General race regulations 2027

English translation for information. In case of any discrepancy, the Slovak version prevails.

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22nd ČSOB Bratislava Marathon 2027 and accompanying running events

Instructions and basic information

Main organiser:

BE COOL, s.r.o. in cooperation with Bratislavský maratón, o.z. and BE COOL BORY, s.r.o.

Co-organisers:

The Capital City of the Slovak Republic Bratislava

Supported by: the Bratislava boroughs of Staré Mesto, Petržalka and Ružinov, the Bratislava Self-Governing Region

Venue:

Bratislava, Slovak Republic

Disciplines:

RACE DAY – 11 April 2027

- Marathon (42.195 km) – 09:00 (2,000 participants)
- Half-marathon (21.098 km) – 09:00 (6,000 participants)
- Marathon relay (42.195 km) – 09:00 (200 relay teams)
- Half-marathon relay (21.098 km) – 09:00 (500 relay teams)

HOBBY DAY – 10 April 2027

- 10 km – 16:00 (2,000 participants)
- Mini-marathon (4.2 km) – 14:00 (2,000 participants)
- Senior run & walk (4.2 km) – 14:00
- Children's races (300 m – 600 m – 800 m) – from 10:10 (1,500 participants)
- Bratislava Mile (1,600 m) – 10:00
- Crawling race (5 m) – 09:00

Main officials:

Event director and chief organiser: Jozef Pukalovič (jozo@becool.sk)

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Marathon and half-marathon course:

City loop (boroughs of Staré Mesto, Ružinov and Petržalka) on a paved course (asphalt, concrete, paving) without significant elevation changes. Marathon runners complete two loops. The course will hold a valid international AIMS certificate. Course details will be published before the event.

Registration for the event and the check-in times (race-pack pick-up) at the event are specified separately for each discipline. Please read the instructions for your chosen discipline carefully.

Group pick-up of race packs (10 or more) will be possible before the event at the RACE EXPO (exact time to be confirmed). If you want to pick up 10 or more race packs, send the list of runners to registracia@becool.sk by 1 April 2027 (conditions may still be specified).

Before coming to check-in, please make sure you have received your "check-in pass" or can see your registration in your Haku profile. If anything is unclear, contact registracia@becool.sk, and show your "check-in pass" when picking up your bib (at check-in).

Link to the start list: https://events.hakuapp.com/e5caefaf5fba00e69be2

It is enough if one member of the **relay team** comes to check in the whole team. The team captain registers the relay team (all 4 participants) and pays the entry fee.

Participants in the **crawling race** do not need to check in; just come with your registered child to the start on Saturday morning as instructed.

Start restriction:

On Sunday 11 April 2027, a runner may start in only one discipline (marathon, half-marathon or relay), i.e. a runner cannot start in an individual discipline and at the same time be a member of a relay team.

Participant limit:

The main organiser sets participant limits for the individual races and may close registration *ad hoc* at its own discretion, depending on the overall number of registrations and circumstances related to the organisation of the event, in particular the capacity of the course, the capacity and logistics of the event and the current epidemiological situation.

Registration:

online via bratislavamarathon.sk: https://register.hakuapp.com/?event=e5caefaf5fba00e69be2

Registration for any discipline, whether before or during the event, is only possible by completing the online registration form. The participant is fully responsible for the correctness and truthfulness of the information provided, including accepting or not accepting the consents and declarations in the registration form, and acknowledges the resulting consequences. By taking part in the event, the participant confirms and verifies the truthfulness of the information given in the registration form.

If you want to receive an SMS with your result after finishing, or your event photos by email after the event, you must enter your mobile number and email address correctly!!!

If you would like to share your running story, motivation, running goals and plans, or anything interesting from your training or running community, please write directly to brona@becool.sk.

Entry fee payment options:

The entry fee can be paid **by payment card** when registering online via the payment terminal in the registration system, or directly at the event if the participant limit for the discipline has not been reached. If you have problems with payment, contact registracia@becool.sk.

After you complete the registration form, the system will offer you payment by card. Once the entry fee has been paid, you will receive a payment confirmation email. A participant is considered duly registered, and their legal relationship with the organiser and participation in the event are confirmed, only once the entry fee has been paid and credited to the organiser's account. Only then does the participant fully meet all the requirements set by the organiser in these regulations.

The amount of the entry fee depends on the **date (day)** of payment (not on the date of registration in the system). When paying online through the registration system, the payment is credited immediately; you can check your successful registration in your Haku profile.

Withdrawal – health problems – change of runner:

- Paid entry fees are non-refundable. If a runner withdraws **by 28 February 2027**, the entry fee can be used for the next edition of the event. Runners can transfer the entry fee themselves in their account in the registration system using the “Registration options” – “Defer to the future” button. If a runner withdraws for health reasons **between 1 March 2027 and 7 April 2027** and provides a certificate from the attending doctor, the entry fee can also be used for the next edition. In this period, please contact registracia@becool.sk.
- If a runner cannot take part and wants to **transfer their bib** to another participant, they can do so themselves **by 28 February 2027** at the latest in their account in the registration system using the “Registration options” – “Transfer” button, entering the email address and name of the new participant, who then completes their own details after receiving the email. The new participant collects the race pack and confirms the declarations related to participation in the event.

Re-registration (change of participant) **from 1 March 2027** until the day race-pack pick-up begins costs **€5**. In this period, the re-registration option may no longer be available in the registration system. If you cannot find it, please contact registracia@becool.sk. **Re-registration is not possible on race**

day; it is possible at the latest the day before check-in for the event begins! Once the race pack has been collected, re-registration is no longer possible.

Bibs are non-transferable. If the organiser finds that a bib was used by a runner other than the one listed in the registration system, the runner will be disqualified and banned from events organised by BE COOL, s.r.o. and Bratislavský maratón, o.z.

Insurance:

All participants must have individual health insurance (standard general health insurance with any insurer is sufficient!!!). The organiser accepts no liability for damage to property or health related to travel, stay and participation in the event. Every participant takes part at their own risk and is responsible for their state of health at the start and during the event.

At check-in, every participant must check the health insurance company stated (this also applies when collecting a bib for another participant). Foreign participants must present a photocopy of the card confirming health insurance for this event. Without this confirmation, the bib will not be issued, even if the entry fee has been paid.

On the **back of the bib** (in the marathon, half-marathon and 10 km), as in the **online registration form**, you may, at your own discretion, fill in any health information about yourself that you consider appropriate and that may help the organiser if you need treatment during the event. The organiser will use this information only in the event of a runner's health complications and subsequent treatment by the medical and rescue services. If you wish, please add your current health problem, illness, allergy, contact person or any other important information that may help us if you receive medical assistance during or after the run. If anything has changed between registration and check-in, please inform the organisers at check-in.

We recommend that runners have a medical check-up before the start.

The entry fee includes:

- **race pack**
- **bib with a timing chip**;
- the option to have your **name or relay team name and the flag of your country** printed on the bib (if the participant/relay team registers and pays the entry fee **by 28 February 2027** and enters the “name on the bib” or “relay team name” in the online form);
- a ticket to the Saturday **pasta party** (10 April 2027, details to be specified);
- **refreshments** on the course in the marathon, half-marathon and 10 km
- **refreshments** at the finish;
- a **medal** after crossing the finish line;
- a **finisher T-shirt** for marathon and half-marathon participants

(runners will receive exact information on collecting the finisher T-shirt before the event);

- an **SMS** with your finish time, if you enter your mobile phone number in the online registration;
- an online **certificate** that can be downloaded from the event website and printed;
- the online marathon **magazine** with information about the event**;**

- use of the **changing rooms**;
- the option to leave your personal belongings in the **baggage storage** (except for the children's races);
- a **special bib for first-timers** (collected at check-in) running their discipline for the first time at an official running event
- further event benefits, which we will announce on an ongoing basis.

Photos:

Photo services at the event are provided by the international company **GetPica**, which specialises in processing and delivering photos from sports events. After the event or after you finish your discipline, usually on the following day, you will receive an email with a direct link to an album of photos taken by the event photographers. You will be able to buy digital photos at discounted prices, choosing 1, 2 or the whole set of your photos. Because this service is paid, we can cover the course with more photographers and use high-quality AI services to deliver the photos and identify you in the crowd of runners. Our aim is to raise the level of service and give you a better product that will be a lasting memory of your effort, sporting performance and emotions at the event.

Timing and results:

Timing is provided by the timing company **VOS-TPK**. The organiser will publish the results immediately after the event at sportsoft.cz and then at bratislavamarathon.sk. Runners will be ranked in the results by official time (the time from the start of the zone in which the runner stands before the start until crossing the finish line – zone gun time). The results will also show the net (unofficial) time for information.

Start zones:

The start corridor will be divided into time zones for the **marathon, half-marathon, 10 km and mini-marathon**. In the registration form, **do not forget to choose your corridor** based on the time you actually achieved at the event in 2026, or a time achieved in 2027 at an event with a comparable distance. The start corridor will be **divided into several zones**, which will ensure a smoother start and first kilometres. **We strongly ask you** to enter **the times you have actually achieved** – this is also a way of showing respect to your fellow runners. **Choosing a corridor is mandatory!!!** The start corridor will open for runners 30 min. before the start and will close 10 min. before the start of each wave.

Important notice!!! The zones on the bibs will be assigned according to the valid registrations as of 28 February 2027. Participants registering after this date will be assigned the last zone, or a zone according to available capacity. If a zone you choose reaches capacity, the organiser reserves the right to place the runner in a zone with free capacity.

A participant who starts from a different (earlier) zone than assigned may be penalised by the organiser (referee) with +10 minutes. During registration, the organiser will individually check the entered times to make sure they match your actual performance, and will contact runners by email. The aim of this measure is to create the best possible conditions for runners who respect the organiser's rules and instructions with regard to their sporting performance, thereby showing respect to their fellow runners.

Relay participants will have a separate zone in the middle of the start corridor. If a relay team starts from an earlier zone, it will be penalised by the organiser (referee) with +10 minutes. The **preliminary zoning of the start** is as follows, but may change depending on the participant limits for the individual waves:

ELITE	-MARATHON < 3:15 h - HALF-MARATHON < 1:45 h Ministry of Interior and Police Force championships in the marathon and half-marathon	MARATHON 3:15:01 – 3:45 h HALF-MARATHON 1:45:01 – 1:55 h	MARATHON 3:45:01 – 4:15 h HALF-MARATHON 1:55:01 – 2:05 h RELAYS	MARATHON 4:15:01 – 5:00 h HALF-MARATHON > 2:05:01

MINI-MARATHON < 28:00 10 KM < 54:00	MINI-MARATHON > 28:00 10 KM 54:01 - 60:00	SENIOR RUN & WALK NORDIC WALKING 10 KM > 60:01

Time limit (counted from the start of the last zone):

Runners still on the course after the time limit has expired must respect the decision of a referee or doctor to withdraw from the race and hand over their bib. The cut-off times for the individual sections of the course are as follows:

10 April 2027

1:30 h – 10 km

11 April 2027

The time limit is based on ***an average pace of 8 minutes / km,*** *at which a runner finishes within the time limit of* ***05:37:36.*** *The last zone will start at 09:12 (the other time zones will start at 09:00 – 09:04 – 09:08, unless the start times are changed by the event director and the chief referee).*

5 km 10:47 (00:40:00) applies to all disciplines

10 km 11:23 (01:20:00) applies to all disciplines

15 km 10:48 (02:00:00) applies to all disciplines

20 km 11:34 (02:40:00) applies to the marathon + marathon relays

21.1 km 11:42 (02:48:48) applies to the marathon + marathon relays

25 km 12:10 (03:20:00) applies to the marathon + marathon relays

30 km 12:45 (04:00:00) applies to the marathon + marathon relays

35 km 13:21 (04:40:00) applies to the marathon + marathon relays

40 km 13:57 (05:20:00) applies to the marathon + marathon relays

42.2 km 14:12 (05:37:36) applies to all disciplines

Age limit:

- 18 years (born 2009 or earlier) – marathon, half-marathon
- 16 years (born 2011 or earlier) – 10 km, relays and mini-marathon

In the mini-marathon, children younger than 16, i.e. born in 2011 or later, may take part with the written consent of their legal guardian. For more information, contact registracia@becool.sk (the guardian's consent must be brought to check-in).

Baggage storage and changing rooms:

Located at the RACE EXPO in marked areas close to the start and finish. More detailed information will be available before the event on the event website in the technical map of the event.

Refreshments – marathon and half-marathon (11 April 2027)

- **Refreshment stations** will be placed approximately every 5 kilometres (5-10-15-20-25-30-35-40).

At the **refreshment stations**, personal drinks will be placed on the first tables, followed by drinks in cups or bottles in the order water, isotonic drink, then food (bananas, chocolate, lemons, glucose, salt, etc.) and buckets with water and sponges.

A runner who takes refreshments outside the refreshment stations risks disqualification (WA rules – Rule 55.8.8).

- **Sponge stations** will be placed between the refreshment stations at approximately 2.5 – 7.5 – 12.5 – 17.5 – 22.5 – 27.5 – 32.5 – 37.5 km.

At the sponge stations, there will be cups of water and buckets of water with sponges.

- **Personal drinks** in unbreakable containers, clearly marked with the bib number and the kilometre of the respective refreshment station, must be handed in on Sunday (11 April 2027) by 07:30 at the latest at the marked place at the runners' check-in area.

Refreshments – 10 km (10 April 2027)

There will be a sponge station with water at approximately 5 km.

Please **throw** empty cups, bottles, gel wrappers and sponges **into the designated, marked collection zones and bins** placed after the refreshment stations, so that empty cups and bottles do not endanger runners behind you and do not litter the area around the course. There will also be mobile toilets at the end of each refreshment station.

After crossing the finish line, please do not stop in the finish corridor under the finish arch, but keep moving slowly along the finish corridor. Catching your breath while gently moving will help you recover your breathing and improve your circulation. If you do not feel well after finishing, please seek help from the medical service at the finish.

Rules:

The race is held under the WA athletics competition rules and these regulations. A runner may leave the road with the permission and under the supervision of a referee, provided that this does not shorten the race distance. A runner who takes refreshments outside the refreshment stations risks exclusion from the race. A runner must withdraw from the race immediately when instructed by the chief medical officer of the event.

Any accompaniment (including by bicycle) or any assistance to a runner during the race by other persons, except for necessary medical intervention by doctors/medical staff appointed by the event's organising committee, is considered unauthorised assistance.

Sweeper buses will follow the last runners and take runners who do not meet the time limit from the course to the finish. Runners who stop running for other reasons should wait for the sweeper bus or make their own way to the finish.

The use of headphones during the run is **strictly prohibited under WA rules.** A runner may be disqualified by a referee. Using headphones while running is dangerous, especially for the safety of runners and spectators, because of possible organisational instructions, interventions and directions from the organisers on the course, and the need to react to the movement of accompanying vehicles, motorcycles and bicycles of the organiser, police and medical and rescue services – and last but not least, you miss out on the atmosphere created by the runners, spectators and the accompanying programme prepared for you.

Protests:

Protests must be made orally to the chief referee no later than 30 minutes after the results are published. An appeal against the decision of the chief referee, accompanied by a deposit of €10, must be submitted to the jury in writing within 30 minutes of the official announcement of the chief referee's decision.

Special categories evaluated outside the official results of the event:

Special awards

Fastest first-timer in the marathon, half-marathon and 10 km

Runners who are running the marathon, half-marathon or 10 km competitively for the first time and tick the “first-timer” box when registering will be included in a separate ranking, in which we will evaluate and reward (with material prizes) the first three men and the first three women after the event.

This is a supplementary competition that aims to recognise runners who are running **the discipline for the first time at an official running event**, meaning they have not yet taken part in any official running event over that distance (it does not mean they are taking part in the ČSOB Bratislava Marathon for the first time!!!).

Fastest man and woman from Bratislava

In the marathon, half-marathon, 10 km and mini-marathon, we will evaluate and reward (with material prizes) after the event the first three men and the first three women who state Bratislava as their place of residence in the registration form.

Common provisions:

The organiser BE COOL, s.r.o. reserves the right, depending on circumstances, to amend and specify in more detail some of the information in these regulations or the organisational instructions. The organiser BE COOL, s.r.o. also reserves the right to cancel or interrupt the event or any of its disciplines in the event of serious danger, in particular war, adverse weather, the spread of an epidemic and the related possible threat to the health of participants and spectators, the threat of

terrorism or another attack endangering the safety of participants, or other unforeseeable *force majeure* events and circumstances.

In such a case, the runner is not entitled to a refund of the entry fee or any part of it, as the organiser has already incurred costs for preparing the event before the moment of interruption/cancellation. However, after considering all the circumstances and calculating the costs of preparing the event, the organiser may compensate the runner for part of the entry fee.

Contact: **BE COOL, s.r.o., Krajinská 37, 821 06 Bratislava, Slovak Republic.**

The information in these regulations was prepared on 12 October 2026 on the basis of an assessment of the current epidemiological situation and the current measures allowing mass events to be held in the coming months, as well as the experience the organiser gained in organising sports and cultural events during the pandemic.

The organiser reserves the right to adjust some participant limits and other conditions of participation in the event, or to specify them further (e.g. proof of vaccination, a negative test, etc.), including "ad hoc", depending on the current epidemiological situation in Slovakia as assessed in relation to the date of the event and the rules for protecting people's health (participants and spectators) set by the relevant authorities at that time.

If necessary, the organiser will publish before the event a manual and rules for participation and conduct at the event for runners, the organising team and spectators in accordance with the relevant epidemiological and hygiene rules.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your support!!!

Jozef Pukalovič

event director and chief organiser