



RULES OF THE COMPETITION - 26th SPLIT MARATHON 13-15 MARCH 2026

The 26th Split Marathon is an event consisting of the following competitions:

- Marathon (AIMS certification)
- Half Marathon (AIMS certification)
- 10k race and Team 10k (AIMS certification)
- 5k race and 2k race

ORGANIZER

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The Split Marathon event is organized in accordance with the rules and regulations of the World Athletics organization (<https://worldathletics.org/about-iaaf/documents/book-of-rules>) and the Croatian Athletics Federation (<https://www.has.hr/index.php/dokumenti/opca-pravila-i-propozicije-za-natjecanja>), which all participants must follow.

Participants must follow the instructions of event officials, including STM staff, volunteers, security personnel, and Ministry of the Interior officers. Participants must immediately withdraw from the race if instructed by competition officials, medical staff, or any official person, including firefighters and/or police officers.

Sportsmanship:

Any participant who behaves unsportingly or shows offensive behavior toward event officials, STM staff, volunteers, or security guards may be disqualified. Unsporting behavior includes, but is not limited to, providing false or incorrect information about registration or any other behavior deemed unethical, unfair, disturbing, disrespectful, harmful, or illegal by STM.

Participant Registration and Race Number (BIB)

Registration for the marathon, half marathon, 10k, and 5k races opens on 01 April 2025 at 12:00.

Registration for the marathon, half marathon, and 10k and 5k races closes on 31 January 2026 at 23:59.

Registration for the 2k family race opens on 01 October 2025 and closes when the participant limit is reached.

Registration will close once the limit for participants has been reached, despite specific deadlines.

Maximum Number of Participants (Per Race Limit):

- Marathon: 1,000
- Half Marathon: 3,000
- 10 km/Team 10k: 1,000
- 5 km: 800
- 2 km: 600

Registrations are only accepted online via the website www.splitmarathon.com. Registration is completed upon payment of the entry fee.

A participant is considered registered for the race only after receiving a confirmation email, which is sent once payment has been successfully processed and the card has been charged. Any partial registrations without payment are not considered valid.

After the online registration closes, participation can only be obtained by purchasing a race number at the designated location, without a race package.

Participants must provide accurate information, including age, gender, and emergency contact details, when completing their registration.

Changes to a participant's registration can be made once before 01 February 2026 by sending an email to grupe.splitmaraton@gmail.com or info@protime.si, or at the race packet pick-up location for a fee of €10.

Switching from a longer race to a shorter one is possible without charge or refund. Switching from a shorter race to a longer one is possible by paying the difference in registration fee as of the day of the change, until 01 February 2026, by sending an email to grupe.splitmaraton@gmail.com or info@protime.si, or during packet pick-up for a fee of €10.

When registering, participants must enter their estimated race completion time for the marathon, half marathon, and 10k to be assigned the appropriate starting zone. Runners who do not provide an estimated time will be placed in the last starting zone. The starting zones will be determined by the assigned bib numbers, and instructions on zones will be provided in the race instructions. Entering or starting from an incorrect zone will result in disqualification.

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATIONS

Deadlines for registration:

- Early Registration (until 30 September 2025 at 23:59):
 - Marathon: €52
 - Half Marathon: €42
 - 10k: €32
 - 5k: €22
 - 2k: €10
- Regular Registration (until 31 December 2025 at 23:59):
 - Marathon: €68
 - Half Marathon: €55
 - 10k: €42
 - 5k: €28
 - 2k: €10
- Late Registration (until 31 January 2026 at 23:59):
 - Marathon: €78
 - Half Marathon: €63
 - 10k: €48
 - 5k: €34
 - 2k: €10
- Last Minute Registration (until 05 February 2026 at 23:59):
 - Marathon: €88
 - Half Marathon: €72
 - 10k: €55
 - 5k: €38
 - 2k: €10

- EXPO Registration (13-14 February 2026):
 - Marathon: €90
 - Half Marathon: €80
 - 10k: €60
 - 5k: €50
 - 2k: €10

GROUP REGISTRATIONS (10 OR MORE MEMBERS)

Groups of 10 or more members can register for the marathon, half marathon, 10k, team 10k, and/or 5k races by 15 December 2025. A group registration provides a 20% discount on the current entry fee at the time of payment (this does not apply to the Family Run & Fun 5k and 2k).

Groups can register directly by contacting grupe.splitmaraton@gmail.com for registration and payment instructions.

Registration for the 2k family race opens on 01 October 2024 at 12:00 and remains open until the participant limit is reached.

The 2k race is NOT counted towards the total number of registrations for the group discount.

Groups of participants, teams, and sports associations can contact us directly at grupe.splitmaraton@gmail.com, where they will receive all necessary instructions for registration and payment.

Registrations for the 2km family race open on 01.10.2024 at 12:00 and will remain open until the participant limit is reached.

The list of registered participants is not publicly available, and the organizer reserves the right not to publish or share it.

If you have any doubts about the validity of your registration, please contact grupe.splitmaraton@gmail.com or info@protime.si.

Race Number/BIB

Participating in the race under another runner's name or number is punishable by disqualification and/or a ban from participation (if the change is not made according to the instructions).

Your official race number/BIB must be clearly visible at all times during the race and worn on the front of the upper body. The timing chip (B-Tag) is attached to the back of your BIB. To ensure accurate timing, do not fold, crumple, or cover your race number with a jacket, running belt, water bottle, or any other item.

Participants running the race without a properly attached and visible race number may not have their finish or split times recorded and may not be listed in the results.

ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND CANNOT BE DEFERRED OR TRANSFERRED TO FUTURE EVENTS. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.

ELITE RUNNER REGISTRATIONS

The deadline for elite runners' registration is 01 February 2026.

The organizer provides invitations to a specific number of elite category runners for the half marathon and marathon. To qualify for an invitation to the Split Marathon, send an inquiry to elite.splitmarathon@gmail.com. You will receive a reply email with all the necessary qualification instructions. Registration through Facebook Messenger, Instagram, or phone messages is not accepted. All elite runner communication must be via the provided email.

Submitting an application does not guarantee a spot in the race. The organizer reserves the right to stop sending invitations once the planned number of elite runners is reached or if the registration is incomplete.

Start of the Race and Starting Zones

Participants are responsible for arriving at their assigned starting zones based on their best times and entering the designated zones before the closing time. Runners can move to a slower zone, but cannot move to a faster zone, as this will result in disqualification. After the zones close, late participants must enter the last zone for safety reasons.

Also, STM reserves the right to prohibit the start of individuals who are late due to safety reasons.

Official Timing

Your official (net) time is recorded by the timing system from the moment you cross the start line until the moment you cross the finish line (CHIP TIME). **The time measured from the start gun to when the runner crosses the finish line (GUN TIME) is the official result for ranking winners** in both the overall and age group categories.

Track and Course Markings

STM events (except for the 5k and 2k races) are held on AIMS-certified courses. Participants must stay on the marked course at all times. The course is marked with fences, cones, lines, and/or other signs. Course markers, intersection signs, turnarounds, and aid stations will be present. Participants must understand and follow the event signs, symbols, and instructions. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

Emergency medical assistance will be provided along the course by health services according to STM's schedule. The medical vehicle follows the last participant of the race.

All race courses are closed to traffic and secured by volunteers, security guards, and Ministry of the Interior personnel during the event.

A graphic representation of all race courses with legends and explanations will be available on www.splitmarathon.com.

Race Completion

For the marathon, half marathon, 10k, and 5k races, there will be checkpoints with electronic timing for monitoring participants' progress. If you do not complete the entire race, you will be disqualified. Participants who leave the course will not be allowed to rejoin the race, either to gain ranking or to help another competitor.

Time Limit

In the interest of safety, the race courses will be closed after a time limit:

- Marathon: 6 hours (from the start of the race)
- Half Marathon: 3 hours
- 10k Race: 1 hour 30 minutes
- 5k Race: 0:45 hour

Participants who fail to complete the race before the time limit or do not pass control points within the limit will be instructed by the officials to move to the sidewalk (off the course) or board the transport for competitors outside the time limit. Participants who still insist on continuing to run must be aware that aid stations and other race amenities will not be available after the time limit has expired. Additionally, the organizer does not guarantee closed and secured roads, and any unfortunate incidents are the responsibility of the participant outside the race's time limit. Participants outside the time limit are not allowed to cross the finish line, and their finishing time will not be recorded.

Prohibited Items on the Course:

- Containers with liquid larger than one liter
- Portable speakers are prohibited at our events. Do not run with a speaker during the race, as increased noise can diminish the experience for other runners.
- Backpacks, suitcases, rolling bags, or any similar types of bags
- Weighted vests
- Selfie sticks and any camera mounts or equipment not attached directly to the head or torso
- All types of opaque bags
- Cigarettes, vaping devices, other electronic smoking devices, tobacco products, and marijuana products
- Strollers (except for the 2k race)
- Costumes that cover the face and any bulky clothing that exceeds the body's edge
- Props, including flagpoles, sports equipment, military and fire-fighting gear, and signs larger than 11"x17"
- Weapons of any kind, including firearms, knives, baseball bats, batons, etc.
- Dangerous items or "dual-purpose" items that may be considered hazardous, including hammers, saws, sharp objects, umbrellas, poles, sticks, etc.
- Flammable liquids, aerosols, fuels, fireworks, toxic chemicals, explosives, and compounds that may be considered toxic
- Alcoholic beverages and illegal substances of any kind
- Unmanned aerial vehicles (drones), research balloons, photographic mini-copters, and any flying device with an on/off switch
- Folding chairs, camping chairs, and tables of any kind
- Glass containers

Violation of Competition Rules: All violations of the Competition Rules will be considered by the STM Board of Officials (OO STM), and a decision will be made based on all relevant facts and circumstances. The participant will receive written notification of the OO STM's decision. A written notification will be sent to the participant regarding the OO STM's decision. Any objection to the OO STM's decision must be submitted within seven days from the date of the first written notification.

Penalties:

Unsporting behavior: Any person who behaves unsportingly before, during, or after an STM event, including the STM EXPO, may be disqualified or banned from participating in future STM events.

Competition Official's Instructions: Any registered participant who refuses to follow the competition official's instructions may be disqualified.

Other violations: In addition to the violations listed above, the OO STM may impose penalties for any other infractions not listed in these Competition Rules based on all relevant facts and circumstances.

Individuals disqualified from the race will be removed from the race results and may be banned from future STM events. STM reserves the right to refuse any application and to disqualify and prohibit any person from participating in any STM event. This refusal/disqualification may be based, but is not limited to, the violation of the rules listed above.

PRIZES: The organizer provides cash prizes and medals for the top finishers in the MARATHON and HALF-MARATHON races. For some races, the organizer provides prize goods from sponsors.

The base cash prize fund for the marathon and half-marathon is €7,800, with bonuses up to a maximum of €36,800. Cash prizes for the MARATHON and HALF-MARATHON are awarded to the absolute winners (M/F).

MEN/WOMEN ABSOLUTE:

1st Place: €1,200

2nd Place: €900

3rd Place: €550

4th Place: €300

5th Place: €150

Cash prizes for the HALF-MARATHON are awarded to the absolute winners (M/F).

MEN/WOMEN ABSOLUTE:

1st Place: €400

2nd Place: €250

3rd Place: €150

Bonuses are awarded for achieving a result or record in the marathon and half-marathon according to the list below:

Half Marathon M/F: €300 – Course Record (under 1:02:55 and 1:13:26)

€400 – Result under 1:02:00 and 1:11:30

€700 – Result under 1:01:00 and 1:10:00

€1,300 – Croatian Record (under 1:03:47 and 1:09:16)

€2,600 – European Record (under 59:26 and 1:05:15 Mix, 1:05:18 Wo)

€4,000 – World Record (under 57:22 and 1:02:52 Mix, 1:05:16 Wo)

Marathon M/F: €400 – Course Record (under 2:17:45 and 2:37:05)

€700 – Result under 2:15:00 and 2:30:00

€1,300 – Result under 2:10:00 and 2:28:00

€1,500 – Croatian Record (under 2:15:26 and 2:25:39)

€3,000 – European Record (under 2:03:36 and 2:15:25 Mix)

€6,000 – World Record (under 2:00:35 and 2:11:52 Mix)

All cash prize winners must contact splitmaraton@gmail.com within 7 days to request instructions for prize payment.

Prize Goods: The organizer may award prize goods to the top three finishers (M/F) in age categories for races for which sponsored prizes are provided.

Medals: The organizer provides medals for all finishers in the races, for the top three places in each category (M/F) in the marathon, half-marathon, 10k race, Team 10k, and Family Run & Fun by SD 5k and 2k.

AWARDING OF PRIZES AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS:

The winner's ceremony is an integral part of the race, and attendance is mandatory.

Medals and prize goods will NOT be handed out afterwards. There is no possibility for later delivery. Prize goods (by category) and cash prizes (absolute) are NOT mutually exclusive.

Cash prizes are not cumulative; the higher-value prize will be awarded.

The schedule for the award ceremony and other events during the marathon weekend will be published on www.splitmarathon.com, as well as in the race instructions.

GENERAL TERMS: By registering, the participant agrees to the race rules and the obligation to comply with the competition rules.

Complaints regarding the race should be submitted to the Appeals Committee in writing within 30 minutes after the completion of the respective race exclusively via email to: splitmaraton@gmail.com.

Changes:

The organizer reserves the right to change the course, schedule, and anything related to the organization of the competition due to force majeure. All changes will be published on the organizer's website.