

# **INSTRUCTIONS FOR RUNNERS**

HALF 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 HALF MARATHON

The start of Košice Peace Marathon will take place on Sunday, October 6, 2024 on Hlavná Street in the start area in front of the DoubleTree by Hilton hotel from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. (see below)

#### COLLECTING THE START NUMBER

 Place:
 Kulturpark / Alfa, Kukučínova 2, Košice

 Date:
 4.10.2024 (Friday) 10:00 – 19:00 h.

5.10.2024 (Saturday) 09:00 – 19:00 h.

Participants of the Half Marathon discipline will be able to pick up their start number also on Sunday October 6, 2024 from 07:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

However, we recommend using this option only if absolutely necessary, in order not to overwhelm the registration centre before the start of the event, which could cause not all competitors to get to the start in time. In the case of pick up a start number on Sunday, no changes in registrations will be allowed.

Wwat do 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 present 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 2024 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

#### **DO NOT FORGET**

- Every participant of the Košice Peace Marathon 2024, who shows a valid start number has the opportunity to use public transport in Košice for free from Saturday, October 5 to Sunday, October 6.
- Shop at Fajne grocery stores (from Dargov Štúrova ulica or Cassovar Žriedlová ulica) from 4.10. until 12.10. with a great 20% discount on all Fajne brand products. All you need to do is to have your Košice Peace Marathon 2024 start number with you.

#### 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. Any modification of the start number is forbidden. The chip cannot be folded and the neoprene pad cannot be removed!

#### YOUR TIME WILL NOT BE MEASURED WITHOUT THE CHIP.

Before entering the correct start sector, a competitor must identify him or herself with the start number Without a start number the runner will not be allowed to enter the start sector and participate in the event. Fill in your health information and contact phone number on the back of your start number!

## STORAGE ROOM

A runner can store their most necessary things in the storage room, which will be open from 7:30 to 16:00 in the Kulturpark. Each competitor will receive a bag to store his/her belongings from the storage room operator. 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.

## WARM-UP ZONE

On the race day, from 8:00 a.m., a warm-up zone is available for runners on Štúrová 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 STARTING AREA

The start line is located on Hlavná ul. at 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 Námestie Osloboditelov. (see map)

Entry to the start sector is only possible with a valid start number for the given discipline. Only enter the start sector that matches your start number. The start sector will be open in reasonable time before the start of the given discipline, no later than 30 minutes before the start.

The start of this discipline is set as follows:

- Start number 10001 11000 at 10:30
- Start number 11001 12000 at 10:34
- Start number 12001 13000 at 10:38
- Start number 13001 14000 at 10:42
- Start number 14001 15000 at 10:46
- Start number 15001 and higher at 10:50

Follow all the instructions and guidelines of the organizers.

## REFRESHMENTS

#### **Refreshment stations:**

At every 5th km – water and energy drink in cups.

Bananas, sugar, salt, biscuits 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**: 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 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 kilometer 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.

## HALF MARATHON COURSE

The Halfmarathon course is identical with the Marthon course. Half marathon participants complete one lap. The Start and Finish is located in front of the Doubletree by Hilton hotel. Every change of direction on the course is indicated by a blue line, tapes and fences. Every kilometre will be marked on the asphalt and on road pillars. See the map at the end of these instructions and at <u>www.kosicemarathon.com</u>.

#### 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 1:30, 1:45, 2:00 and 2:15.

## **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.

## **ONLINE RESULTS**

The results will be during the event continuously published at www.championchip.cz. Each runner has a QR code on their start number with a link to the website with these 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. Please note the change of location, which in 2024 is located behind the starting gate, which is situated closer to the Hilton Hotel.

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 Marathon men (1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> place)
- 11:45 Marathon women  $(1^{st} 3^{rd} place)$
- 12:00 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 Slovak Marathon Championships men (1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> place) Relay 4x1/4 Marathon (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place) Slovak Marathon Championships women (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place)
- 13:00 Half-Marathon men (1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> place) Half-Marathon women (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place) Marathon age categories men (M40, M50, M60, M70) – 1<sup>st</sup> place Marathon age categories women (W40, W50, W60, W70) – 1<sup>st</sup> place

#### **PRIZES FOR WINNERS**

The payment of prize money for the first runners of the marathon will take place after the end of the event and the processing of administrative requirements by transferring the funds to the bank account of the runner. Winners of other disciplines and age categories in the 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 prized to the specified bank account.

#### **END OF THE EVENT**

The time limit of the event is 6 hours. The course will be closed at 15:00 h (3:00 p.m.). Every participant who exceeds the time limit 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 starting 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. For viewers abroad live broadcast will be available online at www.rtvs.sk.

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

We wish you a pleasant and successful Marathon weekend in Košice.

## HALF MARATHON · COURSE MAP

