

COLOMBO MARATHON 2026

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. General

1.1 The **Colombo Marathon** (the "**Event**") is organized by the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**, in collaboration with **Sports Development Department, Sri Lanka Athletics** and the **National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka** (collectively referred to as the "**Organizer**").

1.2 These Rules and Regulations govern all persons who register for and/or participate in the Event (collectively referred to as the "**Participants**" and individually as a "**Participant**"). These Rules and Regulations shall be available on the Official Event website (the "**Official Website**").

1.3 Registration for the Event constitutes the Participant's acceptance of these Rules and Regulations. By registering for the Event, each Participant confirms that they have read, understood, and agreed to comply with these Rules and Regulations and all lawful directions issued by the Organizer and Event Officials.

1.4 By accessing the Official Website, registering for the Event, or submitting information to the Organizer, the Participant acknowledges and agrees that the Organizer may collect, use, process, store, and disclose the Participant's personal information in accordance with the Organizer's Privacy Policy for purposes relating to registration, event administration, participant safety, medical assistance, timing and results, communication, publicity, and the organization and conduct of the Event.

1.5 The Organizer reserves the right to interpret, apply, amend, or enforce these Rules and Regulations as may be necessary for the proper administration, safety, and conduct of the Event. The Organizer's decisions on all matters relating to the Event shall be final and binding on all Participants.

1.6 The Event shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable **World Athletics Competition Rules, World Athletics Technical Rules**, except where these Rules and Regulations expressly provide otherwise.

1.7 Participation in the Event is voluntary. Each Participant acknowledges that they participate at their own risk and agrees to comply with all safety measures, race procedures, and instructions issued by the Organizer and Event Officials throughout the Event.

2. Compliance with World Athletics Rules

2.1 The Event shall be conducted in accordance with the Constitution, Rules, Regulations, Technical Rules, Competition Rules, and Anti-Doping Rules of World Athletics, together with any applicable rules and regulations of Sri Lanka Athletics and any other governing authority responsible for the conduct of the Event.

2.2 All Participants for competitive events shall comply with all applicable World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules and Regulations, including the World Anti-Doping Code and any testing

procedures, investigations, or other anti-doping measures that may be conducted in-competition or out-of-competition.

2.3 Participants selected for doping control shall fully cooperate with the doping control process and comply with all instructions issued by the authorized Doping Control Officers. Failure or refusal to comply may constitute an anti-doping rule violation and may result in disqualification from the Event and any other sanctions imposed under the applicable anti-doping rules.

2.4 Any Participant found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation shall be subject to the sanctions prescribed by the applicable World Athletics Anti-Doping Rules, including, where applicable, disqualification of results, forfeiture of prizes, suspension, and any other disciplinary measures.

3. Registration Period

3.1 Registration for the Event shall commence on **25 June 2026** and shall close on **1 September 2026** (the "**Registration Period**"), unless otherwise determined by the Organizer.

3.2 The Organizer reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to close the Registration Period before the stated closing date if the maximum participant capacity has been reached, or to extend, suspend, or reopen the Registration Period as may be necessary.

3.3 Registration shall be accepted subject to the availability of places in the respective race categories and compliance with these Rules and Regulations. Submission of a registration application does not guarantee acceptance into the Event.

3.4 The Organizer shall not be liable for any inability of a prospective Participant to register for the Event due to the closure of the Registration Period, the Event reaching maximum capacity, technical failures, or any other reason beyond the Organizer's reasonable control.

3.5 The Organizer reserves the right to refuse, reject, or cancel any registration that does not comply with these Rules and Regulations or the eligibility requirements of the Event, or where the Organizer reasonably considers such action to be necessary in the interests of the Event.

4. Registration and Participant Obligations

4.1 By completing and submitting the online registration form, the Participant confirms that they have read, understood, and agree to be bound by these Rules and Regulations.

4.2 A Participant's registration shall be deemed valid and confirmed only upon:

- **(a)** the successful submission of the prescribed registration form;
- **(b)** payment in full of the applicable registration fee; and
- **(c)** the issuance of a registration confirmation by the Organizer.

4.3 Each Participant shall:

- (a) provide true, accurate, current, and complete information, including all personal information required for registration;
- (b) maintain the confidentiality and security of their registration account, password, and any other login credentials, and shall be responsible for all activities conducted under their account;
- (c) ensure that they satisfy the minimum age and any other eligibility requirements applicable to the race category for which they are registered as at the date of the Event;
- (d) promptly notify the Organizer of any changes to their personal information, including emergency contact details, to ensure that such information remains accurate and up to date; and
- (e) comply with these Rules and Regulations and all lawful directions and instructions issued by the Organizer in connection with the Event.

4.4 The Organizer may communicate with Participants by email, telephone, SMS, or any other electronic means using the contact details provided during registration. Any notice or communication sent to the Participant's registered contact details shall be deemed to have been duly received unless the Participant has notified the Organizer of any change to such details.

4.5 If any information provided by a Participant is false, inaccurate, incomplete, misleading, or no longer current, or if the Organizer reasonably suspects this to be the case, the Organizer reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to reject, suspend, cancel, or terminate the Participant's registration and/or deny the Participant access to the Official Website or participation in the Event, without liability to the Organizer.

4.6 No amendments to a Participant's registration, including the transfer of an entry, change of race category, race distance, or participant identity, shall be permitted after registration has been completed, except with the prior written approval of the Organizer. Participants may update their personal information and emergency contact details before the closing date specified by the Organizer.

4.7 Registration is personal to the Participant and is non-transferable. A race bib or registration confirmation must not be sold, transferred, assigned, exchanged, or otherwise used by any person other than the registered Participant. Any breach of this provision may result in disqualification from the Event without refund.

5. Amendments, Cancellation and Event Changes

5.1 The Organizer reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to amend, modify, or supplement these Rules and Regulations at any time. Any such amendment shall be published on the Official Website and shall become effective from the date of publication unless otherwise specified.

5.2 If any question, dispute, or ambiguity arises regarding the interpretation of these Rules and Regulations, the Organizer's interpretation and decision shall be final and binding on all Participants.

5.3 The Organizer reserves the right to postpone, suspend, cancel, or terminate the Event, in whole or in part, at any time if circumstances beyond its reasonable control make it necessary to do so. Such circumstances include, but are not limited to, adverse weather conditions, natural disasters, public health emergencies, acts of terrorism, civil unrest, government directives, or any other force majeure event. Where reasonably practicable, the Organizer shall make reasonable efforts to notify Participants in advance.

5.4 The Organizer reserves the right to alter the race course, start and finish locations, race distances, Event schedule, race categories, cut-off times, or any other aspect of the Event where necessary for reasons of safety, security, operational efficiency, regulatory compliance, or any other legitimate reason. The Organizer shall use reasonable efforts to communicate such changes to Participants before the Event.

5.5 To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Organizer, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka Athletics, Event sponsors, partners, contractors, volunteers, and their respective officers, employees, and agents shall not be liable for any loss, damage, injury, expense, delay, or inconvenience arising directly or indirectly from the postponement, suspension, cancellation, or modification of the Event or any part thereof.

5.6 Except where otherwise required by law or expressly determined by the Organizer, all entry fees and other payments made in connection with the Event are non-refundable and non-transferable, including where the Event is postponed, suspended, cancelled, or modified.

6. Race Categories

6.1 Participants may register only in the race category for which they are eligible. Unless otherwise specified, participation shall be on an individual basis.

6.2 The Event shall comprise the following race categories:

(a) Marathon (42.195 km) – Individual Events

- Men - Any Sri Lankan / International athlete
- Women-Any Sri Lankan / International athlete
- National Men – Sri Lankan Only-Special category
- National Women- Sri Lankan Only-Special category
- Sri Lanka Youth Men-Special category

(b) Half Marathon (21.0975 km) – Individual Events

- Men
- Women
- Sri Lanka Youth Women -Special category

(c) 10 km Run

Participants may enter as individuals or as members of a team, where a team competition is conducted.

- Men
- Women
- Junior (16–20 years)

(d) 5 km Run

Participants may enter as individuals or as members of a team, where a team competition is conducted.

- Men
- Women
- Junior (15–20 years)

(e) Children's Run – 1.5 km

- Boys (13–15 years)
- Girls (13–15 years)

6.3 The Organizer reserves the right to add, remove, merge, divide, or amend any race category, age group, or competition division where necessary for operational, safety, or other legitimate reasons.

6.4 Participants shall compete only in the race category for which they have registered and have been approved by the Organizer. Changes to race categories after registration shall not be permitted except with the prior written approval of the Organizer.

6.5 The Organizer may require Participants to provide proof of age, nationality, or eligibility for any race category. Failure to provide satisfactory proof upon request may result in rejection of the registration or disqualification from the Event.

7. Change of Race Category

7.1 A Participant may request a change to their registered race category, subject to these Rules and Regulations and the approval of the Organizer.

7.2 Requests for a change of race category must be submitted on or before **5 September 2026**. No requests received after this date shall be considered.

7.3 A change of race category shall be subject to the availability of places in the requested race category and the Participant satisfying the applicable eligibility requirements.

7.4 Where a request is approved, the Participant shall pay:

- **(a)** a non-refundable administrative fee of **USD 10** or **LKR 3,500**; and

- **(b)** where applicable, the difference between the registration fee for the requested race category and the registration fee already paid.

7.5 Where the registration fee for the requested race category is lower than the fee originally paid, no refund or credit shall be given for the difference.

7.6 Each Participant may change their registered race category only once during the Registration Period.

7.7 Requests to change a race category shall not be accepted from Participants registered for:

- **(a)** the **children's Run (1.5 km)**;
- **(b)** the **5 km Run**; or
- **(c)** the **10 km Run**.

7.8 The Organizer reserves the right to approve or reject any request for a change of race category at its sole discretion. The Organizer's decision shall be final and binding.

8. Marathon / Race Rules

8.1 Each Participant shall complete the medical and emergency contact information on the reverse side of the official race bib accurately and in full before the commencement of the Event.

8.2 Participants shall wear the official race bib issued by the Organizer on the front of their running attire throughout the Event. The race bib shall remain clearly visible at all times and shall not be altered, defaced, folded, covered, or transferred to another person.

8.3 Only Participants displaying a valid official race bib shall be permitted to enter the designated start area and participate in the Event. Any person not wearing an official race bib shall be denied access to the start area and shall not be permitted to commence the race.

8.4 Any person found participating in the Event without an official race bib, or using a race bib issued to another Participant, shall be removed from the race course and may be disqualified from the Event.

8.5 Participants shall assemble in the start pen allocated by the Organizer based on their declared or estimated finishing time, or such other criteria as the Organizer may determine. Participants shall start the race only from their designated start pen unless otherwise authorized by the Organizer.

8.6 Start pen allocations are implemented to ensure the safe, fair, and orderly conduct of the Event. All Participants shall comply with the instructions of the Organizer, race officials, volunteers, security personnel, and law enforcement authorities.

8.7 The following are prohibited on the race course unless expressly authorized by the Organizer:

- **(a)** pets or other animals;

- **(b)** bicycles;
- **(c)** roller skates, in-line skates, skateboards, scooters, or similar wheeled devices;
- **(d)** prams, strollers, pushchairs, wheelbarrows, or hand carts;
- **(e)** footwear fitted with wheels or rollers; and
- **(f)** any equipment or object that, in the opinion of the Organizer, may endanger Participants or interfere with the safe and orderly conduct of the Event.

8.8 Only vehicles authorized by the Organizer, including official race, medical, emergency, security, timing, and support vehicles, shall be permitted on the race course.

8.9 The Organizer reserves the right to:

- **(a)** limit, refuse, or cancel any race entry in accordance with these Rules and Regulations;
- **(b)** amend, combine, divide, suspend, or cancel any race category where necessary for safety, operational, or other legitimate reasons;
- **(c)** reject any registration containing incomplete, inaccurate, false, or misleading information; and
- **(d)** remove from the Event or disqualify any Participant who fails to comply with these Rules and Regulations or any lawful instruction issued by the Organizer or race officials.

8.10 Participants shall conduct themselves in a safe, responsible, and sportsmanlike manner throughout the Event and shall not engage in any act or behaviour that may endanger themselves or others, obstruct the Event, or bring the Event into disrepute.

8.11 The Organizer's decision on all matters relating to race administration, participant eligibility, race conduct, and disqualification shall be final and binding on all Participants.

9. Code of Conduct

9.1 Every Participant shall, at all times before, during, and after the Event, conduct themselves in a safe, responsible, respectful, and sportsmanlike manner and shall not engage in any conduct that may compromise the safety, integrity, or reputation of the Event.

9.2 Without limiting the generality of Clause 9.1, each Participant shall:

(a) be responsible for their own safety and for conducting themselves in a manner that does not endanger the safety or well-being of any other person or damage any property;

(b) comply with these Rules and Regulations, all applicable laws and regulations, and all lawful directions issued by the Organizer, Race Director, race officials, medical personnel, referees, security personnel, volunteers, or any other person authorized by the Organizer.

(c) treat all Event Officials, volunteers, fellow Participants, spectators, sponsors, media representatives, and members of the public with courtesy, respect, and dignity;

(d) refrain from using abusive, threatening, offensive, discriminatory, harassing, or otherwise inappropriate language or behaviour;

(e) refrain from engaging in any political, religious, racial, commercial, or other demonstration, protest, or promotional activity that may disrupt or interfere with the conduct of the Event;

(f) not receive or accept any unauthorized assistance, pacing, transportation, equipment, or support except as expressly permitted under these Rules and Regulations or authorized by the Organizer or Event Officials;

(g) ensure that family members, coaches, supporters, or other associates do not obstruct the race, interfere with Participants, or provide unauthorized assistance;

(h) dispose of litter and personal items only at designated disposal areas or as otherwise directed by the Organizer;

(i) use mobile phones, headphones, cameras, or other electronic devices only in a manner that does not compromise their own safety, the safety of others, or the orderly conduct of the Event;

(j) immediately notify the nearest Event Official if they withdraw from the Event before crossing the finish line; and

(k) refrain from any indecent, disorderly, fraudulent, or unsporting conduct that may bring the Event, the Organizer, or the sport of athletics into disrepute.

9.3 The Organizer may, at its sole discretion, remove from the Event, disqualify, or take any other appropriate disciplinary action against any Participant who breaches these Rules and Regulations or whose conduct is considered unsafe, unlawful, offensive, fraudulent, or otherwise prejudicial to the fair, safe, or orderly conduct of the Event.

9.4 A Participant who is disqualified or removed from the Event under this Article shall not be entitled to any refund of registration fees, prizes, awards, or any other compensation.

9.5 The Organizer's decision in relation to any alleged breach of this Article, including any disciplinary action or disqualification, shall be final and binding on all Participants.

10. Cut-off Times and "Did Not Finish" (DNF)

10.1 Every Participant shall complete their registered race within the official cut-off time prescribed for the respective race category. A Participant who fails to complete the race within the applicable cut-off time or who is directed to leave the race course by the Organizer or Event Officials shall be classified as **"Did Not Finish" ("DNF")**.

10.2 Unless otherwise announced by the Organizer, the official cut-off times shall be as follows:

Race Category	Official Cut-off Time
Marathon (42.195 km)	4 hours 30 minutes from the time the last Participant crosses the official start line

Half Marathon (21.0975 km)	3 hours 30 minutes from the time the last Participant crosses the official start line
10 km Run	2 hours 30 minutes from the time the last Participant crosses the official start line
5 km Run	1 hour 15 minutes from the time the last Participant crosses the official start line

10.3 To ensure the safe and efficient conduct of the Event and the timely reopening of public roads, the Organizer may establish intermediate cut-off points along the race course. Participants who fail to reach any designated cut-off point within the prescribed time may be instructed to discontinue the race or board an official sweep vehicle.

10.4 All Participants shall comply immediately with the instructions of the Organizer, Event Officials, Police Officers, medical personnel, marshals, or other authorized personnel at any cut-off point or elsewhere on the race course. A Participant who refuses to comply may be removed from the race course and classified as **DNF**.

10.5 The Organizer reserves the right to revise the official or intermediate cut-off times, alter the location of any cut-off point, or implement additional cut-off points where necessary due to adverse weather, safety considerations, road conditions, directions issued by the relevant authorities, or any other circumstance affecting the safe and orderly conduct of the Event.

10.6 A Participant classified as **DNF**:

- (a) shall not receive an official finishing time;
- (b) shall have their official result recorded as **DNF**;
- (c) shall not be eligible for prize money, trophies, medals, awards, or age-category rankings;
- (d) shall not receive a finisher's medal, finisher's T-shirt, or electronic finisher's certificate; and
- (e) shall not be entitled to claim that they have officially completed the Event.

10.7 Participants who continue on the race course after the expiry of the applicable cut-off time without the approval of the Organizer shall do so entirely at their own risk and shall cease to be entitled to traffic control, medical support, hydration stations, course marshals, timing services, and any other Event services provided by the Organizer.

10.8 The Organizer's decision regarding the application of cut-off times, the classification of a Participant as **DNF**, or the removal of any Participant from the race course shall be final and binding.

11. Age Requirements

11.1 Participants shall satisfy the minimum age requirement for the race category in which they are registered as at the date of the Event. The minimum age requirements are as follows:

- (a) **Children's Run (1.5 km):** 13–15 years;
- (b) **5 km Run:** 15 years and above;
- (c) **10 km Run:** 16 years and above;

- **(d) Half Marathon (21.0975 km):** 18 years and above
- **(e) Marathon (42.195 km):** 18 years and above.

11.2 Participants under the age of eighteen (18) years shall obtain the written consent of a parent or legal guardian and submit all required consent, indemnity, and declaration forms at the time of registration. The Organizer reserves the right to reject or cancel the registration of any Participant who fails to comply with this requirement.

11.3 The Organizer may require a Participant to produce satisfactory proof of age or identity at any time before or during the Event. Failure to produce such proof upon request may result in the Participant being refused participation or disqualified from the Event.

11.4 A Participant who registers for a race category for which they do not meet the prescribed minimum age requirement shall not be permitted to participate in that race category. The Organizer may, at its sole discretion and subject to availability, transfer the Participant to another eligible race category or cancel the Participant's registration.

11.5 The Organizer's decision regarding a Participant's eligibility based on age shall be final and binding.

12. Cancellation and Disqualification

12.1 All registration fees paid are strictly non-refundable under any circumstances, including where a Participant does not participate in the Event for any reason whatsoever.

12.2 Race entries are strictly non-transferable and non-assignable. Participants shall not sell, transfer, assign, or allow any other person to use their race entry, race bib, or registration confirmation.

12.3 Any Participant who commences the race prior to the official start time of their registered race category, or from any point other than the designated start area, shall be disqualified from the Event.

12.4 The official start times for all race categories shall be as published on the Official Website or as otherwise communicated by the Organizer. The Organizer reserves the right to amend start times where necessary for operational, safety, or administrative reasons, and shall make reasonable efforts to notify Participants of any such changes.

12.5 Participants shall start only at their assigned start time and from their designated start pen or flag-off point. Any Participant who fails to comply with the official start procedure, or who starts outside the designated time window, may be disqualified and/or refused permission to start for safety and operational reasons.

12.6 The Organizer reserves the right to disqualify any Participant who:

- **(a)** breaches these Rules and Regulations;
- **(b)** provides false, inaccurate, or misleading information during registration;

- (c) engages in conduct that compromises the safety, integrity, or fair conduct of the Event; or
- (d) fails to comply with lawful instructions issued by the Organizer or Event Officials.

12.7 The Organizer's decision in relation to cancellation of entries, refusal of participation, or disqualification shall be final, conclusive, and binding on all Participants.

13. Race Entry Pack Collection

13.1 All Participants shall personally collect their race entry pack (the "**Race Pack**") from the designated collection location (the "**Collection Location**") during the specified collection period (the "**Collection Period**"), as published on the Official Website.

13.2 Race Pack collection is strictly limited to the registered Participant. Collection by any third party on behalf of a Participant shall not be permitted under any circumstances.

13.3 Participants shall present a valid photo identification document together with their official registration confirmation for verification at the Collection Location.

13.4 Upon successful verification, each Participant shall be issued an official event wrist tag (the "**Wrist Tag**") together with the Race Pack.

13.5 The Wrist Tag shall be worn immediately upon issuance and shall not be removed, tampered with, altered, defaced, or transferred to any other person.

13.6 The Wrist Tag must be worn and clearly visible, as directed by the Organizer, from collection until completion of the Participant's race. Failure to present or wear a valid Wrist Tag on race day may result in denial of entry to the start area, removal from the course, or disqualification from the Event.

13.7 Race Packs shall only be issued during the Collection Period. Late collection shall not be permitted under any circumstances.

13.8 The Organizer shall not be liable for any loss, inconvenience, or delay arising from a Participant's failure to collect the Race Pack within the Collection Period.

13.9 The Organizer is under no obligation to extend the Collection Period. It shall be the sole responsibility of each Participant to ensure timely collection.

13.10 Any Race Pack not collected within the Collection Period shall be deemed forfeited. The Organizer reserves the right to dispose of, retain, or redistribute such items at its sole discretion.

13.11 Any alteration, substitution, transfer, or unauthorized use of race bibs, Wrist Tags, or any Race Pack components is strictly prohibited and shall result in disqualification from the Event.

14. Wrist Tag

14.1 The Wrist Tag serves as an official identification tool confirming that the holder is a duly registered Participant of the Event.

14.2 The Wrist Tag is implemented as a safety, security, and integrity measure, including to:

- **(a)** verify Participant identity;
- **(b)** prevent unauthorized transfer, sharing, substitution, or misuse of race entries or race bibs; and
- **(c)** support medical, emergency, and operational identification of Participants during the Event.

14.3 Participants shall not remove, tamper with, alter, deface, damage, or transfer the Wrist Tag to any other person. Any breach or attempted breach of this requirement shall entitle the Organizer, at its sole discretion, to refuse participation, remove the Participant from the Event, or disqualify the Participant without refund or compensation.

14.4 Participants shall wear both the official race bib and Wrist Tag in the manner prescribed by the Organizer at all times before and during the Event. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in denial of access to the start area, removal from the course, or disqualification.

14.5 The Organizer reserves the right, at any time before or during the Event, to conduct identity, eligibility, and compliance checks. Participants shall fully cooperate with all such checks and instructions issued by Event Officials.

14.6 The Organizer's decision regarding Wrist Tag compliance, eligibility, and enforcement actions shall be final, conclusive, and binding on all Participants.

15. Runner's Entitlement

15.1 Participants who successfully complete their registered race category within the applicable cut-off time and in accordance with these Rules and Regulations shall be entitled to receive a finisher's medal, subject to confirmation of completion by the official timing and results system.

15.2 Participants in the Colombo Marathon (Full marathon, half marathon and 10 km run) shall be entitled to a finisher's T-shirt upon successful completion of the race, subject to availability and issued strictly on a first-come, first-served basis while stocks last.

15.3 Where a requested T-shirt size is unavailable, the Organizer shall provide the nearest available alternative size. No exchange, reservation, or subsequent request for size changes shall be permitted.

15.4 Finisher's medals (For full and half Marathon) must be collected at the Event venue on the day of the Event. The Organizer shall not entertain any request for collection, replacement, or delivery after the Event.

15.5 Participants who successfully complete their race shall be eligible to download an electronic certificate (e-certificate) from the Official Website within one (1) week following the Event.

15.6 Participants who are disqualified or classified as **Did Not Finish (DNF)** shall not be entitled to receive a finisher's medal, finisher's T-shirt, or e-certificate.

16. Bag Deposit

16.1 The Organizer shall provide bag deposit facilities for Participants; however, use of such facilities shall be entirely at the Participant's own risk. The Organizer shall not be liable for any loss of, theft of, or damage to any item deposited.

16.2 The Organizer reserves the right to inspect any bag or item deposited at the bag deposit area for safety, security, or operational reasons, including compliance with Event rules and applicable laws.

16.3 Only the official bag issued by the Organizer at Race Pack collection shall be accepted for bag deposit, unless otherwise expressly permitted by the Organizer.

16.4 Participants shall not deposit any valuables in the bag deposit facility, including but not limited to cash, credit or debit cards, mobile phones, electronic devices, jewellery, or any items of high monetary or personal value.

16.5 All items deposited shall remain the sole responsibility of the Participant, and the Organizer shall not be liable for any loss, misplacement, delay, or damage arising from the use of the bag deposit facility.

17. Safety and Other Precautions

17.1 The Organizer shall take reasonable measures to ensure the safety and welfare of Participants during the Event. However, each Participant acknowledges and agrees that participation in the Event, including any associated training or preparation, is undertaken entirely at their own risk.

17.2 To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Organizer, together with its sponsors, partners, affiliates, agents, volunteers, and service providers, shall not be liable for any injury, illness, death, loss, or damage of any kind arising out of or in connection with participation in, or preparation for, the Event.

17.3 Participants are strongly advised to consult a qualified medical practitioner prior to registration and participation to ensure they are medically and physically fit to take part in the Event.

17.4 A Participant shall immediately withdraw from the Event if instructed to do so by the Organizer, Event Officials, medical personnel, or any other authorized authority.

17.5 All decisions and instructions issued by the Organizer or Event Officials in relation to safety, medical matters, or race operations shall be final and binding on all Participants.

18. Media and Publicity

18.1 The Organizer reserves the right to capture, record, use, reproduce, publish, broadcast, and distribute any photographs, video recordings, audio recordings, or other media taken during the Event, including those featuring Participants, for promotional, marketing, publicity, archival, and commercial purposes.

18.2 By participating in the Event, each Participant irrevocably consents to the use of their name, image, likeness, voice, and performance in any such media without compensation, notice, or further approval.

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