

ČSOB Winter Series 2026/27 race regulations

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

ČSOB Winter Series 2026/2027

The ČSOB Winter Series will consist of 4 running events in December 2026 and January, February and March 2027. The ČSOB Winter Series will again be themed, so there is a lot to look forward to. The events will combine classic running races and virtual races.

- *We are continuing with the virtual race format for all of you who like it, who use it to prepare for the spring ČSOB Bratislava Marathon, but who cannot come to every race in Bratislava or are spending the race weekend on holiday or skiing.*
- *This combination allows truly everyone across Slovakia, and also from abroad, to take part. Every participant **who completes any part** of the ČSOB Winter Series (virtual, classic or a combination) will receive a medal. Medals are awarded for completing each race – in person at the classic events, and by post for those who run virtually, usually within 2 weeks of the event.*
- *The main aim of the ČSOB Winter Series is to let you feel the competitive atmosphere of a race even in the off-season, compare your performance, have fun and prepare for the spring running festival. This year, the ČSOB Winter Series will again be fun, with several special competitions and activities linked to the individual races.*
- *The virtual race format is **intended primarily** for runners who cannot take part in the classic race on the given date. The virtual format will be **limited** to a smaller number of runners than the classic format.*
- *Please pay **particular attention when entering your address**, as bibs and possibly medals may be sent to you by post, so we need correct addresses for delivery.*
- *The virtual races can be run over several days (Thursday to Sunday); the classic races have a fixed **start time and place (Saturday)**.*
- ***Results** will be compiled **separately** for the classic races and for the virtual races.*
- *After the end of the ČSOB Winter Series 2026/2027, an **informative ranking** will be compiled from the sum of times in the virtual runs (4 events) and the sum of times in the classic runs (4 events). The assumption is that the runner always runs the same distance and chooses the same race format all 4 times.*

Jozef Pukalovič, event director

ČSOB Winter Series 2026/2027 “CLASSIC RACES”

Instructions and basic information

Main organiser: BE COOL, s.r.o., BE COOL Bory, s.r.o., Krajinská 37, 821 06 Bratislava, Slovak Republic in cooperation with Bratislavský maratón, o.z., Krajinská 37, 821 06 Bratislava, Slovak Republic

Dates:

Round 1 “St Nicholas Edition” – 5 December 2026 – Aupark/Sad Janka Kráľa (Petržalka/Staré Mesto)

Round 2 “Three Kings Edition” – 9 January 2027 – Water Museum/garden (Karlova Ves/Petržalka)

Round 3 “Valentine's Edition” – 13 February 2027 – venue to be confirmed

Round 4 “IWD Edition” – 6 March 2027 – Aupark/Sad Janka Kráľa (Petržalka/Staré Mesto)

Race start: 09:45 – children's races – A – B – C (starts at approximately 5-minute intervals)

10:30 – start of the 10 km run

12:00 – start of the 5 km run

(exact start times may differ slightly at individual races; we will always keep you informed)

Distances and categories:

- **Children's races**
- A – up to 6 years (born 2021 and later) – 300 m
- B – 7 to 10 years (born 2017 - 2020) – 600 m
- C – 11 to 14 years (born 2013 - 2016) – 800 m
- **5 km or 10 km**

Age limit:

15 years – 5 km (born 2012 or earlier)

18 years – 10 km (born 2009 or earlier)

Categories: Men:

- M up to 39 years (born 1988 – 2009/2012)
- M40 – age 40 – 49 (born 1978 – 1987)
- M50 – age 50 – 59 (born 1968 – 1977)
- M60 – age 60 and over (born 1967 and earlier)

Women:

- F up to 39 years (born 1988 – 2009/2012)

- F40 – age 40 – 49 (born 1978 – 1987)
- F50 – age 50 – 59 (born 1968 – 1977)
- F60 – age 60 and over (born 1967 and earlier)

***Note:** age categories and results are based on the year 2027 (when 3 of the 4 races of the series take place), so that the results of all races in the series can be unified according to one year.*

Main officials: Race director and chief organiser: Jozef Pukalovič

Technical director: Peter Pukalovič

Sports director: Tomáš Willwéber

Safety manager and chief referee: Dag Bělak

Registration:

a) online via bratislavamarathon.sk and registration in the hakuapp.com system

b) in person during check-in before the individual runs, if the participant limit has not been reached.

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.

Before the event, you will receive a newsletter at the email address you entered during registration, with instructions and information about the event and the conditions of participation.

Paid entry fees are non-refundable. If a runner withdraws **no later than 7 days before the day of the event**, 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 in the week of the race 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 **no later than 7 days before the day of the event** 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 declaration. Once the race pack has been collected, re-registration is no longer possible.

Re-registration in the week of the race 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! 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.

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Participant limit:

10 km – 700 runners

5 km – 700 runners

+ children with a duly paid entry fee. A participant is considered duly registered only after paying the entry fee, when they appear on the start list.

Time limit:

10 km – 1:20 h

5 km – 40 minutes

Check-in, pick-up of bibs: The exact place and time will be confirmed. Check-in will always take place on the Friday before the event and then on the day of the event, no later than one hour before the start of your chosen discipline.

If possible, please pick up your bib before race day (on Friday). This makes check-in shortly before the start more flexible, especially for participants from outside Bratislava who arrive on race day.

A) Children (whole series) – €24

B) Children (individual rounds) – €6 / €7 / €8

Entry fee (depending on the number of registrations):

€6 – first 50 registered and paid

€7 – 51 – 100 registered and paid

€8 – 101 and more registered and paid

C) Adults (whole series) – €76 / €84 / €92

Entry fee (depending on the number of registrations):

€76 – first 300 registered and paid

€84 – 301 – 600 registered and paid

€92 – 601 and more registered and paid

D) Adults (individual rounds) – €19 / €21 / €23

Entry fee (depending on the number of registrations):

€19 – first 300 registered and paid

€21 – 301 – 600 registered and paid

€23 – 601 and more registered and paid

Discounted package entry fee for all 4 races:

Adult runners receive a ČSOB Winter Series 2026/2027 medal hanger as a gift + a 10% discount on a chosen individual discipline at the 22nd ČSOB Bratislava Marathon, 10–11 April 2027.

A participant is considered duly registered only after paying the entry fee!!! You can verify your participation in the event start list at: <https://events.hakuapp.com/50977d069eb0ac97ceee>

The entry fee includes:

- **bib with your name** (when registering and paying before the end of the early registration period) – applies to the classic races
- **medal** – every participant receives one at each completed round of the ČSOB Winter Series
- **refreshments** at the finish (all disciplines) and on the course (10 km)
- timing **chip** (the chip is attached to the bib)
- an **SMS with your finish time**, if you enter your mobile phone number in the online registration
- the option to download an **online certificate** after the run
- use of the **changing rooms**
- use of the **baggage storage** for your personal belongings
- benefits from event partners, which we will announce on an ongoing basis

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.

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

Timing: Chip timing is provided by VOS-TPK. The chip is on the back of the bib. Runners receive the bib with the chip at check-in. The bib and the chip are not returned.

Runners who register for all 4 races of the ČSOB Winter Series at once before the first event will receive a universal bib for all races of the series (the discipline/race distance must not be changed!). These runners do not need to check in again before events 2–4 of the series.

Results: The results service is provided by VOS-TPK. The organiser will publish the results after the event at sportsoft.cz and then also at bratislavamarathon.sk.

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 station 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 a doctor appointed by the event organisers, is considered unauthorised assistance.

The use of headphones during the run is prohibited and the runner risks disqualification. It 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.

Material prizes:

1. The first three women and the first three men in the age categories of each run will receive material prizes at every race.

2. The overall winners of the classic races in the men's and women's categories (3 men and 3 women), based on the sum of all four times (5 and 10 km), will receive “ČSOB Winter Series” trophies, and prizes will also go to the first three men and women in each age category. The winners will be announced during the Saturday afternoon programme of the ČSOB Bratislava Marathon 2027 (10–11 April 2027).

Information: All information about the races will be published on an ongoing basis at bratislavamarathon.sk

Contacts: registration: – phone: 0904 404 638, email: registracia@becool.sk

Medical service: Emergency medical and rescue services will be available at the start and finish area.

General provisions:

The organiser BE COOL, s.r.o. reserves the right to amend and specify in more detail some of the information in these regulations, in particular in view of force majeure circumstances. It also reserves the right to close registration once the number of runners at the event has been reached, or to allow more runners to start. 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 threat of terrorism or another attack endangering the safety of participants, or other unforeseeable force majeure events and circumstances, such as regulations and measures of the state and of state and local government bodies and institutions.

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.

The information in these regulations was prepared on 10 October 2026.

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 or 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, on the basis of these measures and conditions of participation, a participant who has paid the entry fee is prevented from taking part in the event, the organiser guarantees a full refund of the

entry fee or the option to transfer the entry fee free of charge to a future edition of the event or to another event organised by Bratislava marathon team.

We look forward to seeing you!!!

ČSOB Winter Series 2026/2027 “VIRTUAL RACES”

Dates:

Round 1 “St Nicholas Edition” – 3–6 December 2026

Round 2 “Three Kings Edition” – 7–10 January 2027

Round 3 “Valentine's Edition” – 11–14 February 2027

Round 4 “IWD Edition” – 4–7 March 2027

Distances and categories:

- **Children's races**
- A – up to 6 years (born 2021 and later) – 300 m
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Venue: wherever you enjoy running

Event time and start: Any time during the set period (Thursday – Sunday).

Course: During the given weekend, participants must run the distance set by the organisers on any course they choose, but the elevation gain must not be lower than zero (i.e. the total descent on the chosen route must not exceed the total ascent).

Rules for adults: When registering for the virtual race, the runner chooses their own route and a distance of 5 km or 10 km. The runner measures the time and distance themselves using a running watch or a mobile phone app. It is essential to create a record from the watch or mobile device – a link to the activity / a screenshot from the app – which the runner then uploads to our electronic system according to the instructions they receive by email before the official date of the Winter Series round – **via the link in the email**. The runner's final time will be the “elapsed time”, i.e. the total time from the start to the end of the run, including any breaks taken during the run (ideally, run the distance without a break – or, if you need to stop on the way, do not switch off your watch / app).

Running on a treadmill or other training machine is prohibited in the race!!!

Rules for children: Children's virtual runs are **non-competitive**. After the run, parents upload the time achieved to the results system. You will receive the upload link before the date of the Winter Series round. Upload the time achieved in the format hour:minute:second, e.g. “00:01:52”. There will be no ranking by time for the children's runs; children will be listed by bib number or alphabetically. Children will be able to download their certificate next to their name in the results.

Participant limit: 500 !!!

Registration: online

Registration for the individual rounds is done in the hakuapp.com system, on the basis of which you will be assigned a bib number.

After you complete the registration form, the system will offer you payment by card or via internet banking. Once the entry fee has been paid, you will receive a payment confirmation email. When paying online (card payment or instant payments – selected banks) through the registration system, the payment is credited immediately, so we recommend this payment method; you can verify your successful registration straight away in the list of registered participants on the event website (start list).

Entry fee:

A) Children – €7

B) Adults – €19

Entry fee payment options:

- **by payment card** – this method lets you verify your registration and payment immediately in the list of participants/start list – recommended
- **payment via internet banking** – usually updated 1–2 days after payment.

Categories and material prizes: Overall ranking for men and women. After each round, the 3 fastest men and women overall will receive material prizes.

The overall winners of the virtual races in the men's and women's categories (3 men and 3 women), based on the sum of all four times (5 and 10 km), will receive “ČSOB Winter Series” trophies. The winners will be announced during the Saturday afternoon programme of the ČSOB Bratislava Marathon 2027 (10–11 April 2027).

Important notice from the organiser!!!

“When submitting your data, please always remember that the core idea of all the runs is to combine active sport with observing and respecting the applicable safety measures.”

We believe that for each of you who takes part, this is a welcome opportunity to compete with other runners. At the same time, we expect that there will be no interference with or alteration of the submitted data in order to distort or adjust sporting results. That would be completely contrary to the way the running community around the “Bratislava marathon events” is developing, and contrary to the principles of fair play.”

Every participant takes part at their own risk and is fully responsible for their state of health. Every participant is fully responsible for the data they provide. By registering for the event, they give their express consent and accept responsibility for these facts.

The entry fee includes:

- a finisher medal sent by post after the event directly to the runner's address,
- an online bib with your name (non-transferable),
- processing of results and preparation of the results lists,
- the option to download an online certificate after the run,

Medals will be sent in an envelope to every participant **who runs the given discipline, separately** to the address or nearest pick-up point entered in the registration form.

Timing: The runner measures the time and distance themselves using a running watch or a mobile phone app. The organiser will publish on the event website a guide on how to upload the time achieved to the results system.

Performances must be uploaded by 24:00 on the Monday following the race weekend.

Results: The organiser will publish the results after the event at sportsoft.cz and then at bratislavamarathon.sk.

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