

2027 Nanjing Marathon Competition Regulations

(1) The regulations of the World Athletics Competition and Technical Rules, the World Athletics Signage Road Running Event Rules, the Disciplinary Management Regulations of the Chinese Athletics Association for Road Running Events, the Management Documents of the Chinese Athletics Association for Road Running Events, and the competition regulations of this marathon shall be followed.

(2) According to 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

The division is based on the best results of the half marathon events held by the participants on the Chinese Marathon Information Platform from January 7, 2024 (inclusive) to January 11, 2026 (inclusive) that are of the certification level "A" category.

(4) Competition Registration

1. On the competition day (April 12, 2026), from 6:00 to 7:15, participants 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 race.

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 suspension from competition will be imposed.

3. The organizing committee sets 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 start, participants are no longer allowed to enter the track to start.

(5) Starting Method

The starting order is arranged in the order of elite athletes, half marathon mass participants (based on the best individual half marathon result for division positioning).

(6) Starting Signal

One gun is used for starting, and all participants start simultaneously. If a participant fails to start properly, they will not be stopped. The referee will cancel their participation qualification.

(7) Closing Time and Distance

To ensure the safety and smoothness of the competition, the distance of each section of the race has a closing time. Temporary traffic control is carried out on the social road during the competition period. After reaching the closing time, the timing mat at the corresponding kilometer point stops working, and the corresponding section of the

road resumes social traffic. Participants must stop the race immediately and leave the track within the specified closing time if they have not completed the corresponding section distance. Participants who leave the track can take a recovery vehicle at the nearest recovery station along the route to the finish line to retrieve their gear.

(8) Timing Method

1. This competition adopts an induction timing system and provides each participant with a timing chip. The chips are distributed simultaneously with the number tags at the registration area for the participants.
2. Participants must correctly wear the induction chips as required. 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 one by one during the running process. If any of the timing points is missing from the record, the participant's competition result will be cancelled and they will not be ranked.

(9) Clothing Storage and Retrieval

1. The clothing storage service at the starting point will be available from 6:00 to 7:15 on the competition day (April 12, 2026). Participants can deposit their personal items at the designated area at the starting point with their event number tag. After reaching the finish line, they can retrieve their clothes at the corresponding window area. The organizing committee will not inspect the items placed in the storage bags by the participants. Therefore, complaints about the condition of the items when retrieving the storage bags by the participants will not be accepted, and the organizing committee will not be liable 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 clothing retrieval service at the finish line will end at 11:30 on April 12, 2026. If participants do not retrieve their clothing within the retrieval time, they can contact the event organizing committee via email or phone within 5 working days after the competition to claim it with relevant valid documents. If the clothing is still not retrieved by the due date, the organizing committee will handle it as unclaimed.

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

(11) Bathrooms and Sprinklers

1. The organizing committee sets up mobile bathrooms at the starting point, along the race route, and at the finish line.
2. The organizing committee sets up sprinkler equipment based on the weather conditions.
3. Participants are not allowed to defecate anywhere or discard any packaging paper, bottles, cans, or masks and other garbage in non-bathroom areas at the starting point, along the race route, or at the finish line. During the competition, they must abide by the relevant management regulations on garbage sorting in Nanjing and jointly protect

the environment.

(12) Elite Athletes

Elite athletes are divided into international elite athletes and domestic elite athletes in China. International elite athletes are foreign athletes who meet the event level standards and competition qualifications as stipulated in the World Athletics logo event regulations; domestic elite athletes are those registered and inspected by the current National Sports Administration Anti-Doping Center.

1. Registration

Elite athletes are set up with separate registration areas and warm-up areas before the start. All elite athletes must bring the original copies of the identification documents (such as second-generation ID cards, passports, etc.) used during registration to the elite area for registration and start.

2. Self-provided Beverages

Elite athletes can submit self-provided beverages at the designated time and place on the day of the competition and take them to the corresponding stations to receive them during the competition. The self-provided beverages should be placed at the specified kilometer points as required.

3. Competition Clothing and Shoes

All elite athletes' competition clothing must comply with the World Athletics clothing and advertising regulations, and their competition shoes must be listed in the World Athletics approved shoe list. Otherwise, the athletes will be disqualified from the competition.

4. Technical Meeting

The technical meeting is held the day before the competition. All elite athletes must bring the original copies of the identification documents (such as second-generation ID cards, passports, etc.) used during registration, their competition clothing, and competition shoes to attend the technical meeting.

(13) Clothing Requirements

It is recommended that participants wear the competition uniforms provided by the organizing committee or suitable running sports clothing. Do not wear, wear, or carry any clothing, equipment, or items that may cause injury or fall to other participants, do not wear masks during the competition; do not wear clothing or accessories that may cause discomfort to participants or spectators. If any of the above requirements are violated, the staff and judges have the right to disqualify them and confiscate their number bibs. [9]

Entry Procedures

(1) Age Requirements for Participants

1. All participants must be 18 years old or above on the day of the competition (born before April 12, 2008 (inclusive)).

2. Notes

For participants aged 70 and above, when collecting the competition items before the competition, they must sign the competition declaration jointly by themselves and their family members (family members include spouse, parents, adult children and other co-residing adult relatives). Only then can they collect the competition items

and participate in the competition.

(2) Physical Condition Requirements for Participants

Marathon is a high-intensity, high-intensity, and long-distance competitive sport, and it is also a high-risk competitive event. There are higher requirements for the physical condition of participants. Participants should be in good health, have a long-term foundation of running training, and ensure that they can complete the race safely. If the exercise is improper, it may cause varying degrees of physical injury, even endangering life. Therefore, participants should clearly understand that there is self-risk in the competition process. The organizing committee suggests that all participants undergo a physical examination in a secondary-level 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 obviously abnormal (such as significant bradycardia, etc.), a cardiac ultrasound should be added. Electrocardiogram and cardiac ultrasound cannot be mutually substituted. Participants should assess based on the physical examination report and confirm whether they can participate in the marathon and related sports competitions.

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 severe coronary artery disease (angina pectoris);
6. Diabetic patients with high or low blood sugar;
7. Participants who have had a cold within two weeks before the competition or have an abnormal body temperature;
8. Participants who drank a large amount of strong alcohol or had insufficient sleep the night before the competition;
9. Pregnant women;
10. Other patients who are not suitable for exercise.

(3) Competition Declaration

1. The route, competition water stations, and competition toilets of this competition are not suitable for participants to push baby strollers. To fully protect the personal safety of all participants, this competition 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. The results obtained will not be included in the ranking.
2. If during the competition, due to extreme weather or other factors, the competition conditions change, or there are serious safety hazards, the competition organizing committee, after analysis and judgment, determines that the competition conditions no longer meet the requirements for continuing the competition, it will activate the competition suspension mechanism and promptly inform the participants of the

relevant situation and subsequent handling matters.

(4) Registration Method for General Participants

1. General participants can register from the official website of Nanjing Xianlin Half Marathon and other places.
2. The project is limited to 12,000 participants. The qualification of participants is determined by lottery after the registration is full. Direct access places are excluded.
3. Participants who obtain the qualification will collect the competition items at the designated location by the organizing committee. The quota is limited to the participant themselves and is not transferable.
4. Participants who are not registered: Participants who have been punished by the World Athletics Federation, the Chinese Athletics Association, the Nanjing Xianlin Half Marathon Organizing Committee and the operating company for violating the regulations of various road running events held within Jiangsu Province and responding to the initiative of the linkage mechanism will be disqualified from participating in this competition.

(5) Registration for Disabled Participants for this competition shall be carried out in accordance with the relevant regulations on disabled participants participating in national marathon and related sports events on the official website of the Chinese Athletics Association.

1. Due to the track conditions not allowing it, there is no racing wheelchair category for this competition, and wheelchair racers are not allowed to participate.
2. When registering, disabled participants (including non-racing wheelchairs) must meet the age and physical condition requirements for the 2026 Nanjing Xianlin Half Marathon. They should participate in the draw 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 able-bodied participants. Ordinary wheelchair (non-racing wheelchair) participants must register and assemble at the last zone queue; otherwise, they will be disqualified from the competition.
4. During the race, 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 together. The guide runner must register for the 2026 Nanjing Xianlin Half Marathon and obtain the qualification to participate, or they can apply to the organizing committee for assistance in recruiting a guide runner.

(6) Elite Athletes Elite athletes are specially invited by the organizing committee and cannot register as general participants. If elite athletes wish to participate, they should contact the organizing committee.

(7) Direct Entry Places This competition sets up direct entry participants, including official pace runners, official emergency runners, sponsors, and cooperating media. The direct entry places do not exceed 10% of the total event scale.

Note: Direct entry participants must meet the entry 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-admitted.

(8) Registration Fee The registration fee for this competition is 200 RMB per person.
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Reward Measures

(1) Half Marathon Prize for Rankings

The top 3 male and female finishers will be invited to the stage to receive awards based on the gun-shot results. The next 4 to 8 male and female finishers will also be awarded based on the gun-shot results. The specific reward standards are as follows (unit: US dollars):

(II) Best Performance Award in China

For Chinese participants who achieve the best half marathon result in the country (men's and women's categories separately) and rank first among Chinese participants, a reward of 200,000 yuan will be given.

(III) The winning participants will undergo doping tests in accordance with the relevant regulations of the World Athletics, the "China Athletics Association Road Running Event Management Measures", and the "China Athletics Association Road Running Event Anti-Doping Work Management Measures".

(IV) Participants who complete the race within the closing time and follow the prescribed route and procedures can obtain the finisher medal and finisher items by presenting the event number badge of that race.

(V) Participants who complete the race within the closing time and follow the prescribed route can download the result certificate on the official website or WeChat public account of "Nanjing Xianlin Half Marathon" after the race. The certificate includes segment point results, gun sound results, net timing results, etc. If any of the participants lacks any of the sensor timing point's result data, they will not be ranked.

(VI) Prize Distribution

1. No prizes will 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 paid within 60 working days after the results are without any objections (for participants who are tested for doping, the prizes must be paid after the doping inspection results are announced). If any objection is raised after the , and it is still disputed after re-examination, the position and reward will be cancelled, and the ranking will not be carried over.

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 within the result period to the organizing committee. Those who fail to submit within the deadline will be treated as having withdrawn.

3. According to the relevant regulations of the "Individual Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China", the event prizes apply a proportional tax rate of 20%, and the personal income tax will be withheld by the organizing committee before payment. The prize for the half marathon event will be paid in the equivalent of RMB based on the exchange rate on the day of the event.

4. According to the relevant regulations of World Athletics, 2% of the total prize money (excluding any fines and deductions) for the top 8 athletes in the elite standard events will be donated to the anti-doping fund by the elite athletes and their agents. The organizing committee will deduct the donation from the prize paid to the athletes and directly pay it to World Athletics. [9]

Penalty Measures

The organizing committee will conduct 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 of the participants and confiscate the number bib of the offending participants on the spot, and cancel their competition qualifications and results. After the race, the organizing committee will, depending on the severity of the circumstances, impose penalties on the offending participants, such as disqualification from the 2026 Nanjing Xianlin Half Marathon, a ban of 1-5 years, or a lifetime ban, and report to the Chinese Athletics Association for additional penalties:

- (1) Using a false age, false identity to register or having someone else run for you after registration;
- (2) Participating in the race while concealing a physical illness;
- (3) Illegally altering, making, transferring, selling the number bib, forging documents or using someone else's documents, or engaging in fraud;
- (4) Not wearing the competition clothing as required and not wearing the number bib;
- (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 along the designated route, taking shortcuts, inserting or riding other vehicles on the way, and entering the track after entering the track;
- (8) Using any illegal behavior such as pushing, pulling, colliding, or tripping others during the race;
- (9) Refusing to follow the guidance of the staff after the closing time of each timing point, or withdrawing from the race and returning to the track to complete the race;
- (10) Re-passing the finish line at the finish area without following the required instructions or not completing the entire race and privately passing the finish line to collect the finish items;
- (11) Refusing to obey the instructions of the event staff;
- (12) During the race, verbally abusing, fighting, causing trouble, and disrupting the competition order;
- (13) Engaging in uncivilized behavior (such as defecating anywhere, littering, etc.);
- (14) Pushing strollers to participate in the race or carrying pets for running;
- (15) Not actively and proactively participating in the race, 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 behaviors that violate the competition rules and competition regulations.

Those who use illegal means to obtain (including but not limited to transferring,

stealing, or selling) the competition qualification or use a number bib other than that of the current event to participate in the race shall bear all consequences and responsibilities during the race. After the organizing committee verifies and confirms the violation, the offender will be given a lifetime ban from the Nanjing Xianlin Half 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.

This event has responded to the "Initiative of the Joint Mechanism for Road Running Events in Jiangsu Province", and the related violations will be subject to additional penalties based on the event's joint mechanism. [9]

Guarantee Measures

Medical Rescue

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 are obviously unable to continue competing. Any consequences and responsibilities arising from the participant's refusal to follow the advice and insist on participating or refusing to cooperate with the treatment will be borne by the participant personally.
2. The organizing committee has set up fixed medical stations, ambulances and mobile AED medical rescue guarantee services at the starting point, the finish line and along the race route.
3. The organizing committee has set up emergency rescue personnel and medical volunteers along the race route to assist in medical rescue and maintain the order of the competition. Participants can seek help.
4. During the competition, if a 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 but not limited to CPR, AED defibrillation, renting vehicles or air transportation for rapid transfer. The legal responsibilities and related expenses resulting from this will be borne by the participant themselves, and no legal or economic responsibilities will be pursued against the participating rescuers, medical staff, organizing committee staff and the organizer.

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. The expenses related to non-medical treatment during the competition and non-emergency medical treatment that participants need to continue due to their physical conditions 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 ultimately determined by the insurance company not to be 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 own physical conditions before signing up.

5. If during the competition, participants suffer personal injuries or death 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 lineup

The 2026 Nanjing Xianlin Half Marathon features a half marathon (21.0975 kilometers) as one of the events, with a total participation of 12,000 people.

Race venue

Yansi Park West Gate (starting point) → Yangshan Lake Road → Jiuxiang River West Road → Xianlin Avenue → Xianlin Lake Road → Weidi Road → Wenlan Road (turnback) → Wenlan Road → Jiuxiang River West Road (ending point).