

Rules& Regulations of Bank of China Wuhan Marathon 2026

I. Race Date and Venue:

March 22, 2026 (Sunday), Wuhan

II. Events and Entry Capacity

Marathon (42.195 km) entry capacity: 17,000 entries

Half Marathon (21.0975 km) entry capacity: 13,000 entries

III. Start Time

7:30 am, March 22, 2026 (Sunday)

IV. Start Points and Finish Points of Events

The start point of the competition is located at Sanyang Intersection, Yanjiang Avenue, and the route passes through Jiang'an District, Jiangnan District, Qiaokou District, Hanyang District, Wuchang District, East Lake Scenic Area, Hongshan District, and Qingshan District.

The Half Marathon finishes at Shujuan Road, and the Marathon finishes at Qingshan River Beach.

V. Rules of Competition

(1) The races will be conducted in accordance with the World Athletics Competition and Technical Rules, the World Athletics Label Road Races Regulations, relevant management measures for road race events of the Chinese Athletics Association, and rules & regulations of this competition.

(2) According to the Chinese Athletics Association's Notice on the Participation of Athletes with Disabilities in the National Marathon and Related Sports Events, disabled athletes who meet the competition conditions are allowed to participate in this competition. Racing wheelchair division is not offered in this competition. To protect the rights of disabled athletes and ensure the safety of other participants, manual wheelchair users are allowed to participate as general participants.

(3) Roll-call

All general participants shall wear the bib number correctly and arrive at the designated area 40 minutes prior to the race start.

(4) Start order

In the sequence of special invited marathon athletes and famous school athletes, marathon athletes (divided by number segment), and half marathon athletes (divided by number segment). The start point of each number segment is 10 m away from the front team. Participants with visual impairments, hearing impairments, intellectual disabilities, and upper limb disabilities will check in, assemble, and start with general participants in their respective zones, while wheelchair participants must assemble and start at the rear of their respective zone.

(5) Order

The two-shot method is adopted, with an interval of 15 min, one shot for the Marathon and the other for the Half Marathon. If a participant starts invalidly (including starting in the wrong area and jumping the gun), he/she will not be stopped, and the referee will disqualify him/her after the competition and impose punishments.

(6) Participants' entry numbers shall be uniformly distributed by the Organizing Committee before the competition.

All participants shall fix the bib number (big) in front of the chest. If participants fail to wear the bib number as required, fold or shield any area of the bib number, and fail to wear chips and bib number as required, resulting in the failure to record the results at the timing point, the Organizing Committee has the right to cancel their competition results.

(7) Timing method

① Induction timing is adopted for the competition, and the timing chips will start working when participants cross the start line.

② The Organizing Committee will provide induction timing services for all who participate in the Marathon and Half Marathon, and sets induction timing carpets at the start line, each 5 km, turning point and the finish point of each event. Participants need to go through each ground induction timing carpet during the race and complete the race within the cut-off time. No race ranking or result will be provided if there is any split time point missed due to personal cause, and the result certificate will not be generated.

③ The disposable induction timing chip is used in this competition, and no chip deposit is charged. The timing chip is to be released with the bib number at the collection site of the articles.

(8) Cut-off position and time

To ensure the safety and convenience of participants, a rolling closure of social traffic within a limited time will be conducted. The cut-off time is set at each section of the competition route. After the cut-off time, the timing carpet at the corresponding kilometers will stop working, and the social traffic will be resumed at the corresponding sections. The participants who fail to finish the corresponding distance before the cut-off time shall immediately stop the race and quit the track to avoid danger. Those who cannot finish the race are suggested to take event vehicle provided by the Organizing Committee or public transportation to the place for bag storage and pick-up.

The cut-off time limits are based on the natural time as below:

(Note: In case of special circumstances, the Organizing Committee has the right to decide to end the race early, and the athletes must obey the arrangement of the Organizing Committee. Otherwise, the athletes will bear the corresponding legal responsibility and compensation responsibility.)

Event	Location	Cut-off duration (Based on the shooting time of each event)	Cut-off time
	Start point	Ten minutes after the last shot	7:55
Half Marathon	5 km	1 hour and 10 minutes	8:55
	10 km	1 hour and 50 minutes	9:35
	15 km	2 hours and 40 minutes	10:25
	20 km	3 hours and 20 minutes	11:05
	21.0975 km	3 hours and 30 minutes	11:15
Marathon	25 km	3 hours and 45 minutes	11:15
	30 km	4 hours and 30 minutes	12:00
	35 km	5 hours and 15 minutes	12:45
	40 km	6 hours	13:30
	42.195 km	6 hours and 15 minutes	13:45

(9) Bag storage and pick-up

Participants of Marathon and Half Marathon shall use the storage bag issued by the Organizing Committee. After equipping the storage bag with the bib number, they may store their personal belongings at the designated area of the start point. After arriving at the destination, please pick up your personal belongings at the designated area according to the same bib number. Please do not put valuables in your storage bag (such as mobile phone, watch, earphone, identification document, cash, keys, credit card, and electronics). In case of damage or loss, participants shall bear the consequences.

On the race day, the personal belongings storage service will be closed 15 minutes before the first shot. Please make the time arrangement well. Bag pick-up for Marathon will be available until 14:30 (12:00 for Half Marathon) on race day at the designated area of finish areas. The Organizing Committee will keep the bags which are not collected on time on the race day for one week only. Participants need to pick up bags at the Organizing Committee. The Organizing Committee will not be responsible for the loss of the storage bag if the bags are not stored according to the time, place and method specified by the Organizing Committee.

(10) Beverage, drinking water, water and energy supply station

1. Beverage, drinking water and water station: A beverage/drinking water station will be set at an interval of about 5 km from the start point, and a drinking water/water station will be set in the middle of two beverage/drinking water stations.

2. Energy supply station: Energy supply stations will be set at 12.5 km, 17.5 km, 22.5 km, 27.5 km, 32.5 km, 35 km, 37.5 km, the half way and the finish point.

Distance	Beverage/drinking water	Drinking water/water	Supply
5 km	√		
7.5 km		√	
10 km	√		
12.5 km		√	√
15 km	√		
17.5 km		√	√
20 km	√		
22.5 km		√	√
25 km	√		
27.5 km		√	√
30 km	√		
32.5 km		√	√
35 km	√		√
37.5 km		√	√
40 km	√		

(11) Medical aid

① The Organizing Committee will set up medical aid stations at the start point, along the course (every 2.5 km along the route), and the finish area. When on-site medical

staff thinks that a participant is not suitable for continuing the competition according to his/her physical condition, they may suggest the referee to persuade the participant to stop the competition and take back the bib number. The participant may get on the rescue vehicle. If the participant insists on continuing the competition, all the consequences and responsibilities will be borne by himself/herself.

② Mobile medical aid service will be provided by the Organizing Committee along the route as well, and there are rescue vehicles along the route of the participants. If a participant loses consciousness, he/she will automatically entrust the Organizing Committee to take all means to give first aid, including but not limited to cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillation (AED). The legal responsibilities and expenses arising therefrom shall be borne by the participant, and the medical staff, first aid volunteers and the staff of the Organizing Committee will not be held accountable for any legal and economic responsibilities.

③ The Organizing Committee will arrange a medical aid volunteer every 100 m in the first half, and a medical volunteer every 50 m in the second half, assisting in medical aid and maintaining race order. Participants can seek help from these volunteers when needed.

(12) Temporary toilets and garbage disposal

Temporary toilets are set up by the Organizing Committee at the start area, along the route (every 1 km from the start area to 5 km point, each 2.5 km from 7.5 km to 40 km point) and finish area. In order to protect the environment, participants are not allowed to urinate anywhere at the start and end areas of the competition and in the non-toilet areas along the route. They are not allowed to throw away any masks, wrapping paper, bottles and garbage at will, but should try their best to put them into special garbage bins and garbage bags provided by the Organizing Committee.

(13) Doping inspection will be conducted according to the World Athletics Label Road Races Regulations, the Management Measures for Road Race Events of Chinese Athletics Association, and Management Measures for Anti-doping Control in Road Race Events of Chinese Athletics Association.

(14) For other specific requirements and arrangements relate to the race competition, please refer to the Official Handbook which will be distributed to participants before the race.

VI. Requirements for Participation

The event is open to anyone who meets the competition rules and is in good health.

(1) Age requirements for participants

① Marathon participants shall be at least 20 by race day (born in or before 2006).

② Half Marathon participants shall be at least 16 by race day (born in or before 2010).

③ For minors under the age of 18 and people over the age of 65, their guardians, legal representatives or immediate family members are required to know and agree on the rules of the competition at the time of registration, and sign the Participant's Statement on their behalf when they collect the articles before the Event.

(2) Physical requirements

Marathon and Half Marathon are not only athletic sports of high load and great intensity over long distances, but also high-risk athletic sports, which have high

physical requirements for participants. Those who wish to participate in the race shall be in healthy condition, have experience in running or have completed relevant training. The Organizing Committee requires the participants to have necessary physical examinations (including but not limited to: cardiac color Doppler ultrasound, ECG, four test items of myocardial enzyme, blood pressure, cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases, heart, lungs, liver and kidney functions, etc.) in a regular medical institution within one month before the race, to assess and confirm their physical condition in combination with the examination results, and to confirm that their physical and mental conditions can adapt to the ultra-long-distance running before choosing one of the events from Marathon and Half Marathon. Anyone who has any of the following diseases is not recommended to participate:

- Congenital heart disease and rheumatic heart disease;
- Hypertension and cerebrovascular disease;
- Myocarditis and other heart diseases;
- Coronary artery disease and severe irregular heartbeat;
- Diabetes with high or low blood glucose;
- Having cold symptoms within two weeks prior to the race;
- Having not recovered from infectious diseases, or having recovered for less than 30 days;
- Other diseases that are not suitable for sports;
- Excessive drinking or lack of sleep the night before the race;
- Pregnancy.

If the physical examination report shows there are underlying diseases and chronic diseases unsuitable for long-distance running, the participants shall withdraw from the competition in time before the race.

During the competition, the participants shall be personally responsible for personal injury and property loss caused by personal health and other personal reasons.

The participant is the first person responsible for personal health and safety, so please register after carefully evaluating the physical condition.

(3) How to participate

①Registration and payment method

The registration channel is open to all non-elite participants who meet the requirements for the competition, and the entry capacity for each event is limited. A draw will be conducted if registration entries exceed the limit. Participants log in to the official website of Wuhan Marathon or the official cooperative APP to register within the specified time. After the results are announced, the successful entrants shall pay as instructed. After the entry fee is paid, participants will be qualified for the competition. If failing to pay the fee on time, the participant will be deemed to voluntarily give up the qualification and the entry will be invalid. According to the first draw and payment, a second draw will be arranged. For details, please refer to the Instructions on Registration for the Bank of China Wuhan Marathon 2026 published on the official website. The qualification can only be used by the participant himself/herself, and is not allowed to be transferred.

② After the confirmation and registration, the Organizing Committee will assign

numbers to the qualified participants. After the deadline for assigning numbers, the participants can log in to the official website of Wuhan Marathon or the official cooperative APP to check the numbers.

③ Collection of articles: Those who are qualified for the competition are required to collect the articles with the ID card and other required materials at the site designated by the Organizing Committee. Articles cannot be collected by others. The specific time and site will be released at the official website before the race.

④ Entrants will be required to wear a bracelet when collecting articles at the Wuhan Marathon Expo. The bracelet will cooperate with the entrant's bib number to complete the process of entering the competition site and collecting articles after the competition. If the entrant refuses to wear or tear the bracelet at the scene, and there is any trace of splicing and counterfeiting, the Organizing Committee has the right to terminate his/her participation immediately.

(4) Registration fees

① RMB 200/person for Marathon; RMB 200/person for Half Marathon; USD 50/foreigner or RMB 360/foreigner for Marathon; USD 50/foreigner or RMB 360/foreigner for Half Marathon.

② The Organizing Committee reserves the right to accept or decline registrations based on the circumstances. If a participant who has been confirmed by the Organizing Committee as qualified to participate does not participate, the race bag will not be issued and the registration fee will not be refunded.

(5) Elite entrants registration

Elite athletes specifically refer to international elite athletes (foreign athletes who meet the standards and qualifications for each level of competition as set forth in the World Athletics Label Road Races Regulations) and national elite athletes (athletes in the Registered Testing Pools or Testing Pools of the China Anti-Doping Agency of the General Administration of Sport of China as updated in 2025 or prior to the submission of registration information). According to the relevant regulations of the World Athletics and the Chinese Athletics Association, the agents of the elite athletes should send the relevant information of the elite athletes for registration through the official mailbox elite@wuhanmarathon.org no later than February 6, 2026. After examination and approval, they will be invited to participate in the competition. Elite players are not allowed to participate in the competition as general players.

(6) Other requirements

Due to the course, water stations, restrooms and other race facilities, this race is not suitable for strollers, roller skates, pets, and other special groups. In order to fully protect your personal safety, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to any of the above groups if any dangerous situation occurs during the competition.

(7) Race meltdown mechanism

If, during the race, extreme weather conditions or other factors in China cause changes in the conditions for holding the race or create serious safety risks, and the race organizing committee, after deliberation, determines that the conditions for holding the race no longer exist, it will activate the race meltdown mechanism and

promptly notify the participants of the relevant situation and follow-up handling.

VII. Award Method

- (1) Ranking award for marathon runners: The top eight finishers will be ranked according to their gun time results.(The specific prize money for the marathon event will be set and announced in accordance with the corresponding label prize standards after World Athletics has completed the label certification for this competition)
- (2) Ranking award for Chinese marathon runners: The top eight finishers will be ranked according to their gun time results.

Male			Female		
Rank	Award (RMB)		Rank	Award (RMB)	
1	100000	Within 2:20:00 (not including 2:20:00)	1	100000	Within 2:40:00 (not including 2:40:00)
	50000	Over 2:20:00 (including 2:20:00)		50000	Over 2:40:00 (including 2:40:00)
2	40000		2	40000	
3	30000		3	30000	
4	20000		4	20000	
5	10000		5	10000	
6	8000		6	8000	
7	6000		7	6000	
8	5000		8	5000	

- (3) Ranking award for Half Marathon: The top eight finishers will be ranked according to their net time.

Male		Female	
Rank	Award (RMB)	Rank	Award (RMB)
1	20000	1	20000
2	15000	2	15000
3	10000	3	10000
4	8000	4	8000
5	6000	5	6000
6	5000	6	5000
7	3000	7	3000
8	2000	8	2000

(4) Prize for breaking the race record:

Male full marathon: Time within 2:08:51 (not including 2:08:51) and ranking as top 1 will be awarded USD 5,000.

Female full marathon: Time within 2:24:47 (not including 2:24:47) and ranking as top 1 will be awarded USD 5,000.

There is no prize for breaking the race record for the Half Marathon.

(5) Award for Chinese athletes who break the race record: (for Chinese athletes only)

Male full marathon: Time within 2:10:29 (not including 2:10:29) and ranking as top 1 will be awarded RMB 20,000.

Female full marathon: Time within 2:29:54 (not including 2:29:54) and ranking as top 1 will be awarded RMB 20,000.

There is no prize for Chinese athletes who break the half marathon record.

(6) The two race record-breaking awards listed above will be awarded according to the higher award standard, and the bonus will not be awarded repeatedly.

(7) All of the above prizes are individual competition prizes, and the prizes (placing and record breaking prizes) are subject to 20% individual income tax in accordance with the Individual Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China.

(8) Chinese athletes who receive the above-mentioned USD awards will be paid the equivalent amount in RMB based on the exchange rate on the first working day after the race.

(9) Prizes will be awarded based on race results. All prize winners' results will be posted on the official event website for 10 days and will not be awarded until it is confirmed that there is no doping problem. Upon receipt of the Organizing Committee's telephone notification, prize winners should upload a valid proof of identity to the Organizing Committee's e-mail address to complete the appropriate procedures. If a doping problem is discovered, the corresponding place and prize will be canceled and no place will be awarded to the next place.

(10) The Organizing Committee will provide all participants with a race uniform (participants will receive the race uniform according to the size indicated in the registration form. Due to the long production time for the race uniform, the Organizing Committee will try to meet the size requirements of the participants as much as possible and advises the participants to pick up their uniforms as soon as possible), a duffel bag, a bib number, a timing chip, and the Official Handbook.

(11) All athletes who finish the race within the cut-off time and in accordance with the rules will be able to collect their finisher's items and medals with their bib numbers.

(12) Marathon and half marathon athletes who complete the race within the cut-off time and in accordance with the rules can log on to the official website 24 hours after the race to check their results. The results will be posted on the official Wuhan Marathon website for 10 working days. After the announcement, the result certificates will be available for download on the official Wuhan Marathon website for 90 days. The certificate will include split times, gun times, net times, etc. If any of the timing results are missing, the ranking will not be published (the race results and rankings may be adjusted during the announcement period, and the final results and rankings are subject to the results certificate).

VIII. Punishments

The Organizing Committee will use video surveillance and chip scanning at the start, throughout the course, and at the finish. If during the race a runner is found to have committed any of the following violations, the staff and judges have the right to stop the runner's race, confiscate the runner's bib on the spot, and disqualify the runner. In addition, the runner will bear the corresponding legal responsibility and compensation liability for any accidents caused by the violation. After the race, depending on the severity of the offense, the Organizing Committee will disqualify the runner from the Wuhan Marathon, ban the runner from participating in the Wuhan Marathon for 1-2 years, ban the runner from participating in the Wuhan Marathon for life, and so on. The Organizing Committee will also report to the Chinese Athletics Association for additional penalties:

- Registering under a false age or identity;
- Carrying someone else's timing chip, or racing with two or more timing chips at the same time (including one participant carrying a timing chip of the other gender);
- Racing in relay;
- Starting the race in a non-designated area without following the prescribed start order;
- Starting the race in violation of the rules;
- Continuing racing after the cut-off time or back to the course in the midway;
- Failing to complete the entire course of the announced event along the prescribed route, taking shortcuts, or using any means of transportation to enter the course;
- Crossing the finish line repeatedly, crossing the finish line without completing the full distance, and using bibs from other races or previous Wuhan Marathon races, or failing to wear the bib and chip of this race to receive finisher items and medals;
- Privately altering, covering up, and transferring the bib number;
- Disobeying the instructions of event staff, verbally abusing event staff and volunteers, disrupting the event, fighting, and gathering crowds to cause trouble;
- Uncivilized behavior (such as urinating or defecating in public, littering, etc.);
- Failure to wear the required event clothing, bib number, and event bracelet;
- Prolonged stay in the area that creates safety risks for runners;
- Other violations of the rules and regulations.

Among them, for runners who are not eligible to run or substitute runners in the event, after the organizing committee verifies the information is correct, the participants and related personnel will be banned for life, and the Chinese Athletics Association will be notified for additional punishment.

IX. Insurance

All participants and staff in this race are provided with personal accident insurance. The insurance policy is subject to the accuracy of the registration information provided. Any missing or incorrect information provided by the participant will result in the inability to be insured. The participant shall be solely responsible for all legal liabilities arising from the race. Please log in to the official website of Wuhan Marathon before the race to view the Instructions on Life Insurance.

If a participant becomes ill or suffers from a related illness or symptom (including but not limited to heatstroke or fainting) during the race for any reason (including but not limited to chronic illness, hidden illness, lack of physical fitness, doping, etc.) and the insurance company ultimately decides that it is not covered by the insurance, the participant will bear all legal responsibilities and consequences resulting therefrom (including but not limited to medical treatment costs, loss of work time, disability compensation or indemnity, death compensation, etc.). The Organizing Committee shall not be liable for any of the above. Participants are advised to make a careful assessment of their own physical condition before registering and participating in the event.

X. Technical Representatives, Technical Officials and Judges

They are selected by World Athletics, the Chinese Athletics Association, the Hubei Provincial Athletics Association, and the Wuhan Municipal Sports Bureau.