

2025 Beijing Marathon Competition Regulations

I. RACE DATE AND START TIME

Race Date: Sunday, 2 November, 2025

Start Time: 07:30 a.m.

II. Events and Size

Events

Men's Marathon, Women's Marathon (42.195KM)

Size

Athletes: 32,000

III. COURSE

- 1) Start: East Side Road of Tian'anmen Square
- 2) Finish: Beijing Olympic Park Landscape Avenue

IV. RULES OF COMPETITION

The race will be conducted in accordance with World Athletics Competition and Technical Rules, World Athletics Label Road Races Regulations 2025, Disciplinary Regulations for Road Running Events of Chinese Athletics Association, Road Races Management of Chinese Athletics Association, and these rules and regulations.

All athletes must wear the bib correctly during the race. Invited athletes must wear two bibs, one on the chest and one on the back. All general athletes must wear one bib visibly on the front of their body. The bib must not be covered by clothing, waist packs, or any other item at any time during the race. Athletes who fold, cover, damage, tear, or alter their bibs without authorization will be disqualified, denied entry into the start area, and will not receive official results or finisher items. Any unauthorized modification, duplication, transfer, or resale of bibs will be subject to penalties in accordance with these rules and regulations.

Roll-call:

1. Time

5:30 a.m. - 7:10 a.m.

2. Athletes are advised to plan their travel in advance and arrive at the start area early to complete the check-in process on time. To enter the designated corral, each athlete must pass through bib verification, facial recognition or ID

checkpoints. Invited athletes must bring their original ID documents and complete check-in at the designated area north of the Mausoleum on Tian'anmen Square at least 40 minutes before the start time.

Race Start:

All athletes will be assembled in the following order: Invited Athletes, followed by General Athletes.

General Athletes will be assigned to different start zones based on their previous race performance, and each zone will be spaced approximately 5m apart.

Starting:

The race will adopt a single start for all athletes.

Timing:

① The race will adopt chip timing, and all athletes will receive a timing chip which will be released with the bib at the location for collecting the race package.

② Timing carpets will be placed at the start line, every 5KM, half point (21.0975KM), turning point and the finish line. All athletes are required to pass over each timing carpet during the race with qualified race result and race ranking. **Athletes who finish within the cut-off time but miss any of the timing checkpoints will not be ranked.** For non-award athletes, final rankings will be based on net time.

Cut-off time:

To ensure the safety of all athletes, sectional cut-off times will be implemented at various kilometer points along the course. Once the cut-off time for a section is reached, the timing mats at that point will stop recording, and normal traffic will resume on the corresponding road section. Those who are unable to reach the designated points before the cut-off time will be required to exit course immediately to avoid safety risks. They may proceed to take event vehicle or public transportation to the finish area for storage bag pick-up.

The Cut-off time:

Cut-off Point	Cut-off Time (Beijing Time)
5KM	8:25
10KM	9:00
15KM	9:40
20KM	10:20
25KM	11:00
30KM	11:45
35KM	12:35
40KM	13:25
Finish	13:45

Bag Storage and Pick-up:

On the race day, all athletes are requested to storage personal belongings by the bib at designated area of start area. Hazardous items, prohibited materials, liquids, beverage bottles, cans, and similar items are prohibited to be brought into the start area. Athletes shall not store valuables in their bags (e.g., mobile phones, official IDs, cash, keys, credit cards, electronic devices) and any damages or losses shall be borne by the athletes. Please use the transparent gear check bag provided by the Organizing Committee for storage. Folding bicycles, baby strollers, and similar bulky items are prohibited to be brought into the start area.

Bag storage for athletes will close at 7:15. Please plan your arrival accordingly to avoid delays. Athletes must collect their stored items at finish area before 14:45 on the race day. If not collected on the same day, items may be retrieved within one week after the race by presenting your bib at the Organizing Committee office. Items not claimed within the specified period will be handled as unclaimed property.

Drinking/Sponging Station and Refreshment Station:

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

Note: Invited athletes may collect their personal drink from the self-service supply stations set up for the race.

Environmental Sanitation:

- ① The Organizing Committee will set up clearly marked areas for raincoat disposal and waste bins at start and finish area as well as along the race course.
- ② Portable toilets will be available at the start, along the course (located at 2 km, 3 km, 4 km, and then every 2.5 km from the 5 km mark to the finish), and at the finish area.
- ③ All athletes are prohibited from urinating or defecating in non-designated areas at the start, along the course, or at the finish area. It is also forbidden to litter items such as raincoats, thermal blankets, bottles, cans, or other waste. All athletes must comply with Beijing's waste classification and disposal regulations, demonstrate good sportsmanship, and help protect the city's environment.
- ④ Athletes must sign and submit the **Participation Commitment Letter** before the package pick-up.

Medical Aid:

- ① Medical stations will be located at the start area, along the course, and at the finish area. Mobile AED medical personnel and medical service volunteers will be deployed along the course to provide emergency assistance and help maintain race order. Athletes may request medical aid or emergency assistance at any time during the race.
- 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 athletes who ignore medical advice and insist on continuing shall bear full responsibility for any consequences.
- ③ Any athlete 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 athlete, and no legal or financial liability shall be pursued against the medical staff, emergency volunteers, or the Organizing Committee.

All athletes, 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 2025**, the **Road Race Management Regulations** of the Chinese Athletics Association, and the Anti-Doping Work Regulations for Road Races of the Chinese Athletics Association.

For further race-related requirements and arrangements, athletes are advised to consult the official digital programme.

V. REGISTRATION

Registration Eligibility:

Eligibility

① **Age Requirements:** All athletes must be at least 20 years old by the end of the year (born on or before 31 December 2005. Any athlete aged 65 or above (born on or before December 31, 1960) shall enhance self-assessment of health and submit a Participation Commitment Letter signed by both himself/herself and his/her family member (including spouse, parents, adult children, or other adult relatives living together).

② **Result Requirements:** Marathon result within 6 hours or Half Marathon within 3 hours between 1 January 2023 (inclusive) and 9 September 2025 (inclusive). Online marathon results will not be accepted.

③ **Health Requirements**

a. Athletes must sign and submit the Participation Commitment Letter before the package pick-up.

b. The Organizing Committee recommends all athletes to undergo a medical examination through a regular hospital (above grade 2A) before the race. The examination should mainly include blood pressure, a standard electrocardiogram (ECG), a 24-hour Holter ECG, or a treadmill exercise test (one of three can be enough). In case of high blood pressure or significant abnormalities in the ECG (e.g. bradycardia), an ultrasonic cardiogram (UCG) must be added. ECG and UCG cannot represent each other. Athletes should assess their own health based on the examination reports to ensure they are physically fit for long-distance running before registering for the race. During the race, personal damages and property losses caused by personal physical conditions shall be the responsibility of the athletes.

c. Marathon is a high-intensity, high-load sport with a certain degree of risk. Athletes who do not exercise properly may suffer from different degrees of physical injuries or even life-threatening injuries. Therefore, athletes should be in good health and have a regular basis of running exercise or training.

Individuals with the following diseases or 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: Athletes should take primary responsibility for their own health and enhance self-assessment of their health status. Before the race, athletes must always be aware of their physical health, especially in cases of sudden illnesses such as colds, fevers, or viral infections. They should also be aware of their medical history, including a history of coronary artery disease (especially myocardial infarction), hypertension, and any family history of sudden death.

General Athletes

- ① Registration for general athletes is available through the Official website of Bank of China Beijing Marathon 2025 or its official cooperative APP. Group registration is not accepted. Lottery will be conducted when registration number exceeds the quota. The race will include guaranteed entry athletes, including time-qualified athletes and Guangzhou Marathon guaranteed entry athletes.
- ② Please refer to the Registration Notice published on the official website or WeChat public account for detailed information on registration procedures, processes, and withdrawal/refund policies.

Invited Athletes

- ① International Elite Athletes: In accordance with the **World Athletics Label Road Races Regulations 2025** and **the Road Race Management Regulations** of the 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 (China): Athletes are required to download a Domestic Elite Athlete Application Form from the official website and submit via Email (oc@beijing-marathon.com) by 18:00, 15 September 2025 (Beijing Time). The Organizing Committee will evaluate their qualification based on the elite athlete invitation plan, and the final decision will be informed via email.
- ③ Other Invited Athletes: The Bank of China Beijing Marathon 2025 will have other invited athletes, including pacers, physician runners, sponsors and media partners, who shall meet all the registration eligibilities of the Race.

Athletes with disabilities

The registration methods for athletes with disabilities are explained as follows in accordance with the requirements of the **Chinese Athletics Association's Notice** on

the Participation of Athletes with Disabilities in the National Marathon and Related Sports Events:

① Athletes with disabilities must meet the registration eligibility and complete the registration through the official website of Bank of China Beijing Marathon 2025 or the official cooperative APP. Lottery will be conducted when registration number exceeds the quota.

② Racing wheelchair division is not offered, and racing wheelchair athletes are prohibited to participate. To ensure the safety of non-racing wheelchair athletes and other athletes, non-racing wheelchair athletes are required to gather at the tail of the whole queue. Athletes must follow the instructions of referees and volunteers to assemble and start in a safe and orderly manner.

Athletes with other features of disabilities (such as visual impairment, hearing impairment, intellectual disability, upper limb disability, etc.) will be assembled and start together with the general athletes.

③ To ensure the safety of all athletes, non-racing wheelchair athletes and athletes with visual impairment must report additional information as required after completing registration (see Registration Notice for details).

Athletes with visual impairment must have a guide runner throughout the race. The guide runner must also be a successfully registered runner, and both athlete and guide must complete the joint registration process (see Registration Notice for details).

Announcement of the race

This year's course is not suitable for stroller participation. For the safety of all athletes, strollers are strictly prohibited on the race course.

Package pick-up

① Once an entry has been successfully confirmed, the Organizing Committee will notify athletes to check their number.

② The Organizing Committee shall provide all athletes with a package, including the uniform, a storage bag, a bib, a chip, the official manual (electronic version) and the Participation Guide. The package must be picked up in person by the registered athlete. To pick up the package, athletes must present the original valid identification document used during registration, along with any other required credentials. Third-party pick-up is not permitted under any circumstances.

VI. AWARDS METHOD

Ranking awards for male and female athletes.

Rank	Award(USD)	Men's Results	Rank	Award(USD)	Women's Results
1	80,000	Within 2:07:06	1	80,000	Within 2:19:39
		(not included)			(not included)
2	50,000	Over 2:07:06	2	50,000	Over 2:19:39
		(included)			(included)
2	20,000		2	20,000	
3	10,000		3	10,000	
4	5,000		4	5,000	
5	4,000		5	4,000	
6	3,000		6	3,000	
7	2,000		7	2,000	
8	1,000		8	1,000	

Awards of Breaking the Chinese All-comers' Record

Male: run sub 2:05:35 (not included) and win the race, \$20,000.

Female: run sub 2:18:09 (not included) and win the race, \$20,000.

Note: Chinese athletes will receive the equivalent of RMB.

Awards for Top Chinese Finishers

Prize money will be awarded to top 8 male and female finishers holding Chinese nationality.

Rank	Award (RMB)
1	55,000
2	23,000
3	15,000
4	7,000
5	6,000
6	5,000
7	4,000
8	3,000

Ranking and Awarding Rules

Prizes will be awarded based on gun time rankings. If a finisher is found to have violated anti-doping regulations or any other race rules as determined by the Organizing Committee, his/her result and prize will be nullified, and the ranking will be adjusted accordingly. All medallists' shoes shall comply with the World Athletics' regulations regarding shoes for road races, and their sportswear shall comply with the World Athletics' regulations regarding sportswear advertisement. Medallists violating these regulations will be disqualified. The abovementioned regulations are available on the World Athletics' official website. If an athlete qualifies for both overall placement awards and Chinese nationals placement awards, only the higher amount will be awarded. Prizes will not be duplicated.

All above-mentioned awards are subject to a 20% personal income tax. In addition, according to the World Athletics Label Road Races Regulations 2025, there shall be a 2% levy on the published gross prize money (i.e. before any penalties and taxes) for the top 8 athletes. This levy represents the elite athletes' contribution to the anti-doping fund. The contribution will be deducted by the Organizing Committee from the prize money and paid directly to World Athletics.

Top 3 male and female athletes in marathon, top 3 male and female Chinese finishers will be given one trophy and one medal.

Athletes who complete the race within the official time limit and in accordance with these rules and regulations may collect their finish medal and completion package by presenting their bib.

Athletes who complete the race within the official time limit and in accordance with these rules and regulations may download their official race certificate from the

official website after the race. The certificate will include split times, gun time, and net time. Athletes missing any split time point will not be ranked in the official results.

VII. Sportsmanship and Discipline

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.

Disciplinary Measures

The Organizing Committee will install video surveillance at the start line, every 5km split timing point, the furthest turnaround point, and the finish line. During the race, if an athlete is found to have committed any of the 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 athlete 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 Bank of China Beijing Marathon 2025, 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 Re-crossing the finish line to collect additional finisher items;
- ⑪ Collecting finishing items without completing the entire course;
- ⑫ Disregarding instructions from event staff;
- ⑬ Using offensive language, fighting, causing disturbances, or interfering with the order of the race;
- ⑭ Public urination, littering, smoking, or other inappropriate behavior on the course;
- ⑮ Showing a lack of effort or a passive attitude during the race to gain an unfair advantage;
- ⑯ Violating anti-doping regulations;
- ⑰ Making inappropriate public comments about the event that result in a negative impact;
- ⑱ Engaging in other behaviors that violate sportsmanship and ethical standards;
- ⑲ 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 a bib 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 the Beijing Marathon. For severe cases or those causing significant negative social impact, the Organizing Committee will report the matter to relevant authorities for legal action.

VIII. INSURANCE

The Organizing Committee provides insurance for all athletes and staff, and the policy is based on the registration information. If the information is incorrect and leads to the inability to obtain insurance, athletes will bear the consequences of any incidents that occur during the race. Athletes who engage in illegal activities such as running on behalf of others, unauthorized running, resale, or using a bib from a different edition will not be eligible for insurance.

Athletes agree and acknowledge that they are solely responsible for any medical, clinical, or emergency treatment expenses arising from non-race-related or non-emergency health conditions. After settling such expenses directly with the hospital or relevant institutions, athletes shall independently contact their insurance provider for claims processing in accordance with the insurer's requirements, procedures, and protocols.

All documents, invoices, receipts, and other materials required for insurance claims must be retained and submitted by the athletes to the insurer.

Details of the personal insurance policy provided for this event can be found on the official Beijing Marathon website.

IX. RIGHT

The Bank of China Beijing Marathon 2025 Organizing Committee reserves the right to interpret these rules & regulations. Further notice will be announced for unmentioned issues.