



INSTRUCTIONS FOR RUNNERS

MARATHON

Please carefully read the following instructions, which will help you become familiar with different situations on the day of the race.

START OF THE MARATHON

The start of Košice Peace Marathon will take place on Sunday, 4 October 2026 on Hlavná Street in the start area in front of the DoubleTree by Hilton hotel at 9:00 AM. See the map below.

COLLECTING THE START NUMBER

Place:	Kulturpark / Alfa, Kukučínova 2, Košice	
Date:	2 October 2026 (Friday)	10:00 AM – 07:00 PM
	3 October 2026 (Saturday)	09:00 AM – 07:00 PM

What you need to pick up your Start number

- Start Acceptance – Each competitor who has met the conditions for participation in the event will receive this at their e-mail address. There is no need to print it; simply allow the code to be scanned from a mobile phone. Competitors under the age of 18 will show the Start Acceptance printed and signed by a legal representative!
- ID Card or Passport

Start number pick up by delegated person

The competitor can authorize another person to pick up his start number by filling in and sending the form that he can find in his runner account. (<https://registration.kosicemarathon.com>)

Without the said authorization, it is not possible to issue the start number to another person.

WHAT WILL THE PARTICIPANT GET AT THE START NUMBER PICK UP

- Start number, Chip
- An envelope with key instructions for the event
- Košice Peace Marathon 2026 Magazine
- If the competitor has ordered and paid for a premium T-shirt during the registration process, he will pick it up directly in the Kulturpark at the designated place.

MARATHON WELCOME BAG 2026

The organizers and partners have prepared a package of services and benefits for runners, including free transportation, access to the Olympic Swimming Sports Centre, ticket to the ZOO, and several attractive discounts. For a detailed list and terms of use, please visit the website www.kosicemarathon.com/welcomebag.

WHAT DO YOU NEED AT THE START

- Start number - Every participant will receive one start number with an integrated chip. The start number must be placed visibly on the chest or on a sport belt.
- Fill in your health information and emergency contact phone number on the back of your start number!
- Without a start number the runner will not be allowed to enter the start sector and participate in the event.
- Any modification of the start number is forbidden.

STORAGE ROOM

A runner can store their most necessary things in the storage room, which will be open from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM in the Kulturpark. Each competitor will receive a bag to store his/her belongings from the storage room operator.

WARM-UP ZONE

On the race day, from 8:00 AM, a warm-up zone is available for runners on Štúrova street (see map below). There are also mobile toilets in this place.

Due to space reasons, mobile toilets will not be located directly at the start sectors.

MEETING POINT / START SECTORS / ENTRY TO THE START AREA

The start line is located on Hlavná street near the Doubletree by Hilton hotel.

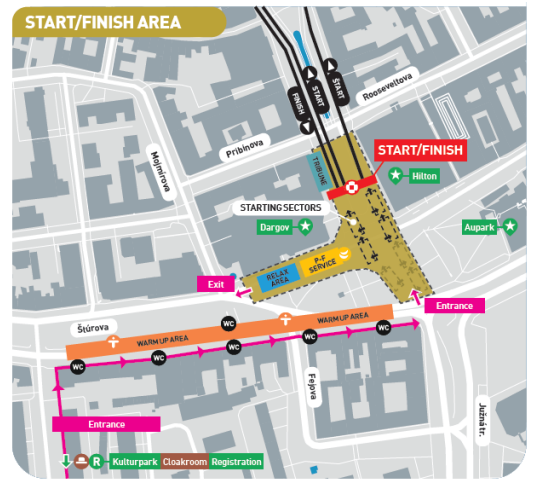
For runners of this discipline the Meeting point is located in the Start / Finish zone, with an entrance from the south side of Nám. Osloboditeľov (see map). Entry to the start sector is only possible with a valid start number for the given discipline.

The start sector will be open in reasonable time, no later than 30 minutes before the start of the given discipline.

The start of the Marathon discipline is set at 9:00 AM.

Only enter the start sector that matches your start number.

Follow all the instructions and guidelines of the organizers.



REFRESHMENTS

Refreshment stations:

At every 5th km – water and energy drink in cups. Bananas, lemon, sugar, salt and protein bars will be available on the last tables of such a station, behind them is another table with water.

Sponging stations:

Between the refreshment stations with only water in cups available.

Warning:

- If you have individual needs, such as energy gels or bars, please take your own refreshments with you!
- Dispose of empty cups and bottles off the track or directly into the containers behind each refreshment station. Do not throw cups and bottles on the track under your feet! This may cause injuries to the runners behind you!
- At the refreshment stations, follow the basic rules and do not restrict other runners by sudden, unexpected stops at the tables. If you need to stop, do so carefully and in a place where you will not endanger anyone.
- Due to the spatial conditions, refreshment stations are one-sided, always on the right-hand side of the competitor. The exception is the station at the 5th and 26th kilometre, which is two-sided due to the expected rush of runners, with tables on the right and left side.

MEDICAL CARE

Medical assistance will be provided at stationary workplaces located in the start and finish area and on the course near refreshment stations. REMEMBER TO FILL IN YOUR HEALTH INDICATIONS AND CONTACT PHONE ON THE BACK OF THE START NUMBER. This data will be used exclusively for the need of medical and emergency services during the race.

If it is necessary to provide medical assistance to you or another runner, you have a phone with you and there is no organizing service nearby, call the number 155. The operator must be informed of the number of the competitor who needs help and his location on the track (approximate kilometre tracks). Choose this procedure only in serious cases.

TOILETS

Portable toilets will be situated at the warmup zone and at the Košice Peace Marathon course behind the refreshment stations (for marathon runners, also available on the second lap). You can find the toilets before the start in the places as described in the paragraphs above.

MARATHON COURSE

The Marathon course consists of two practically identical laps with the Start and Finish in front of the Doubletree by Hilton hotel. Every change of direction on the course is indicated by direction signs, tapes and fences. Every kilometre will be marked on the asphalt and on road pillars.

See the course map at the end of these instructions and at the Kosice Peace Marathon website ([Course map - Marathon](#)).

PACEMAKERS

To optimize the pace of less experienced runners, pacemakers will be deployed in the Marathon discipline. Pacemakers will have a prominent indication of the scheduled finish time 2:50, 3:00, 3:10, 3:30, 3:50, 4:00, 4:10, 4:20 and 4:30. You can find the list of pacemakers here: <https://pacer.bart.sk/>.

REACHING THE FINISH LINE

The finish is located on the same spot as start. Every competitor who crosses the finish line is immediately moved to the finish service. There he collects his medal, water and basic snacks in a bag. Then he continues without delay, out of the finish service zone, which is capacity limited.

There will be a water tank in the finish line, and a limited number of showers will be available in the Alfa building in Kulturpark. For more information, contact our staff here.

ONLINE RESULTS

The results will be during the event continuously published at www.championchip.cz. (scan this QR code to see results) Here can the runner check, whether he finished on a position that entitles him to participate in the award ceremony. (see announced categories below)



AWARD CEREMONY

The Award ceremony will be held in the start and finish area, which is located in the space between the starting gates. If you have placed in one of the disciplines and categories at the prized place in terms of the propositions (the top three in each discipline and winner in each age category in discipline Marathon), come at the specified time to a given place.

11:30 AM	Marathon men (1 st – 3 rd place)
11:45 AM	Marathon women (1 st – 3 rd place)
12:00 PM	Handbike men (1 st – 3 rd place)
	Handbike women (1 st – 3 rd place)
	Inline men (1 st – 3 rd place)
	Inline women (1 st – 3 rd place)
12:15 PM	Relay MMM (1 st – 3 rd place)
01:00 PM	Volvo Half Marathon men (1 st – 3 rd place)
	Volvo Half Marathon women (1 st – 3 rd place)
	Slovak Half Marathon Championships men (1 st – 3 rd place)
	Slovak Half Marathon Championships women (1 st – 3 rd place)
	Marathon age categories men (M40, M50, M60, M70) – 1 st place
	Marathon age categories women (W40, W50, W60, W70) – 1 st place

PRIZES FOR WINNERS

All Winners of disciplines and age categories in the Kosice Peace Marathon, who are entitled to a financial reward according to the current proposals, will be contacted by the organizer within 30 days after the end of the event. Subsequently, after signing the relevant protocol, the organizer will send the corresponding prize to the specified bank account.

END OF THE EVENT

The time limit of the event is 6 hours. The course will be closed at 3:00 PM.

The limit for the 33rd km is 4:45 hours. Every participant who exceeds the time limit on the 33rd km must leave the course and hand over his/her start number to the nearest referee.

OTHER CONDITIONS AND WARNINGS

Detailed terms of participation in the Kosice Peace Marathon are subject to the [General Terms](#) and are obligatory for every registered Participant of the Event.

- All participants start on their own risk.
- Each runner is personally responsible for the decision on his or her physical condition and on the ability to overcome the whole distance in chosen category.
- The accompanying of Participants by other persons along the course during the Event on bicycles and similar transport vehicles is prohibited and may have as a consequence disqualification of the so-accompanied

Participant. Only persons accredited and properly identified by the Organizer for the purpose of fulfilling tasks defined by the Organizer may move along the course on bicycles or similar transport devices.

- All participants must respect the instructions of referees, track marshals and organizers.
- The start number assigned to a Participant is not transferable to another person. In the case of violation of this provision of General Terms, the persons demonstrated as having committed the violation run the risk of disqualification in the given year of the Event and also a ban on starting in future years.
- For safety reasons, it is forbidden to listen to music and to wear headphones during the race.
- Violation of these rules can lead to disqualification!

Racing shoes must meet the criteria of WA rules (technical rules – rules 5 and 5.5 – max. Sole thickness 40 mm); the competitor is obliged to present the shoes for inspection at the request of the relevant judge when entering the start sector. You can find a list of permitted running and athletic shoes on this link: [List of permitted shoes](#).

TELEVISION BROADCAST

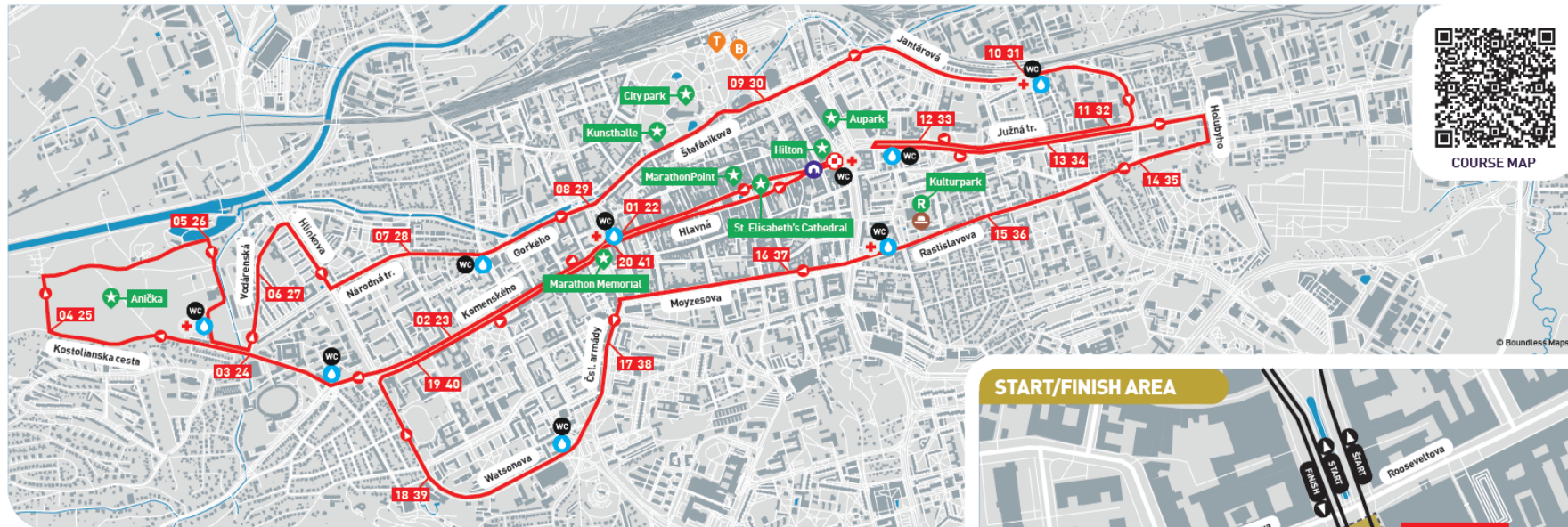
For all who are interested, there is an opportunity to watch the live television broadcast of the Košice Peace Marathon on the Slovak Television channels (STVR). For accurate broadcast times, please follow the updated information. viewers abroad live broadcast will be available online at www.stvr.sk or or follow the broadcast with English commentary at www.kosicemarathon.com.

**PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY!
ALSO AVAILABLE AT WWW.KOSICEMARATHON.COM.**

WE WISH YOU A PLEASANT AND SUCCESSFUL MARATHON WEEKEND IN KOŠICE.

MARATHON · COURSE MAP

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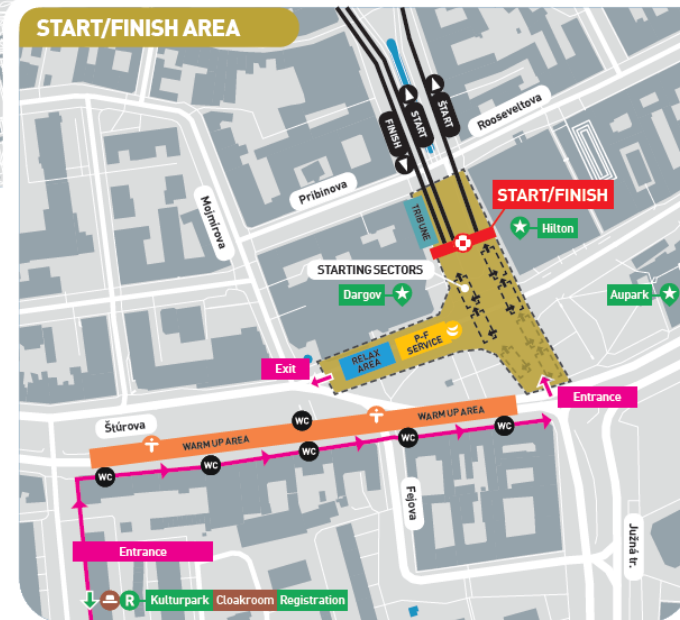
- READ THE FULL TEXT OF THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPETITORS AT WWW.KOSICEMARATHON.COM
- FILL IN YOUR MEDICAL INDICATIONS ON THE STARTING BIB
- FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, CALL 155
- IT IS PROHIBITED TO USE HEADPHONES DURING THE RACE
- ALWAYS TRY TO COMPETE FAIR PLAY AND RESPECT YOUR FRIENDS ON THE COURSE

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START/FINISH AREA



GOOD LUCK ON THE COURSE!

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