

MARATONA DA EUROPA - AVEIRO

OFFICIAL REGULATIONS - 7TH EDITION

24 and 25 April 2027

Regulatory framework incorporated into this version

These Regulations have been aligned with the General Competition Regulations of the Portuguese Athletics Federation, the Competition Rules and Technical Rules of World Athletics, and the practices generally adopted by major international marathons, particularly as regards official distances, age categories, competitive participation, timing and the framework for the non-competitive event.

Aveiro, Portugal

These Regulations govern the 7th edition of Maratona da Europa - Aveiro. In all matters not expressly provided for herein, the General Competition Regulations of the Portuguese Athletics Federation (FPA), the Competition Rules and Technical Rules of World Athletics (WA), the FPA rules on the measurement and certification of road races, and applicable Portuguese law shall apply on a subsidiary basis.

1. Organisation

Maratona da Europa - Aveiro is organised by Aveiro City Council and GlobalSport, a trading name of GSX Portugal Lda., with the support and involvement of the Centro de Portugal Regional Tourism Board and Ílhavo City Council.

2. Events, format and participation

Event	Distance	Date	Format	Participation / minimum age
Marathon	42.195 km	25/04/2027	Competitive	Seniors and Masters - born in 2007 or earlier
Half Marathon	21.0975 km	25/04/2027	Competitive	Seniors and Masters - born in 2007 or earlier
10K Race	10 km	24/04/2027	Competitive	U20, Seniors and Masters - born in 2009 or earlier
Walk	5 km	25/04/2027	Non-competitive / recreational	All ages

- Only duly registered athletes and participants who are properly identified by the Organisation may take part.
- The Walk forms part of the event's recreational participation programme; it has no official rankings, no separate prizes and no official times.
- Participants in the Walk must wear the official T-shirt and race bib supplied by the Organisation.
- Participants under the age of 16 who are registered for the Walk must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

3. Official distances, courses and time limits

The competitive events will have official distances of 42.195 km, 21.0975 km and 10 km. Where applicable, subject to assessment and with prior notice given no later than 60 days before the race, the courses will be measured and certified in accordance with FPA and World Athletics requirements for the purposes of ratifying and officially recognising performances.

Event	Time limit
Marathon	6:00
Half Marathon	3:00
10K Race	1:40
Walk	1:30

- After the sweep vehicle has passed and/or the time limit has expired, participants who choose to continue will no longer be covered by the official race arrangements and will proceed at their own risk and in compliance with the Portuguese Highway Code.
- The Marathon will also have the following operational cut-offs: km 23 at 12:10 and km 33 at 13:30. Athletes reaching these points after the stated times may be withdrawn from the race and/or invited to board the sweep vehicle.
- The Organisation will control the pace of the Walk for safety and operational management reasons.

4. Programme

Date	Time	Activity
23/04/2027	10:00 - 19:00	Registration Desk / Bib Collection / Expo (location to be announced on the official website)
24/04/2027	10:00 - 19:00	Registration Desk / Bib Collection / Expo (location to be announced on the official website)
24/04/2027	08:00	Start of the 10K Race
25/04/2027	06:30 - 07:30	Registration Desk (location to be announced on the official website)
25/04/2027	08:00	Start of the Marathon and Half Marathon
25/04/2027	08:15	Start of the Walk

Any updates to times, registration desk locations, start pens, access arrangements or operational procedures will be published on the official event website and communicated to registered participants through the Organisation's official channels.

5. Registration

- Entries may be submitted through the official event website (www.europemarathon.eu), which redirects users to the Organisation's official registration platform: <https://app.globalsport.pt>
- The user is solely responsible for the accuracy, truthfulness and authenticity of the data entered during registration.
- Registration is confirmed only after full payment has been made within the deadline shown on the registration platform.
- If payment is made after the stated deadline, the registration may be cancelled. In that event, the participant has up to 30 days after registration to request a refund of the amount paid, less an administrative fee of EUR 10.00 for registration management.
- Changes to registration details cost EUR 5.00 and may only be requested until 20 March 2027.
- No refunds will be issued for registrations cancelled at the participant's initiative, except where required by law.
- The transfer, exchange or sale of race bibs/entries to third parties is not permitted. Use of a bib by anyone other than the registered participant will result in immediate disqualification and may lead to a ban from future editions.
- The Organisation reserves the right to allocate VIP bibs to invited participants and to issue sub-elite bibs for the Marathon and Half Marathon, upon proof of qualifying performances achieved within the previous three years.
- To be allocated a sub-elite bib, supporting evidence must be sent to info@globalsport.pt by 1 April 2027 with the subject line "Dorsal Sub-elite" (Sub-Elite Bib). The reference standards are:

under 2:30 (men) or 2:40 (women) in the Marathon and under 1:10 (men) or 1:20 (women) in the Half Marathon.

- The Organisation may, at any time, suspend or extend deadlines, close pricing tiers early, and limit or increase the number of entries in response to technical, logistical, safety or structural requirements.

6. Participant kit and race bib collection

- To collect the race bib and participant kit, the registered participant must present their registration confirmation and/or photo identification.
- If the requested T-shirt size is out of stock, the Organisation may offer an alternative size.
- The dates, times and location for kit collection will be published on the official event website.
- Exceptionally, and provided this has been communicated in advance, the Organisation may allow race-day bib collection up to 60 minutes before the start of the relevant event. In such cases, the bib may be collected only by its registered holder.
- If the registered holder cannot collect the bib personally on the days preceding the event, a third party may collect it upon presentation of the holder's registration confirmation.
- Participants are strongly advised to complete the reverse of the bib with their name, emergency contact details and any relevant medical information for use if required.

7. Prices

Registration period	Marathon	Half Marathon	10K	Walk
Opening Day	60.00 EUR	30.00 EUR	20.00 EUR	12.00 EUR
Until 31/12/2026	65.00 EUR	35.00 EUR	25.00 EUR	14.00 EUR*
Until 18/04/2027	75.00 EUR	45.00 EUR	35.00 EUR	17.00 EUR*
Until 22/04/2027	130.00 EUR	70.00 EUR	45.00 EUR	20.00 EUR*

Registration period	Canals Challenge 10K + 42K	Canals Challenge 10K + 21K	Canals Challenge 10K + Walk
Opening Day	75.00 EUR	45.00 EUR	30.00 EUR
Until 31/12/2026	82.50 EUR	52.00 EUR	35.00 EUR
Until 18/04/2027	100.00 EUR	70.00 EUR	45.00 EUR
Until 22/04/2027	155.00 EUR	120.00 EUR	80.00 EUR

- * For the Walk, participants aged 9 or under pay EUR 7.50.
- Pricing tiers are subject to entry availability and may close before the stated dates if the quota for a given tier is reached.
- Applicable processing fees for online registrations will be added to the prices shown.
- Partners authorised by the Organisation may offer their own promotions or commercial terms, subject to prior approval.
- Invoices must be requested in accordance with the terms and within the deadlines stated on the registration platform used.

- No new registrations will be accepted on race day, unless expressly and exceptionally authorised by the Organisation.

8. Age categories, eligibility and age-group rankings

Federation rule for determining age

With the exception of Masters categories, age groups are determined by reference to the 2027 calendar year. Masters categories change on the day the athlete reaches the relevant age. Accordingly, the relevant date for the 10K Race is 24/04/2027 and for the Marathon and Half Marathon it is 25/04/2027.

8.1. Events and age eligibility

- Marathon: only Senior and Masters athletes may participate, namely athletes born in 2007 or earlier.
- Half Marathon: only Senior and Masters athletes may participate, namely athletes born in 2007 or earlier.
- 10K Race: U20, Senior and Masters athletes may participate, namely athletes born in 2009 or earlier.
- Walk: open participation, with no official rankings, subject to the operational and safety rules defined by the Organisation.

8.2. Official ranking categories

Marathon and Half Marathon

- Overall men and overall women.
- Senior men and women: athletes born in 2007 or earlier who, on the date of the race, have not yet entered a Masters category.
- Masters men and women: M/F35, M/F40, M/F45, M/F50, M/F55, M/F60, M/F65, M/F70, M/F75, M/F80, M/F85, M/F90, M/F95 and M/F+100.

10K Race

- Overall men and overall women.
- U20 men and women: athletes born in 2008 and 2009.
- Senior men and women: athletes born in 2007 or earlier who, on the date of the race, have not yet entered a Masters category.
- Masters men and women: M/F35, M/F40, M/F45, M/F50, M/F55, M/F60, M/F65, M/F70, M/F75, M/F80, M/F85, M/F90, M/F95 and M/F+100.

8.3. Masters category table

Category	Ages
M/F35	35 to 39 years
M/F40	40 to 44 years
M/F45	45 to 49 years
M/F50	50 to 54 years

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M/F55	55 to 59 years
M/F60	60 to 64 years
M/F65	65 to 69 years
M/F70	70 to 74 years
M/F75	75 to 79 years
M/F80	80 to 84 years
M/F85	85 to 89 years
M/F90	90 to 94 years
M/F95	95 to 99 years
M/F+100	100 years or over

- Age-group rankings will be produced on the basis of these categories, irrespective of the number of participants in each category.
- Any minimum criteria set by the Organisation for the award of trophies or prizes by age group affect only the awards and never the existence of the official ranking.

9. Aid stations

Event	Planned aid stations
Marathon and Half Marathon	Every 5 km and at the finish
10K Race	Midpoint and finish
Walk	Midpoint and end of the route

- The location and contents of aid stations may be adjusted in response to weather, operational or safety conditions.

10. Medical assistance, insurance and safety

- The event will have medical teams, ambulances and emergency response resources appropriate to its scale, ensuring an initial response when required.
- Where continuing medical care is needed, it will be provided by the Portuguese National Health Service or the designated referral healthcare facility.
- The Organisation will take out the compulsory sports insurance for non-federated participants, as well as event public liability insurance, in accordance with applicable law.
- If a participant is admitted to a healthcare facility following an incident related to the event, the Organisation must be informed as soon as possible so that the insurance can be activated.
- Law-enforcement officers, Organisation staff and identified volunteers will be stationed along the course, and their instructions must be followed.
- Vehicles not belonging to the Organisation are not permitted on the race course. Participation accompanied by animals, bicycles, scooters, roller skates, skateboards or any object liable to endanger participants is also prohibited.

11. Athlete services

Bag drop

The Organisation will provide a bag-drop service in the start/finish area for participants in the Marathon, Half Marathon and 10K Race. The race bib must be presented when collecting belongings.

- The Organisation advises participants not to leave valuables, fragile items or sensitive documents in bags deposited at the bag drop.
- The Organisation is not liable for items that are not properly identified or for belongings not collected within the announced period.

Showers

Showers will be available to participants at a location and during hours to be announced in the event's official information.

12. Timing and results

- The Marathon, Half Marathon and 10K Race will be timed electronically using a chip incorporated into the race bib.
- For the timing record to be valid, the bib must be worn visibly on the front of the chest, kept in good condition and not altered in any way.
- The Organisation is not liable for read failures caused by incorrect placement of the bib/chip or improper use.
- For podium places, overall rankings and prizes, the order of finish and official time (gun time) shall prevail. Net times will also be made available for information and individual reference.
- Provisional results will be published on the official event website and may be amended in the event of technical discrepancies, decisions by the Jury, disciplinary irregularities or regulatory checks.
- The Walk will have no individual or team rankings and no official times.

13. Race Jury, offences and appeals

The Race Jury is the responsibility of the Regional Officiating Council of the Aveiro Athletics Association.

The following, among other acts, constitute offences:

- Failing to register at the start control or failing to complete the entire official course.
- Using a bib or chip that does not correspond to the registered participant, using more than one chip, or concealing or altering the bib.
- Making false statements concerning registration or the participant's identity.
- Receiving unauthorised assistance, taking a shortcut, leaving the course in order to gain an advantage, or deliberately impeding other participants.
- Failing to comply with instructions from officials, the Organisation, security forces or medical staff.

Complaints and protests

Any complaint or protest must be submitted in writing to the Jury, on site, within 30 minutes after publication of the provisional results, together with a deposit of EUR 100.00, which will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

14. Prizes

- All participants who complete the Marathon, Half Marathon or 10K Race will receive a finisher medal.
- Trophies will be awarded to the top three men and top three women overall in the Marathon, Half Marathon and 10K Race.
- The availability of age-group prizes and/or prize money, together with the relevant amounts, conditions and any minimum award criteria, will be set out in the official prize table published on the event website.
- Where age-group prizes are offered, they will be awarded in accordance with the official categories set out in Article 8 of these Regulations.
- Unless expressly stated otherwise in the official prize table, prize-money awards may not be combined.
- Any prize money provided for the Marathon and/or Half Marathon must be claimed by the athlete within a maximum of 30 days after the race, in accordance with the procedures published by the Organisation and all applicable tax and regulatory obligations.

15. Anti-doping control

Participants may be subject to anti-doping control in accordance with the rules of the Portuguese Anti-Doping Authority, the FPA, World Athletics and applicable law. Athletes notified for testing must report to the designated location and complete all required formalities.

16. Data protection, image rights and liability

- By registering, the participant declares that they are aware of and accept these Regulations, undertake to follow the Organisation's instructions and confirm that they are in suitable health to take part in the event for which they have registered.
- The Organisation recommends a pre-participation sports medical assessment, particularly for the longer competitive distances.
- Personal data collected will be processed by GSX Portugal Lda. for event management, insurance, safety, timing, rankings, operational communications, compliance with legal obligations and, where an appropriate legal basis exists, the Organisation's promotional communications.
- Data may be disclosed, strictly to the extent necessary, to insurers, timing providers, medical bodies, authorities, federations, associations, technology providers and other entities involved in delivering the event.
- Participants may exercise their rights of access, rectification, restriction, objection and any other rights recognised by law by emailing info@globalsport.pt, in accordance with applicable data-protection legislation.
- Participation in the event entails the possibility of images and sound being recorded for reporting, historical archives, institutional communications and event promotion, without prejudice to the rights legally recognised to data subjects.
- Names, times, rankings and other sporting results may be published through the official channels of the event, the FPA and World Athletics, in the media and on results platforms.

17. Cancellation, postponement or alteration of the event

- The event may be cancelled, postponed, suspended, or have its course, timetable or format altered due to force majeure or at the direction of the competent authorities, including because of extreme weather, security, public health, the impossibility of using public roads, major infrastructure failures or other factors beyond the Organisation's control.
- If the event is cancelled or postponed for reasons not attributable to the Organisation, it will communicate the solution adopted for that edition as soon as possible and preferably within 30 days after the date originally scheduled.
- Unless mandatory law provides otherwise, no refund will be issued where cancellation results from force majeure or causes external to the Organisation.

18. Matters not provided for and final provisions

- Any matters not expressly provided for shall be resolved by the Organisation, the Jury and the competent authorities in accordance with the FPA General Competition Regulations, World Athletics rules and applicable law.
- In the event of a conflict between previous versions of the Regulations and this version, the wording of this version shall prevail.

19. Contacts

Service	Contact
European Emergency Number	112
Maratona da Europa Command Centre	964 434 808
Organisation email	info@globalsport.pt
Official event website	europemarathon.eu

Consolidated Regulations for the 7th edition, to be held on 24 and 25 April 2027.