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Introduction

The "Ormanj Race 2024" project is a collective effort to organize an inspiring and challenging experience for runners and the community. We are grateful to all participants and friends who took part in this event.

Inspiration and Preparations

We owe the inspiration for the race route to Derviš Jasika, who prepared a special story about the necropolis of stećci for our blog, and his drawings were used for visual materials. The story and drawings can be found at: <https://ormanjtrail.com/2023/06/13/o-nekropoli-stecaka-krst/>

Motifs from the stećak and a fragment of a cup found on the Šišan hill were illustrated on the finisher medals. More about the cup motif can be found on our blog: <https://ormanjtrail.com/prica/>

We received confirmation from the Institution for Social Care and Health Education of Pazarić that the diligent participants of the Pottery Workshop will create finisher medals for the runners, signaling us to engage more in supporting and collaborating within the local community.

Preparations for the race began with the reconnaissance and recording of the trail's GPX data back in October 2023. In this action, we identified sections of the trail that needed maintenance. A complete reconnaissance report with photos is available on our blog: <https://ormanjtrail.com/2023/10/02/gradac-izvidanje-i-snimanje/>

Organizing Team and Preparations

The first clearing and maintenance action of the trail took place on March 9, 2024, involving Amir Bašić, President of the Skakavac Mountaineering Association, Emir Horman from the Mountaineering Ski Association of Pazarić, and volunteer Denis Hodžić. Clearing the long-neglected trail was a turning point as the race couldn't be imagined until a path was forged through the overgrown shrubs. This action was documented on our blog:

<https://ormanjtrail.com/2024/03/09/proboj/>

In April, we assembled the organizing team for the race, which confirmed the project and activity plan. Faris Bajrić took care of marketing and communications, and Dželil Bandić handled community and sponsor relations. Bakir Neradin and Irvin Korjenić coordinated volunteers, utilizing resources from the Youth Association Start from Hadžići. Registration for the race, volunteer call, and sponsorship invites were published on May 13, 2024.

Another trail maintenance action took place on June 22, 2024. Participants included volunteer Coordinator Mirza Kazić and students from the Faculty of Sport and Physical Education Sarajevo Amila Purišević, Nedim Lepenica, Hanan Čengiđ, Amina Purišević, Arman Abdagić, Hamza Hodžić, Ahmed Mejri, and Mirza Avdić. On a hot summer day, the students demonstrated their dedication and successfully cleared the second part of the trail towards and around Gradac. This action allowed volunteers to pass by one of the most beautiful stećci in the municipality and through the complex of the prehistoric and medieval fort of Gradac, a National Monument of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Unfortunately, due to personal commitments, the Safety Coordinator and Logistics Coordinator had to leave the organizing team.

In early October, we conducted a few more trail maintenance, final preparation, and marking actions with the participation of Faculty FASTO Professor Elvir Kazazović, Mirza Kazić, Snežana Milošević, and Ines, joined by volunteers from the Hadžići Mountain Rescue Service before the race. The Skakavac Mountaineering Association provided support with trail maintenance tools. The trail was finally prepared for the race.

We promoted the race using our social media channels Facebook and Instagram, and the website. We received media support from Antena Radio, TVSA, and Face TV. Financial support came from the Hadžići Municipality, PI-energies company, and some running friends, demonstrating their loyalty and support. Gift vouchers were donated by Intersport, and prizes for winners by Autotex Pazarić. Food support on race day was provided by AEMS meat store and FS motel. Water, juices, tables, and umbrellas were provided by our loyal friends and runners. Fruits for refreshment stations were supplied by TR market from Pazarić, and for cooking and distributing beans on race day we had support from the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The project also received support from the Ministry of Culture and Sport of Sarajevo Canton and the Ministry of Culture and Sport of Sarajevo Canton.

As race day approached, we were concerned about the low number of registered runners. Volunteer Sumeja Huskić engaged in the final promotion on social networks. Admir Hadžić from the

Enlightenment Association of Goražde also jumped to help with the event's final promotion, while volunteers Asja and Emela Hadžić and Sudić Mensur supported by volunteering at the event. Admir wholeheartedly assisted in sharing promotional materials, designing posters, and providing advice during the final promotion. He also prepared an introductory video with the race anthem, courtesy of Samir Jusufović, who, with the help of artificial intelligence, generated a brilliant text and audio arrangement for the rock band: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S8yW7h_ZwdY

Zdrava frka (Ormanj Race Anthem)

Dobro nam došli odakle god pošli
medalju ste osvojili čim ste se pojavili

Haj'mo svi na Ormanj trku doživite zdravu frku
udahni duboko i ispruži korak, život nije tako gorak

Zagrli drvo pomiriši travu, trči s' nama za dušu zdravu
Pobjednik je od nas svako, u prirodi je trčat' lako

Nastaće sve tvoje brige, o ovome ne pišu knjige
S jednim prijateljem dođi, s njih deset odavde pođi

Patike navuci, osmjeh nabaci i raziće se svi oblaci
čim odjeknu naši koraci

Haj'mo svi na Ormanj trku doživite zdravu frku
udahni duboko i ispruži korak, život nije tako gorak.

Healthy Fuss (Ormanj Race Anthem)

Welcome to you, from wherever you've come
You've won a medal just by showing up

Let's all head to the Ormanj race, experience the healthy fuss
Breathe in deeply and lengthen your stride, life's not as bitter

Hug a tree, smell the grass, run with us for a healthy soul
Everyone is a winner here, running in nature is easy

All your worries will vanish, this isn't written in books
Bring one friend along, leave with ten

Put on your sneakers, wear a smile, and the clouds will clear
As soon as our steps echo

Let's all head to the Ormanj race, experience the healthy fuss
Breathe in deeply and lengthen your stride, life's not as bitter.

Race Day

For an unforgettable evening before the race, we owe special thanks to Emir Hastor, who shared his running experience in the lecture "From Berlin to Paris" held at the Ormanj mountain lodge in front of guests, runners, and volunteers.

Volunteers serving runners at the start, coordinated by the organizing team at the start/finish and checkpoint stations, included Vedad Abdulahović, Almina Rašić, Amir Horman, Dženan Hatić, Emir Horman, Belma Kačar, Anes Kazić, Lamija Sejmenović, Naida Gadžo, Hana Sejmenović, Kenan Fatić, Damir Kriještorac, Merjem Musić, Adisa Gagula, Umma Šošić, Lejla Čović, Mia Jurić, Deni Alijević, Mirza Mrkonja, Eludeila Pivić, and Hatidža Bakija. Let's not forget the great help and support in organizing and serving at the plateau race and lodge from Mejra and Osman Kazazović, Rosa Mandić, Nusreta Lihovac, and Amir Bašić.

Thanks for the finish and trail photos go to Asja Hadžić, Deni Alijević, Snežana Milošević, Dino Šukman, and Ermin Okerić. Edin Dupovac and Ermin Okerić filmed and edited video materials.

Photo albums have been published on the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ormanjtrail> and embedded on the race website <https://ormanjtrail.com/fotogalerija/>

In the Gradac and Vilodor races held on Saturday, October 19, 2024, there were a total of 98 finishers, 40 on the Gradac track and 58 on the Vilodor track.

In the Gradac track – 13.5 km, the podium was occupied by:

I – Belma Baralija 1:58:29
II – Lorena Đepić 2:04:07
III – Kanita Granov 2:13:33

I – Džemal Jašarević 1:02:57
II – Krzysztof Kapusta 1:38:23
III – Džanan Obuća 1:38:30

In the Vilodor track – 6.5 km, the podium was occupied by:

I – Adna Đogo 53:45
II – Jasmina Maksumić 1:02:20
III – Sabina Džehverović 1:05:48

I – Emir Hastor 45:11
II – Nemanja Stanojević 52:26
III – Kenan Mašić 54:58



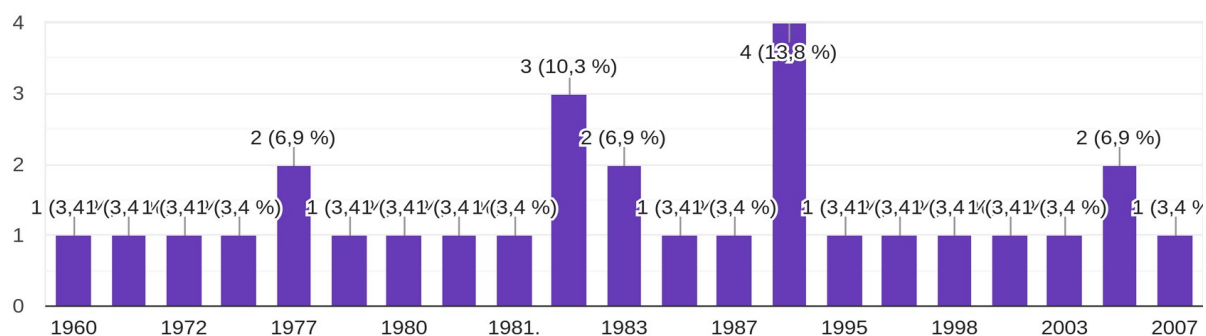


Conclusion and Future Plans

Although the event was not without flaws, we are encouraged by the presence and enthusiasm of the runners. We will do our best to improve the organization and experience in the future. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported us. Below, we provide the results of the survey conducted among runners after the event, which will also serve as our guidelines on how to improve the next edition of the race.

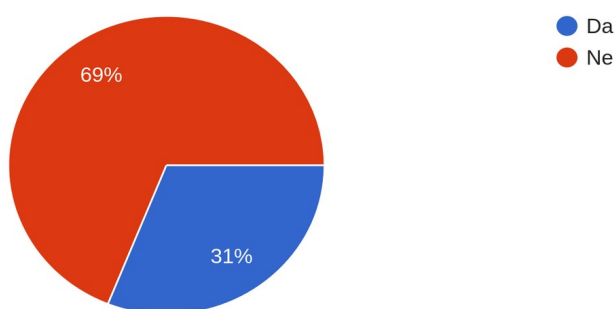
Godina rođenja?
29 odgovora

Birth date?
29 responses



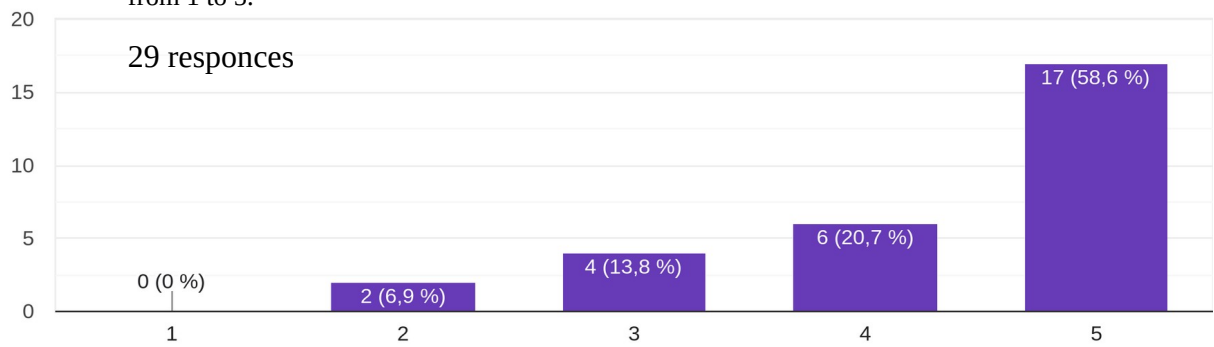
Da li vam je ovo prvo učešće na trail trci?
29 odgovora

Is this your first participation on a race?
29 responses



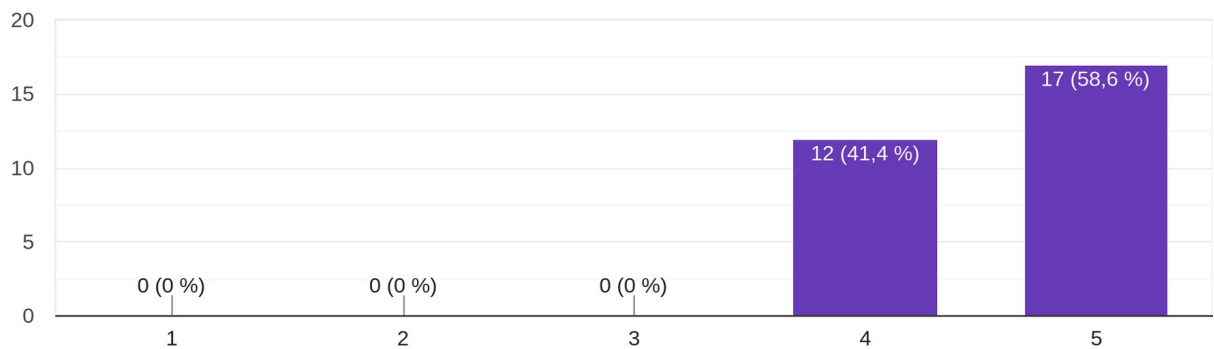
Koliko su bile dostupne informacije o trci i organizaciji? Ocijenite od 1 do 5.

29 odgovora How accessible was the information about the race and the organization? Rate from 1 to 5.



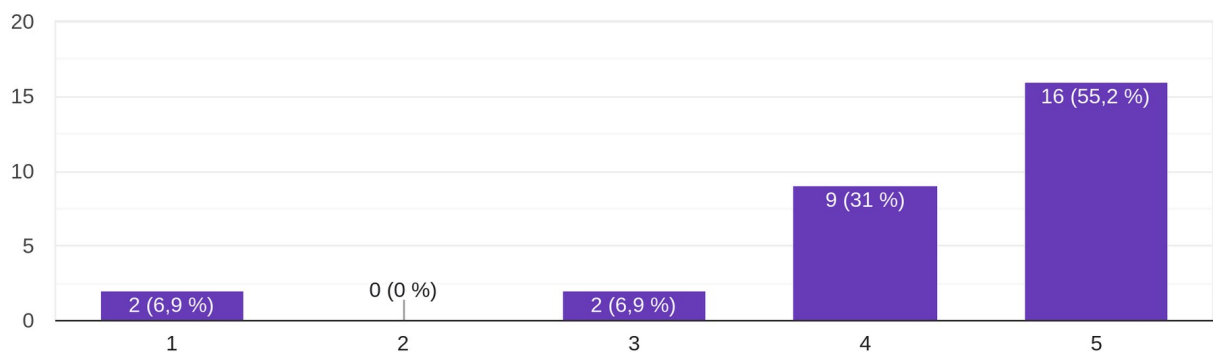
Ocijenite stazu od 1 do 5? Rate the trail from 1 to 5.

29 odgovora 29 responses



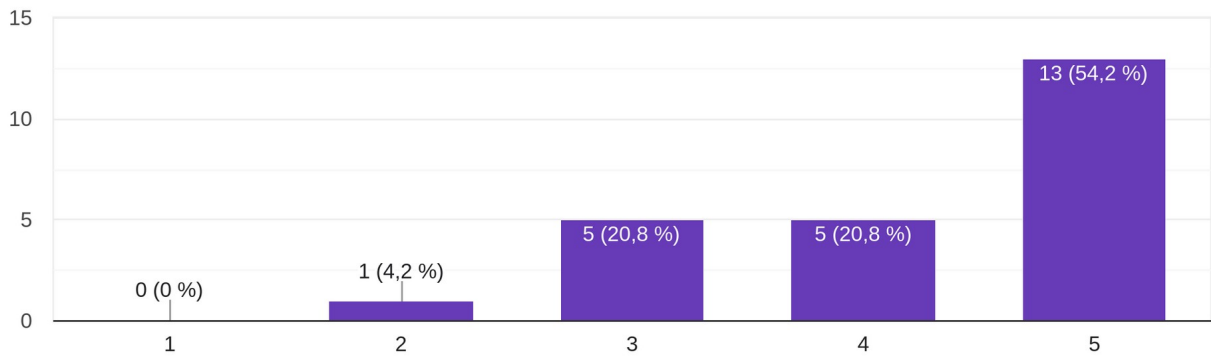
Ocijenite markaciju od 1 do 5? Rate the marking from 1 to 5.

29 odgovora 29 responses



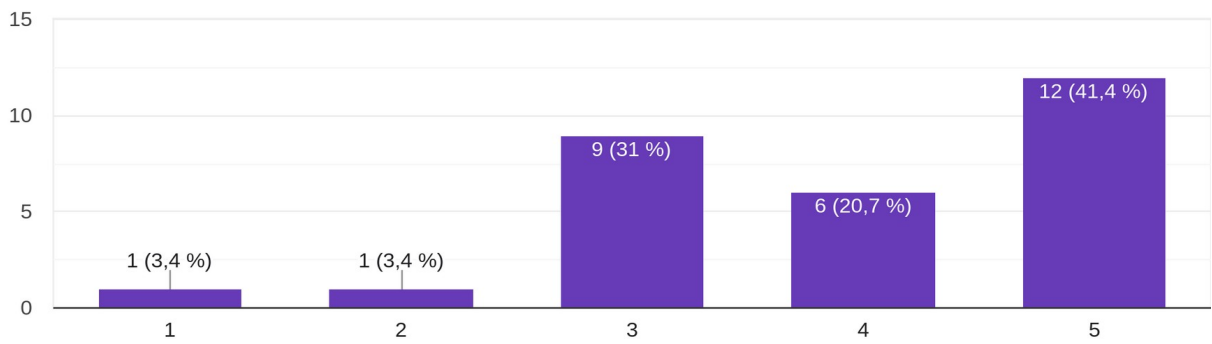
Majica?
24 odgovora

T-shirt?
24 responses



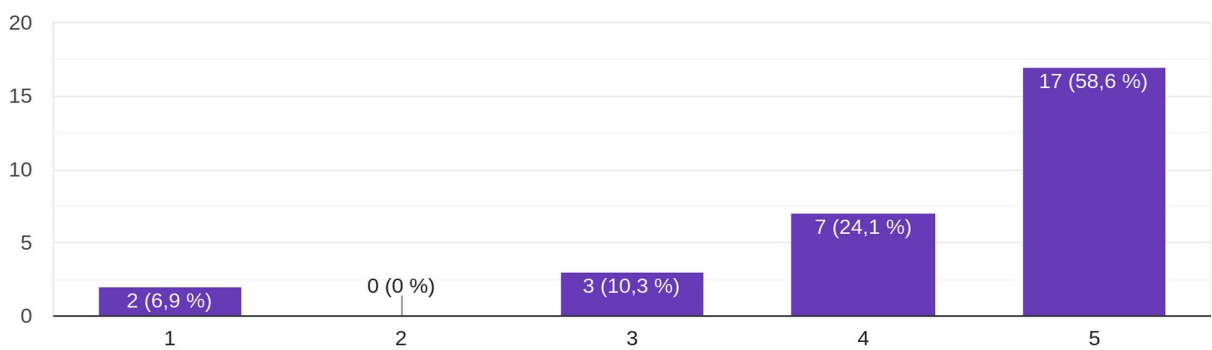
Medalja?
29 odgovora

Medal?
29 responses



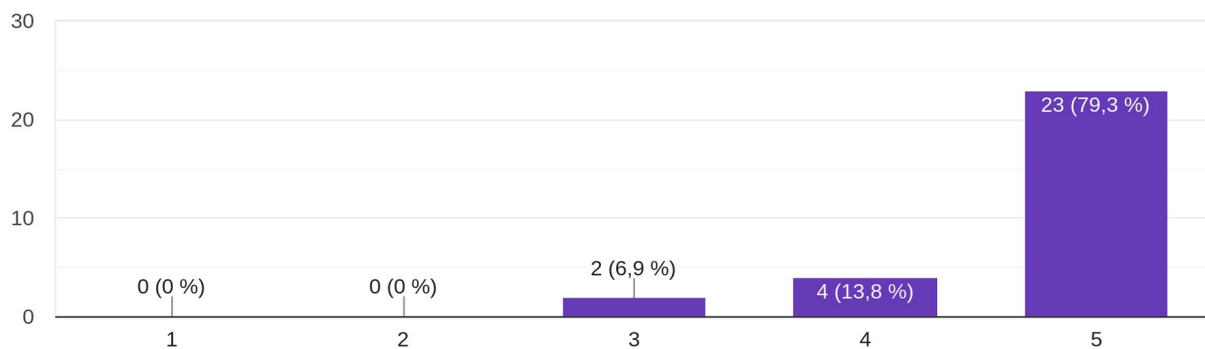
Volonteri?
29 odgovora

Volunteers?
29 responses



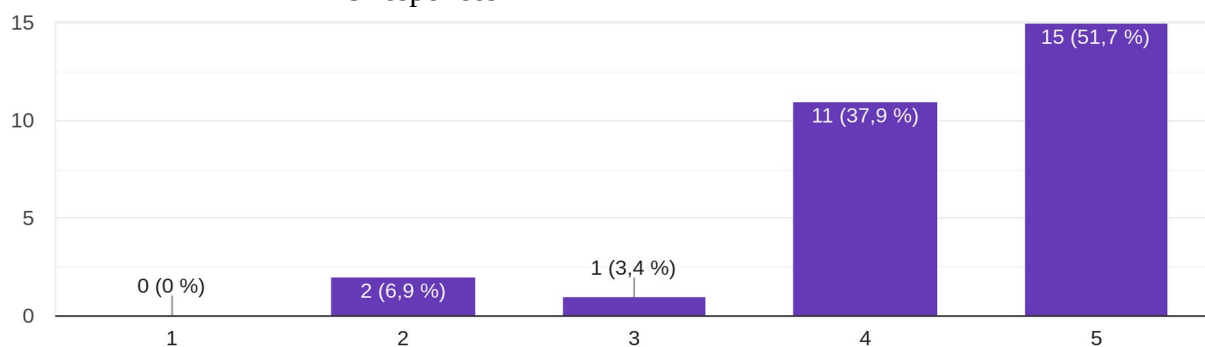
Hrana i piće?
29 odgovora

Food and beverage?
29 responses



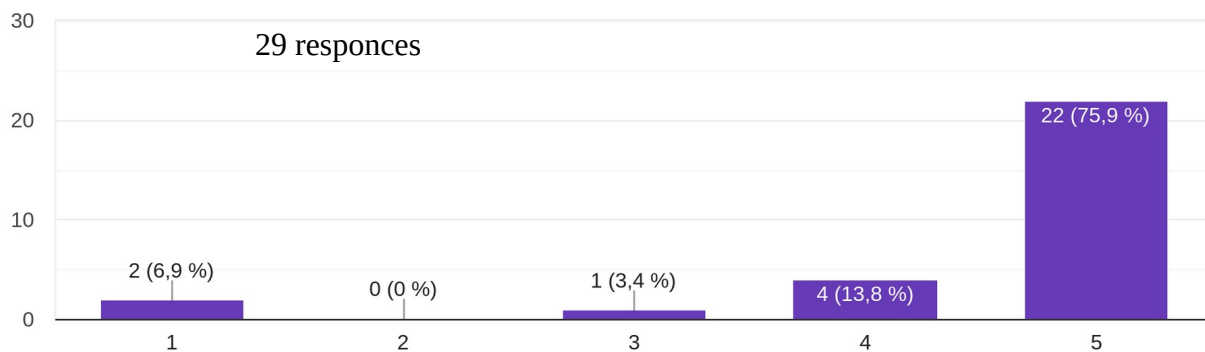
Program događaja?
29 odgovora

Event program?
29 responses



U kojoj mjeri bi ste preporučili Ormanj trku prijateljima, ocijenite od 1 do 5?
29 odgovora

How much would you recommend the event to friends, rate from 1 to 5?



Please write down everything you think should be changed for future editions of the race. 17 responses:

- Keep everything the same. Possibility of introducing a longer route.
- Some competitors complained that in the longer race of 13.5 km, not all competitors were recorded at the checkpoints.
- Just improve the trail markings.
- I want to point out that the behavior of the volunteers towards people needs to change. Also, I believe that the entry fee was too high considering the quality of the prizes. I hope these comments will be considered to improve the experience for all future participants.
- Focus more on improving organization and information dissemination (advertising). The trail is excellent, as is the marking.
- The tapes should be red and white or more visible, everything else is great...
- Try to reduce the long and difficult ascent a bit :)
- Strengthen the marking; there's never too much tape, and add another refreshment station on the 13.5 km trail. Also, place more photographers on the trail.
- The first 6 runners missed the race route because there were no volunteers at the intersection where the trail crosses, or they were not noticeable, indicating that the volunteers were unprepared by the organizers. At the only refreshment point, there was barely any water and nothing more. Intersections must have people who know the basic elements of the race.
- It was the first time at a race where the start doesn't happen at the same time. It's not quite clear to me. I have no complaints. This questionnaire is a big plus...
- Better marking.
- The 13 km trail is prone to shortcuts in several places, especially if you know the terrain. It's not that important to me as a recreational runner, but I'm sure it is for elite runners. The color of the markings for autumn is not the best solution. I believe there were few refreshments on the 13 km, if someone didn't carry hydration.
- More hydration stations.
- Volunteers.
- Torn flag at the lookout point :)
- 1. More visible markings. 2. Better communication from volunteers. 3. Improve the refreshment station, not just water. 4. Try to improve the program management. 5. ELIMINATE STARTS ONE BY ONE. 6. Enhance the race kit, for the price of the registration, zero. 7. Provide cast medals, these were a pure disappointment. 8. At the end of the race, display the actual standings, this year the time for the first place was entered into the CP much later. 9. Improve the prizes for the winners,

the prizes were pathetic. 10. Close registrations as stated, not allowing entries even as the race start time arrives. One gauges the competition a bit; if it's weak, I'll register. It makes no sense.

- Everything is pretty good, continue as before and the details will improve over time.



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