

## Code of Ethics for the participants

Besides the undeniable sporting interest of The Infernal Trail des Vosges, a significant part of its attraction is based on the beauty and variety of landscapes that cross natural environment of “Les Vosges”.

The fauna and flora that inhabit is an integral asset for “Les Vosges” as is the value of its forests and the other natural environments that you will discover along the way. Some species are particularly sensitive to disturbances and any user of these natural environments must act to minimize the impact of their passage in this natural environment and the wildlife that it supports.

It is likely that you may think that your passage, even the passage of all the participants of the TRAIL causes no discomfort to the fauna and flora in view of the pedestrian mode of travel.

While it is true that such activity has little impact on the environment, it is important to step back in order to have a global vision. Indeed, tourism and leisure sports are booming in the mountains of “Les Vosges”, and even if they appear to have a somewhat little impact, individually, they cumulate and the effect of various events and activities in the forest ends up affecting the various endemic species due to the repetition of disturbances,

The preservation of habitats and the different species is essential. It is one of the missions of the National Office of Forestry (ONF) and we can each respect this through our personal attitude.

Awareness of this is paramount. By registering for "The INFERNAL", "The NFB" the Trail organisers ask you to respect and to adhere to the following:

### **No trace of your passage and the participation of the sorting of waste:**

- Use your pockets, bags or garbage bags, do not throw anything on the ground;
- Respect the sorting of waste/rubbish/garbage in the designated areas and bins that are at your disposal;

### **Reduce as far as possible, the risk of disturbing the local fauna:**

- Closely observe the path and the trail without going off the planned trail this is to decrease the risk of trampling the vegetation and disturbing the wildlife;
- Route reconnaissance is after the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, for the Infernal 160km, in its southern part where some species are particularly sensitive to disturbances during the winter, spring and until late June;

### **Inform your followers (friends & family) of the correct procedures required for the preservation of the environment:**

- Inform your followers who wish to follow the race of the sensitive environment that they are passing through and the importance of respecting the local vegetation and wildlife;
- Ask them to take their waste away with them, to keep their dog(s) on a leash, not to light fires in the forest, stay on roads open to public circulation and to approach the race by parking their vehicle

in such a way so as not to perturb local circulation and for their own safety do not climb on stacked logs that may be stored in the forest;

### **Participate in global efforts to preserve the environment:**

- Focus on public transport and/ or carpooling/sharing for travelling;
- Keep these environmental ethics after the race for all your future trips and trail races.

I would like to thank you for reading and respecting the Code of a good Trailer and have a great race.