

OVERVIEW

During the weekend of the Pentecost, the association "Les Gendarmes et les Voleurs de Temps" and the police force of the Limousin region in France, organise "Les Gendarmes et les Voleurs de Temps" (i.e. "The Police Officers and the Time Thieves"), a sporting event entered both on the calendar of international hallmark "off-stadium" races and of the French National Trail Tour.

It is an outdoor sporting event held in the natural setting of the Ambazac Mountains and the Valley of Taurion which are located in the Haute-Vienne department of the Limousin region (Western France).

LOCATION

The organisation (welcoming, departures, arrivals, cloak rooms, podiums, partner villages) takes place at the "Domaine du Petit Muret" in Ambazac (department 87).

VILLAGES

- Exhibitions by organisers and trading companies
- "The Police Show" – Animations and demonstrations

DEPARTURE TIMES AND PODIUMS

Saturday 26th May 2012

A – **Hiking** (6.2 or 10.5 miles) – **Departure at 3 pm (max 1,500)**
Common departure. Open to Nordic Walking – first to depart.

B – **Children's races** – **Departure from 4.30 pm**

- 11 & 12 year olds ("Poussins"): 0.5 miles (max. 40 boys and 40 girls)
- 12 & 13 year olds ("Benjamins"): 0.7 miles (max. 40 boys and 40 girls)
- 13 & 14 year olds ("Minimes"): 1.2 miles (max. 40 boys and 40 girls)

C – Women's race "**The Time Thieves**" (3.1 miles) – **Departure at 6 pm.**

Sunday 27th May 2012

D – "**The Great Trail of the Limousin**" (40 miles) – **Departure at 8 am (max. 1,000)**

E – "**The Time Thieves Trail**" (19.8 miles) – **Departure at 8.30 am (max. 2,500)**

F – "**The Discovery Trail**" (6.2 miles) – **Departure at 4 pm (max. 1,000)**

G – **Podiums:** times:

- Children's races: at the end of the race
- The Time Thieves (for women), 3.1 miles: at the end of the race
- The Time Thieves, 19.8 miles: at 2.30 pm
- The Great Trail of the Limousin (40 miles): at 4.30 pm for the top 3 men and the top 3 women in the scratch classifications. At 6.30 pm for the top winners of each men's category and each women's category, 1st V1, 1st V2, 1st V3, 1st V4, first hopes, top man and woman regional classifications
- Discovery Trail 6.2 miles: at 6 pm for the top 3 men and the top 3 women in the scratch classifications.

REGISTRATIONS. *Warning: new address*

Please send your paper-based registration requests and any correspondence regarding registration to the new address of association's headquarters:

"Les Gendarmes et les Voleurs de Temps", GAIA, Maison Régionale des Sports du Limousin, 142 avenue Emile Labussière F-8100 Limoges, FRANCE (new tel no. (0033) (0) 5 87 21 31 86 and fax no. (0033) (0) 5 55 32 77 49 – clearly state the reference "Les Gendarmes et les Voleurs de Temps" on the fax).

The deadline for registration is **12 May 2012 (date as per postmark).**

Entitlement to registration (no registration and/or registration changes will be accepted over the phone, see registration form).

Please attach a copy of your licence or medical certificate.

Payment methods: by cheque payable to: "Les Gendarmes et les Voleurs de Temps"

It is recommended you register online via our website: www.gendarmes-et-voleurs.com

Secure payment method via credit card

Those who, for some reason, were unable to download their medical certificate or licence during the registration process, will have to send us a copy of one of the two documents by surface mail, email or fax, as failure to do so may result in the non-validation of their registration.

Any commitment is firm and irrevocable. It cannot be subject to refund on any grounds, except for racers who subscribed to the "cancellation option".

Any commitment is personal. No transfer of registration is authorised, whatever the grounds may be. Anyone who will give their bib number to someone else will be held responsible if the person has an accident or provokes one during the race. Anyone having a bib number which s/he acquired in a manner which infringes the present agreement will be liable for disqualification. The bib number shall be in full view during the race. The organisation shall not be held responsible if there is an accident involving this type of situation.

Parents' signature is compulsory for participants to children's races, the 6.2-mile Discovery Trail and the participants to the 3.1-mile "Time Thieves" (for women) who are under 18.

REGISTRATION FEES

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| A. | Hiking (6.2 or 10.5 miles) | From 24 th October 2011 to 12 th May 2012 | 5€ * |
| B. | Children's races | From 24 th October 2011 to 12 th May 2012 | FREE |
| C. | Women's race (3.1 miles) | From 24 th October 2011 to 12 th May 2012 | 10€ |
| D. | The Great Trail of the Limousin (40 miles) | From 24 th October 2011 to 31 January 2012 | 55€ |
| | | From 1 st February to 15 th April 2012 | 65€ |
| | | From 16 th April to 12 th May 2012 | 75€ |
| | | Cancellation option | 8 € |
| E. | Trail (19.8 miles) | From 24 th October 2011 to 31 st January 2012 | 32€ |
| | | From 1 st February to 15 th April 2012 | 38€ |
| | | From 16 th April to 12 th May 2012 | 48€ |
| | | Cancellation option | 6 € |
| F. | The Discovery Trail (6.2 miles) | From 24 th October 2011 to 15 April 2012 | 15€ |
| | | From 16 April to 12 May 2012 | 20€ |
| | Pasta Party | | 15€ |
| | Animated buffet | | 25€ |

*Free for 2011 hikers due to issues which arose during the 2011 departure.

RACER CANCELLATION OPTION

Only available for the 40-mile and the 19.8-mile trails

- Is insured: anyone who subscribed to the cancellation option upon registration before 12th May 2012.
- **19.8-mile trail**: price: **6€**, **40-mile trail**: price: **8€** per person to be added on top of the registration fees and paid for with the same transfer. Check the relevant box on the registration form.
- Guarantee: the organisation guarantees the insured full refund of the registration fees of the 40-mile and 19.8-mile trails.
- Guarantee of acceptance:

Participants may have to cancel their registration for the following reasons:

- an accident, a serious illness,
- a serious illness necessitating hospitalisation or a death affecting their partner, direct ascendants or descendants.

The seriousness of the illness or accident will have to be recognised by a competent authority who will issue a medical certificate.

Exemption: anyone will be exempt from insurance and refund of incurred fees if:

- the accident or the illness is the result of an engine explosion or the explosion an engine part, the purpose of which is to explode following transformation of the nucleus of an atom.

- the accident, illness or death occurred before the date the agreement is entered into.
- the accident, illness or death affects someone over 80 or is a consequence of:
 - chronic ill-health;
 - or damages caused by a cataclysm.

Condition to be eligible for a refund: Any refund request will have to be sent to us **along with a medical certificate**, on **25th May 2012** at the latest, date as per postmark.

REGISTRATION CHANGES (change of event)

- Change from one race to a shorter race or to a hike – no refund.
- Change to a hike or to a longer race – payment of the difference according to the race's tariff.

No change will be possible on 26th and 27th May 2012. The organisation's headquarters must receive any request for registration changes by Friday 25th May 2012 **at the latest.**

EVENT CANCELLATION

Event cancellation shall occur in cases of force majeure, climatic event, natural disaster or any other circumstance putting the security of participants at risk. If the event is cancelled due to an epidemic outbreak, no refund will be possible.

BIB NUMBERS

Participants are requested to pin their bib number on their t-shirt at chest-height. It shall not be resized, cut, or folded on any grounds, and failure to comply may result in disqualification.

Bib numbers will be available for collection on Saturday 26th May 2012 between noon and 7.30 pm and on Sunday 27th May 2012 between 6.30 am and 4 pm at the "Domaine de Muret" in Ambazac (Department 87) upon presentation of an identity card or passport on an individual basis. One person cannot collect the bib numbers for a group.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATES

It is compulsory to meet this condition in order to participate to a competition.

Within the framework of the enforcement of security measures, the organiser will have to make sure, pursuant to Article L.231-3 of the French Sports Code, that the participants:

- **hold a medical certificate of non-contraindication to practice Athletics in competition or running in competition. The certificate or copy of the certificate must state that it was issued less than one year before the sporting event. The organiser will keep this original document or copy as evidence in the event of an accident. No other document will be accepted as medical clearance.**

French or foreign unlicensed runners or licensed runners who are members of a different federation shall attach to their registration form an original copy or copy of their medical certificate of non-contraindication to practice running **IN COMPETITION** issued less than one year before the sporting event.

The medical certificate shall be valid on the day of the event.

Online registrations will be validated by the organisers upon receipt of the requested documents.

WARNING: As the organisers may be held directly liable, no registration will be registered if evidence of the existence of the medical certificate is not provided or if a licence approved by the FFA is not presented.

≥ SPECIFIC CASE – RACERS FROM ABROAD

The obligation to present a medical certificate of non-contraindication to practice athletics or running in competition is applicable to all foreign racers, including those who are employed by an Athletics Sports Agent.

The doctor executing the medical certificate does not have to be located in France. The certificate must be written in French, dated, signed and enable authentication of the doctor.

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

No accompanying persons or non-accredited vehicles (including bicycles) will be authorised on the tracks.

TIME MEASUREMENT

FFA representative and KM 42 club representative. A time measurement system is connected to a timing chip inside the bib numbers.

REFRESHMENTS

THE GREAT TRAIL OF THE LIMOUSIN, 40 miles - requires partial self-sufficiency; twice refreshments after 12.4 miles and 24.8 miles, as well as 6 water points (and even more in case of strong heat) will be made available along the whole race track.

THE TIME THIEVES, 19.8 miles - 6 points with refreshments and 5 water points will be made available along the whole race track.

TRACKS (see profile)

SIGNS

While there will mostly be arrows at eye's length, several track markings and some flagging tape will be used as signs.

The dominant colour is **red for THE TIME THIEVES (19.8 miles)** and **blue for THE GREAT TRAIL OF THE LIMOUSIN (40 miles)**.

The mileage is indicated:

- every 0.6 miles until the 3rd mile, then every 6.2 miles for the 19.8-mile THE TIME THIEVES (men) race and the 40-mile THE GREAT TRAIL OF THE LIMOUSIN race.

- after every 0.6 miles in terms of the DISCOVERY TRAIL and THE TIME THIEVES (for women) (the last 0.6 miles will be indicated).

DISQUALIFICATION (bib number).

The minimum speed is 3.7 miles per hour

Runners who have not reached the check-points at the indicated times will be excluded from rankings.

They will be declared disqualified. A vehicle will bring them back to the site in Muret (the plate will all the same be handed out to them upon arrival).

DISQUALIFICATION 19.8-mile and 40-mile trails (limited time)

THE TIME THIEVES (19.8 miles)

2 checkpoints along the track: **after 3.7 miles, in Vieux and at the finish line**

The use of sticks is prohibited for the 19.8-mile trails. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

| Place of disqualification | Time limit | Mileage |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1) GRANDMONT | 11h20 | 10.5 miles |
| 2) LES BARRYS | 12h20 | 14.3 miles |

THE GREAT TRAIL OF THE LIMOUSIN (40 miles)

Compulsory equipment:

A hydration system of 1.2 litres minimum, a survival blanket, rain gear, a whistle, and a bib number in full view which states on the inside all the requested medical and personal information of the participant.

Optional equipment:

A mobile phone with a charged battery, the road-book handed out to every participant in the envelope containing the bib number.

5 check-points: in SAUVAGNAC, VIEUX, JEUNE HUREAU, EXCIDEUIL and at the finish line.

The use of sticks is authorised starting from 4.6 miles for the 40-mile trail and it will be displayed by signboards (possible disqualification if previous use is found).

| Place of disqualification | Time limit | Mileage |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| 3) LES BEIGES | 11h25 | 12.1 miles |
| 4) SAUVAGNAC | 12h50 | 18 miles |
| 5) VIEUX | 14h50 | 25.4 miles |
| 6) LES BARRYS | 15h25 | 27.6 miles |
| 7) CHEDEVILLE | 16h55 | 33.2 miles |
| 8) LES COURRIERES | 18h05 | 37.9 miles |

Medical services positioned on the tracks will be authorised to disqualify any participant who seems medically unfit to carry on the race.

OTHER POSSIBILITIES OF DISQUALIFICATION

- in case of "refuelling" with refreshments outside the designated zones;
- in case of littering (empty plastic bottles, packaging of any kind, papers, plastic) outside the "refreshments zone".

"LET'S RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT"

The Departmental Trade Union for the Disposal of Household and Other Similar Wastes of the Haute-Vienne (in French, le Syndicat Départemental pour l'Élimination des Déchets Ménagers et Assimilés de la Haute-Vienne or the SYDED), is a partner in the operation and has set up waste collection points for household packaging: it advises you to use them and not to spoil the natural environment by littering.

DEPARTURE, ARRIVAL AND CLOAK ROOM "Domaine de Muret".

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

- 12 medical stations, 9 doctors including 5 emergency doctors on Quads, 50 first-aiders, 1 helicopter;
- Medical services provided by civil protection assistance;
- The race may be neutralised for a few moments in order to evacuate an injured person and let an ambulance and/or security vehicle drive through as a matter of priority.

MASSAGE UPON ARRIVAL

A team of volunteer osteopaths, podiatrists and physiotherapists will be at your disposal.

SHOWERS AND TOILETS

Toilets are located at the horse-riding centre in Muret and showers are in the gymnasium.

INSURANCE

Civil liability: in accordance with the law, the organisers have subscribed to an insurance which covers the consequences of their civil liability, those of their agents and any participants to the race "Les Gendarmes et les Voleurs de Temps".

Holders of licences benefit from guarantees granted by the insurance attached to their licence. It is the responsibility of any other participant to have a private insurance.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

40-mile race: 1992 and prior

Nature race (19.8 miles): 1992 and prior

Discovery race (6.2 miles): 1996 and prior

Women's race (3.1 miles): 1998 and prior

Children's races: - "Poussins": 2001 and 2002.

- "Benjamins": 1999 and 2000

- "Minimes": 1997 and 1998.

Hiking (6.2 or 10.5 miles): children must be accompanied by parents.

PRIZES

A t-shirt is given to all participants (apart from children's races and hiking) upon collection of their bib numbers

40 miles: Trophies for the top 3 men and women in the scratch classifications and porcelain set for the 4th to the 10th top man and the 4th and 5th woman, 1st hope, 1st V1, 1st V2, 1st V3, 1st V4 and the 3 top regional winners (men and women)

19.8 miles: Trophies for the top 3 men and women in the scratch classifications and porcelain set for the 4th to the 10th top man and the 4th and 5th woman, 1st hope, 1st V1, 1st V2, 1st V3, 1st V4 et 3 top regional winners (men and women)

No accumulation:

If a competitor were in a position to go on the podium twice (for example for 19.8 miles scratch classification and first V1), s/he will only be awarded the most prestigious prize between the two (in the example mentioned, that would be the scratch).

Team ranking

The ranking of a team which is a member of the same company or the same club will be calculated cumulatively in terms of the best time achieved in the race for men or women, Senior, Veteran or Hope, of the 40- mile, 19.8-mile,

and 6.2-mile race as well as of the 3.1-mile women's race. The team with supporting documentation will be awarded a half-board stay for four persons to participate in a race abroad.

Discovery race (6.2 miles): Trophies for the top 3 men and the top 3 women in the scratch classifications.

Women's race: Trophies for the top 3

Children's races: Podium for the top 3

Hiking: Supplies will be provided in a bag which needs to be collected at the same time as the bib number.

AWARD CEREMONY

Only the competitors who attend the award ceremony will be eligible for prizes

RANKING AND DIPLOMA

Available via the internet for all competitors of the 40-mile, 19.8-mile, 6.2-mile and 3.1-mile trails.

ANTI-DOPING CHECKS

It can happen on the spot. If that is the case, those who get checked will be awarded their prizes as soon as the results of the anti-doping test are known.

OFFICIAL JURY

It consists of an FFA referee judge, whose power of decision-making is not subject to appeal. He is assisted by judges and race commissioners also appointed by the FFA.

SECURITY

The French National Police will be responsible for the security during the race (traffic police and track markings).

USE OF IMAGES

"I expressly authorise the association "Les Gendarmes et les Voleurs de Temps", as well as its beneficiaries such as partners and the media, to use static or audiovisual images on which I could appear, recorded during my participation to The Police Officers and the Time Thieves, through all means, including promotional and/or advertising documents worldwide and for the longest period provided by law, regulations, treaties that have been entered into force, including for any time extension which may supplement this period."

FRENCH DATA PROTECTION AGENCY

Pursuant to the French Freedom of Information Act of 6th January 1978, you have the right to access, modify or correct personal information about yourself. Through us, you may receive offers from other companies or associations. If you do not wish to receive any, please let us know in writing, providing your surname, name, address and bib number.

PASTA PARTY

Saturday 26th May 2012 from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

BUFFET ANIMÉ

Sunday 27th May 2012 at 8.30 pm.

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION

The registration of a participant certifies that s/he is aware of these 2012 regulations and that s/he commits herself/himself to respect all of its provisions without any exception.