

2027 Baoding Marathon Competition Rules

(1) The competition shall be conducted in accordance with the "Discipline Management Regulations for Road Running Events of the Chinese Athletics Association", "Management Documents of Road Running Events of the Chinese Athletics Association", and the "Competition Rules" of this event.

(2) In accordance with the "Notice of the Chinese Athletics Association on Disabled Athletes Participating in National Marathon and Related Sports Events", disabled participants who meet the eligibility requirements are allowed to participate in this event. This event only accepts ordinary wheelchair participants and does not accept speed wheelchair participants.

(3) Division Method

For this event, the division will be based on the best results of the participants' certified A-level marathons or half marathons held on the Chinese Marathon Information Platform from January 7, 2024 (inclusive) to January 11, 2026 (inclusive), as recorded. The specific division method is detailed in the supplementary notice.

(4) Competition Registration

1. On the competition day (April 19, 2026), from 5:30 to 7:15, participants will undergo security checks and registration. All participants must correctly wear the event number bib to enter. It is recommended that participants arrive at the corresponding area for registration at least 60 minutes before the start.

2. All participants are not allowed to enter the front area for registration and start from the rear area. The front area can enter the rear area for registration and start. If violated, the participant's result and ranking will be cancelled, and a one-year ban from competition will be imposed.

3. The organizing committee has set timing mats in front of each division. Participants must pass through the registration mat of their respective division first, and then pass through the starting timing mat to be considered valid.

4. 20 minutes after the last gun of the competition, participants are no longer allowed to enter the track to start.

(5) Starting Signal

The competition adopts timed starting. If a participant fails to start properly, they will not be stopped. The referee will disqualify the participant.

(6) Closing Time and Distance

To ensure the safety and smoothness of the competition, there will be closing times for each section of the route during the competition. Temporary traffic control will be implemented for social traffic at different times and sections. After reaching the closing time, the timing mats at the corresponding kilometer points will stop working, and the corresponding sections will resume social traffic. Participants must stop their race and leave the track within the specified closing time if they have not completed the corresponding section distance. Such participants can take a recovery vehicle at the nearest recovery station along the route to the finish line to retrieve their gear.

Note: In case of any special circumstances, the organizing committee reserves the

right to close the venue early during the competition. Participants must comply with the arrangements made by the organizing committee. Any accidents resulting from this will be the responsibility of the participants themselves.

(7) Timing Method

1. This competition uses an induction timing system and provides participants with timing chips. The chips are distributed at the same time as the number badges at the item collection area.

2. Participants must correctly wear the induction chips. This competition has timing mats at the starting point, every 5-kilometer mark, the turnaround point, and the finish line. Participants must pass through the ground timing mats during the running process. If any of the timing points is missing from the result, the participant's competition result will be cancelled and they will not be ranked.

(8) Clothing Storage and Retrieval

1. On the competition day (April 19, 2026), the storage service at the starting point is from 5:30 to 7:15. Participants can deposit their personal items at the designated area at the starting point with their event number badge. After reaching the finish line, they can retrieve their own clothing at the corresponding window area. The organizing committee will not check the items placed in the storage bags by the participants. Therefore, complaints about the status of the items when retrieving the storage bags by the participants will not be accepted, and the organizing committee will not be responsible for compensation for the loss or damage of the items. It is recommended that participants do not store valuable items (such as mobile phones, valid identification documents, cash, credit cards, various keys, tablets, etc.) in the bags. If they are damaged or lost, the consequences will be borne by the participants themselves.

2. The end-of-half-marathon clothing retrieval service deadline is 11:45 on April 19, 2026 for the half-marathon event, and the end-of-marathon clothing retrieval service deadline is 14:30 on April 19, 2026 for the marathon event. If the retrieval is not completed by the deadline, participants can contact the event organizing committee via email or phone within 5 working days with relevant valid documents to retrieve; if it is still not retrieved by the due date, the organizing committee will handle it as unclaimed.

(9) Beverage, Water, Drinking Water, Food Supply Stations

(10) Toilets and Sprinklers

1. The organizing committee will set up mobile toilets at the starting point, along the race route, and at the finish line.

2. The organizing committee will set up sprinkler equipment based on the weather conditions.

3. Participants are not allowed to defecate or litter anywhere in the non-toilet areas at the starting point, along the race route, or at the finish line. They are not allowed to discard any packaging paper, bottles, cans, or masks and other garbage at will. During the competition, they must abide by the relevant management regulations on garbage classification in Baoding City and jointly protect the environment.

(11) Clothing Requirements

It is recommended that participants wear the competition uniforms provided by the organizing committee or suitable running sports clothes to participate in the competition. Participants are not allowed to wear, carry, or bring any clothing, equipment, or items that may cause injury or fall to other participants, nor are they allowed to wear masks during the competition. Participants are not allowed to wear clothing that may cause discomfort to themselves or the audience during the competition. If any of the above requirements are violated, the staff and judges have the right to cancel their participation qualifications and confiscate their number bibs.

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Competition Rules

(1) Age Requirements for Participants

1. Participants in the marathon event must be 20 years old or older in the year of the competition (i.e., born before January 1, 2006).
2. Participants in the half marathon event must be 18 years old or older in the year of the competition (i.e., born before January 1, 2008).

3. Notes

Participants aged 70 or above (i.e., born before January 1, 1956) participating in the competition must sign the participation declaration jointly by themselves and their family members (family members include spouse, parents, adult children, and other co-residing adult relatives) at the time of receiving competition items before the competition. They can only receive competition items and participate in the competition if they do so.

(2) Physical Condition Requirements for Participants

Marathon is a high-load, high-intensity, and long-distance competitive sport, and it is also a high-risk competitive event. It has higher requirements for the physical condition of participants. Participants should be in good health and have a long-term foundation of running exercise to ensure safe completion. If the exercise is improper, it may cause varying degrees of physical injury, even endangering life. Therefore, participants should clearly understand that they are participating at their own risk. The organizing committee suggests that all participants undergo a physical examination at a secondary hospital or above 12 months before the competition. The physical examination includes blood pressure and routine electrocardiogram or 24-hour dynamic electrocardiogram or exercise treadmill test (one of the three is sufficient). If blood pressure is too high or the electrocardiogram is significantly abnormal (such as significant bradycardia), a cardiac ultrasound should be added. Electrocardiogram and cardiac ultrasound cannot be substituted for each other. Participants should conduct self-assessment based on the examination report and confirm whether they can participate in the marathon and related sports competitions. Personal injuries and property losses caused by personal health and other personal reasons shall be borne by the participants themselves. The following diseases or conditions are not suitable for participating in the competition:

1. Patients with congenital heart disease and rheumatic heart disease;
2. Patients with hypertension and cerebrovascular diseases;

3. Patients with myocarditis and other heart diseases;
4. Patients with coronary artery disease and severe arrhythmia;
5. Patients who feel moderate pain in the chest during light activities and have severe coronary artery disease (angina pectoris);
6. Patients with high or low blood sugar diabetes;
7. Participants who have a cold within two weeks before the competition or have an abnormal body temperature;
8. Participants who drink a large amount of strong alcohol or have insufficient sleep the night before the competition;
9. Pregnant women;
10. Other patients with diseases unsuitable for exercise.

(3) Event Declaration

1. The route of this event, the event water stations, and the event toilets are not suitable for participants to push baby strollers. To fully protect the personal safety of all participants, this event prohibits baby strollers from entering the track. The organizing committee has the right to remove baby strollers from the track. In addition, there is no speed wheelchair group in the competition, and speed wheelchairs are not allowed to participate in the competition, and the results obtained will not be included in the ranking. 2. If during the event, due to extreme weather conditions or other factors, the event conditions change, or there are serious safety hazards, the event organizing committee, after thorough analysis, determines that the event conditions no longer permit its continuation, it will activate the event suspension mechanism and promptly inform the participants of the relevant situation and subsequent handling measures.

(4) Registration methods for general participants

1. General participants can view the registration information through the official WeChat mini-program, the official website of the 2026 Baoding Marathon, the official client, and the official WeChat account, and then register.
2. The marathon event is limited to 8,000 participants, and the half-marathon event is limited to 12,000 participants. The qualification is determined through a lottery based on the quota being filled. Direct access slots are excluded.
3. Participants who obtain the qualification must go to the designated location designated by the organizing committee to collect the event items. The quota is limited to the individual participant and is not transferable.
4. Participants who are not registered: Those who have been punished by the World Athletics, the Chinese Athletics Association, the Baoding Marathon Organizing Committee, and the operating company (such as if they are successfully selected for the 2026 Baoding Marathon and then receive the above penalties, their participation qualifications will be revoked).

(5) Disabled participants

The registration for disabled participants in this event shall be carried out in accordance with the relevant regulations on disabled participants in the official website of the Chinese Athletics Association.

1. Due to the track conditions not allowing it, this event does not set a racing

wheelchair category, and racing wheelchair participants are not allowed to participate in the event.

2. When registering, disabled participants (including non-racing wheelchair participants) must meet the age and physical condition requirements for the 2026 Baoding Marathon and participate in the lottery and pay the registration fee according to the registration requirements.

3. Before the start, visually impaired, hearing-impaired, mentally disabled, and upper-limb disabled participants will assemble and register in the corresponding zones together with the able-bodied participants. Participants with ordinary wheelchairs (non-racing wheelchairs) must register and assemble at the last zone and will be disqualified if they fail to do so.

4. To ensure the safety of all participants, visually impaired participants must have a guide runner to accompany them throughout the race. Other disabled participants are also recommended to invite a guide runner to participate in the race. The guide runner must register for the 2026 Baoding Marathon and obtain the qualification to participate, or can apply to the organizing committee for assistance in recruiting a guide runner.

(6) Direct access slots

This event sets direct access slots for participants, including official pace runners, official emergency runners, official environmental runners, sponsors, and cooperative media. The direct access slots do not exceed 10% of the total event scale.

Note: Direct access participants must meet the registration requirements and complete the registration during the registration period. Those who fail to register within the deadline will be regarded as giving up and will not be re-registered.

(7) Registration fees

Marathon event: 120 yuan (RMB) per person

Half-marathon event: 100 yuan (RMB) per person. [1]

Reward methods

(1) Race results awards for the marathon event

The top 3 men and women will be invited to the stage to receive awards based on the gun sound results, and the 4th to 8th places of men and women will be awarded based on the net results. The specific reward standards are as follows (unit: RMB):

(2) Half Marathon Competition Awards

The top 3 male and female finishers will be invited to the stage to receive awards based on the gun-shot timing results. The next 4 male and female finishers will be awarded based on the net timing results. The specific award standards are as follows (unit: RMB):

(III) Record-breaking Award for Race

Men's Group in the Marathon: The first-place finisher with a gun-shot time within 02:13:16 (inclusive) will receive an additional reward of 20,000 RMB.

Women's Group in the Marathon: The first-place finisher with a gun-shot time within 02:39:20 (inclusive) will receive an additional reward of 20,000 RMB.

(IV) Prize for "Hundred Team Relay" in the Marathon

The total time of the relay team is calculated by adding up the valid net time of the top 10 runners in the marathon event from the team (at least 2 of whom should be female). The teams are ranked according to the total time. The teams ranked from 1st to 8th will receive corresponding bonuses. If the sum of the net time is the same, the team with the better net time of the first runner will be ranked higher; if the net time of the first runner is still the same, the team with the better net time of the second runner will be ranked higher, and so on.

If the number of marathon event finishers in the team is less than 10 or there are less than 2 females among the 10 members, the team is considered ineligible for the bonus and the team's performance will not be included in the ranking of the "Hundred Team Relay" in the Marathon. The specific reward methods are as follows (unit: RMB):

Note: The team formation will start after the draw results are announced. The specific team formation methods and relevant information can be found in the "100 Team Race" competition regulations to be released later.

(5) The winning participants will undergo doping tests in accordance with the relevant regulations of the "China Athletics Association Road Race Management Measures" and the "China Athletics Association Road Race Anti-Doping Work Management Measures". If they fail the doping test, their rankings and prizes will be cancelled, and no further rankings will be given for subsequent places.

(6) Participants who complete the race within the closing time and follow the prescribed route and competition regulations can obtain the finisher medal and finisher items with their event number.

(7) Participants who complete the race within the closing time and follow the prescribed route can download the result certificate on the official website of "2026 Baoding Marathon" or through the official WeChat mini-program after the race. The certificate includes segment point results, gun sound results, net timing results, etc. If a participant lacks any of the sensor timing point result data, they will not be ranked.

(8) Prize distribution

1. Prizes will not be distributed at the event site. The results of all winning participants will be 公示 on the event website for 15 working days. The prizes will be distributed within 60 working days after the results are 公示 without any objections (for participants who were tested for doping, the prizes must be distributed after the doping test results are announced). If there are objections to the results after the 公示, and after re-examination, the objections still exist, the participant's ranking and prize will be cancelled, and no further rankings will be given for subsequent places.

2. Each winning participant must submit their valid bank account number and bank information, a copy of their ID card with their signature, and their contact number to the organizing committee within the competition result 公示 period. Those who fail to do so will be treated as having withdrawn. The organizing committee will handle the awarding procedures.

3. According to Article 3 of the "Individual Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China", the event prizes are subject to a proportional tax rate of 20%, and

personal income tax will be withheld by the organizing committee before distribution.

[1] Penalty measures

The organizing committee conducts full video surveillance of the starting point, the race route, and the finish line. During the race, if any of the following violations of the competition rules occur, the staff and referees have the right to terminate the competition for the participants and confiscate their race numbers immediately, and disqualify them from the competition and their results. After the race, the organizing committee will, depending on the severity of the situation, impose penalties on the offenders, including cancelling their 2026 Baoding Marathon results, imposing a 1-5 year ban or a lifetime ban from the competition, and reporting to the Chinese Athletics Association for additional penalties:

- (1) Using a false age or false identity to register or having someone else run for you after registration;
- (2) Competing while concealing a physical illness;
- (3) Illegally altering, making, transferring, selling the race number, forging documents or using someone else's documents, or engaging in fraud;
- (4) Not wearing the race clothing and not wearing the race number as required;
- (5) Starting in an incorrect order in the non-registered event starting area;
- (6) Starting before the official starting time;
- (7) Not completing the race route along the designated route, taking shortcuts, inserting oneself into the race or riding other vehicles before entering the race track;
- (8) Engaging in any foul behavior such as pushing, pulling, hitting, or tripping others during the race;
- (9) Refusing to follow the guidance of the staff or returning to the race track to complete the race after leaving the race track after the closing time of each timing point;
- (10) Re-passing the finish line at the finish area without following the requirements or not completing the entire race and privately passing the finish line to collect the finisher's items;
- (11) Refusing to follow the instructions of the event staff;
- (12) Using language, fighting, or causing trouble during the competition, disrupting the competition order;
- (13) Engaging in uncivilized behavior (such as defecating anywhere, littering, etc.);
- (14) Pushing strollers or carrying pets while running;
- (15) Not actively and proactively participating in the competition and competing passively;
- (16) Engaging in doping violations;
- (17) Making inappropriate remarks about the event activities, causing adverse effects;
- (18) Other behaviors that violate the spirit of sports and moral standards, causing adverse effects;
- (19) Other violations of the competition rules and competition regulations.

Those who use illegal means to obtain (including but not limited to transferring, stealing, or selling) the qualification or using a non-competition event number to participate in the race shall bear all consequences and responsibilities resulting from

the competition. After the organizing committee verifies and confirms the violation, the offender will be punished with a lifetime ban from the Baoding Marathon. For those with particularly serious circumstances or causing certain social negative impacts, the organizing committee will report to relevant departments to pursue their legal responsibilities. [1]

Guarantee Measures

(1) Medical Assistance

1. To ensure the safety of the participants, the event judges and staff authorized by the organizing committee have the right to terminate the competition for participants who clearly cannot continue the race. Any consequences and responsibilities arising from the participant's refusal to follow advice, insistence on participating, or refusal to cooperate with treatment will be borne by the participant personally.

2. The organizing committee has fixed medical stations, ambulances, and mobile AED medical rescue services at the starting point, finish line, and along the race route.

3. The organizing committee sets emergency rescue personnel and medical volunteers along the race route to assist in medical assistance and maintain the competition order. Participants can seek help.

4. During the race, if the participant loses consciousness, they will automatically entrust the medical staff and emergency personnel of the organizing committee to take all measures for emergency treatment, including CPR, AED defibrillation, renting vehicles or air transportation for rapid transfer, and the resulting legal responsibilities and related expenses will be borne by the participant personally, and no liability will be pursued by the participating rescuers, medical staff, organizing committee staff, and the event organizer. [1]

(2) Insurance 1. This competition provides personal accident insurance for all participants and staff during the event (the specific types of insurance and insurance amounts are subject to the final insurance policy). If the insurance cannot be purchased due to incomplete, inaccurate or false information provided by the participants or if the insurance cannot be claimed, all legal responsibilities (including but not limited to inability to obtain insurance claims) arising therefrom shall be borne by the participants themselves.

2. Participants who engage in ghost running, 蹭跑, resale, or use non-numbered jerseys of this event will not be eligible for insurance.

3. Expenses related to non-medical treatment during the competition or non-emergency medical treatment that participants need to continue receiving due to their physical condition shall be settled by the participants themselves with the hospital, and then negotiated with the insurance company in accordance with the procedures for claims.

4. If during the competition, due to their own reasons (including but not limited to having chronic diseases, underlying diseases, insufficient physical endurance, etc.), participants experience physical discomfort and related diseases or symptoms (including but not limited to heatstroke, fainting, etc.), and if the insurance company ultimately determines that it is not within the scope of claims, all legal responsibilities and consequences (including but not limited to medical treatment

costs, loss of work, disability compensation or compensation, death compensation, etc.) arising therefrom shall be borne by the participants themselves, and have nothing to do with the organizing committee. Participants must carefully assess their physical conditions before signing up.

5. If participants suffer personal injury or death during the competition due to the use of stimulants or other prohibited drugs, all legal responsibilities and consequences (including but not limited to medical treatment costs, loss of work, disability compensation or compensation, death compensation, etc.) arising therefrom shall be borne by the participants themselves.

Race venue

(1) Marathon (42.195 kilometers)

Intersection of 7th First Road and Jinhu Street (start point) → 7th First Road (north half) → East Third Ring Road (south half) → Fuxing East Road (north half) → Beidai Road → Xiangyang North Street (east half) → North Second Ring Road (south half) → Xiti Road → South Tai Road → East Third Ring Road (south half) → 7th First Road (north half) → Intersection of 7th First Road and Jinhu Street (end point).

(2) Half Marathon (21.0975 kilometers)

Intersection of 7th First Road and Jinhu Street (start point) → 7th First Road (north half) → East Third Ring Road (south half) → Fuxing East Road (north half) → Beidai Road → Xiangyang North Street (east half) → North Second Ring Road (south half) → Xiti Road → Extreme Sports Park → No. 3 Bridge of 7th West Road (north half) → Intersection of 7th West Road and Huazhong Rainbow City (south half) → No. 3 Bridge of 7th West Road (south half) → West Side of 1 Muquan River Bridge of 7th West Road (south half) (end point).

Event lineup

The 2026 Baoding Marathon features two events: the full marathon (42.195 kilometers) and the half marathon (21.0975 kilometers). The total number of participants is 20,000, with 8,000 for the full marathon and 12,000 for the half marathon. The number of registrants for this event reached 221,367, setting a new record and doubling that of 2025. The overall lottery success rate was only 9%. Ultimately, the event attracted 20,000 participants from 21 countries and 34 provincial-level administrative regions of China.