

# SWIMRUNMAN™ GORGES DU VERDON by HEAD

***"One of the most beautiful swimrun in the world"***

***4 scenarios are envisaged. 1 priority: you***

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**[OFFICIAL RELEASE - 4th EDITION OF SWIMRUNMAN GORGES DU  
VERDON : SEVERAL CASES CONSIDERED BECAUSE OF COVID-19 ]**

**« The swimrun? We go together, we come together »**

*"The values of sharing, adventure and solidarity that the swimrun has conveyed since its beginnings are now being put to the test. For those who still doubt it, organizers and participants we are one. If one of us is no longer able to play his or her role, the other can no longer move forward. Indissociable, like a pair. And the reality is there: even if people tend to want to oppose us, we are one and the same team that must remain united in good times and bad.*

*Our teams do a fantastic job to welcome you in the best conditions on each of our stages and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them warmly. If until now they have always been able to find solutions to natural elements; a too high water level, a persistent fog, a landslide at a water outlet, a heatwave, adverse currents..., the new and complex sanitary situation generated by COVID-19 is beyond our field of competence. A member of the pair that we form (you + us) is stopped. As is often the case, the second will have to adapt.*

*To summarize the situation: to date you were nearly 1,000 registered to participate in a beautiful swimrun party in the Gorges du Verdon on May 2nd. Among you, nearly 200 foreigners from 20 different countries. A thousand thanks to all of you for your trust. Since March 5th our team has been working on a fallback solution. If at first we were optimistic for a favourable outcome by the beginning of May, we have to admit that the current situation does not encourage optimism anymore.*

*In order to be transparent with you, here are the elements that make our decision making complex, and delay it unwillingly:*

*- The Ministerial Order of 14 March 2020 (published in JORF n°0064 of 15 March 2020 - text n°16) stipulates "in order to slow down the spread of the covid-19 virus, any gathering, meeting or activity involving more than 100 people simultaneously in a closed or open environment is prohibited on the territory of the Republic until 15 April 2020". As a result, our event on May 2 is not "legally" concerned by this order which ends on April 15, but it runs the risk of seeing this ban period extended at any time.*

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- The cancellation policies we have taken out with our two insurers (MMA and FFTri) exclude health risks. In other words, our insurances will not work to reimburse you in case of cancellation in connection with COVID-19.

- To find a possible "free" deferral date in the national and international calendar. No desire on our part to come face to face with other events, whether out of respect for the organizers or your annual sports calendar.

- Anticipate your hosting problems. We are currently surveying local accommodation providers to encourage them, should this happen, to reschedule your bookings or cancel them free of charge (please do not hesitate to contact us with their contact details in the form below). Unfortunately we are of no help for the transport part. If you haven't already done so, please remember to check your deadlines and cancellation policy for all your bookings related to the May 2nd event.

We are well aware that your current training is strongly impacted by the health crisis and that events such as our SWIMRUNMAN events, qualifying for ÖTILLÓ, require optimal preparation. Confinement, closure of sports facilities (swimming pools, clubs), physical activity reduced to a strict minimum, are all measures that push us to take seriously and consider several scenarios, including postponement. Because in this case, it is you who are stopped, and it is we who have to adapt. Team spirit.

In this same team spirit, we do not want to impose only unilateral decisions on you, as is unfortunately too often the case. **If the 4th edition of the SWIMRUNMAN GORGES DU VERDON will take place in 2020 it may change its date.** We all hope that it will take place on May 2nd but, in case of postponement, we have considered 4 scenarios on which we would like to ask your opinion:

1. **Carry over your race number free of charge (possibility of changing teammates) to the possible carry-over date set at 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020**  
The possible postponement of the 2020 edition to the 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER (in similar weather conditions to the beginning of May) is a fact and had to be decided by our teams in connection with the local authorities, the (inter)national calendar etc.
2. **Transfer your race number to another SWIMRUNMAN FRANCE 2020 event free of charge.**
  - EMBRUN SERRE-PONÇON on June 28, 2020 [Continued on this date]
  - LAFFREY GREAT LAKES August 23rd, 2020 [Continued on this date]
3. **Transfer your race number to the GORGES DU VERDON 2021 race (May 2, 2021) at no cost.**
4. **Put your bib back on sale (teams inseparable) for November 1st. If it is not resold by October 1st, we commit ourselves to a refund of at least 50% of your entry fee, excluding options.**

As you will have understood, for insurance reasons beyond our control, we unfortunately cannot offer you a 100% refund and we are sincerely sorry for this. However, using the link sent by mail, we would like to offer you several solutions, please let us know your preference.

**[ ANSWERS WANTED BEFORE APRIL 5, 11:59 P.M. HELPED BY MAIL LINK ]**

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*We leave 10 days to collect your wishes while keeping us informed of the next government announcements. On Friday 10 April at the latest, we will officially inform you (1) whether or not the 4th edition will be maintained until 02 May 2020 and (2) what collegial decisions will be taken in case of postponement, and this in direct relation with your opinions collected today. We sincerely wish to find the best possible compromises and find a solution for each of you.*

*Our last thoughts and words will go out to your loved ones, ours too, and to all the medical staff who do such extraordinary work. In order to bring its (small) contribution, our association Nature et Dénivelé has decided to make a donation of 1 000€ to the Hospitals of Paris (<https://www.facebook.com/donate/2640469492857144/>).*

*Take care of yourself.*

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*Florent and Bertrand – Race Directors*

