Competition Regulations Zurich Marathon (ZM)

These competition regulations form an integral part of the contract between the organizer and the participants.

1. Competition

1.1 Categories and Eligibility

The event is held in the following categories. Participants are eligible to start if they meet the minimum age requirement:

- Marathon: U20 (minimum 18 years)
- Half Marathon: U18 (minimum 16 years)
- On Z10 (10 km): U18 (minimum 16 years)

Participation with a Wheelchair

As part of a pilot project, wheelchair participation at the OCHSNER SPORT Zürich Marathon 2027 is permitted exclusively in the Marathon and On Z10 distances. The number of available starting places is limited and determined by the organiser. Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to verification of the participation requirements.

Only wheelchairs that can be manoeuvred safely and independently are permitted. The use of a Free-Wheel or a suitable front-wheel attachment is mandatory. Racing wheelchairs, poles and other additional mobility aids are not permitted. An accompanying person is mandatory throughout the entire race and must complete the same distance.

Registration for the wheelchair participant and their accompanying person must be completed jointly through a separate registration process in accordance with Section 2.1. No separate wheelchair category will be established. Participation is non-competitive; individual race times will be recorded, but participants will not be included in the official rankings.

The additional participation requirements and safety regulations outlined in the “Wheelchair Participation” factsheet on the official website are mandatory and must be complied with. Pushchairs and strollers are not permitted.

1.2 Time Limits

The following time limits apply (net timing):

- Marathon: 5:30 hours
- Half Marathon: 2:45 hours
- On Z10 (10 km): 90 minutes

Participants who do not reach the finish line within the specified time limit will not be classified. Once the time limit has expired, participants continue at their own risk. There is no entitlement to cross the finish line. The organiser reserves the right to remove participants from the course for safety reasons.

1.3 Course Measurement
The courses (Marathon, Half Marathon, and On Z10) are measured in accordance with the standards of the Association of International Marathons and Road Races (AIMS).

1.4 Timing and Race Number
Timing is carried out using a transponder integrated into the race bib. The race bib is personal and non-transferable. It must not be transferred to another person or altered.

Participation without a valid race bib will result in disqualification.

For wheelchair participants, timing is also carried out using a transponder. Participation is non-competitive, and wheelchair participants will not be included in the official rankings.

1.5 Conduct and Fair Play
The instructions of the organiser, course marshals, volunteers and any other persons appointed or authorised by the organiser must be followed at all times.
All participants are required to show consideration for others and adapt their behaviour to the prevailing course, traffic and participant conditions. Any behaviour that may obstruct or endanger other persons is prohibited.

Prohibited activities include, in particular, taking shortcuts, using unauthorised aids, starting before the official start signal, running with another person's race bib or an incorrect race bib, being accompanied by unauthorised private escorts (e.g. bicycles), bringing dogs onto the course, and running with oversized objects or costumes.

As a general rule, vehicles are prohibited along the entire course. Pushchairs, strollers, bicycles, inline skates and similar means of transport are not permitted. An exception applies to wheelchair participants and their accompanying persons in accordance with Section 1.1.

Starting blocks and positioning within them are assigned by the organiser. Wheelchair participants and their accompanying persons must start together in the starting block assigned by the organiser. The organiser reserves the right to refuse a participant permission to start or to remove them from the course during the race if participation requirements are not met, instructions are not followed, or the organiser determines that there is a risk to the safety of the participant, other participants or third parties.

Violations of these regulations may result in disqualification. All decisions regarding disqualification are made by the race director and are final. No legal appeal is permitted.

1.6 Refreshments
Refreshments along the course and in the finish area may only be distributed by authorized personnel of the organizer.

2. Registration and Participation Conditions

2.1 Registration
Registration is exclusively online. Registrations by phone or email are not possible.

2.2 Disqualification
The organizer reserves the right to disqualify participants at any time without refund, particularly in cases of false information during registration, violations of the regulations, or suspected doping.

Running with an incorrect or another person's race number results in disqualification. In such cases, both the runner and the person who transferred the race number may be banned from future events.

2.3 Cancellation and Refund
Registration is generally binding. There is no entitlement to a refund of the entry fee.
An optional cancellation insurance can be purchased. In case of illness or accident, the entry fee will be credited upon submission of a medical certificate. The certificate must be submitted no later than 10 days after the event (info@zuerichmarathon.ch). Current cancellation terms apply (TAB).

2.4 Duplicate Registrations
In case of duplicate registrations, 90% of the entry fee will be refunded. 10% will be retained as an administrative fee. Additional services are excluded from refunds.

2.5 Starting Place and Changes
Transfer of a starting place to another person is not permitted. A category change is possible until race number printing (March 5, 2027), subject to availability. No refund will be given for switching to a cheaper category. Services will be adjusted accordingly. Free entries (e.g. from competitions) are only valid for the respective event.

2.6 Race Package
Race materials must be collected within the communicated time slots. Later collection or postal delivery is not possible.
Collection by third parties is only permitted according to the organizer's guidelines.

2.7 Event Cancellation
If the event cannot be held, or only partially held, due to force majeure, unforeseen risks, or official orders, there is no entitlement to a refund of the entry fee.

2.8 Participation Limit
The organizer may limit the number of participants. Once the limit is reached, there is no entitlement to a starting place.

3. Liability

3.1 Personal Responsibility
Participation is at the participant's own risk. The organizer and its partners accept no liability for accidents, illness, evacuations, or resulting damages. Participants confirm that they are in good health and adequately trained.

3.2 Insurance
Accident insurance is the responsibility of the participants. The organizer provides professional medical services.

3.3 Third Parties
The organizer accepts no liability towards spectators or third parties.

3.4 Personal Belongings
No liability is accepted for loss or damage to personal belongings.

3.5 Compliance with Regulations
Participants agree to comply with all applicable regulations, safety measures, and the contents of the race booklet. They confirm that they have read and understood them. The organizer may adjust these regulations at any time.

4. Anti-Doping

4.1 Applicable Rules and Testing
The current anti-doping regulations of Swiss Olympic apply. Participants must undergo doping controls. Refusal is treated as a positive result. Prize money will not be paid in such cases.

4.2 Acceptance of Jurisdiction
By registering, participants accept the anti-doping rules of Swiss Olympic and the jurisdiction of its disciplinary commission, as well as the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, excluding ordinary legal recourse.

5. Data Protection

5.1 Data Collection
All mandatory fields must be completed fully and correctly during registration. It is possible to register additional persons; in doing so, it is confirmed that their data may be lawfully shared with the organizer.

5.2 Data Processing
Data is processed and stored in cooperation with specialized service providers for the purpose of organizing the event.

5.3 Additional Data Protection / Running Membership
By registering, participants automatically become Running Members of Swiss Athletics and Swiss Olympic. Name and email address are shared for this purpose. Data is used solely for membership registration and not shared with third parties. Membership is free and ends automatically at the end of the following calendar year. Further information: www.swiss-running.ch/datenschutz. Consent can be withdrawn at any time in writing.

5.4 Publication and Use of Data
Participants agree to the publication of their name, year of birth, residence, race number, time, and ranking in start and result lists. These may be published online, in print, on TV, social media, and via announcements. Photos and videos taken during the event may be used without compensation for reporting and promotional purposes.

5.5 Data Use and Sharing
Data is used for event organization and related services. Unless declined in writing at least one week before the event, personal data may be shared with partners (e.g. photo/video services) for services and marketing. Data is only shared with sponsors for targeted communication within agreed limits (exclusively SWICA).

5.6 Photo Service Provider
Sportograf Digital Solutions GmbH (www.sportograf.com) is the official media and exclusive photo service provider. Participants consent to photo and video recordings and their use. Data may be matched via race number, time/location, or image recognition. Processing complies with applicable data protection laws (DSG, GDPR). Objections can be made at any time. More info: www.sportograf.com/de/privacy

5.7 Other Service Providers
External providers are used for registration, data management, billing, timing, results, race numbers, and communication. They process data solely on behalf of the organizer.
The organizer ensures compliance with data protection laws. Data may be processed in countries inside or outside the EU/EEA, potentially without equivalent protection.

5.8 Further Information
Additional details are available in the data protection policy.

6. Organizer and Legal

6.1 Organizer
ZH Marathon GmbH
Vulkanstrasse 130i
8048 Zurich
Email: info@zuerichmarathon.ch

6.2 Jurisdiction and Law
Swiss law applies. Place of jurisdiction is Zurich.

6.3 Right to Amend
Regulations may be amended at any time due to new circumstances or official requirements. Such changes are binding and do not entitle participants to a refund of the entry fee.

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Valid for registrations from May 1, 2026