Die GROOT Stap 2026 – Terms and Conditions

By entering Die GROOT Stap 2026, all participants acknowledge and agree to the following Terms and Conditions:

1. Event Organisers

1.1 Die GROOT Stap 2026 is presented by Van Heerden Pharmacy as the Title Sponsor and is organised through a joint venture between Plus 27 Events and GROOTfm 90.5.
1.2 Participation is entirely voluntary and at the participant's own risk.
1.3 Acceptance of these Terms and Conditions serves as the participant's signature and confirms that they have read, understood, and agreed to be bound by these Terms and Conditions.

2. Entries

2.1 All entries must be completed through the official event entry platform (“Entry Ninja”) or through any official late-entry process made available by the organisers.
2.2 Online entries will close on the date specified by the organisers - 7 September 2026.
2.3 Should event capacity not be reached, late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the organisers. Late entry penalties will apply.
2.4 Entry fees are non-refundable.
2.5 Entries may be transferred to another participant while online entries remain open. A transfer fee will apply. No transfers will be permitted once online entries have closed.

3. Participation

3.1 Participants must comply with all instructions provided by event officials, marshals, venue staff, medical personnel, and organisers.
3.2 Participants must remain on the designated routes at all times.
3.3 Participants shall not damage property, vegetation, infrastructure, or interfere with wildlife.
3.4 Littering is strictly prohibited. Participants must dispose of waste at designated refuse points.
3.5 The organisers reserve the right to remove any participant whose conduct is considered unsafe, abusive, reckless, or detrimental to the event.

4. Health and Fitness

4.1 Participants confirm that they are physically fit and medically capable of completing their chosen distance.

4.2 Participants acknowledge that hiking and outdoor activities involve inherent risks including, but not limited to, slips, falls, uneven terrain, adverse weather conditions, dehydration, illness, injury, encounters with wildlife, and other unforeseen hazards.
4.3 Participants are responsible for carrying sufficient hydration, nutrition, and any personal medication required during the event.

5. Indemnity and Limitation of Liability

5.1 Participation in Die GROOT Stap 2026 is entirely at the participant's own risk.
5.2 The participant indemnifies and holds harmless Van Heerden Pharmacy, Plus 27 Events, GROOTfm 90.5, Die Bosveld, sponsors, landowners, venue owners, staff, volunteers, contractors, service providers, medical personnel, marshals, and any associated parties against any claims, actions, losses, damages, costs, expenses, injury, illness, theft, property damage, disability, or death arising from participation in the event.
5.3 Neither the organisers nor any associated parties shall be liable for any direct or indirect loss or damage suffered by a participant.

6. Event Amendments and Cancellation

6.1 The organisers reserve the right to alter routes, distances, start times, venue layouts, event schedules, or event formats where necessary.
6.2 The organisers reserve the right to postpone, cancel, suspend, or terminate the event due to circumstances beyond their reasonable control, including but not limited to extreme weather, natural disasters, fire, pandemics, safety concerns, government regulations, force majeure events, or any circumstance that may compromise participant safety.
6.3 In the event of cancellation, postponement, or route changes, entry fees shall not be refundable unless otherwise determined by the organisers.

7. Photography and Media Consent

7.1 Participants grant the organisers, sponsors, and event partners permission to photograph, film, record, and otherwise capture their participation in the event.
7.2 Participants consent to the use of such photographs, video footage, recordings, names, and likenesses for marketing, promotional, editorial, social media, and commercial purposes without compensation.
7.3 Participants waive any right to inspect or approve the final use of such material.

8. Protection of Personal Information

8.1 Personal information collected during the entry process will be used for event administration, participant communication, emergency purposes, results, timing, and related event activities.
8.2 Information will be processed in accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) and applicable South African legislation.

9. Children and Minors

9.1 Participants under the age of 18 years must have the consent of a parent or legal guardian.
9.2 The parent or legal guardian accepts these Terms and Conditions and indemnity provisions on behalf of the minor participant.

10. Final Authority

10.1 All decisions made by the organisers, event officials, and marshals shall be final.
10.2 The organisers reserve the right to amend these Terms and Conditions at any time without prior notice.
10.3 By entering Die GROOT Stap 2026, participants confirm that they have read, understood, and accepted these Terms and Conditions in full.