

2027 Xiamen Marathon

I. HOST

Xiamen Municipal People's Government

II. TECHNICAL AUTHORIZATION

Chinese Athletics Association

III. ORGANIZERS

Xiamen Municipal Bureau of Sports

Xiamen Media Group

Siming District People's Government of Xiamen Municipality

Huli District People's Government of Xiamen Municipality

IV. PROVINCIAL SUPERVISION

Fujian Sports Administrative Centre of Athletics and Cycling

V. TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Fujian Athletics Association

VI. CO-ORGANIZERS

Xiamen Culture Media Group

Amoy Athletics Association

VII. OPERATOR

Xiamen Culture Media Sports Co., Ltd

VIII. COMPETITION DATE

7:10 a.m. Sunday, January 11, 2026

IX. EVENT & SIZE FIELD

Marathon (42.195 km)

35,000 runners

X. DIVISION

Individual Marathon (Men, Women)

XI. RACE COURSE (TBD)

The Start & Finish: Xiamen International Conference & Exhibition Center

Xiamen International Conference & Exhibition Center (Start) → Huizhan Road → South Huizhan Road → East Island Ring Blvd → South Island Ring Blvd → South Yunding Road (turning point) → South Island Ring Blvd → Yanwu Bridge → Lujiang Avenue → South Hubin Road (turning point) → West Hubin Road (turning point) → Lujiang Avenue → Yanwu Bridge → South Island Ring Blvd → East Island Ring Blvd → South Huizhan Road → Huizhan Road → Xiamen International Conference & Exhibition Center (Finish).

XII. COMPETITION METHODS

(I) This competition will follow the Label Road Races Regulations by World Athletics, the latest Athletic Competitions and Technical Rules and Chinese Marathon Event Organization Guidelines approved by Chinese Athletics Association, World Anti-Doping Code, Anti-Doping Rules by the General Administration of Sports of China, Anti-Doping Implementation of Chinese Athletics Association Road Running Races and the competition regulations of Xiamen Marathon 2026.

(II) In accordance with the Notice on the Participation of Disabled Athletes in

National Marathons and Related Sports Events by Chinese Athletics Association, eligible disabled athletes are allowed to join this race.

(III) Start command

The race will start in separate waves. Further instructions will be given in the Supplementary Information released before the race. Invalid start will result in penalties in accordance with the rules and regulations.

(IV) Start order: Athletes shall start in their respective corrals.

Note:

1. There will be three categories of invited athletes, international elite athletes (athletes eligible for the various levels of events as specified in the World Athletics Label Races Regulations and qualified for this event), domestic elite athletes (athletes listed on the Registered Testing Pools or Testing Pools by the China Anti-Doping Agency), and other invited athletes (non-elite athletes invited by the organizing committee);

2. No wheelchair racing in this competition. To protect the interests of the disabled participants and the safety of other runners, wheelchair athletes will have to start in the specific area (end of the last wave).

(V) Roll call

1. Eligible invited athletes will have their separate area for roll call, changing and warm-up. All invited athletes shall go through the roll call in accordance with the latest World Athletics Label Road Race Regulations and requirements from the pre-race Technical Meeting.

2. Timing chips and bib number check will be carried out for general runners, who will need to go through the roll call in respective corrals within the specific time, with bibs worn properly.

3. Later corral runners are NOT allowed to move to earlier corrals. Earlier corral runners are free to move to a later one. Violation of this rule will be subject to penalties according to the rules and regulations.

4. 15 minutes after the last wave, no runner is allowed to pass the start line to start.

(VI) Timing methods

1. Timing chips will be used, which start working when runners cross the start line. To validate the race results, runners must wear those provided by the organizing committee, which are disposable with no deposit requested, and will be given with bibs during packet pick-up. The bigger bib shall be attached to the chest and not covered by clothes or belt bags. Inappropriate wearing, folding or covering the bib may result in disqualification. The organizing committee will not be held liable for unsuccessful timing from improper bib wearing, which includes but not limited to folding, covering, tearing or damaging.

2. Timing carpets are placed at the start line, every 5KM marker, 21.0975 KM marker, turnaround marker and the finish line. Runners shall run through each timing carpet during the race.

3. Those who finish within 6 hours net time but without complete records from all timing points shall NOT receive the finisher certificate, nor be ranked. Considering the delayed start of the net time and the separate starts, athletes having a gun time less

than 6 hours and 15 minutes will receive medals and finisher materials, regardless of the net time of over 6 hours. Certificates will not be given in this scenario, though.

(VII) Cut-off time:

To ensure the safety of all runners and the operation of the city traffic, after the cut-off time of each KM marker, timing carpet will stop working, and public traffic will be back to normal. Runners shall stop racing and leave the course in time, waiting for the sweep bus or taking public transportation to the finish line. Failing to follow this rule will have to take corresponding legal and economic responsibility for the accident arises.

See the following chart for detailed cut-off time (delayed start from the net time taken into consideration):

Event	Distance	Cut-Off Time (after each wave)
Marathon	Start Line	15 minutes after the last wave
	5 KM	55min
	10 KM	1hr 45min
	15 KM	2hrs 25min
	20 KM	3hrs 05min
	25 KM	3hrs 45min
	30 KM	4hrs 30min
	35 KM	5hrs 15min
	40 KM	6hrs
	42.195 KM	6hrs 15min

Notes: In case of abnormal situations, the organizing committee is empowered to decide on early cut-offs, which runners shall follow.

(VIII) Bag Check and Claim:

Runners can check their bags at specified area before the race as bib numbers indicate. After finishing the race, runners shall go to respective areas for bag claim, which will be available by 14:30 on race day. Unable to claim by this time can go to Xiamen Culture Media Sports Co., Ltd for pickup within 5 days after the race, or request for delivery with shipping fees covered by themselves. Tel: 0592-5372206. After this five-day, all unclaimed bags will be disposed by the organizing committee. It is suggested not to leave valuables in the bags. In case of any damage or loss, runners will have to take their own responsibility.

(IX) Water, energy drink and refreshment stations will follow the instructions from Organization Guidelines for Chinese Marathon and Related Sports Events. Details can be found in the Official Program published on the official website prior to the race. Elite athletes' personal refreshment should comply with the latest World Athletics Label Road Race Regulations and requirements from the Technical Meeting.

(X) Restrooms and Environmental Protection

1. The organizing committee will provide portable restrooms or urinals at the start and finish lines, as well as along the course.
2. Participants must not urinate or defecate anywhere other than in restrooms at the start, along the course, or at the finish line. Avoid littering hard-packaged bottles and cans. Try to reduce the disposable things like raincoats. Throw trashes in the specific

bins. Let's have a civilized participation and work together to protect our environment.

(XI) Medical Aid

1. Medical stations will be set at the start area, every 2.5km along the race course and the finish area.

2. AED first aid service will be provided along the race course.

3. Medical volunteers will be found along the course for medical aid and race order.

Athletes may seek help from them at any time. During the race, medical staff is empowered to suspend the participant from the race on basis of the physical situation.

If the participant refuses to follow the instructions given by them, all the consequences and responsibility arising shall be borne by the participant. In the event where a participant loses consciousness during the race, the organizing committee will be automatically empowered to take all necessary emergency measures, including but not limited to CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), AED (automatic external defibrillation), and rapid transfer. Participants shall not hold medical staff, emergency volunteers, or race staff of the organizing committee liable for any legal or financial responsibility arising from their involvement in rescue efforts.

(XII) Race result certificate. Runners finishing the race within 6 hours net time can log into the official website 24 hours after the race to search and download. If case of having no results or having objections to the result, please provide evidence of participation and email to the organizing committee at bmc@xmim.org for appeal.

(XIII) In the event of natural disasters, accidents, public health emergencies, social security incidents, or other force majeure factors that prevent the race from being held, the organizing committee reserves the right to introduce the circuit breaker mechanism on decisions regarding postponement, cancellation, or closing of the race, which participants are required to comply with.

(XIV) Please read the Official Program and relevant instructions for other requirements and arrangements of the race.

XIII. PARTICIPATION METHOD

Regardless of nationality, any natural person who is in good health, owns a legal identification and meets the requirements of the competition rules, is welcome to register.

(I) Age requirement: All runners shall be at least 20 years old by the race year (born on 31 December 2006 or before). To ensure health and safety, athletes aged 65 and above should prioritize self-evaluation of their physical situations.

(II) Physical requirements:

1. Marathon is an athletic sport of high load and great intensity over long distances. It is also a high-risk athletic sport which has high physical demands on runners. Those who wish to participate shall be in healthy condition with long-term experiences in long-distance running and agree to all the relevant regulations in the Runner's Statement.

2. Runners are solely responsible for any personal injury or property damage caused by their physical conditions during the race. The organizing committee recommends that all runners undergo physical examinations at a Level II or higher hospital within

one month before the race. These examinations should include blood pressure, regular electrocardiogram (ECG), 24-hour Holter monitoring or cardiac stress testing, and cardiovascular, pulmonary, liver, and kidney function tests. In case of elevated blood pressure or significant ECG abnormalities (such as significant bradycardia), an additional echo-cardiogram is necessary. ECG and echo-cardiogram are not interchangeable. Before registration, runners should make self-evaluations based on the results of these examinations to double check if their physical condition is suitable for long-distance running .

3. Those having following situations are prohibited from the race. Runners will have to bear all the consequences if they are not honest with their physical conditions.

1. Congenital heart disease and rheumatic heart disease;
2. Hypertension and cerebrovascular disease;
3. Myocarditis and other heart diseases;
4. Coronary artery disease and server irregular heartbeat;
5. Diabetes with hyperglycemia or hypoglycemia;
6. Having cold symptoms two weeks prior to the race;
7. Drinking lots of hard alcohol or lack of sleep the night before the race;
8. Suffering from unresolved infectious diseases;
9. Pregnant;
10. Other diseases which are not suitable for sports.

Note: Athletes should be the primary responsible person for their own health and prioritize self-evaluations. Before the race, athletes must stay alert to their physical situations, especially any sudden colds, fevers, infections, and other illnesses. They should also know about their medical history, including any history of coronary heart disease (especially myocardial infarction), hypertension, and family history of sudden death.

(III) Registration Method

1. General runners

(1) Field size: 35,000. Please log into the official website www.xmim.org or follow “xiamenmls” on WeChat for registration and payment.

(2) Draw will be used to decide race qualification when the registration is over the filed size. Runners chosen by the draw shall pay within specified time to confirm race qualification. Failing to do so will be regarded as waiver of qualification. The openings will be given by the draw to runners who have paid till full capacity.

(3) For more details, please read Registration Notice on our official website, WeChat, Mini-

2. Wheelchair athletes and visually impaired athletes must submit their disability certificates. Please refer to the Registration Notice for details. .

3. Elite Athletes

According to the Chinese Athletics Association’s Regulations on the Management of Road Running Races, elite athletes and their agents must email to the organizing committee at bmc@xmim.org for registration.

4. Runners having direct qualifications for the race:

(1) Athletes invited by the organizing committee.

- (2) Xiamen Marathon Permanent Race Number runners with Priority Pass.
- (3) Eligible for XQ Priority Pass
- 10,000 XQ Priority Passes for this race
 - Runners with results meeting 2026 XQ standards (Xiamen Marathon Qualifying Times) are eligible for the Priority Pass of each age group.
 - In case of eligible runners over 10,000, then the actual qualified runners of each age group will be calculated by multiplying the proportion by 10,000.
(For instance, say there are 1,300 runners eligible for age 20-29, and the total eligible runners are 13,000, which means aged 20-29 runners takes 10%, i.e., the actual qualified number of this age group is 1,000.)
 - If the eligible runners are over 10,000, each will be ranked within their age group. The Priority Pass qualification will be decided by the rank. When the eligible runners are less than 10,000, then all these runners will be qualified for the Priority Pass.

2026 XQ - Xiamen Marathon Qualifying Times		
Age Group	Men's Marathon	Women's Marathon
	Result Requirements	
20-29	3:00:00	3:30:00
30-34	3:05:00	3:35:00
35-39	3:10:00	3:40:00
40-44	3:15:00	3:45:00
45-49	3:20:00	3:50:00
50-54	3:25:00	4:00:00
55-59	3:35:00	4:15:00
60-64	3:50:00	4:30:00
65-69	4:20:00	5:00:00
70 & above	4:50:00	5:35:00

Note:

- The race result will be based on runners' personal best result of marathon in "Level A" events held from 1 January 2024 to 17 September 2025. These events should be

authenticated by CAA, and the result shall be found on <http://www.runchina.org.cn/%3Cbr/%3Eb>. Runners unable to prove their results through the above mentioned may send certificates from World Athletics Label Races and AIMS certified events held during 1 January 2024 to 17 September 2025 to bmc@xmim.org before 18:00 October 9. The results can be used as the proof after verification.

c. On releasing the draw results, the organizing committee will announce the number and proportion of eligible candidates in each age group, as well as the actual number of qualified runners from each age group based on ratio calculations.

d. Any virtual running result shall not be considered for eligibility.

(4) Runners having the Priority Pass for 2026 C&D Xiamen Marathon in running events operated by Xiamen Media Group Sports Co., Ltd. Please refer to the announcement on the official website for detailed list.

5. Other runners shall go through draw selection for qualification.

6. Draw results will be notified through official website and WeChat. Runners can also find the result on Personal Center of the official website and Mini-APP.

7. Runners to be rejected from registration:

(1) Under suspension penalty by CAA for violating relevant competition rules and event regulations.

(2) Under suspension penalty by the organizing committee and the operator for violating relevant rules.

(3) In accordance with the requirements of The World Anti-Doping Code and the Anti-Doping Rules by the General Administration of Sport of China, retired athletes in Registered Testing Pools or Testing Pools are not allowed to compete. If they wish to return, they must submit a six-months prior written request to the Anti-Doping Center, and can only compete after approval. If a retired athlete competes in violation of regulations, the result will be canceled.

8. Please read the Guide for Packet Pick-up released on our official website, WeChat and Mini-APP for packet pick-up.

9. For any matters not covered above, please refer to Registration Notice on our official website, WeChat and Mini-APP.

(IV) Entry Fee

1. Domestic runners (including Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan): RMB ¥ 200/person;

2. Foreign runners: USD\$80/person;

3. Free of charge for permanent race number runners and invited athletes.

(V) Others

1. Race packet shall not be given to those incapable of competing.

2. Participants' confirmation of registration means agreeing to the Runner's Statement for this event. Transferring qualification, bib number, or chip to another person is a violation of the rules. All consequences arising during the race are the responsibility of the one who transfers and the one who accepts.

3. The race route is not suitable for participants pushing strollers. To fully protect the safety of all participants, strollers are prohibited from the course.

XIV. RANKINGS & AWARD SETTINGS

(I) Ranking Prize

1. Event Prize (by gun time)

(1) Awarded to: All qualified runners

(2) Awarding standards: see below race results and prizes (in USD). Chinese winners will received RMB of equivalent value based on the exchange rate of the race day.

Men			Women		
Ranking	Prize (in USD)	Time	Ranking	Prize (in USD)	Time
1	55000	Less than 2:08:30	1	55000	Less than 2:25:00
	25000	2:08:30 and above		25000	2:25:00 and above
2	23000		2	23000	
3	15000		3	15000	
4	8000		4	8000	
5	6000		5	6000	
6	5000		6	5000	
7	4000		7	4000	
8	3000		8	3000	

2. Special Prize for Chinese runners (by net time)

(1) Awarded to: Runners of Chinese nationality

(2) Awarding standards: see below race results and prizes(in RMB)

Men			Women		
Rank	Prize	Time	Rank	Prize	Time
1	55000	Less than 2:14:00	1	55000	Less than 2:32:30
	30000	2:14:00 and above		30000	2:32:30 and above
2	25000		2	25000	
3	18000		3	18000	
4	10000		4	10000	
5	8000		5	8000	
6	6000		6	6000	
7	4000		7	4000	
8	3000		8	3000	
9	2500		9	2500	
10	2000		10	2000	
11	1500		11	1500	
12	1000		12	1000	

3. Age Group Prize for General Runners (by net time)

(1). Awarded to: Runners who are NOT invited athletes as described in these regulations, nor athletes in the 2025 Chinese Athletics Association Athletes Registration Approval List who specialized in marathon, 10000m and 5000m.)

(2).Age groups: (for men and women)

Age group	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60 and above
Note: Categorized by athlete's age in the year of the race (for example, born from January 1, 1996 to December 31, 1996 is regarded as 30 years old and belongs to the age group 30-39).					

(3). Awarding standards: The top 8 places of each age group will receive below prizes (in RMB)

Ranking	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Prize	3000	2600	2200	1800	1400	1000	800	600

(II) New Record Prize (for the First Place only)

1. By gun time

USD\$50,000 will be awarded for the New Marathon Record in China (for men and women);

Year/Event	Record	Name	Gender	Nationality/Region
2023 Shanghai Marathon	2:05:35	Philimon Kiptoo KIPCHUMBA	Male	Kenya
2025 Shanghai Marathon	2:16:36	Brigid KOSGEI	Female	Kenya

(2) USD\$30,000 will be awarded for the Xiamen Marathon New Record (for men and women);

Year/Event	Record	Name	Gender	Nationality/Region
2025 C&D Xiamen Marathon	2:06:06	Dawit Wolde AREGA	Male	Ethiopia
2025 C&D Xiamen Marathon	2:18:46	Ruti AGA	Female	Ethiopia

2. By net time

1) RMB ¥ 50,000 will be awarded to Chinese athletes for Marathon New National Athlete Record (for men and women, subject to CAA's final release by January 11, 2026)

2) RMB ¥ 30,000 will be awarded to Chinese athletes for Xiamen Marathon New National Athlete Record (for men and women);

Year/Event	Record	Name	Gender
2025 C&D Xiamen Marathon	2:08:07	Yang Shaohui	Male
2008 C&D Xiamen Marathon	2:22:38	Zhang Yingying	Female

(IV) Awards Receiving

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1. The list of winners will be publicized on the official website for 10 workdays up from the next day after the race. Any objections during this period can be directed to the organizing committee with genuine and valid evidence. Any participant reported for violating competition rules and regulations will have their results and rankings canceled upon verification through investigation and evidence, with no upgrade for lower-ranking participants.

2. Winners of Ranking Prize, Xiamen Marathon New Record Prize will receive doping tests. Athletes failing the tests will have their rankings and prize money canceled. There will be no upgrade for lower-ranking participants.

3. The awards of Ranking Prize and New Record Prize will be given out after the publication of the race results and the doping test results accepted.

4. Prize winners shall provide valid personal bank account number, a photocopy of ID with signature and the contact number.

5. Runners winning both Ranking Prize and New Record Prize can have those prizes together. Winning multiple prizes in the same award category can only receive the highest one.

(V) According to relevant Chinese tax laws, the above-mentioned prizes are subject to a personal income tax of 20%, which will be paid by the organizing committee on

behalf of all the winners.

(VI) According to the World Athletics Label Road Races Regulations, the top eight male and female runners will pay 2% of their prize money as a contribution to the anti-doping fund, which will be paid by the event organizing committee on behalf of the runners.

(VII) Race T-shirt, race bag, bib number, disposable timing chip will be provided by the organizing committee.

(VIII) Runners have to finish the race as required by the rules and regulations to receive finisher medals.

XV. COMPETITION ETHIC & DISCIPLINE

(I) Athletes must abide by the provisions on the ethic and discipline of the race in Sports Law of the People's Republic of China, Regulations on the Management of Ethic and Discipline in Sports Events issued by the State General Administration of Sports, and Implementation Rules for the Management of Ethic and Discipline in National Athletic Events and Discipline Management Regulations for Road Running Races issued by the Chinese Athletics Association.

(II) Punishment

1. In order to enhance the management of ethic and discipline in racing, the organizing committee strictly prohibits private transferring (selling) or receiving (buying) race qualifications. Anyone who tries to race by taking the place of another runner, sharing or counterfeiting bib numbers or using nonofficial bib numbers, will be prohibited from entering the course. If any of these cases are founded, the violator will be facing lifelong ban from participating in any event held by the Xiamen Marathon Organizing Committee, and will be reported to Chinese Athletic Association for additional penalties. All consequences arising from taking the place of another runner, sharing or counterfeiting bib numbers and other violations will be borne by the violator. In case of economic loss and severe consequences resulted, the violator might be held legally liable.

2. Video surveillance will be carried out by the organizing committee at the start line, every 5 km timing point, turnaround points and the finish line during the race.

Violators in the following cases will face corresponding penalties, which include disqualifying from the race, canceling the race result, 1-2 years or lifelong ban of the race. The organizing committee will also report to Chinese Athletics Association for additional penalties.

- 1) Getting qualification by using fake information;
- 2) Racing with other's timing chip, or with more than one timing chips;
- 3) Going through roll call at non-designated area;
- 4) Violating the rules when starting;
- 5) Racing in relay;
- 6) Continuing racing after cut-off time;
- 7) Not racing along the course, taking shortcut, take public transportation(including the sweep bus) to cut in;
- 8) Passing the finish line repeatedly, re-enter the course or not completing the whole

- distance but crossing the finish line to get finisher medals and souvenirs;
- 9) Staying near the start and finish line or on the course (such as taking pictures, lining up, waiting for other runners, performing or other behaviors that affect others' racing);
- 10) Improper bib wearing, counterfeiting bibs, crossing the finish line to get finisher medals with a bib from other races or previous Xiamen Marathon races;
- 11) Uncivil behaviors (such as open defecation, smoking, littering, trampling on the flowers and grass and other behaviors that might affect other runners);
- 12) Behaviors that intentionally affect the safety of other runners (such as pushing, pulling, shoving, bumping, etc.);
- 13) Not following race staff's instructions, interfering with the referee's judgement, rioters disturbing the race order;
- 14) Running with a stroller or a pet;
- 15) Non physical challenged runners race in wheelchairs;
- 16) Laze racing for illegitimate benefits,
- 17) Concealing physical illness or pregnant women participating in the competition;
- 18) Making inappropriate remarks about the event which causes severe effects;
- 19) Other behaviors violating the spirit of sports and moral standards and cause adverse effects;
- 20) Other behaviors violating the race rules and regulations.

(III) According to the provisions of the Public Security Administration Punishment Law of the People's Republic of China and other relevant laws and regulations and the requirements of the organizing committee, it is prohibited to bring what may cause safety hazards or impede the progress of the race, such as umbrellas, canned or glass containers, telescopic selfie sticks and stabilizers, flagpoles, etc.

(IV) The organizing committee accepts supervision from participants and the general public on any violations or uncivilized behavior that occurs during the race. When reporting, it is requested to explain the situation and provide relevant supporting materials and email to the organizing committee within 15 days after the competition.

XVI. INSURANCE

(I) The organizing committee will offer a life accident insurance for each runner, the policy of which shall be subject to the registered information. Runners will be held liable if invalidly insured due to false information.

(II) During the race, physical discomfort caused by the runners' own reasons (including but not limited to chronic diseases, invisible diseases, lack of physical endurance, etc.) and causal related diseases and symptoms (including but not limited to heatstroke, fainting, etc.), in case of not falling within coverage as decided by the insurance company, all legal liability and consequences arising therefrom (including but not limited to medical treatment expenses, lost work time, disability compensation or indemnity, death benefit, etc.) shall be the entire responsibility of the participants and shall not involve the organizing committee.

(III) The organizing committee can only provide on-site first-aid medical assistance during the competition. For the related expenses incurred during subsequent treatment

in the hospital, runners may claim to the insurance company or negotiate with the insurance company on their own after settling with the hospital. The organizing committee will be able provide necessary documentation to facilitate the process.

(IV) If a runner takes stimulants or other prohibited drugs during the competition and causes personal injury or death, all legal liability and consequences arising therefrom (including but not limited to medical treatment expenses, loss of work, disability compensation, death compensation, etc.) shall be borne by the runner alone.