

ZEEKR CHENGDU MARATHON 2026 COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

1. CERTIFICATION

Chinese Athletics Association

2. HOST

People's Government of Chengdu Municipality

3. SPECIAL SUPPORT

Sichuan University

4. ORGANIZERS

Chengdu Municipal Sports Bureau

Chengdu Media Industry Group

Sichuan Tianfu New Area Party Working Committee and Administrative Committee

Administrative Committee of Chengdu High-tech Zone

People's Government of Jinjiang District

People's Government of Qingyang District

People's Government of Jinniu District

People's Government of Wuhou District

People's Government of Chenghua District

5. EXECUTING ORGANIZER

Chengdu Media Industry Group

6. OPERATION & PROMOTION PARTNERS

Hongxing Media (Chengdu) Co., Ltd.

China Olympic Road Running (Beijing) Sports Management Co., Ltd.

7. RACE DATE AND START TIME

(1) Race Date:

Sunday, October 25, 2026

(2) Start Time:

Elite Athletes & Marathon A/B/C Corral Runners: 07:30 a.m.

Marathon D/E Corral Runners: 07:50 a.m.

Half Marathon F/G Corral Runners: 08:10 a.m.

8. EVENTS AND SIZE

(1) Events

Men's Marathon / Women's Marathon (42.195km)

Men's Half Marathon / Women's Half Marathon (21.0975km)

(2) Size

Number of Runners: 35,000 (Marathon: 25,000, Half Marathon: 10,000)

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(1) Marathon

① Start: Jinsha Site Museum

② Finish: Chengdu Century City New International Convention and Exhibition Center

③ Race Route: The route will take runners through the following districts: Jinniu, Qingyang, Jinjiang, Chenghua, Wuhou, Hi-Tech Zone, and Tianfu New Area.

(2) Half Marathon

① Start: Jinsha Site Museum

② Finish: Wangjiang Campus of Sichuan University

③ Race Route: The route will take runners through the following districts: Jinniu, Qingyang, Jinjiang, Chenghua, and Wuhou.

10. RULES OF COMPETITION

(1) The race is governed by the World Athletics Competition and Technical Rules, World Athletics Label Road Races Regulations 2026, Disciplinary Regulations for Road Running Events of Chinese Athletics Association, Road Race Management Regulations of Chinese Athletics Association, and the Competition Regulations of this Event.

(2) All runners must wear their race bibs properly throughout the event. Elite athletes shall wear one bib on the chest and one on the back; mass runners shall wear one bib on the chest. Bibs must not be covered by clothing, waist packs, or other items. Any folding, covering, tearing, or damaging of the bib will result in disqualification, denial of entry, and forfeiture of results and finisher items. Any alteration, counterfeiting, transfer, or sale of a bib will be penalized according to the Competition Regulations of this Event.

(3) Roll-call

a. Time

Marathon A/B/C Corral Runners: 05:30 a.m. – 07:15 a.m.

Marathon D/E Corral Runners: 05:30 a.m. – 07:35 a.m.

Half Marathon F/G Corral Runners: 05:30 a.m. – 07:55 a.m.

b. All runners are advised to arrange their travel accordingly and arrive at the start area on time for roll call. To access the designated corral, all runners must have their bibs verified and undergo facial recognition or identity document checks before being permitted to enter their respective corral. Elite athletes must present their original valid identification documents and check in at the designated area 40 minutes prior to the start.

c. For safety reasons, baby strollers (pushchairs) are not permitted on the course, at the start, or at the finish line. The use of baby strollers is strictly prohibited throughout the event.

(4) Start Corrals

Participants will assemble in the following order: elite athletes, marathon mass runners, and half-marathon mass runners. Mass runners will be further divided into start corrals based on their previous race results, with a 10-meter separation between adjacent corrals. Runners must start from their designated corral as indicated on their bib. Crossing into a different corral is strictly prohibited.

(5) Start: The race will start in waves.

Elite athletes and Marathon A/B/C corral runners---07:30

Marathon D/E corral runners---07:50

Half-marathon F/G corral runners---08:10

(6) Timing

① The race will adopt chip timing, and all runners will receive a timing chip which will be released with the bib during race pack collection.

② Timing carpets will be placed at the start, at every 5KM point, at the 21.0975KM point, at the turning points, at the furthest point on the course, and at the finish. All runners are required to pass over each timing carpet during the race. Runners who finish within the cut-off time but miss any of these timing checkpoints will not be ranked. For non-award-winning runners, their rankings will be determined by net time.

(7) Cut-off Time

To ensure the safety of all runners, sectional cut-off times will be implemented at predetermined kilometer points along the race course. Once the cut-off time at a given point is reached, the corresponding timing mats will be deactivated, and the road section will be reopened to public traffic. Any runner who has not reached that point by the cut-off time must withdraw from the race to avoid danger. Failure to withdraw as required will result in the runner assuming full liability for any and all resulting incidents. Runners who withdraw from the race may proceed to the nearest sweep bus stop along the course, or take public transportation on their own to the finish line to pick-up their baggage.

The Cut-off Time

Event	Distance	Cut-off Time (After Respective Start Wave)
Start	0KM	10 minutes after final wave start
Marathon Half Marathon	5KM	55 minutes
	10KM	1 hour 30 minutes
	15KM	2 hours 10 minutes
	20KM	2 hours 50 minutes
	21.0975KM	3 hours
Marathon	25KM	3 hours 30 minutes
	30KM	4 hours 15 minutes
	35KM	5 hours
	40KM	5 hours 40 minutes
	42.195KM	6 hours

(8) Bag Storage and Pick-up

a. Bag Storage Procedure

On race day, runners are requested to store personal belongings at designated storage areas by presenting their bibs. Runners are advised not to store valuables in their bags, including but not limited to mobile phones, official IDs, cash, keys, credit cards, or electronic devices. Any loss or damage shall be borne by the runners themselves. Please use the transparent gear check bag provided by the Organizing Committee for storage. The following items are prohibited from being brought into the start area: hazardous materials, illegal substances, liquids, beverage bottles, cans, folding bicycles, baby strollers, and any other bulky items.

Bag storage closing times are as follows:

Marathon A/B/C Corral Runners: 07:15 a.m.

Marathon D/E Corral Runners: 07:35 a.m.

Half Marathon F/G Corral Runners: 07:55 a.m.

Runners are advised to arrive early and plan the schedule accordingly. The Organizing Committee shall not be responsible for any loss caused by failure to store belongings at the designated time, place, or in the designated manner.

Marathon runners must collect their belongings before 3:00 p.m. on race day. Half Marathon runners must collect their belongings before 12:10 p.m. If not collected on race day, unclaimed items may be retrieved at the Organizing Committee's designated location within one week after the race, upon presentation of the race bib. Any items still unclaimed after the specified period will be disposed of as unclaimed property.

b. Non-storage Procedure

On race day, runners who choose not to use the baggage storage service are advised to wear old clothing for warmth instead of raincoats, and to discard these items in the designated area before the start.

At the finish line, the Organizing Committee will provide thermal clothing to athletes who do not use the baggage storage service.

For detailed arrangements, please refer to the Registration Notice.

(9) Refreshment Station, Drinking/Sponging Station and Food Supply

Location	Refreshment Station	Drinking/Sponging Station	Food Supply
5KM	✓		
7.5KM		✓	
10KM	✓		
12.5KM		✓	✓
15KM	✓		
17.5KM		✓	✓
Marathon 20KM	✓		
Half Marathon 20KM	✓		
22.5KM		✓	✓
25KM	✓		
27.5KM		✓	✓
30KM	✓		
32.5KM		✓	✓
35KM	✓		✓
37.5KM		✓	✓
40KM	✓		

Note: Elite athletes may collect their personal refreshments at the designated personal refreshment stations provided for this event.

(10) Environmental Sanitation

① The Organizing Committee will set up clearly marked raincoat disposal areas and waste bins at the start and finish areas, as well as at designated points along the course.

② Portable toilets will be available at the start and finish areas, and along the course (located at 2KM, 3KM, 4KM, and then every 2.5KM from the 5KM mark to the finish).

③ Runners are strictly prohibited from relieving themselves outside of designated restroom areas at the start, along the course, or at the finish. Littering—including raincoats, thermal blankets, bottles, cans, and other waste—is also forbidden. Please deposit all waste properly and help keep our city clean.

④ Runners must sign and submit the Participation Commitment Letter prior to race pack collection.

(11) Medical Aid

① Medical stations are at the start, along the course, and at the finish. Mobile AED medical personnel and medical volunteers are on the course for emergencies and race support. Runners can request medical help at any time.

② Medical staff shall have the right to stop any athlete from continuing the race if he/she is deemed medically unfit to proceed. All runners who ignore medical advice and insist on continuing shall bear full responsibility for any consequences.

③ Any runner who loses consciousness during the race shall be deemed to have authorized the Organizing Committee to take all necessary emergency measures, including but not limited to CPR, AED defibrillation, and emergency transport by vehicle. All legal responsibilities arising from such measures shall be borne entirely by the concerned runner, and no legal or financial liability shall be pursued against the medical staff, emergency volunteers, or the Organizing Committee.

(12) All runners, including retired professional athletes, must strictly comply with the World Anti-Doping Code and the Anti-Doping Rules issued by the General Administration of Sport of China. Doping control during the race will be conducted in accordance with the World Athletics Label Road Races Regulations 2026, the Road Race Management Regulations of Chinese Athletics Association, and the Anti-Doping Work Regulations for Road Running Events of Chinese Athletics Association.

(13) For further race-related requirements and arrangements, runners are advised to refer to the official digital race programme.

11. REGISTRATION

(1)Registration Eligibility

① Age Requirements

- Marathon runners must be at least 20 years old by January 1, 2026 (born on or before January 1, 2006).
- Half Marathon runners must be at least 18 years old by January 1, 2026 (born on or before January 1, 2008).
- Any runner aged 65 or above (born on or before January 1, 1962) must carefully assess their own health prior to the race and submit a Participation Commitment Letter signed by both the runner and a family member (including spouse, parents, adult children, or other adult relatives living together).

② Result Requirements

To register for the marathon, you must have completed either one marathon or two half-marathons in the 24 months before the registration deadline. For the half-marathon, you must have completed two races of 10 km or more within the same 24-month period.

Virtual/Online race results will not be accepted.

③ Health Requirements

a. The Organizing Committee strongly recommends that all runners undergo a medical examination at a Grade II Class A or higher hospital prior to the race. The examination should primarily include blood pressure measurement and one of the following three cardiac tests: a standard electrocardiogram (ECG), a 24-hour Holter ECG, or a treadmill exercise test. Runners with hypertension or significant ECG abnormalities (e.g., marked bradycardia) are required to undergo an additional echocardiogram (UCG). Please note that an ECG cannot substitute for an echocardiogram, nor vice versa. Runners must self-evaluate their physical condition based on their medical reports. Only those who confirm that they are physically fit for long-distance running should register for the event. During the race, any personal injury or property loss resulting from the runner's own health conditions shall be borne solely by the concerned runner.

b. Marathon is a high-intensity, high-impact sport that carries inherent risks. Runners who do not engage in regular, proper conditioning may suffer from various physical injuries or even life-threatening conditions. Therefore, participants should be in good health and maintain a consistent routine of running exercise or training. Individuals with any of the following medical conditions are not suitable for participating in the race:

(1) Congenital heart diseases, rheumatic heart diseases, Myocarditis and other heart diseases.

(2) Hypertension and cerebral vascular diseases.

- (3) Coronary artery disease and severe arrhythmia.
- (4) Suffer moderate chest pain and severe coronary artery disease (angina) during mild activity.
- (5) Diabetes with excessively high or low blood sugar levels.
- (6) Have had a cold or abnormal body temperature within two weeks before the race.
- (7) Have consumed alcohol or had insufficient sleep the night before the race
- (8) Pregnancy
- (9) Other diseases unsuitable for sports.

Notes: Runners should take primary responsibility for their own health and strengthen self-assessment of their physical condition. Prior to the race, runners must remain fully aware of their health status, particularly in the event of sudden illnesses such as colds, fever, or viral infections. They should also be aware of their own medical history, including a history of coronary artery disease (especially myocardial infarction), hypertension, and any family history of sudden death.

(2) Registration Method

Mass runners

- ① Registration for mass runners is available through the official website and official cooperative APP of Chengdu Marathon. Group registration is not accepted. Once the number of registrants exceeds the limited quota, participation eligibility will be determined by a draw system. The race will include guaranteed entry runners, including time-qualified guaranteed entry and guaranteed entry for the 2026 Chengdu World Heritage Marathon.
- ② Please refer to the Registration Notice published on the official website or official WeChat account for detailed information on registration procedures, processes, and withdraw/refund policies.

Invited Athletes

- ① International Elite Athletes (foreign athletes who meet the criteria for the various competition categories and eligibility requirements as set out in the World Athletics Label Road Races Regulations): In accordance with the World Athletics Label Road Races Regulations 2026 and the Road Race Management Regulations of Chinese Athletics Association, the Organizing Committee will conduct the invitation process for elite athletes in a fair, just, and transparent manner.
- ② Domestic Elite Athletes (Athletes registered in the anti-doping center's testing pool and the registered testing pool of the General Administration of Sport of China for the current year of the event): Athletes are required to download the Domestic Elite

Athlete Application Form from the official website and submit it to the Organizing Committee by 6 p.m. September 21, 2026 via email (support@chengdumarathon.cn). The Organizing Committee will conduct a selection process or issue targeted invitations in accordance with the Elite Athlete Invitation plan. All final decisions will be notified via email.

③ Other Invited Athletes: The race will include other invited athletes, including pacers, physician runners, sponsors and media partners, and these individuals must meet all registration requirements of this event.

Runners with Disabilities

The registration methods for runners with disabilities are explained as follows in accordance with the requirements of the Chinese Athletics Association's Notice on the Participation of Runners with Disabilities in National Marathon and Related Sports Events:

① Runners with disabilities must meet all registration eligibility requirements and complete registration through the official website, the official cooperative APP. Once the number of registrants exceeds the limited quota, participation eligibility will be determined by a draw system.

② Racing wheelchairs are not allowed at this year's event, as no competitive wheelchair racing category is offered. For the safety of all participants, non-racing wheelchair users must follow the instructions of referees and volunteers, assemble at the back of their respective event groups, and start in a safe and orderly manner.

Runners with other types of disabilities (including visual impairment, hearing impairment, intellectual disability, upper limb disability, etc.) shall start in a safe and orderly manner within their designated corrals, together with mass runners, as prescribed by the event's corral allocation regulations.

③ To ensure the safety of all participants, non-racing wheelchair users and runners with visual impairment must, upon submission of their registration information, log in to the official Chengdu Marathon website and complete the required athlete information reporting in accordance with the instructions provided (see Registration Notice for details).

Runners with visual impairment must have a guide runner throughout the race. The guide runner must be a successfully registered participant competing in the same event and must also complete the required registration and reporting process (see Registration Notice for details).

(3) Registration Fee

① Marathon and Half Marathon: RMB 200/person.

② Entries are strictly personal and non-transferable.

Runners who have successfully submitted their registration information and completed the required payment may apply for a refund within the applicable withdraw service period. For further details, please consult the Registration Guide, the official Chengdu Marathon website, and the official WeChat account.

(4) Race Pack Collection

- ① Once an entry has been successfully confirmed, the Organizing Committee will notify runners to check their bib number.
- ② The Organizing Committee shall provide all runners with race packs including the uniform, storage bag, bib, timing chip and other race materials.

The package must be picked up in person by the registered runner. To pick up the package, runners must present the original valid identification document used during registration, along with any other required credentials, and sign the Participation Commitment Letter on site. Third-party pick-up is not permitted under any circumstances.

12. AWARDS METHOD

(1) Marathon

- ① Ranking Awards for the Men's Marathon and Women's Marathon Events

Male athletes		Female athletes	
Ranking	Prize (USD)	Ranking	Prize (USD)
1	15,000	1	15,000
2	7,500	2	7,500
3	5,000	3	5,000
4	2,500	4	2,500
5	2,000	5	2,000
6	1,500	6	1,500
7	1,000	7	1,000
8	500	8	500

② Awards for Breaking the Course Record

The first-place male and female finishers in the marathon event who set new Chengdu Marathon's Course Records will be awarded:

Male: sub 2:08:55 and win the race, RMB 60,000.

Female: sub 2:26:46 and win the race, RMB 60,000.

Note: This bonus will be awarded together with the ranking awards.

③ Ranking Awards for Top Chinese Runners

Chinese athletes finishing in the top 8 in the men's and women's marathon event shall receive the corresponding bonuses.

Male athletes		Female athletes	
Ranking	Prize (RMB)	Ranking	Prize (RMB)
1	80,000	1	80,000
2	60,000	2	60,000
3	50,000	3	50,000
4	40,000	4	40,000
5	30,000	5	30,000
6	20,000	6	20,000
7	10,000	7	10,000
8	6,000	8	6,000

If an athlete qualifies for both overall ranking awards and a Chinese athletes ranking awards, only the higher amount shall be awarded, and the prizes will not be accumulated.

(2)Half Marathon

Place Prizes for the Men's and Women's Half Marathon Events

Male athletes		Female athletes	
Ranking	Prize (RMB)	Ranking	Prize (RMB)
1	20,000	1	20,000
2	15,000	2	15,000
3	12,500	3	12,500
4	10,000	4	10,000
5	7,500	5	7,500
6	5,000	6	5,000

(3) Ranking and Awarding Rules

The above prizes will be determined by gun time rankings.

Should a runner fails a doping test or be found guilty of any violation as officially determined by the Organizing Committee, his or her ranking and prize will be canceled. The ranking and prize will then be passed down to the next finisher(s) in sequence.

(4) All above-mentioned awards are subject to a 20% personal income tax.

(5) The top 3 male and female finishers in the Marathon and Half Marathon, along with the top 3 Chinese male and female finishers in the Marathon, will each be awarded a trophy and a medal by the Organizing Committee.

(6) Prize-winning athletes must wear competition shoes and attire that comply with World Athletics regulations on road race shoes and clothing advertising, respectively. Any violation will lead to disqualification. The relevant regulations are available on the World Athletics website.

(7) Finishers who complete the race within the cut-off time and in compliance with the competition rules may claim their finisher medal and items using their race bib. Post-race in 24 hours, runners can download their certificate—including split times, gun time, and net time—from the official website or official cooperate APP. Any

runner missing timing data from a required checkpoint will be disqualified from ranking.

13. SPORTSMANSHIP AND DISCIPLINE

(1) All athletes must comply with the Law of the People's Republic of China on Sports, the Administrative Measures for Sportsmanship and Discipline in Sports Events issued by the General Administration of Sport of China, and Implementation Guidelines on Sportsmanship and Discipline in National Athletics Competitions, Disciplinary Regulations for Road Running Events issued by CAA.

(2) Disciplinary Measures

The Organizing Committee will install video surveillance at the start line, every 5KM timing point, 21.0975KM point, the furthest point, turning points, and the finish line.

During the race, if a runner is found to have committed any violations listed below, or those described in Chapter 4, Article 10 of the Implementation Guidelines on Sportsmanship and Discipline in National Athletics Competitions, the staff and referees shall have the right to stop the runner immediately, confiscate their bib on site, and disqualify them from the race. In case of any of the following circumstances, individuals identified by the Organizing Committee after the race to have violated the regulations may, depending on the severity of the offense, be disqualified of results for ZEEKR CHENGDU MARATHON 2026, suspended from future events for 1-5 years, or subject to a lifetime ban, and severe violations will be reported to CAA for further penalties:

- ① Registering with a false age or identity, or having someone else run in one's place after registration;
- ② Concealing physical illnesses while participating;
- ③ Tampering with, forging, transferring, or selling bibs without authorization, falsifying documents, or using someone else's documents;
- ④ Failing to wear the required race attire or bib as required;
- ⑤ Starting in the wrong corral or wave;
- ⑥ Jumping the start before the official start signal;
- ⑦ Entering the race course by any vehicle in violation of regulations;
- ⑧ Not completing the entire course, shortcutting or rejoining after taking transportation;
- ⑨ Engaging in foul behavior such as pushing, shoving, tripping or obstructing others;

- ⑩ Running in organized groups that obstruct other runners;
- ⑪ Re-crossing the finish line to collect additional finisher items;
- ⑫ Collecting finisher items without completing the entire course;
- ⑬ Disregarding instructions from event staff;
- ⑭ Using offensive language, fighting, causing disturbances, or interfering with the order of the race;
- ⑮ Public urination, littering, smoking, or other inappropriate behavior on the course;
- ⑯ Showing a lack of effort or passive attitude during the race to gain an unfair advantage;
- ⑰ Violating anti-doping regulations;
- ⑱ Making inappropriate public comments about the event that result in negative impact;
- ⑲ Engaging in other behaviors that violate sportsmanship and ethical standards;
- ⑳ Any other violation of race rules and regulations.

Individuals who obtain race qualifications through improper means (including but not limited to transfer, theft, or resale), use bibs not issued for the current edition, or engage in other violations will bear full responsibility for any resulting consequences. After verification and confirmation of such violations by the Organizing Committee, the individuals involved will be subject to a lifetime ban from Chengdu Marathon. For severe cases or those causing significant negative social impact, the Organizing Committee will report to relevant authorities for legal action.

14. INSURANCE

(1) The Organizing Committee provides insurance for all runners and staff, and the policy is based on registration information. If the information is incorrect and leads to the inability to obtain insurance, runners will bear the consequences of any incidents that occur during the race. Individuals who engage in unauthorized relay running, unauthorized participation (i.e., running without a valid entry), ticket scalping, or the use of a bib not officially issued for this year's event shall not be qualified for coverage as insured persons.

(2) Runners agree to assume all costs arising from any non-race-related and/or non-emergency medical treatment or first aid required due to their own physical conditions. After settling these costs with the hospital or relevant parties, runners shall handle all insurance claim matters directly with their insurance company in accordance with applicable requirements and procedures. Runners are solely responsible for retaining and providing all necessary supporting documents, including invoices and receipts, for the claim process.

(3) Detailed insurance information may be consulted on the official website of Chengdu Marathon.