



## COVID-19 MEASURES FOR THE 97TH KOŠICE PEACE MARATHON

**The current situation in relation to the spread of Covid-19 requires the introducing of measures in line with current regulations of the Chief Hygienist of the Slovak Republic and the Public Health Office.**

### GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE MEASURES

- In cooperation with the Chief Hygienist of the Slovak Republic and the Public Health Office, the organizer has put together a comprehensive Covid-19 manual which defines all preventive measures for protecting the health of event participants, spectators, guests and organizers.
- The organizer has put together an independent Covid-19 team that during the course of the event will oversee compliance with the measures defined in the manual.
- The organizer calls on spectators and fans to consider their personal participation in this year's event and to give preference to enjoying the atmosphere of the oldest European marathon on their TV screens thanks to the live broadcast of Slovak Television (RTVS) on Channel One.
- The organizer will ensure the regular disinfection of all official event spaces and will make available dispensers for alcohol-based hand disinfectants or another appropriate form of hand disinfectant.
- Organizational teams in all sections of the event will wear protective masks and personal protective equipment during the event.
- Entry into closed areas of the event will be minimized to picking up bib numbers only and will be controlled; entry will only be permitted while wearing a face mask or some other covering of the upper respiratory tract, after disinfection of the hands and regular disinfection of all these areas.
- In line with the current measures of the Public Health Office (PHO), the Organizer will publish a notice with information for competitors and spectators regarding the relevant hygienic regulations issued by PHO.

### INFORMATION FOR RUNNERS DURING THE RACE

- The only discipline preserved in the MMM 2020 program this year will be the main discipline, the marathon, which will start on Sunday, 4 October, in the morning, as usual.
- U.S. Steel Family Run – the Minimarathon – has been moved to Saturday, 3 October 2020, starting in the afternoon.
- The Half Marathon, Magna 4 x 1/4 Marathon Relay, Inline & Hand bike disciplines will not be held in 2020.
- All foreign participants are excluded from the race, with the exception of elite athletes, who were granted an exemption by the Chief Hygienist of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sports of the Slovak Republic, as well as foreigners with long-term residence in the Slovak Republic.
- Aside from the already known confirmations and procedures, it will be necessary to expect a new document – the KPM Runner's Declaration of Honour. All participants will receive this document related to the prevention of Covid-19 in advance in their e-mail box and they will come to Košice with the filled-in and signed declaration.



- Runners will enter the starting area with their upper airways covered, as has become common in public life. Obviously, they will then be allowed to run without a mask.
- Beverages will be dispensed at refreshment stands in closed bottles only. Fruit and other solid foods will not be available. Runners will have to take their energy support while on the course.
- This year we have replaced the commonly used items for event participants (t-shirt, sports bag) with the organizer's equipment, which will not only please the runners but also protect them. Runners this year can look forward to a multifunctional buff scarf to replace the mandatory face mask at the start and finish, as well as a very practical runner's belly bag that doesn't restrict the runner when moving and where participants can place their scarf, mask, energy gels, their own disinfectant, etc.
- The site for the presentation of runners has been moved from the Aupark Košice shopping centre to the more spacious Kulturpark complex.

### **WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY DISCIPLINE WAS CANCELLED?**

In this case, we have prepared for runners an exception from our General Terms related to the paid registration fee. For registered runners, the following options are available:

- The whole registration, including the payment, will be moved to the next year of KPM, which will take place on 3 October 2021.
- Registered runners will have the option of requesting a refund of the registration fee.
- In event the participant wishes to support the event and to show his/her solidarity, he/she may decide to donate this year's registration fee to the organizer and not claim its transfer or return.