

**14-15 MARZO
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2026

**ALCONCHEL-
BARCARROTA-
HIGUERA DE VARGAS**

BULLETIN 1

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1. PRESENTATION

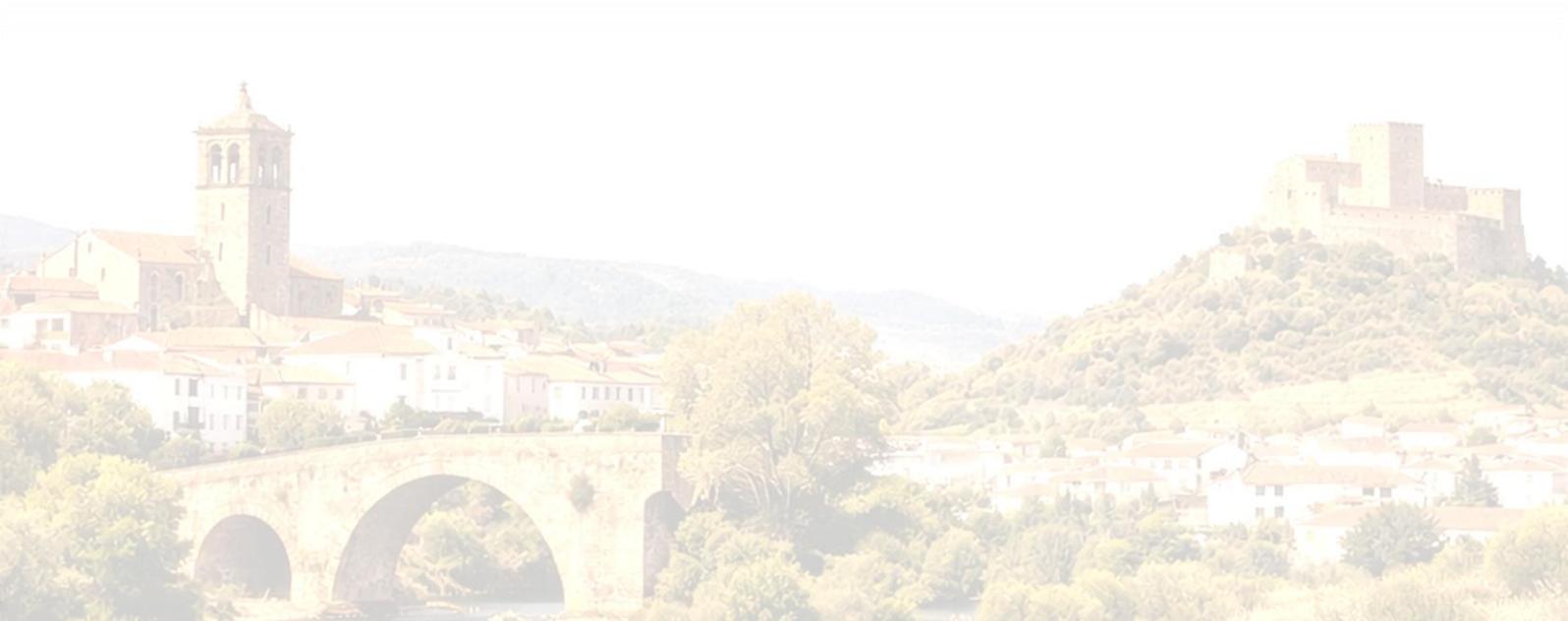
The 2026 MTBO Extremeñan League (MTBOEx) opens its season with a major event that combines the **MTBO Extremadura Trophy**, the **2026 Iberian MTBO Championship** and two races of the **World Masters Series – WMS**.

On **14 and 15 March**, the **Llanos de Olivenza County** will be the venue of three races counting for the Spanish MTBO League: a **Mass Start** in the **Sierra del Perdón** in **Higuera de Vargas**, a **Sprint** in **Alconchel**, in the area below the **Castle of Miraflores**, and a **Middle Distance** in the **Ecological and Biodiversity Corridor of the Alcarrache River**, around the Ahijón Dam in **Barcarrota**.

This event combines **varied terrains**, mediterranean landscapes, **cork tree forest and farms**, a demanding network of tracks and the **hospitality of its people**, offering a unique challenge for all MTBO fans.

We, at **Federación Extremeña de Orientación** and **Club Alcor Orientación**, invite you to take part in this event and enjoy a week-end full of **orienteering, MTB and nature**, in a county where the mediterranean landscape, history, culture and passion for MTBO join hands.

See you in Extremadura!



2. THE CENTRE. ALCONCHEL, HIGUERA DE VARGAS AND BARCARROTA

The **2026 Iberian MTBO Championship** will take place in the **Llanos de Olivenza County**, where 700 of its 1,600 square kilometres are of pure cork forest. On top of this, there are various archaeological sites of old times, with many prehistoric dolmens, Celtic, Roman and Visigothic remains. And its Portuguese accent, which gives to this area of the Portuguese-Extremeñan border this peculiar character in its history, in its artistic and historical heritage, in its typical fiestas and even in its gastronomy.

Of its eleven municipalities, three will host this event:

- **Alconchel**: an iconic village of the Llanos de Olivenza County, dominated by the **Miraflores Castle**, located on the homonymous hill and a landmark of the historical heritage of this area. Its network of country and semi urban tracks and urban streets makes it ideal for the **Sprint** course, combining history, heritage and a unique mediterranean landscape.
- **Higuera de Vargas**: also part of Llanos de Olivenza, will be the venue for the **Mass Start** in **Sierra del Pendón**, an area of mediterranean landscape with **farms and pine, cork tree and holm oak forest**. The large network of tracks, some of which are highly rideable and others more technical, will offer a comprehensive challenge to MTB orienteers.
- **Barcarrota**: will be the venue for the **Middle Distance** in the **Ecological and Biodiversity Corridor of the Alcarrache River**, around the **Ahijón Dam**, an area of high conservation value in the county. Its **farms, pasture land and thick cork tree forest areas** create a varied terrain, ideal to put to the test the riding technique, speed and navigation abilities of the athletes.

These venues stand out not only due to their **conditions for sports and varied terrain**, but also to their **historical, cultural and gastronomic heritage**, as well as for the **hospitality and warmness of its inhabitants**, offering participants a comprehensive and enriching experience throughout the event.



2.1 How to get there.

→ **By car:** to Alconchel, Higuera de Vargas and Barcarrota, the road from Madrid to Badajoz (A-5) is approximately 420-450 km-long; from Seville, via the N-432 and A-4/AP-4 approximately 250-300 km-long; and from Lisbon, via the A-6 (Portugal), crossing the border in Badajoz, some 220-230 km-long, with tolls in Portugal.

→ **By train:** from the Badajoz train station, the main rail hub of the county, with high-speed rail connections to Madrid, a connection to Lisbon, interregional train services to Seville and regional services to the whole Extremadura.

→ **By bus:** there are regular services connecting Badajoz to **Alconchel, Higuera de Vargas and Barcarrota**, ensuring access to and from these locations.

→ **By plane:** the Badajoz Airport, located to the west of the city, has international flights; the Lisbon and Seville airports, some two hours away by car, are also an option.

3. RULES

3.1 Rules.

The 1st event of the 2026 **MTBO Extremadura Cup (MTBOEX)** is an official event of the **2026 MTBO Spanish Cup** and corresponds also to the **2026 MTBO Iberian Championship**. It is regulated by the rules issued by the Spanish Orienteering Federation (FEDO).

[FEDO MTBO Rules](#)

[Rules](#)

All participants must familiarise themselves with the rules and respect them. **Ignorance of the rules is no excuse for any breach thereof, and shall not release you from their application and the resulting consequences.**

3.2 Event Adviser.

The competition will be supervised by the Event Adviser appointed by FEDO, **Vanesa Pons Grau**.

3.3 Prize-giving ceremony

Prizes will be given for the courses per official class. The prizes for the Medium Distance and the Mass Start races will correspond to the Iberian Championship. These races, together with the Sprint, will count for the Extremadura MTBO Trophy prizes.

4. ENTRIES

4.1 Entries - procedure.

Entries must be made through FEDO's SICO platform.

Only federated athletes may participate in competition classes.

Entries must be paid using the following account number, stating the number of the corresponding request

Federación Extremeña de Orientación: ES18 2085 4511 9403 3194 8982

ENTRIES OPEN ON	3 February 2026
ENTRIES FREE OF SURCHARGE CLOSE ON	9 March 2026
GO TO ENTRIES	Go to SICO

4.2 Classes and entry fees.

CLASSES	FEDO AND FPO FEDERATED ATHLETES		
	SPRINT	MASS START	MEDIUM D.
M/W 15	€9	€9	€9
M/W 17	€9	€9	€9
M/W 20	€9	€9	€9
M/W 21	€9	€14	€14
M/W - E	€9	€14	€14
M/W 40	€9	€14	€14
M/W 45	€9	€14	€14
M/W 50	€9	€14	€14
M/W 55	€9	€14	€14
M/W 60	€9	€14	€14
M/W 65	€9	€14	€14
PAIRS - OVERALL	€9 per person	€14 per person	€14 per person
PAIRS - BEGINNERS	€9 per person	€14 per person	€14 per person
M/F OPEN CLASS	€9	€14	€14
E-BIKE	€9	€14	€14

CLASSES	FOREIGN FEDERATED ATHLETES		
	SPRINT	MASS START	MEDIUM D.
M/W 15	€12	€13	€15
M/W 17	€12	€13	€15
M/W 20	€12	€13	€15
M/W 21	€12	€18	€20
M/W - E	€12	€18	€20
M/W 40	€12	€18	€20
M/W 45	€12	€18	€20
M/W 50	€12	€18	€20
M/W 55	€12	€18	€20
M/W 60	€12	€18	€20
M/W 65+ ¹	€12	€18	€20
PAIRS - OVERALL	€12 per person	€18 per person	€20 per person
PAIRS - BEGINNERS	€12 per person	€18 per person	€20 per person
M/F OPEN CLASS	€12	€18	€20
E-BIKE	€12	€18	€20

CLASSES	NON FEDERATED ATHLETES		
	SPRINT	MASS START	MEDIUM D.
PAIRS - OVERALL	€11 per person	€18 per person	€18 per person
PAIRS - BEGINNERS	€11 per person	€18 per person	€18 per person
M/F OPEN CLASS	€11	€18	€18
E-BIKE	€11	€18	€18

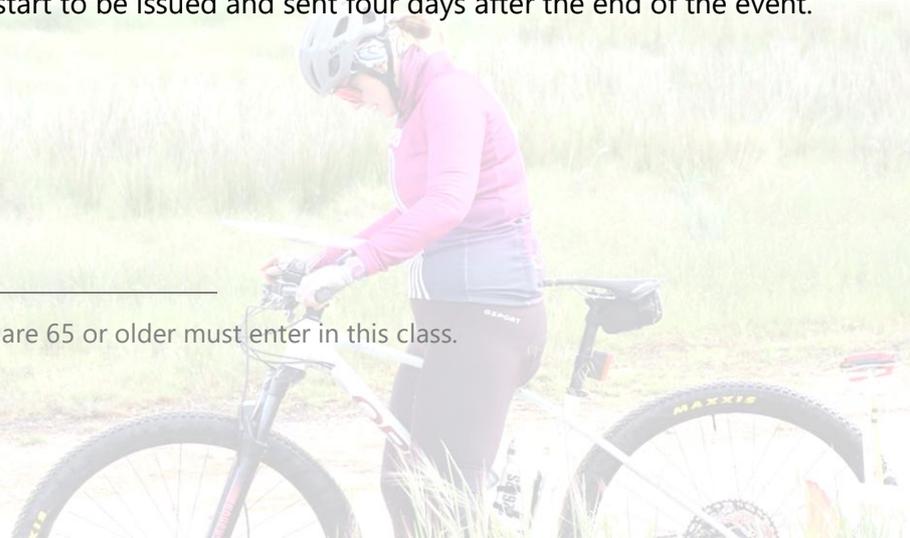
4.3 Request an invoice.

Invoices related to entries in the competition (or supplementary services) must be requested through the specific form. All the details requested in the form are mandatory.

REQUEST AN INVOICE	GO TO FORM
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Invoices will start to be issued and sent four days after the end of the event.

¹ Athetes who are 65 or older must enter in this class.



5. PROGRAMME

SATURDAY, 14 MARCH		MASS START - SPRINT
Location	HIGUERA DE VARGAS – SIERRA DEL PENDÓN	
09:30	Event Office opens	
11:00	Mass Start	
14:00	Last arrival for the Mass Start	
Location	ALCONCHEL - SPRINT	
15:30	Event Office opens	
16:30	First start	
18:00	Last arrival time for the Sprint	
SUNDAY, 15 MARCH		MEDIUM DISTANCE
Location	BARCARROTA – MEDIUM DISTANCE	
08:00	Event Office opens	
09:30	First start	
13:00	Last arrival for the Medium Distance	
13:30	Prize-giving ceremony	

Note: The programme and the last arrival times are indicative only; they will depend on the start times. The last arrival time is set taking into account the maximum course times:

5.1 Locations

The central locations for the 2026 Iberian MTBO Championship and the 2026 Extremadura MTBO Trophy are Higuera de Vargas, Alconchel and Barcarrota.

Location of the Event Centre for each course:

COURSE	LOCATION
MASS START	LOCATION OF THE EVENT CENTRE
SPRINT	LOCATION OF THE EVENT CENTRE
MEDIUM DISTANCE	LOCATION OF THE EVENT CENTRE

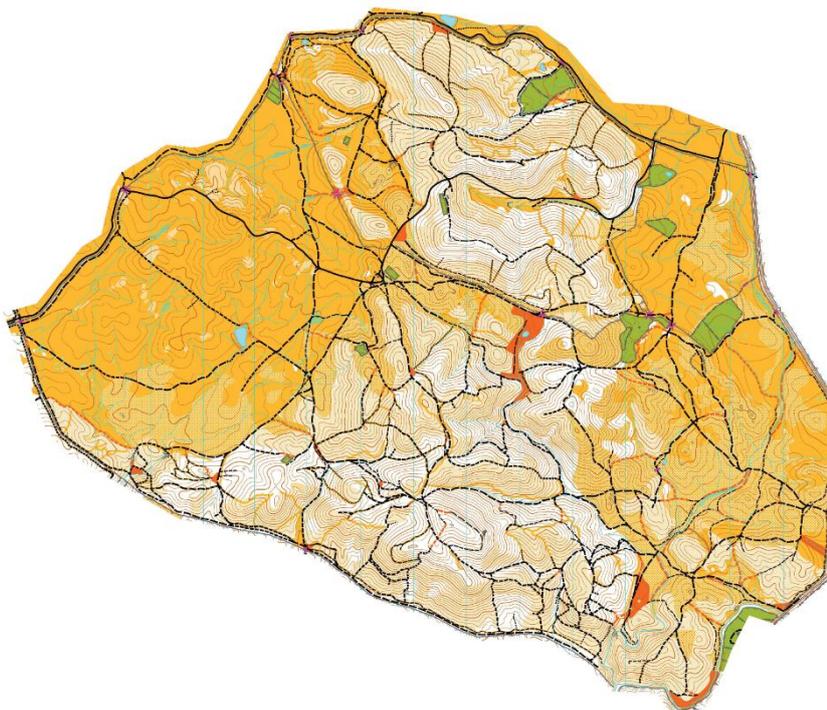
Important notice on parking and overnight stay for camping cars: in the preceding night, it is forbidden to park and stay overnight in the competition area with camping cars or any other vehicle.

6. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

6.1 Mass Start – Higuera de Vargas

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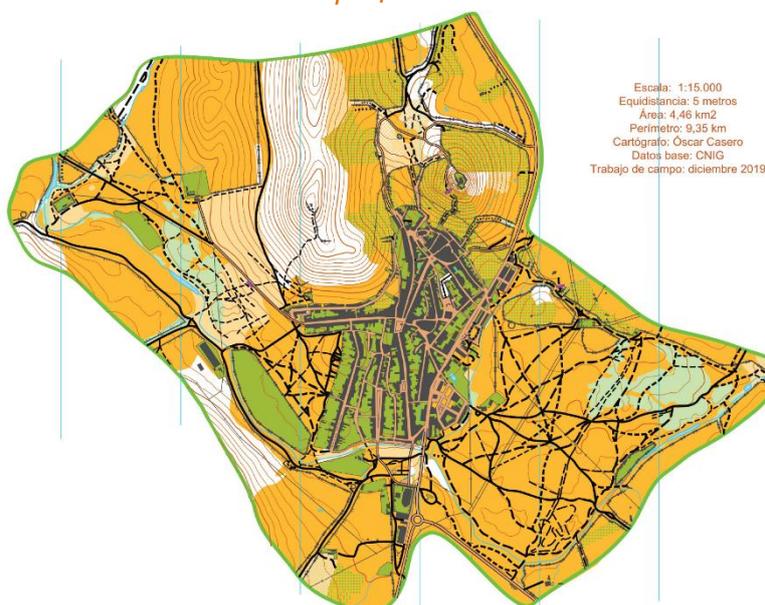
Old map of Higuera de Vargas



6.2 Sprint - Alconchel

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Old map of Alconchel



6.3 Medium Distance - Barcarrota

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6.4 Time-keeping.

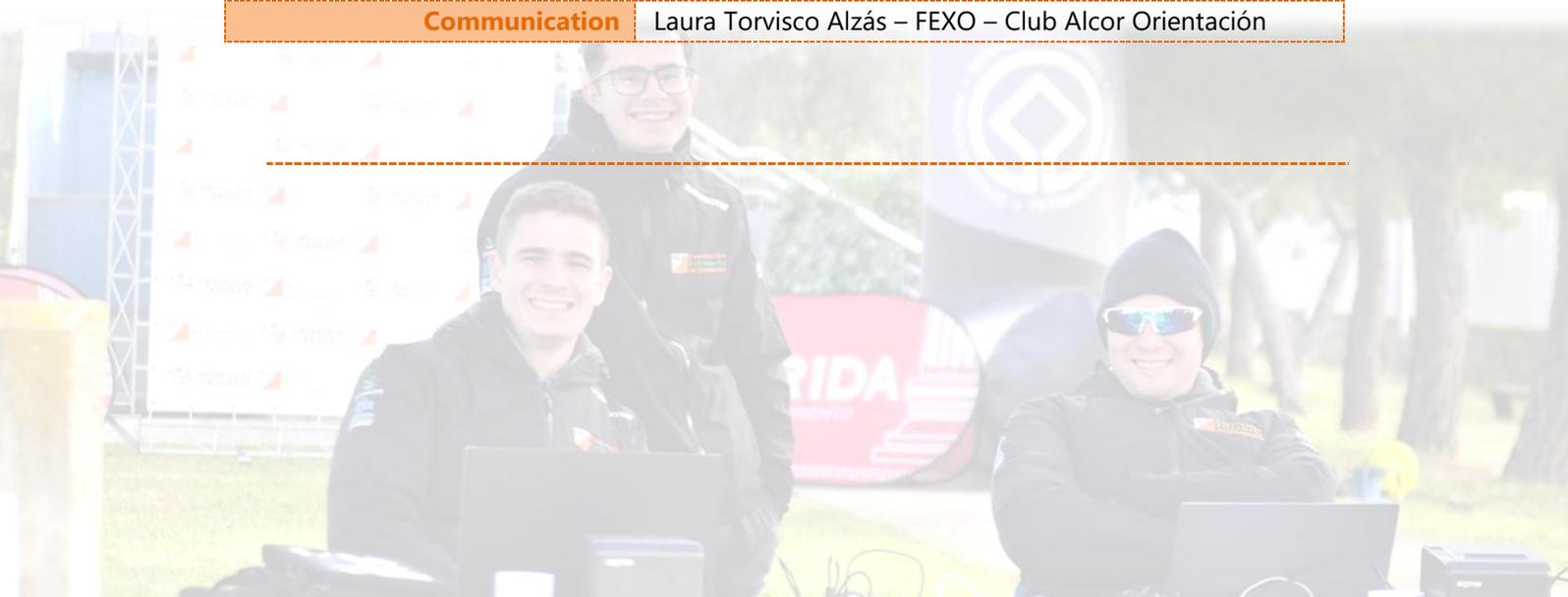
Time-keeping system	Sport Ident Air + (all classes).
SI rental	SIAC
Price for renting a SIAC	€3/day

- The organisers will have SIACs for rent.
- If you wish to rent a SIAC, you will have to sign a document undertaking to pay the price of the SIAC should you lose or damage it.
- It is not mandatory to use a SIAC; any other SI card, save for SI5, may be used.

7. ORGANISERS

7.1 Executive Organisation Chart.

ORGANISATION TEAM	
Course Director	José Antonio Carrasco
Technical Direction	Francisco García Hidalgo
Course-Setter	Jean-Charles Lalevée
Map-Maker	Jean-Charles Lalevée
Timekeepers	Abel Otero Ramírez – Carlos Otero Ramírez.
Technical Support	Club Alcor Orientación
Backoffice	Estrella Gordillo Candelario
Communication	Laura Torvisco Alzás – FEXO – Club Alcor Orientación



7.2 Coordination and Technical Backoffice.

GENERAL INFORMATION	EMAIL	WhatsApp
Queries on the sports event, participants, institutions, protocol.	secretaria.fexo@gmail.com	+34 605 21 38 80
ENTRIES / BACKOFFICE	EMAIL	
Queries on entries.	inscripciones@fexo.org	
LOGISTICS	EMAIL	WhatsApp
Queries on resources and services: accommodation, meals, transportation, etc.	secretaria.fexo@gmail.com	+ 34 636 73 36 81
COMMUNICATION	EMAIL	WhatsApp
Event information: programme, agenda, media.	comunicacion@fexo.org	+ 34 636 73 36 81

7.3 Competition information.

All the official event information will be available on the website of Federación Extremeña de Orientación (www.fexo.org) and its social media for publicity and general communication.

WEBSITE	FACEBOOK	INSTAGRAM	WHATSAPP
			

8. SERVICES

8.1 General information.

SERVICES	INFORMATION
Water	Water will be made available in all the courses. There will be no water glasses. You must take your own glass or container.
Hard floor	<i>Next bulletin.</i>
Showers	On Sunday, there will be showers in the Centro de Interpretación Aire-Agua de Barcarrota
Camping	<i>Next bulletin.</i>
Camping cars	There are camping car areas both in Alconchel and Barcarrota.

8.2 Eat & Sleep.

LOCATION	INFORMATION	
Alconchel	SEE ACCOMMODATION	SEE WHERE TO EAT
Higuera de Vargas		
Barcarrota		

8.3 Tourism.

LOCATION	INFORMATION
Badajoz Province. My Destination	SEE TOURISM



9. INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANISERS

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