

OFFICIAL RULES FOR MASS PARTICIPATION HALF MARATHON

RCS Sports and Events DMCC is the agency appointed by RAKTDA, to work on their behalf in the organization and the management of the RAK HALF MARATHON, officially called “THE RAK HALF MARATHON 2021”, road race of top international level of 21.0975km.

The race will take place on Friday, 19 February 2021 in Ras Al Khaimah, Al Marjan Island.

If the race is cancelled and/or otherwise not carried out for any reason not related to and beyond the will of the organizers, including the revocation of race authorization by competent Public Authorities, the enrolled athlete will have nothing to claim from organizers or other co-organizers, even in the form of reimbursement of the costs incurred and to be incurred. The enrollment itself is valid as a waiver of any claim for financial damages already suffered and to be suffered in the future.

PARTICIPATION RULES

The race is open to all athletes of any nationality.

All the participants must be at least 16 years of age at the day of the race.

All competitors must comply with age restrictions and entry requirements. Participants under specified minimum age requirements are not covered by our insurance and should not take part for their own safety.

Runners participate in the race under their own responsibility and are strongly advised to have appropriate medical insurance which covers their participation.

Only those who have officially registered can take part in the race. Runners without the official running bib worn on the front of their shirt will be disqualified and may be directed off the course immediately.

Roller skates, inline skates, bikes, and non-exempt wheeled contraptions of any kind are not allowed on the course. If you are seen with any of these, you will be directed off the route.

Pets are forbidden on the course.

Participants may not swap race numbers. Offenders will be disqualified from the race.

Please do not wear jewellery or carry precious items with you during the race. The organizers will not be held responsible for any lost valuables.

Any action or inaction deemed as an infraction of the rules of entry / participation may lead to disqualification. Disqualified participants may still be awarded a finish time but will be ineligible for prizes/awards. The decision of the Race Director, Race Referees and/or the Organizing Committee in all matters is final. All participants acknowledge and accept the waiver on this document when entering the race.

REGISTRATION INCLUDES

- race number
- insurance against civil liability
- technical and medical assistance
- race pack containing products from sponsors, delivered to your address
- race day photos
- official t-shirt
- refreshments
- finish bag with food and beverages
- programme and information materials
- timing service
- finisher medal

Important: Please note that there will be no bag drop/deposit for 2021.

ENTRY FEES AND HOW TO REGISTER

Registration must be made online, following the instructions available on the <https://www.therakhalfmarathon.com> website.

Entry fee varies depending on the selected start time. Further information available here: <https://www.therakhalfmarathon.com/entry-fees/>

OFFICIAL "CONFIRMATION LETTER"

All registered athletes will receive an email valid as official "letter of confirmation" to confirm their participation in the event.

This email will contain all the basic instructions for the race participation.

REFUND OF ENTRY FEES

The registration cannot be postponed to the following year or transferred to another person.

There will be no refund or transfer of participation for those participants who do not take part.

A refund will only be provided if the event is cancelled or postponed.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Registration closes on 31st of January 2021 at 23:59.

Applications received after that term will not be accepted. The organization reserves the right to close registration in advance or to accept registrations after the closing date at its sole discretion.

In any case, entries will not be accepted on the day of the event.

NUMBERS AND GOODY BAGS

All UAE athletes will have their race pack delivered by courier.

International athletes can collect their race bag from DoubleTree by Hilton on Al Marjan Island 1-2 days, 17th and 18th February, prior to the event, from 3 PM to 9 PM.

Any uncollected bibs will be available from the Information tent located in the start area.

The race number is strictly personal, it cannot be tampered with or reduced and is not transferable to anyone, under penalty of disqualification. The bib incorporates the timing chip (which must not be tampered with in any way) and must be applied with the appropriate pins.

DEPOSIT FOR BAGS WITH PERSONAL CLOTHES

There will be no bag deposit. Please plan accordingly.

START

Due to social distancing needs, the start of the Half Marathon will take place in waves, i.e. in separate starts, each of those capped in the number of runners that will start. The waves will be separated by several minutes in order to avoid crowding of the race route.

All Half Marathon registered entrants must start in the correct wave (1, 2, 3, 4, etc.) and in the correct sector (A, B, C or D) assigned and identified by bib number. Starting in the wrong start area will be cause for disqualification.

Start times are as follows:

Platinum Front Wave » 7:30AM

Gold Wave 1 » 7.30 AM

Gold Wave 2 » 7.45 AM

Silver Wave 3 » 8 AM

Silver Wave 4 » 8.15 AM

Silver Wave 5 » 8.30 AM

Bronze Wave 6 » 8.45 AM

Bronze Wave 7 » 9 AM

RACE COURSE AND TIMING

Time measurement and processing of the rankings will be electronically made with a system based on an active disposable transponder ("chip") attached to the race number. It is forbidden to tamper with the chip and the support that fixes it to the bib. Athletes who in any way loose and/or damage the "chip" will not be timed and will not be in the rankings.

For each athlete will be taken: net time (from the moment you cross the start line to the finish line), intermediate times at km 5, 10, 15 and 20. Because of the new starting procedure (wave starts), this year the official time will coincide with the net time.

TIME LIMITS

Time limit to finish the half marathon is 3 hours after the start of your wave with police and medical support. Any remaining participants after this time are requested to run on the footpaths.

REFRESHMENT STATIONS

As per World Athletics rules, there will be frequent refreshment stations along the course and at the finish. Refreshment stations will be located at kilometers: 3,7 – 6,8 – 10,0 – 12,5 – 15,4 – 17,1 – 18,5.

WITHDRAWN ATHLETES

Athletes with an injury or who want to leave the race can get on the “sweep bus”. From there they will be transported to the finish area where they can receive medical assistance.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The organization will provide the runners with a timely and qualified medical service, to help all athletes in difficulty.

An advanced medical post (PMA) will be located after the finish line. Along the course, aid stations, ambulances and medical cars will be available.

PACERS

Due to the global pandemic and new start procedure (wave start) the pacer service will not be available for 2021.

FINISH

After the finish line, athletes will be channeled into special corridors to receive the finisher medal and access to the various services (refreshment stations, toilets, etc.).

RESULTS AND STANDINGS

Partial and final results will be available in real time by following the appropriate link. Similarly, you will be able to download the finisher's certificate from the results page.

COMPLAINTS

For all matters the general UAE Athletic Federation regulations are applicable. Race judges may disqualify athletes not having passed the detection points located along the route.

PRIVACY POLICY

We inform you that the data released in the registration form will be treated as autonomous Holders by the RAKTDA for the registration and management of the event by RCS Sports and Events DMCC ("RCS") and Gulf Multi Sport.

To process the enrollment in the event and to provide custom services, Holders must treat certain identification data necessary for the provision of services.

The personal data provided will be recorded and stored on protected electronic media and treated with appropriate security measures also associating and integrating them with other databases.

The data may be disclosed where necessary to provide the service, to RCS suppliers, as well as to companies that perform on our behalf technical or organizational tasks for the provision of the required services. Purposes of usage of the data provided during the registration are the following:

1. a) Management of event entry.
2. b) Event management.
3. c) Publication and dissemination of race rankings (e.g. First Name, Last Name, race time, ranking position)
4. d) Sending newsletter communications regarding the events promoted by RAKTDA or RCS
5. e) Only with your express consent, your data may be used to perform statistical analysis, market surveys and to send commercial information about products and promotional activities of RAKTDA or RCS

6. f) Always with your consent, the data may be used for profiling, that can be done by: a) handling, in automated mode, of the personal details of users authenticated in connection with the use of the service; b) personal data crossing, collected in relation to the supply and to the use of more features different from those made available by the user; c) use of other identifiers necessary to attribute to certain individuals, identified or identifiable, specific actions or behavioral patterns recurring in the use of the features offered.
7. g) Finally, with your express consent, such data may be provided to other companies operating in publishing, finance, insurance, automotive, energy, consumer goods, humanitarian and charity organizations which will contact you as Holders of independent initiatives - the updated list is at your disposal and can be requested from the Responsible of data processing at the address below - for statistical analysis, market surveys and to send commercial information about products and promotions.

Communications for market research or commercial information on products and promotional initiatives can be made by postal mail, email, telemarketing, SMS, MMS.

Additional data may be requested, if required for the provision of additional services.

At any time, you can re-read the information and modify previously delivered consents, verify and/or change the status of active services and request additional ones.

The provision of data is optional, except for those listed as mandatory for event registration. You have the right to know, at any time, what are your data and how they are used. You also have the right to update, supplement, correct or delete the data, to request blocking of data and to object to their treatment.

SANCTIONS PROVIDED IN CASE OF FRAUDULENT PARTICIPATION TO RACE

The participant is responsible for the ownership and custody of their bib number, acquiring the right to use all the services mentioned in this Regulation and subsequently communicated.

- a) Any person who, without regular entry, participates without bib, in addition to being held liable for damage to persons or property, including himself, will incur disciplinary measures of competence of the federal bodies and may be liable for criminal sanctions for the crime of "theft"
- b) Any person who, without regular entry, participates with a counterfeit bib or otherwise not in accordance with the number assignment, in addition to being responsible as mentioned above, will

incur the sporting sanctions and, in addition, will be liable to the penal sanctions provided for the crime of "theft ", or, alternatively, for the crime of "fraud".

In cases a) and b) participants may be subject to the penalties provided for the crime of "failure to comply with the authority measures". The above case will be seen only after verification of photographic documentation and / or video.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

By subscribing to The RAK Half Marathon 2021, the athlete declares to know and to oblige these rules and to entirely accept the following waiver of liability.

"I, the undersigned, in consideration of and as a condition of acceptance of my entry in the footrace for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators hereby waive any claim, right of claim, cause of any action which I or they might have arising out of loss of my life or injury, damage or loss of any description whatsoever which I may suffer or sustain in the course or consequent upon my entry or participation in the event.

I know that running a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I assume all risks associated with running in this event, including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of weather, traffic and the conditions of the road, all such risks being known and appreciated by me.

This waiver, release and discharge shall be and operate separately in favor of all persons, corporations and bodies involved with or otherwise engaged in promoting or staging the event and the servants, agents, representatives and officers of any of them.

I satisfy all entry requirements as set out.

I attest that I am physically fit and medically able to run part or the entirety of the course without jeopardizing my health or life and consent to receive medical treatment that may be advisable in the event of illness or injuries suffered by me during this event.

I give free permission for the free use of my name, voice or picture in any broadcast, telecast, advertising promotion or other account of this event.

Should the event be cancelled for any reason whatsoever I understand that no liability of any kind will attach to any person, corporation or body involved in connection with the event.

I agree to abide by the conditions of the event as stated in the declaration above and upon literature and other material distributed in connection with the event.

The organizer reserves the right to reject any entry, and further reserves the right to change the details of the above referenced event without prior notice.”

RACE CANCELLATION

Entry fees will not be refundable unless the event is postponed or cancelled. In such a case, the organizer will communicate the options available and participants will be given a refund request deadline. Please note there is an online processing fee of AED 30 or 5% (whichever is greater) that will be incurred to process the refund.

Any additional fees paid at the time of registration, such as socks purchased or personalized t-shirts, will not be refunded. These items, along with the race pack, will be delivered to the address provided unless communicated otherwise by the participant.

The enrollment itself is valid as a waiver of any further claim for financial damages already suffered and to be suffered in the future.

FINAL REMARKS

The Organizing Committee reserves to modify these rules at any time for reasons it deems appropriate for a better organization of the race, after having obtained approval from UAE Athletic Federation. For matters not covered by this Regulation the statutory technical regulations of UAE Athletic Federation are applicable.

Modifications to services, venues and timetables will be communicated to registered athletes or will be posted on the website www.therakhalfmarathon.com. In addition to the documentation containing the information required for taking part in the race it will be handed out alongside the bib.