

2026 Geely Auto Hangzhou Marathon Competition Regulations

VIII. Race Date

1 November 2026 (Sunday), 7:00 AM, at Huanglong Sports Centre.

IX. Race Events

(1) Marathon (42.195 km) – 22,000 participants

(2) Half Marathon (21.0975 km) – 14,000 participants

X. Race Categories

(1) Marathon: Men's and Women's Divisions

(2) Half Marathon: Men's and Women's Divisions

XI. Race Course (Subject to the official announcement prior to the race)

(1) Marathon Course: 42.195 km

The Marathon starts at the Huanglong Sports Centre and finishes at the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Centre. The course passes through Xihu District, Shangcheng District, Xiaoshan District and Binjiang District, connecting core landmarks and scenic attractions, including

the Huanglong Sports Centre, the West Lake Scenic Area, the Qiantang River, City Balcony, Jianghehui, Shechao Plaza (Qianjiang Dragon Sculpture), and the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Centre.

(2) Half Marathon Course: 21.0975 km

The Half Marathon starts at the Huanglong Sports Centre and finishes at Civic Square. The course passes through Xihu District and Shangcheng District, connecting core landmarks and scenic attractions, including the Huanglong Sports Centre, the West Lake Scenic Area, the Qiantang River, City Balcony, and Civic Square.

XII. Participation Requirements.

(1) Age Requirements

1. Marathon: At least 20 years old (born on or before 1 January 2006).
2. Half Marathon: At least 18 years old (born on or before 1 January 2008).

(2) Performance Requirements

1. Marathon applicants must have completed at least 1 full marathon or 2 half marathons within 24 months prior to the registration deadline.
2. Half Marathon applicants must have completed at least 2 races of 10km or longer within 24 months prior to the registration deadline.
3. All uploaded result certificates must be from in-person on-site

aces. Virtual races and running screenshots will not be recognized as valid certificates.

4. Applicants must submit required supporting documents during registration. Any participant who obtains qualification by submitting falsified documents shall be liable for any adverse consequences arising during the race.

(3) Health Requirements

Road running is a high-intensity, heavy-load, and long-distance sport, and it also carries a high level of risk; therefore, participants are required to be in good physical condition. Participants must be in good health and have regular running or training experience. They should select a category appropriate to their physical condition and ability, and must have acknowledged and agreed to the relevant terms set out in the *Participation Declaration*. All participants should undergo a comprehensive health check within one month prior to the race. As the marathon is an event that places extreme demands on athletes, the following individuals are advised not to participate in the Hangzhou Marathon: those with congenital or rheumatic heart disease; individuals with hypertension or cerebrovascular conditions; those suffering from myocarditis or other heart diseases; patients with coronary artery disease or severe arrhythmia; individuals with diabetes characterised by excessively high or low blood sugar levels; pregnant

women; anyone who has experienced fever or influenza within two weeks prior to the race; and those with any other conditions considered unsuitable for exercise.

(4) All participants must sign the *Participation Declaration*.

(5) The Organising Committee will invite elite athletes in accordance with the latest requirements of World Athletics and the Chinese Athletics Association for invited athletes.

(6) Registration Channels and Fees

1. Participants may register via the official website of the 2026 Geely Auto Hangzhou Marathon, the WeChat official account “杭州马拉松”, as well as the Alipay and WeChat mini-programs “浙体育”. For detailed registration procedures, please refer to the *2026 Geely Auto Hangzhou Marathon Registration Notice*.

2. Registration Fees (CNY)

(1) Marathon: ¥200 / person

(2) Half Marathon: ¥150 / person

XIII. Competition Rules

(1) This race shall be conducted in accordance with the latest *Compilation of Road Running Management Documents* released by the Chinese Athletics Association (CAA), the *WMA Competition and Technical Rules 2025* approved by the CAA, the *World Athletics Label Road Races Regulations*, and the present *Competition Regulations*.

(2) Doping control will be conducted in accordance with World Athletics and Chinese Athletics Association regulations. All participants and athletes (including retired athletes) must comply with the *World Anti-Doping Code* and the *Anti-Doping Rules* issued by the General Administration of Sport of China. Athletes who receive prize money, meet performance standards, and are selected for random sampling shall undergo mandatory doping tests.

(3) Start Order: invited/elite athletes, marathon participants, half marathon participants. Marathon and half marathon participants will be assigned into different starting corrals based on their personal best valid results for marathon or half marathon races that are obtained within 24 months before the registration deadline and are retrievable on the official website of China Marathon. A 10-metre spacing is kept between two adjacent corrals. Seeding details will be announced in a supplementary notice.

(4) Start Procedure: A multi-wave start will be used, with further details to be confirmed based on registration conditions. False starts will not be recalled, and the referee will disqualify the participant from the race.

(5) Race wristband is essential credential for athletes to pass security checks on race day, and it will be affixed to each participant by staff during check-in. Participants must not remove or damage the

wristband prior to the race, otherwise entry to the start zone will be officially denied.

(6) All participants must securely fasten the large race bib to the front of their chest in a clearly visible position. The Organising Committee reserves the right to nullify the result of any runner who fails to wear the bib as required, folds it, or obscures it in any way. Participants who do not wear the timing chip as instructed, resulting in missing records at timing points, will have their results nullified. Invited athletes are required to wear one race bib on the front and one on the back during the competition.

(7) Timing System

1. A chip timing system is used in the race, with net time starting when the participant crosses the start line. Participants must wear the timing chip provided by the Organising Committee; otherwise their results will be invalid. The Committee assumes no responsibility for unrecorded results caused by incorrect use or failure to wear the timing chip.

2. Timing mats will be placed at the start, every 5 km, at the 21.0975 km mark, at turnaround points, and at the finish. Participants must pass over all timing mats in sequence during the race. Even if a runner finishes within the cut-off time, missing any timing point will lead to nullified results and no official ranking.

3. Timing chips will be distributed together with race bibs during check-in. Single-use chips will be used, requiring no deposit and will not be collected after the race.

(8) Amateur Participants

1. Check-in for participants will take place from 05:00 to 06:45 on race day. Runners are advised to plan their travel accordingly and must report to the designated area wearing their race bib (including the timing chip) within the specified time. Failure to check in or unsuccessful check-in will lead to nullified results.

2. The Organising Committee will set up check-in mats at the entrance of each starting corral. Participants must enter strictly according to their assigned corral. After the race start, only times recorded after passing both the corral check-in mat and the start line timing mat will be considered valid.

3. Participants assigned to rear corrals are prohibited from moving into front corrals for check-in and start; those in front corrals may move back to start from rear corrals. Any violation will result in cancellation of the participant's result and ranking. Severe violations shall incur an additional one-year ban from participating in the Hangzhou Marathon.

(9) Participants with Disabilities

Registration for participants with disabilities will be implemented

in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *Notice on the Participation of Athletes with Disabilities in National Marathons and Related Sports Events* published on the official website of the Chinese Athletics Association.

1. Due to limited course conditions, no racing wheelchair division is set up for this race, and racing wheelchair participants are not allowed to participate.

2. Participants with disabilities (including non-racing wheelchair users) must meet the age, performance, and physical requirements for each event of the 2026 Geely Auto Hangzhou Marathon, enter the draw, and pay the registration fee in accordance with registration requirements.

3. Before the start, participants with visual, hearing, intellectual, or upper-limb impairments will assemble and check in together with able-bodied participants in their corresponding assigned corrals. Ordinary wheelchair (non-racing) participants must check in, assemble, and start from the very end of the final corral for their registered event. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

4. During the race, to ensure the safety of all participants, athletes with visual impairments shall be accompanied by a guide runner for the entire race. Such athletes shall upload their disability certificate during pre-registration and submit relevant details of one guide runner

who has successfully completed pre-registration.

(10) Elite Athletes

1. Check-in Procedure

Elite athletes have a separate check-in area and pre-race warm-up zone. On race day, all elite athletes must present their original ID documents at the elite zone for check-in and start.

2. Personal Beverages

Stations providing personal beverages will be set up approximately every 5 km. Elite athletes may submit their own drinks at designated times and locations the day before the race, and collect them at the corresponding stations during the race. Detailed arrangements for personal beverages will be announced at the technical meeting.

3. Competition Apparel and Shoes

All elite athletes' race apparel must comply with World Athletics clothing and advertising regulations, and race shoes must appear on the 2026 World Athletics Approved Shoe List. Violation of these requirements will result in disqualification.

4. Technical Meeting

The technical meeting will be held on the day prior to the race. All elite athletes must attend with their original ID documents, race apparel, and competition shoes for equipment inspection.

(11) Clothing Requirements

Participants are recommended to wear official race apparel provided by the Organising Committee or running-suitable sportswear. Participants must not wear, carry or bring any clothing, equipment or items that may cause injury or tripping to other participants, must not costume masks, and must not wear any clothing that may cause discomfort to other participants or spectators. Violation of these requirements will result in disqualification and confiscation of race bibs by referees and on-site staff.

(12) Water, Drinks, and Energy Supply Stations

Category	Distance	Water / Sponges	Sports Drinks	Energy Supply
Marathon & Half Marathon	5 km		√	
	7.5 km	√		
	10 km		√	√
	12.5 km	√		
	15 km		√	√
	17.5 km	√		√
	20 km		√	√
Marathon	22.5 km	√		
	25 km		√	√
	27.5 km	√		
	30 km		√	√
	32.5 km	√		√
	35 km		√	√
	37.5 km	√		√
	40 km		√	√

Note: Elite athletes may collect their personal drinks at the

designated personal beverage stations provided in this event.

(13) **Race Certificate Issuance** Participants who finish within the official cut-off time may log in to the race's official website after the event to check their results and download or print their finisher's certificate.

(14) For further details and specific race arrangements, please carefully read the *Official Manual* and related instructions.

(15) **Cut-Off Distances and Times**

To ensure participant safety and maintain city traffic order, timing mats at each checkpoint will stop recording after the designated cut-off time, and traffic control will be lifted for normal operation. Participants must immediately stop racing, leave the course, and wait for the event shuttle bus or use public transport to reach the finish area. Any accidents resulting from failure to comply will be the sole legal and financial responsibility of the participant.

Category	Distance	Cut-Off Time (from the final starting gun)
All Categories	Start Line	10 minutes after final gun
Marathon & Half Marathon	5 km	55 minutes
	10 km	1 hour 30 minutes
	15 km	2 hours 10 minutes
	20 km	2 hours 50 minutes
Half Marathon	21.0975 km	3 hours
Marathon	25 km	3 hours 30 minutes

	30 km	4 hours 15 minutes
	35 km	5 hours
	40 km	5 hours 45 minutes
	42.195 km	6 hours

XIV. Prize Awards

(1) Marathon Ranking Awards (USD)

Based on gun time, the top eight male and female finishers will be awarded the following prize money:

Men's Marathon		Women's Marathon	
Place	Prize Money (USD)	Place	Prize Money (USD)
1st	50000	1st	50000
2nd	20000	2nd	20000
3rd	10000	3rd	10000
4th	5000	4th	5000
5th	4000	5th	4000
6th	3000	6th	3000
7th	2000	7th	2000
8th	1000	8th	1000

(2) Half Marathon Ranking Awards (CNY)

Based on gun time, the top eight male and female finishers will be awarded the following prize money:

Men's Half Marathon		Women's Half Marathon	
Place	Prize Money (CNY)	Place	Prize Money (CNY)
1st	30000	1st	30000
2nd	20000	2nd	20000

3rd	15000	3rd	15000
4th	10000	4th	10000
5th	5000	5th	5000
6th	4000	6th	4000
7th	3000	7th	3000
8th	2000	8th	2000

(3) Marathon Chinese Athletes Ranking Awards (CNY)

Based on gun time, the top eight male and female finishers will be awarded the following prize money:

Chinese Men's Marathon		Chinese Women's Marathon	
Place	Prize Money (CNY)	Place	Prize Money (CNY)
1st	80000	1st	80000
2nd	60000	2nd	60000
3rd	50000	3rd	50000
4th	40000	4th	40000
5th	30000	5th	30000
6th	20000	6th	20000
7th	10000	7th	10000
8th	6000	8th	6000

If a participant is eligible for both the Marathon Ranking Award and the Chinese Nationality Ranking Award, only the higher-value prize will be awarded; prizes are not cumulative.

(4) Record-Breaking Awards

1. An additional bonus of USD 100,000 will be awarded

exclusively to the first-place finisher who breaks the Marathon World Record (Men's / Women's).

2. An additional bonus of CNY 120,000 will be awarded exclusively to the first-place Chinese finisher who breaks the Marathon National Record (Men's / Women's).

3. An additional bonus of USD 10,000 will be awarded exclusively to the first-place finisher who breaks the Hangzhou Marathon Course Record (Men's / Women's).

(1) Men's Marathon: First-place finisher with a gun time under 2:07:47.

(2) Women's Marathon: First-place finisher with a gun time under 2:22:57.

4. An additional bonus of CNY 60,000 will be awarded exclusively to the first-place Chinese finisher who breaks the Hangzhou Marathon Chinese Nationality Course Record (Men's / Women's).

(1) Chinese Men's Marathon: First-place finisher with a gun time under 2:12:54.

(2) Chinese Women's Marathon: First-place finisher with a gun time under 2:30:44.

If a participant breaks multiple records simultaneously, only the highest-value prize will be awarded; prizes are not cumulative.

(5) Running Club Challenge Awards

Running Club Challenge Awards (Marathon Only)	
Place	(CNY)
1st	30000
2nd	20000
3rd	10000
4th	8000
5th	7000
6th	6000
7th	5000
8th	4000

Detailed rules will be announced in a subsequent notice.

(6) Award Instructions

1. No prize money will be distributed on-site. The list of prize-winners will be displayed on the official website for 10 days. Prize money will be disbursed only after no objections are raised and no anti-doping violations are confirmed. For athletes selected for doping control, prize money will be withheld until their negative test results are officially released. If a doping violation is confirmed, the ranking will be nullified, and no subsequent rankings will be elevated.

2. All prize money is subject to a 20% individual income tax in accordance with Chinese tax law. Additionally, according to World Athletics Label Road Race Regulations, 2% of the prize money for the top 8 marathon finishers (men and women) will be withheld by the Organising Committee as a contribution to the “Elite Athlete Anti-Doping Testing Fund.”

3. All prize money denominated in USD shall be converted into CNY at the central parity rate of CNY against foreign currencies on race day for disbursement and personal income tax calculation.

XV. Bag Storage

(1) Participants of Marathon and Half Marathon may store their bags at the designated areas near the start line. After finishing, they may retrieve their belongings at the corresponding area near the finish. The storage staff will not inspect items placed in the storage bags. Participants are advised not to store valuables such as mobile phones, IDs, or cash. Flammable, explosive, and prohibited items are strictly forbidden. Do not hand your belongings to any staff or volunteers outside the official storage area. The Organising Committee will not accept complaints regarding the condition of items upon collection and assumes no responsibility for loss or damage.

(2) On race day, the storage service at the start line closes at 6:45 AM. Participants should plan their time accordingly. Half marathon participants must collect their stored items before 11:30 AM, and marathon participants before 2:30 PM on race day at the designated finish area. Items not collected on time may be claimed within 5 days after the race by contacting the Organising Committee (Address: Huanglong Sports Centre, No.1 Huanglong Road, Xihu District, Hangzhou. Tel: 0571-87630508). Items unclaimed after this period

will be treated as abandoned.

XVI. Penalty Rules

(1) To uphold fair play and competition integrity, the Organising Committee strictly prohibits unauthorized transfer (sale) or acceptance of transferred (purchased) entries. Banditing (including running in another person's place, spectator running, fabricating bibs, and using bibs not issued for this event) is strictly prohibited. Anyone who fails to comply will face a lifetime ban from the Hangzhou Marathons and may also be subject to additional penalties by the Chinese Athletics Association. Any consequences arising from such violations shall be borne by the violator, and the Organising Committee reserves the right to pursue legal liability where significant damage or disruption is caused.

(2) Video surveillance will be in place at the start line, each timing point, turn-back points, and the finish line. During the race and all related activities, any participant found committing any of the following violations shall, depending on the severity of the case, be subject to penalties including disqualification and nullification of results, suspension for one to two years, or a lifetime ban. The matter will also be reported to the Chinese Athletics Association for additional penalties.

1. Registering and competing with a false age.

2. Concealing medical conditions to compete.
3. Impersonation, falsification of race numbers or IDs, or fraudulent behaviour.
4. Failing to wear the race clothing or bibs as required (including obscuring or folding the bib).
5. Carrying two or more timing chips or carrying a chip assigned to a participant of the opposite gender.
6. Starting in the wrong corral or in a non-registered event.
7. False starts or starting before the official signal.
8. Entering the course using vehicles.
9. Failing to complete the designated course in its entirety, including taking shortcuts, joining the race midway, or entering the course after using other means of transport.
10. Committing foul acts such as pushing, shoving, jostling, or tripping other participants during the race.
11. Repeatedly crossing the finish line in breach of the regulations in order to collect post-race items.
12. Claiming finisher memorabilia without completing the full course.
13. Disobeying staff's instructions and arrangements or disrupting event order.
14. Using abusive language, fighting, or causing disturbances.

15. Racing in a passive or uncompetitive manner with the intention of gaining undue benefits.

16. Making inappropriate remarks about the event, causing adverse influence.

17. Uncivil conduct (e.g. public urination, littering).

18. Any behaviour that violates sportsmanship or moral standards that causes adverse influence.

19. Any other breach of competition rules and regulations.

20. In addition, the Chief Referee has the authority to disqualify any runner who violates World Athletics or Chinese Athletics Association regulations.

XVII. Participant Insurance

(1) The Organising Committee will purchase personal accident insurance for all participants and staff covering the duration of the event (the specific type of coverage and sum insured shall be as stated in the final insurance policy). Should a participant provide incomplete, inaccurate, or false information that results in insurance not being obtainable or claims being denied, all resulting legal liabilities (including, but not limited to, the inability to receive insurance compensation) shall be borne solely by the participant. Individuals participating in place of another, unregistered running, reselling race bibs, or using race bibs not issued for this event shall not be eligible

for insurance coverage.

(2) Participants agree and undertake to assume responsibility for all medical, healthcare, or emergency treatment costs incurred for non-race-related and/or non-urgent conditions. After settling such costs with hospitals or other relevant parties, participants shall communicate directly with the insurance company for claims and follow all applicable procedures and requirements. Participants are responsible for retaining and providing all necessary documents, receipts, and supporting materials required for the insurance claim.

(3) Participants who conceal health conditions that make them unfit to compete, and whose claims are ultimately deemed ineligible by the insurance company, shall bear all resulting legal responsibility and consequences.

(4) The insurance policy brochure and related information can be accessed on the official Hangzhou Marathon website and WeChat official account.

XVIII. Medical and Rescue Services

(1) Fixed medical stations will be provided at the start, along the course at intervals of 2.5 kilometres, and at the finish line.

(2) Mobile AED-equipped medical teams and volunteer medical staff will be stationed along the course to assist with medical emergencies and maintain race order; participants may seek help from

them at any time. During the race, the head of medical services has the authority to terminate a participant's race, remove them from the course, and reclaim their race bib as necessary due to their health condition.

(3) Participants who ignore the advice of on-site medical personnel and insist on continuing the race do so at their own risk, bearing all resulting consequences and liabilities. Should a participant lose consciousness, they implicitly authorise the Organising Committee to take all necessary emergency measures, including but not limited to CPR, AED defibrillation, or rapid transfer via vehicle.

(4) Special Notes:

1. If a participant suffers physical discomfort or related symptoms (including but not limited to heat exhaustion, heat stroke, or fainting) due to personal reasons (including but not limited to chronic illnesses, underlying conditions, or poor physical endurance), and the insurance company denies the claim, the participant shall bear all legal liabilities and consequences (including but not limited to medical expenses, loss of income, disability compensation, and death benefits) and hold harmless the Organising Committee. Participants are advised to carefully assess their own physical condition before registration and participation.

2. During the race, the Organising Committee provides free

on-site emergency medical treatment only. Any related expenses incurred during subsequent hospital care shall be settled between the participant and the hospital. Participants may then claim compensation from the insurance company or communicate directly with the insurance company. The Organising Committee may provide necessary documentation and assistance for this process.

3. In case of any personal injury or death caused by the use of performance-enhancing drugs or other prohibited substances, the participant shall bear all legal liabilities and consequences (including but not limited to medical expenses, loss of income, disability compensation, and death benefits).

4. To ensure participants' safety, authorised race referees and staff have the right to terminate the race for any participant who is clearly unable to continue.

XIX. Assumption of Risk

Article 1176 of the *Civil Code of the People's Republic of China* stipulates the assumption of risk rule for cultural and sports activities. A person who voluntarily participates in a sports activity with inherent risks shall not claim tort liability against other participants for injuries caused by their conduct, unless such injuries result from intentional acts or gross negligence of other participants. Liabilities of the event organiser shall be governed by the provisions on safety guarantee

obligations under the Civil Code.

XX. Organisation Delegates, Technical Delegates, and Referees

Selected and appointed by World Athletics, the Chinese Athletics Association, and the Zhejiang Marathons and Running Association.