

BRIEFING: HALFMARATHON NW STEFANIK URBAN TRAIL 2025

1. INTRO

Hello Nordic Walkers, welcome to the STEFANIK URBAN TRAIL.

Remember – the race is not just about time, but especially about a positive experience, fairness and respect for nature, volunteers and each other.

2. SCHEDULE & LOGISTICS

The start of the race is on 8.11. at 08:00 (no later than 08:10). Please be in the starting corridor at least 10 minutes before the start, i.e. 07:50.

The time limit (cut-off) at the finish in Líščie údolie (park SNP) is set to 6 hours of the race, i.e. until 14:00 (no later than 14:10). Time limits at the aid stations (AS):

AS_1 (12. km) – Dúbravská hlavica closes at 11:00 (no later than 11:10)

AS_2 (23. km) – FINISH OF THE HALF MARATHON NW, Líščie údolie (SNP park) closes at 14:00 (no later than 14:10)

After these cut-off times, it will no longer be possible to continue the race.

The presentation and collection of start numbers will take place at the DECATHLON EUROVEA store on November 4-6, 2025, always from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. On Friday, November 7, start numbers WILL NOT be issued. The last opportunity to present and collect start numbers is at the House of Culture in the Devín Municipal District on November 8, 2025, from 5:30 AM to 7:30 AM. After 7:30 AM, they will no longer be issued before the start. Volunteers fulfill other important security roles in the Devín Municipal District after 7:30 AM in cooperation with the City Police. Those who miss the collection of numbers by Saturday, November 8, until 7:30 AM at the start will be served only after the official start and will start with a delay.

Toilets are available at the start. Parking is ONLY possible at the large parking lot under Devín Castle near the Hradná brána Hotel (48.1751161N, 16.9791019E) outside the crossing for runners and NW marked with cones. When moving to the start, take into account the time you will need to walk from the parking lot to the start location.

Parking at the start: ONLY HERE! 48.1751161N, 16.9791019E

Drop bags for the finish line: In the start area there will be a place marked "DROP BAGS HALF MARATHON" for handing over 1 personal package (bag/small backpack/small sack) marked with TYVEK tape (included in the start pack), on which you will write the same number as your start number with a marker. At the finish line you will pick up your personal package with your bib number.

AS_1 Dúbravská hlavica, 12th km: Access for accompanying cars or fans NOT allowed!

AS_2 FINISH HALF MARATHON NW, Líščie údolie (SNP park), 23. km: Parking possible only at these locations 48.1691314N, 17.0507481E, in case of crisis 48.1722319N, 17.0499256E, or 48.1728186N, 17.0498719E, or 48.1735467N, 17.0497681E

TRANSPORTATION TO THE START:

OPTION "OWN CAR": 48.1751161N, 16.9791019E

OPTION "TAXI": BOLT / UBER / HOPIN (mobile applications)

OPTION "PUBLIC TRANSPORT": Public transport planner <https://imhd.sk/ba/planovac-cesty>

Destination station for START: bus stop "Cyril a Metod" (bus no. 29)

Destination station for parking lot for start: bus stop "Hrad Devín" (bus no. 29)

TRANSPORT TO THE HALF MARATHON FINISH – Líščie údolie – park SNP:

OPTION "OWN CAR": 48.1691314N, 17.0507481E, in case of crisis 48.1722319N, 17.0499256E, or 48.1728186N, 17.0498719E, or 48.1735467N, 17.0497681E

OPTION "TAXI": BOLT / UBER / HOPIN (mobile applications)

OPTION "PUBLIC TRANSPORT": Public transport planner <https://imhd.sk/ba/planovac-cesty>

Destination station Líščie údolie – park SNP: tram stop "Kútiky" (trams no. 4, 9, approx. 8 min. walk to Líščie údolie – park SNP)

Destination station parking lot at the finish Líščie valley – SNP park: tram stop "Dolné Krčace" (tram no. 4, approx. 3-6 min. to parking spaces 48.1691314N, 17.0507481E, or 48.1722319N, 17.0499256E, or 48.1728186N, 17.0498719E, or 48.1735467N, 17.0497681E)

TRANSPORT TO THE FINISH ULTRA/RELAY – EUROVEA:

"OWN CAR" OPTION: 48.1409142N, 17.1208564E

"TAXI" OPTION: BOLT / UBER / HOPIN (mobile applications)

"PUBLIC TRANSPORT" OPTION: Public transport planner <https://imhd.sk/ba/planovac-cesty>

Destination station EUROVEA: bus stop "Malá Scéna" (bus no. 29, approx. 2 min. walk to EUROVEA)

3. THE COURSE

A 23 km long route awaits you with a total climb of 780 m.

The most difficult sections are:

- 1) A short technical approx. 100 m descent to the White Rocks on the section between 10 and 11 km, very wet, slippery, covered with leaves (+ slippery tree roots).
- 2) A short steep approx. 200 m descent, between 12 and 13 km, can be wet, muddy, covered with slippery leaves.
- 3) A short steeper approx. 50 m descent on approx. between 16 and 17 km, can be wet with stones and roots, covered with slippery leaves
- 4) Respect the rules of road traffic wherever the situation requires it.

Pay extra attention in the mentioned places!

Secret inspections: There will definitely be several secret controls on the route with live personnel who will control the passage of selected points of the route and may also check the mandatory equipment of the runner. The organizer will deliberately not report either the number or their location. Some live controls may even move in time. STEFANIK TRAIL is known for its uncompromising approach to non-compliance with the rules, which are intended to bring SAFETY and FAIR-PLAY to the event. Filing a protest and providing evidence (photos of the offenders or more than 2 witness statements) is not a report, but an effort to keep our community at a high level of mutual respect. File a protest in accordance with the rules listed on the event website.

The markings are marked with red and white ribbons (the entire route), critical points for changing direction will also be marked with pink flags, selected urban sections will also be marked with a combination of the aforementioned red and white ribbons and yellow arrows from 3M glued directly to the ground (asphalt). The urban route runs almost exclusively on sidewalks, not on the road. Forest sections may also have reinforced markings in the form of arrows made of flour, or by spraying pink spray (only on clay, not on asphalt).

If you do not see a sign for longer than [2-3 minutes], go back to the last one you saw and look for its continuation.

4. AID STATIONS (AS)

There is 1 AS + FINISH waiting for you on the course – at the 12th and 23rd kilometers.

Throw away trash only at the refreshment station or take it with you. The race is without disposable cups, everyone must have their own cup or wide-mouth running bottle.

AS are equipped as described on the event website in your section.

Instructions and orders from volunteers: Volunteers have come to help you and make your big day special. Together, we all have a responsibility for the smooth and safe running of the race. Failure to respect the

instructions, orders and warnings of the organizer will be punished by immediate exclusion of the competitor. Arrogant behavior towards volunteers is a reason for exclusion.

5. SAFETY

Mandatory equipment: bib number always placed in a visible place on the front of the body, charged mobile phone at all times, always rescue isothermal foil, own cup always. Controls can take place at the start or during the race.

Recommended equipment: running poles, adequate clothing for the current weather, minimum 0.5 liters of water, 20 EUR in cash - permission to buy refreshments outside the refreshment stations), recorded GPX route in the running watch or in the application on the mobile phone.

In case of an accident or emergency, call the **emergency rescue service on 0944 936 929**, 112 or contact the nearest runner/volunteer. If you see an injured runner, it is your duty to stop and help.

6. RULES & FAIR PLAY

- No external assistance from another person outside the elementary school stations is allowed.
- Do not use shortcuts, stick to the markings.
- Do not leave any garbage on the course.
- Helping your opponent is mandatory.
- Violation of the rules may lead to a penalty or disqualification.
- Arrogance towards volunteers is punished by immediate exclusion

You can read all the rules, penalties and how to submit a protest at

<https://sut.stefaniktrail.sk/ultramaraton/> . Ignorance of them does not excuse anyone. First and foremost, we all need fair and safe races.

7. FINISH LINE SERVICE

The finish line is in the SNP park in Líščé údolí. After the finish line, you will be able to pick up your personal package, snacks, tea, toilets, and a medal. The results will be announced at 3:00 PM in the large ALITER TECHNOLOGIES tent at the finish line of the ultramarathon and relay on the square in EUROVEA near the statue of M.R. Štefánik. There you will also find a SUT merch stand, sale of raffle tickets for charity, and a charity sale of tea/non-alcoholic punch/mulled wine in support of the Belasý motýľ non-profit organization. The raffle will be announced between 6:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

8. Q&A

Please send us your questions to martin.urbanik@gmail.com no later than 06.11.2025 by 21:00. We will send answers by email to those who asked by the end of 7.11.2025.

ATTENTION, we will only answer those questions whose answers are not included in this written briefing or the content of the stefaniktrail.sk website. EVERY registered competitor confirmed upon registration that they have read the entire website carefully and understand its entire content. Start looking for answers to your questions there.

9. CONCLUSION

Thank you all for trusting us and joining us. Enjoy the course, respect nature and the people around you, and let everyone bring their own personal sense of victory to the finish line.

SEE YOU SOON AT THE START AND THE FINISH!