

HARD DOG RACE

RACER'S GUIDE



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Dear racer,

This guide serves to make your participation in the race with your four-legged friend by your side as smooth as possible. You'll find the relevant information about things you need to do before the race or when you arrive, about the process of registration and other important stuff.

Important things to do before the race

Make sure to check all the bullet points below! It would be annoying if you couldn't participate or had to start your day limbering up with 30 squats/page because you forgot something important!

- Check your registration and print the confirmation email you receive after applying. If you cannot print these documents, you may use a smartphone or tablet to present them.
- If you're unsure about the rules of the race, read them again!
- Visit our home page and download the [Responsibility Agreement](#) and [Privacy Protection Agreement](#).
- The starting numbers you can find by logging into your account on the application page under Racer Management; the list containing the Applications is available here as well: <https://harddograce.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/starting-numbers-czech-2022.pdf>
- If you applied for a discount, don't forget to bring all the relevant documents to validate your eligibility for it (adoption contract, student ID card, ID card for uniformed or rescue services etc).
- Fill out the agreements, enter your starting number in the field in the upper right corner, then sign it.
- Check and prepare the passport or vaccination book belonging to your dog, as well as the deworming papers (unless those are in the vaccination book).
- Don't forget your dog's gear (collar, leash, harness, muzzle if necessary). Prepare a fresh set of clothes and a pair of shoes as well. We guarantee you'll be covered in mud and water before you finish the race.
- Bring a canteen if you think you'll need it.
- After you've prepared everything, put them in one place so you don't forget anything at home. All duos must have the agreements, the confirmation and the vaccination book. The human member of the duo must also carry a photographed ID. Agreements can be filled out at the race's location, should you have forgotten (fee: 30 squats/page). Without these, you cannot receive your starting package and cannot participate!

Arrival at the race

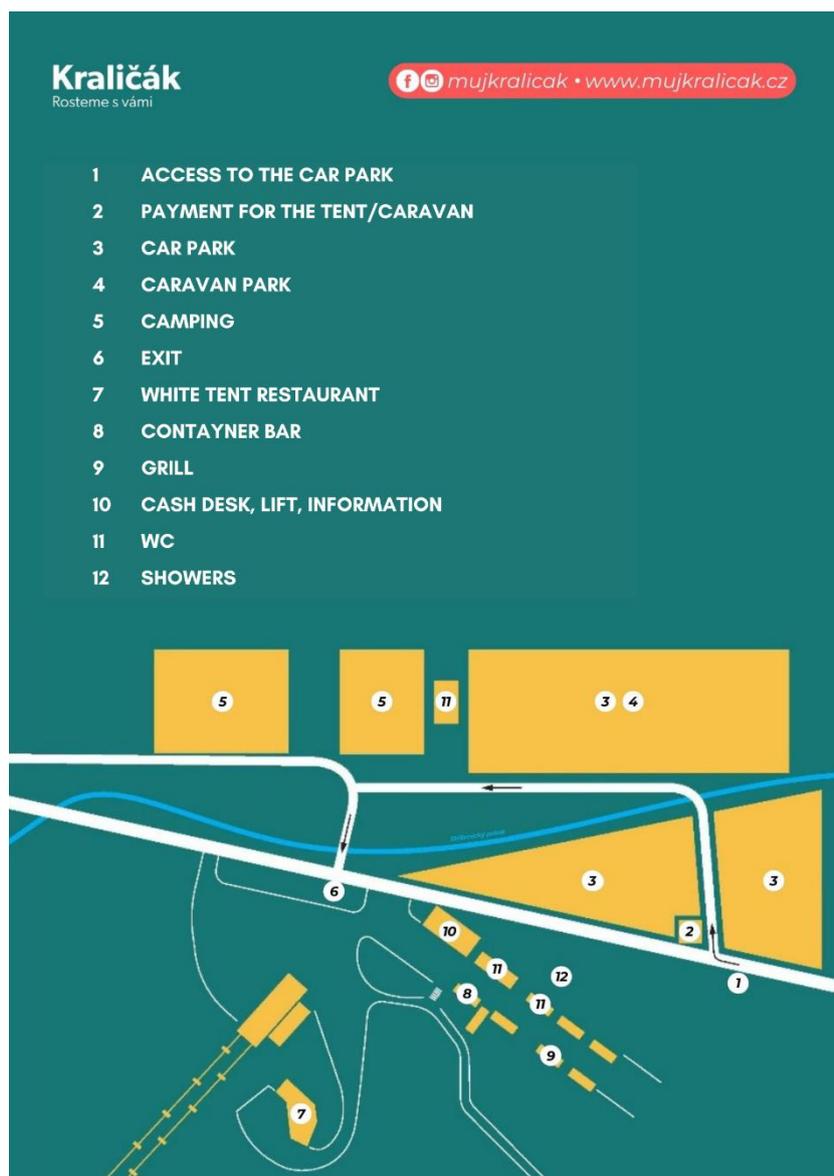
Venue

Stříbrnice (Old Town) : <https://goo.gl/maps/wTzXaVL7wJvsdp6U9>

Parking

We recommend that you arrive at the location 60 minutes before your race starts, so you will have time for everything. Racers have priority when it comes to parking, only they are allowed to drive in to the motocross track area. This does not mean that you're guaranteed to be able to drive in to the inner car park, however. We'll constantly monitor all traffic and let cars in accordingly. We ask for your patience and understanding. Please follow the instructions given by the security team to facilitate the parking.

If you wish to get in as fast as possible, we recommend that you have your application confirmation at hand (not necessarily in printed form, presenting it on a smartphone is accepted). Show it to the guard so they'll let you in if there are any free spots.



The most basic rules – whether you participate, cheer for the others or rest

1. On the race track, the dog must run only in a harness and connected to the competitor with either a leash or a leash with a seat. The dog must not run on a collar! In the whole vicinity of the race and its very center, the dog must always be led on a leash, it is forbidden to let them out of the leashes!
2. If your dog is aggressive or sociopathic toward humans or other animals, please muzzle it! If necessary, put a yellow ribbon on your dog, so you can signal it to others to pay attention. You're responsible for your dog's behaviour!
3. You're responsible for your own and your dog's physical safety!
4. Everyone must collect their own dog's droppings and dispose of it in the bins, even in the designated dog potty area. Failure to follow this rule may lead to disqualification from the race!
5. Littering is forbidden! The bins are there so you can conveniently dispose of anything you no longer need. If you're caught littering, you may get disqualified from the race.
6. Please do not take any stones, plants or other souvenirs from the racetrack!
7. If you see a sign prohibiting entry with dogs, please respect it! This is important to keep the racers calm.
8. Only participants or organizers may enter the cordoned area, i.e. the track. Please cheer, take photos or make videos from outside the track!
9. Photos and video recordings will be made of the event. You may be featured in these and they may be made public. By entering, you consent to being featured in these recordings that may be freely used by the organisers without limitation or compensation of any sort.
10. We'll try our best to take as many photos as possible, but we cannot guarantee you will be featured in HDR's photos.

Registration

There's a possibility to apply at the location on the day of the event, but this depends on the available time slots. Local application fee for HDR Base is 79 EU You can pay this at the local registration in the Racing Centre.

Please plan your arrival in a way you can register 1 hour before you start the race. Be mindful of the fact you might have to wait. If there's a long queue, our assistant will prioritise those whose starting time is imminent. Local registration is mandatory, you cannot participate in the race without having done it.

Registration process

1. The registration is connected directly with the veterinary inspection to speed up the process. Therefore, after arrival, please continue after measuring the temperature directly to the REGISTRATION associated with the VETERINARY INSPECTION.

2. Choose the queue that belongs to your start number and prepare the necessary documents. First, the registration confirmation is checked, then the Responsibility Agreement and the Privacy Protection Agreement handed over, then your identity is checked (according to a valid ID card or other document with a photo). If you applied for a discount, you must prove yourself with a valid document (adoption document, student ID card or ID card of uniformed or rescue services). Simultaneously with your inspection, the Veterinary Technician will check the validity of the vaccination, the chip listed in the OP or Passport of the dog and deworming, plus the visual clinical condition of the dog.

3. If everything is in order, you will receive your start package from us: the start number, a chip for measuring time with a bracelet, which you please put on the WRIST! You must put on the bracelet and the start number before the start.

4. When you have received your starter kit, you are done here.

5. If any of your papers are missing, you need to leave the queue and head over to the problem sorting area. This is where you can get your agreements (fee: 30 squats/page). Get back to the registration queue only when you have your filled-out, signed, witnessed forms!

After registration, before the race

If you have time left until the start, be sure to limber up with your dog. Don't forget that you need to be in the starting area 15 minutes before your race starts! These 15 minutes also serve for you to warm up properly!

If the weather is hot, you should take a dog shower with your dog and cool him down a bit before the race - just like yourself, you will both need it. In hot weather, we only allow participation with a turkey dog! We will announce this warning through our moderator.

You will have the opportunity to hide your bag and valuables in the locker room, which is guarded. You will receive a bracelet with a number, which you will then present when you leave and you will receive your belongings for it. There is also a locker room for women and men ready for you. The locker room and changing room are free for competitors.

Please don't use the bathrooms to change, therefore we set up the changing room!

Start

Racing slots: the first wave starts at 9:00. Then up to 52 competitors can start every 15 minutes. The last wave then starts at 13:15.

You'll need to start in the slot you chose at application, you can find your time slot on the starting package's envelope or on your starting number. You need to visibly wear your starting number and your time measuring chip. Without these, you may not enter the starting area! The time slot is checked on your starting number when you enter.

Please pay attention to both your own and the other dogs. They may be nervous or enthusiastic about the race, **keep a distance of at least 2 meters between other competitors**. Be very careful and try to avoid any accidents even in the starting zone.

The track

Obstacles

The length of the track is approximately 6 km and it has 16 obstacles (only?). There'll be an assistant at each obstacle who will tell you what you need to do if needed, monitors how you execute it, and warns you in case you're not doing it in the appropriate way. Assistants cannot help you physically (i.e. they cannot help you pick up stuff you'll need to carry, they cannot hold on to your dog etc.). Should you get into trouble, however, you can count on them!

It's possible for you to help your four-legged partner with the obstacles: you may pick up your dog 1 m before the obstacle, but you need to put it down within 3 meters of it after you've tackled it. If your dog is unable to meet an obstacle, you can replace it with regular squats, so you will stay in competition!

It's forbidden to lift the dog by its collar, hair, skin or any of its limbs! You may lift the dog in your arms, or by – or in – its harness. If the referee at the obstacle decides that you cannot get the dog to complete the obstacle in a humane way, or if the duo is taking long enough with the attempt that they're keeping up the safe progress of the racers behind them, they may mandate the racer to perform squats instead.

Your dog can run in front of you or next to you but if the dog is behind your back the running belt or the leash cannot be strained! Apart from obstacles, the dog must complete the track on its own legs.

You can receive help from other competitors and at the same time you can provide it in the spirit of fair play. However, you must never accept help from the audience. If you witness an injury or accident, especially if it happens between two obstacles, help the injured person as best you can and immediately alert one of the volunteers on the track!

If you try to cheat while performing an obstacle or while performing a squat penalty, you will be immediately disqualified! If you intentionally leave the race track - take the race route with a shortcut - you will be immediately disqualified.



Refreshment station

There will be a refreshment station for both people and dogs on the race track. Here you will both be able to drink water. The finishing package also includes drinking water.

If you wish, you may carry water with you. Using glass bottles is not allowed on the track. It's strictly forbidden to litter in the entire area of the event (there will be bins at the refreshment station). Those caught littering or leaving dog poop behind will get disqualified from the race immediately.

Time measurement

You receive a chip at registration that measures your time, this is how your result gets calculated. **This chip has to be attached to YOUR WRIST (like a bracelet)**. The band will be cut off from you at the finish line. If you lose your chip, you cannot get your finishing package, only the bottle of water. The deposit fee for the chip is 10 EU. If you lose the chip, you must pay for it at the registration zone. Once you show the receipt of this transaction, you may come back to the finishing zone to pick up your package.

Visitors may spectate and enter the area of the event FREE OF CHARGE. They may take photos, but they need to adhere to the rules, and they may not enter the closed-off area of the track. This is where the starting and finishing gates are as well, these will be marked with signs from the parking area.

What else can you find in the festival area?

Shower and dog wash

This is where you and your dog can get rid of mud and dirt after the race. You can change in the locker room / changing room, which you will find in the center of the race. If the weather is hot, you can cool your dog here (at least 5-10 minutes, just before your start). Judges at the start may ask you to bathe your dog if the weather requires it.

Restrooms

The toilets are located at both the Registration and the Race area.

Food & drink

You will be able to buy food and drinks in the festival arena. And don't forget to quench your thirst right after the race - you will find bottled water in the finisher's pack.

You cannot be hungry in Kraličák



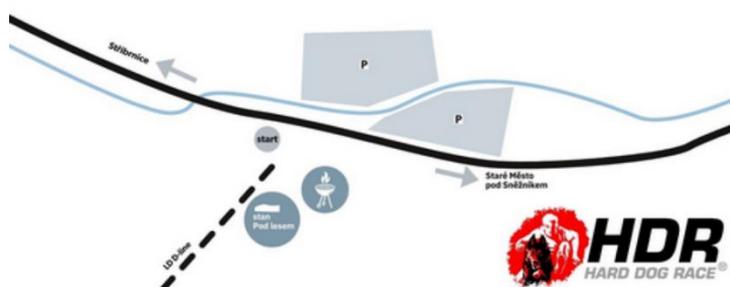
All-day menu:

- Beef broth with noodles and liver dumplings.
- Vegetable soup
- Beef goulash with dumplings
- Fried schnitzel (chicken & pork) with boiled potatoes
- Blueberry dumpling
- Gratinated potatoes with broccoli and grilled cheese



Grill and smokehouse:

- Grilled turkey
- Grilled ham hock
- sausage from the smoker



Merchandise and product demonstrations

If you're looking for something delicate for your dog or need help with your dog's feeding regime, you can definitely turn to the dog food experts at **Royal Canin**.

Musher's booth will have sports running equipment, harnesses for your canine partners.

Pet2me pet registry full of features for breeders. It offers chip registration, vaccination records including automatic reminders, health record keeping, SMS alerts when your pet is found and much more. ALL FREE. Plus identification medallions with QR code to help lost pets get home faster. Contest winners can enjoy Pet2me products. Other contestants and visitors can visit our booth with the opportunity to purchase at a 30% discount and lots of helpful advice on the registry and its features. www.pet2me.eu

Colafit Vet and their products will be available to purchase at the Pet2Me stand "Colafit Vet unique veterinary products containing crystalline native collagen - no gelatin. Protects and nourishes joints, reduces pain, improves mobility, maintains a healthy and beautiful coat. Winners of the competitions can look forward to unique Colafit VET collagen products. Other contestants and visitors can visit their booth. More about Colafit at www.colafitvet.cz"

Our crazy race will be visited by representatives from the great **Dog Sports magazine**, who may even be of your opinion " A dog is a friend of man without a doubt, but is man always a friend of his dog? Often out of ignorance, unfortunately, it is not. That is why our magazine brings you specific advice on how to raise a dog and be his guide through our human world. In the magazine you will find popular advice, instructional series, how to teach your dog specific skills, tricks, exercises. We regularly cover dog nutrition, possible diseases or physiotherapy. There is also a presentation of dog breeds, even those unknown or still working alongside humans. Agility, classical training, dogfrisbee, hunting or rescue training and other activities, sports designed for canine partners and their owners have their firm place with us, as well as reports from them. Interviews with interesting people, real stories of dogs and their owners, tips for trips... Having a dog is a great happiness and being a good partner and guide should be the duty of every responsible owner. We are happy to help you in this every month since 1954.

The **HDR shop** also has a wide selection: in addition to T-shirts and baseball caps, you can buy hooded sweatshirts with a kangaroo pocket, jackets for spring and autumn. We also thought of mugs, caps, keychains and other great products :)



Sleeveless T-shirt Ladies

Sleeveless T-shirt Unisex



Sleeveless T-shirt Ladies



Unisex T-shirt

T-shirt for kids

T-shirt for Ladies

Unisex T-shirt



V neck long sleeve t-shirt for Ladies

Hoodies

Hoodies



Wind jacket

Shorts

Glass mug

Mug



Keychain



Car sunshade SET





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Tank top double straps	- 450 Kč	Wind jacket	- 870 Kč
Tank top man	- 375 Kč	Shorts	- 500 Kč
Tank top racerback woman	- 375 Kč	Glass mug	- 170 Kč
T-shirt unisex shortsleeve	- 290 Kč	White mug	- 170 Kč
T-shirt child shortsleeve	- 225 Kč	Keychain	- 100 Kč
T-shirt woman shortsleeve	- 330 Kč	Car sunshield SET	- 490 Kč
T-shirt unisex longsleeve	- 420 Kč	Car sunshade small	- 250 Kč
T-shirt woman longsleeve	- 385 Kč	Car sunshade big	- 300 Kč
Blue hoodie	- 810 Kč	Tattoo	- 55 Kč
Grey hoodie	- 810 Kč	Towel	- 400 Kč
Black hoodie	- 810 Kč	Bottle	- 300 Kč
		Cap	- 255 Kč

Consultation

Royal Canin experts will provide you with useful information regarding proper dog nutrition.

Additional information

If you want to place a GoPro or any other camera on yourself or your dog, stick your name and phone number on it. If you lose it during the race, it will be easy to find you.

If you find something that does not belong to you, please hand it in at the race center in the registration tent. We are sure that if you lose something, you would also like someone else to find it and pass it on to someone who can deliver it back 😊.

HDR, as the organizer of the race, reserves the right to remove some obstacles, modify them or cancel the entire race in case of extreme weather, which could endanger both the participants and the organizers themselves. Rescue plans can be found in the registration tent, at the starting gate, RaR tent and in the festival arena.

HDR is a firm believer of the spirit of Fair Play. If you refuse to help another racer in trouble or endanger the safety of others (e.g. you don't pay attention to your dog, you don't maintain distance, you get pushy or you deliberately prevent faster runners from overtaking you), you may be disqualified. The medal and the finishing package will only be given to those who complete the track appropriately.

All participants have access to emergency medical assistance regardless of whether they run on two or four legs. Please, if you suffer an injury, immediately inform an HDR assistant so we may provide you with help ASAP.

If you have any questions, contact us at infocz@harddograce.cz until 2. September 2022. Afterwards, we can only provide help at the race.

See you at the starting line! Best of luck!