

## MANDATORY GEAR

Are you asking yourself: *why...!?* Why do I have to take all this gear!?

Well, if we're lucky enough to have good weather conditions, and if you and the runners around you have no issues, you won't be taking any of this out of your run vest – and yeah, that could feel a little frustrating..











**BUT**, if we have cold, windy, wet, and/or snow and ice weather conditions (yes, all of the above can and do happen on kunanyi in March!), or if you or a runner around you has an injury that requires slowing to a walk or even stopping to wait for a rescue (which could be in the exposed alpine zone with windchill perhaps at minus 10 degrees), then you will be thinking that this list is barely enough gear – and that is true, this list is the minimum mandatory gear required to survive in the potential weather conditions whilst you wait for a rescue. You should survive ok, but you will not be comfortable in minus 10 degrees windchill!

But when do I use the mandatory gear? As soon as you are getting wet and/or cold, or are about to. If you are unable to continue and need a rescue, or are taking care of someone who is waiting for a rescue, take off your wet clothes, put on all your mandatory gear, try to sit/lay on something that isn't going to suck the heat out of you, and get in the emergency bag.

*Friendly reminder - you are required to be self sufficient between aid stations which often can be remote with no vehicle access. Trail running can be a dangerous activity even if you are fit and prepared, and especially if you are unfit, unprepared, dehydrated, low on energy, do not use mandatory gear when you should, or do not adhere to run organiser team instructions*











Take care of yourself and your fellow runners out on course!

\* **ADVERSE WEATHER** - kMR organisers will advise by 7pm the night before if the adverse weather gear is required.

Item	Description	Example photo	Ultra Relay (all runners) and Solo	Mountain Run (25km)	Vertical Kilometre & Foothills 10km
Waterproof jacket	Waterproof and Breathable hooded jacket with fully taped waterproof seams – eg, Goretex or similar		✓	✓	✓ If adverse weather*
Waterproof over trousers	Any waterproof over trousers made of robust material		✓ If adverse weather*	✗	✗
Long Sleeve Thermal Top	Thermal baselayer (eg, merino, polypropylene) which the manufacturer's online product description clearly states is to perform as a thermal. Non-thermal materials eg, Cotton, coolmax, lycra, are not acceptable		✓	✓ If adverse weather*	Recommended if adverse weather
Thermal long johns (full leg)	Thermal baselayer (eg, merino, polypropylene) which the manufacturer's online product description clearly states is to perform as a thermal. Non-thermal materials eg, Cotton, coolmax, lycra, are not acceptable		✓ If adverse weather*	✗	✗
Beanie	Thermal Beanie (eg, merino) – not a Head Sock (Buff)		✓ If adverse weather*	Recommended if adverse weather	✗
Gloves	Gloves that maintain warmth when wet and are dexterous enough to open a ziplock bag – eg, quality outdoor gloves, neoprene kayaking gloves		✓ If adverse weather*	Recommended if adverse weather	✗
Headtorch	Minimum 300 lumens. Fully charged and battery able to last at least 6hrs or take spare batteries. Battery will be checked at the finish line. Body mounted torch acceptable if has a purpose built harness/belt.		✓	✗	✗
Mobile smart phone	With mapping app installed. Must be fully charged at start of the race and battery be able to last the full duration of your run with whatever apps you are running. Your phone will be checked for battery life at the finish line. Take an external battery pack if required, consider running on airplane mode, or can charge at an aid station if required.		✓	✓	✓
Compass	Any compass as long as the magnetic needle will settle quickly and will point to magnetic North. A waterproof GPS enabled watch with compass function is allowed to be used as your compass as long as you can calibrate it, know how to use it and the battery will last for the full duration of your race. A smartphone compass is not acceptable as most smartphones are not waterproof and the batteries may be needed for making emergency calls.		✓	✗	✗
Whistle	A pea-less whistle. Comes as standard with most trail running vests.		✓	✓	✓



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Reflective safety vest	A Hi Vis safety vest with reflective tape of AS/NZS 4602 standard for Day/Night use. Must be big enough to be worn over your running vest. To be worn at night or when running on road in low visibility.		✓	✗	✗
Survival Bag	A reflective foil survival bag or bivvy sack. A space blanket is not suitable – must be a bag.		✓	✓	✓
Compression Bandage	7.5cm wide x 2.3m long – for snake bite treatment and sprains, etc. How to treat snake bite video – PLEASE WATCH: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acnGPNmmOlw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acnGPNmmOlw</a>		✓	✓	✓
Dry sack	Lightweight dry sack or heavy duty ziplock bag to keep mandatory thermal clothing dry		✓	✓	✗
Water Bottles or Bladders	Ability to carry water – minimum 1L		✓ Recommend 2L if hot day	✓	Recommended
Energy food	Muesli bars, lollies, nuts, gels, etc. Can be eaten on the run		✓ 3,000kJ	✓ 2,000kJ	recommended
Rubbish	Ziplock bag or dedicated and accessible zipper pocket for rubbish		✓	✓	recommended
Electronic course map	<i>PROVIDED BY kMR</i> - Downloaded on to mapping app (or similar which shows your GPS location on the map) on your smart phone		✓	✓	✓ foothills only
Course map	<i>PROVIDED BY kMR</i> - Printed A3 course map		✓	✓	✗
Race Number and Emergency Instructions	<i>PROVIDED BY kMR</i> - Must be worn on your front, over your shorts, belly or chest and be visible at all times over the top of your outermost layer of clothing such as waterproof jacket, high-visibility vest or other garment (safety pins are also provided in your race pack). Do not fold, bend, cut or pierce the race number. One race number is provided per relay team. The same race number must be used by each runner. A race belt will be provided for each relay team to easily swap the bib between runners.  Emergency instructions will be printed on the back of the race number		✓	✓	✓
Timing chip	<i>PROVIDED BY kMR</i> - A small and light plastic timing chip on a Velcro band that can attach to your wrist, ankle, vest, or relay belt		✓	✓	✓

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