

CHISINAU INTERNATIONAL MARATHON – REGULATIONS 2026

SECTION 0. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

- **Participant** — individual registered and confirmed, who paid the entry fee and signed the liability waiver.
- **Pacemaker** — runner assigned by the organizer to maintain a steady pace.
- **Gun Time** — time measured from the official start signal to the finish line crossing; used for Absolute ranking.
- **Net/Chip Time** — personal time between timing mats; used for Age Group ranking.
- **DNS** — Did Not Start
- **DNF** — Did Not Finish
- **DSQ** — Disqualified
- **Course Record** — best certified result on a course.

SECTION 1. ORGANIZER & OFFICIAL RULES

- The CHISINAU INTERNATIONAL MARATHON is organized by **A.O. Clubul Sportiv “Sporter”** in partnership with **SIMPALS** and **999.md**.
- By participating, athletes fully accept the current regulations.
- The full rulebook is available on www.marathon.md.

SECTION 2. EVENT DATE & VENUE

- **Date:** Sunday, 13 September 2026, 09:00
- **Venue:** Chişinău, Great National Assembly Square (PMAN)
- **Certification:** All routes are measured and certified under AIMS / World Athletics regulations.

SECTION 3. EVENT FORMAT

3.1. Eligibility & Age Limits

- **Marathon (42.195 km):** 18+
- **Half Marathon (21.097 km):** 16+; 14–15 with parental/coach consent
- **10.5 km:** 16+; 14–15 with consent
- **5 km:** 16+; 12–15 with consent or supervision

No race-day registrations for competitive distances.

3.2. Competitive Races – 13 September 2026

- Marathon — 42.195 km
- Half Marathon — 21.097 km
- 10.5 km
- 5 km

3.3. Kids' Races – 12 September 2026

- Separate program and regulation to be published.

3.4. Courses

- All routes are clearly marked and supervised by officials and police.
- **5 km:** PMAN – Ștefan cel Mare Blvd – Ismail St – Toma Ciorbă St – PMAN
- **10.5 km / 21 km / 42 km:** 10.5 km circuit (2 or 4 laps depending on distance)
- Organizers may alter course or time limits if necessary.

3.5. Registration Requirements

- Registration via www.marathon.md.
- Participant must:
 - Accept the Regulations
 - Allow image and data usage for event promotion
 - Acknowledge participant caps: 400 / 800 / 1400 / 1400

3.6. Race Pack Pickup

- **Location:** Sport Expo, PMAN
- **Start:** 11 September 2026
- **Required:** ID, signed liability waiver, parental consent for minors

3.7. Withdrawal / No-show

- Entry fee is **non-refundable**.

3.8. Changes / Substitutions

- Substitution allowed only within the same distance
- **Deadline:** 30 days before the event
- **Fee:** 50 MDL
- Distance changes — not allowed
- Corporate teams: 3 free substitutions, thereafter 100 MDL
- No changes during race week

3.9. Payment Methods

- **Individuals:** online (Visa/Mastercard), QIWI/MMPS/RUNPAY terminals, cash

- **Companies:** bank transfer — invoices issued until 1 September

3.10. Liability Waiver

- Signed during registration or pack pickup.

3.11. Race Pack

- Includes bib with timing chip, official T-shirt, backpack, event guide, partner materials
- Finishers within time limits receive medals

3.12. Race Bib

- Must be worn visibly on chest
- Hidden, altered, or exchanged bibs = **DSQ**

3.13. Time Limits

- Marathon — 6:00
- Half Marathon — 3:00
- 10.5 km — 1:30
- 5 km — 0:45

Finishers after time limit receive no medal or ranking

3.14. Results

- Published within 24 hours
- **Categories:**
 - Absolute — Gun Time
 - Age Group — Net/Chip Time
- Age Group categories apply to all four distances

3.15. Pacemakers & Start Waves

- Pacemakers assigned for key finish times
- Start waves: Elite / A / B / C

3.16. Disqualifications

- Reasons: shortcutting, unsportsmanlike conduct, ignoring officials, bib exchange, unauthorized pacing, exceeding time limits

3.17. Anti-Doping

- WADA rules and Moldovan Law No. 24/2023 apply

3.18. Appeals

- **Deadline:** 1 hour after preliminary results
- **Fee:** 200 MDL (refunded if approved)
- **Resolution:** within 60 minutes

SECTION 4. AWARDS

4.1. Absolute Category – Prize Money

- **Marathon — I–VI:** 15 000 / 10 000 / 8 000 / 4 000 / 3 000 / 2 000 MDL
 - Course record bonus: +10 000 MDL
- **Half Marathon — I–III:** 7 000 / 5 000 / 3 000 MDL
 - Record bonus: +5 000 MDL
- **10 km:** 4 000 / 2 000 / 1 000 MDL
- **5 km:** 3 000 / 2 000 / 1 000 MDL

Taxes deducted as per law

4.2. Age Group Categories

- Age Group awards for all distances: 42 km, 21 km, 10.5 km, 5 km
- Groups (M/F): 20–29, 30–39, 40–49, 50–59, 60–69, 70–79, 80+
- Top 3 awarded
- E-diplomas available online

SECTION 5. ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS

5.1. Hydration

- Points approx. every 5 km and at the finish
- Elite athletes may place personal gels at designated tables

5.2. First Aid

- Medical teams on course and at Start/Finish
- Organizers may withdraw athletes for safety

5.3. Safety & Ecology

- Littering outside designated zones = DSQ
- Forbidden: alcohol, drugs, weapons, pyrotechnics, irritant sprays
- Relax Zone: single entry only (no re-entry)

5.4. Technical Zones

- Access restricted to accredited personnel only

5.5. Force Majeure

- Postponed — fees not refunded; entries transferred
- Canceled — race pack provided to participants

5.6. Lost & Found

- Items stored for 7 days post-event

SECTION 6. RESPONSIBILITIES

6.1. Participant

- Runs at own risk, follows rules, informs officials when withdrawing, cares for personal belongings

6.2. Organizer

- Ensures course marking, hydration, timing, safety, environmental compliance, and official communication

SECTION 7. DATA PROTECTION

- Collected: name, surname, date of birth, gender, e-mail, phone, ID series/number, IDNP, address
- Retention period: up to 10 years
- Data Protection Officer: privacy@simpals.com
- Authority: www.datepersonale.md

SECTION 8. POLITICAL NEUTRALITY

- Political promotion of any kind is strictly prohibited

SECTION 9. CONTACT INFORMATION

- **A.O. Clubul Sportiv “SPORTER”**
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