Number of Athletes II2				
Number of Athletes II3				
Number of Coaches / Team Officials				
Total of Delegation				

* HM (Half Marathon for II1 and II3) / 10K (for II1, II2 and II3) or MILE (just for II2)

We have read/acknowledge the VIRTUS EVENT ENTRY POLICY AND TERMS & CONDITIONS ☐

ENTRY FEE

The 30% of Entry Fee (not refundable) must be paid at the same time of the 1st Entry **no later than 31th January 2026** to:

BANK
NIB
SWIFT CODE
ADRESS

Caixa Geral de Depósitos
PT50 0035 0888 00088552030 39
CGDIPTPL
Avenida da República, 879
4400-280 Vila Nova de Gaia - Portugal

# Persons: ____ x Entry Fee (€360,00)	= _____ (Amount 1)
# Persons: ____ x Single Room (€40,00/night)	= _____ (Amount 2)
# Persons: ____ x Virtus Capitation Fee (€95,00)	= _____ (Amount 3)
TOTAL Delegation Payment	= _____ Total Amount

Please return this form to ANDDI-Portugal
Before 31th January 2026 with the 1st payment (30%)
E-mail: info@anddi.pt / paula.cristina@anddi.pt

2nd ENTRY FORM (2)

COUNTRY

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ATHLETES

	Surname	Given Name	Birth Date dd / mm / yyyy	Gender (F/M)	Race (HM / 10K / MILE)	II1 II2 II3	# VIRTUS License
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							

TEAM MANAGER / STAFF / COACHES

	Surname	Given Name	Date of Birth dd / mm / yyyy	Gender (F/M)	Official Position
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					

Please return this form to ANDDI-Portugal

With the final payment (70%)

No later than 28th February 2026

E-mail: info@anddi.pt / paula.cristina@anddi.pt



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FINAL ENTRY – ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE FORM (3)

COUNTRY -

ARRIVAL

	Date	Time	Flight #	Arriving at	Arriving from
Airport					

DEPARTURE

	Date	Time	Flight #	Departing at	Departing to
Airport					

CEREMONY MATERIAL:

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1 National Flag (0,80 x 1,20)

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1 PEN drive with National Anthem

DATE

____/____/ 2026

SIGNATURE

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No later than 28th February 2026
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