



Kigali International Peace Marathon – June 8th, 2025

I. GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS

1. Purpose and Significance

The Kigali International Peace Marathon stands as a beacon of peace, unity, and sportsmanship, bringing together runners from all over the World to compete in one of the cleanest and green environments on earth.

The Kigali International Peace Marathon (KIPM) is an annual road race held on the 2nd week of June in the City of Kigali. First held in 2005, the event has been organized by Rwanda Athletics Federation and the Ministry of Sports in collaboration with partner institutions, under the patronage of **His Excellence Paul KAGAME, The President of the Republic of Rwanda**. The 20th edition will take place on June 8, 2025, With specific slogan ‘**Bring the World in Kigali and take Kigali to the World**’. The growth of the event has brought it to a hallmark event in our community, attracting thousands of participants from across the world and garnering significant attention both locally and internationally.

This prestigious event is not only a celebration of endurance and determination but also a symbol of Rwanda’s commitment to fostering peace and cooperation on a global stage. Governed by the Rwanda Athletics Federation and sanctioned by World Athletics and AIMS, KIPM upholds international road race standards,

ensuring an elite competition environment. This document outlines the operational guidelines, regulations, and athlete treatment protocols to align with World Athletics Label Road Races standards.

2. Race Categories and Course Details

2.1 Race Categories

- **Full Marathon (42.195 km)** – Men & Women
- **Half Marathon (21.0975 km)** – Men & Women
- **10 km Peace Run** – Open for all
- **Corporate & Family Relay (4×5 km)**

2.2 Course Certification

The KIPM course is certified by AIMS and measured according to World Athletics regulations. The route features a dual-loop full marathon course and a single-loop half marathon course, starting and finishing at BK Arena, providing scenic views of Kigali's vibrant cityscape.

3. Registration and Eligibility

- Online registration at www.kigalimarathon.org
- Registration opens in November 2024 and closes on June 5, 2025.
- Minimum age: 22 years for marathon & half marathon participants.
- Youth Rwandan Nationals under 17 participate for free.
- All secondary school students are guaranteed free entry.

- All elite athletes must be verified and invited by World Athletics-licensed representatives.

4. Registration Fees And Payment Option

CATEGORY	FEES	PAYMENT OPTION
Foreigners Half & Full Marathon	60 \$ / 57 €	1) Account deposit(BK): Account no: 00051-00390165-27 (RWF)
Foreigners Run for Peace	\$50 / 47 €	2) Account deposit(BK): Account no: 00051-00392791-34 (USD)
Rwanda Nationals, Run for PEACE	4 000 RWF	Account name: Rwanda Athletic Federation
Rwanda Nationals: Half- and Full-marathon	8, 000 RWF	
EAC Nationalities Run for Peace	40 \$ / 37 €	BK Online Banking: please use Account no: 00051-00390165-27
EAC Nationalities Half and Full Marathon	\$50 / 47 €	3) MOMO Pay: *182*8*1*505050#
Youth Rwandan Nationals U 17	Free (new)	The kid must be accompanied by an adult person
All secondary schools' students	Free (Free)	Any student is guaranteed a free entry, kindly present a school ID when picking your Bib Number

5. Registration of corporates, VIPs and Groups

Category	Registration Fees	Comments
Corporate registration	\$1000	Institutions, companies, groups registration
VVIPs registration	\$500	Benefiting the Premium packages (Race bib with their names, Marathon branded t-shirt of souvenir, Attending the Gala award and a special Medal of participation)
ViPs registration	\$250	Benefiting the Premium packages (Race bib with their names, Marathon branded t-shirt of souvenir)

6. Prize Money Structure

FULL MARATHON WINNERS	1st (Men and Women)	27,655,450 FRW
	2nd (Mend and Women)	20,741,588 FRW
	3rd (Men and Women)	10,370,794 FRW
	4th (Men and Women)	6,913,862 FRW
	5th (Men and Women)	4,148,317 FRW
	6th (Men and Women)	2,765,545 FRW
	7th (Men and Women)	2,074,158 FRW
	8th (Men and Women)	1,382,772 FRW
Best local athletes who	1st (men and Women)	2,000,000 FRW

achieved the organizer's set performance	2nd (Men and Women)	1,000,000 FRW
	3rd (Men and Women)	500,000 FRW
HALF MARATHON WINNERS	1st (Men and Women)	6,913,862 FRW
	2nd (Mend and Women)	5,531,090 FRW
	3rd (Men and Women)	4,148,317 FRW
	4th (Men and Women)	2,765,545 RW
	5th (Men and Women)	1,382,772 FRW
	6th (Men and Women)	1,106,218 FRW
	7th (Men and Women)	691,386 FRW
	8th (Men and Women)	553,109 FRW
Best local athletes who achieved the organizer's set performance	1st (men and Women)	700,000 FRW
	2nd (Men and Women)	400,000 FRW
	3rd (Men and Women)	200,000 FRW

7. Race Day Protocols for Elite Athletes

7.1 Athlete Hospitality

- **Accommodation & Transport:** Invited elite athletes receive full board accommodation and airport transfers.
- **Dedicated Athlete Area:** A secured pre-race warm-up zone with refreshments and physiotherapy services.
- **Exclusive VIP experience:** Premium packages include named bibs, branded race shirts, and gala invitations.

7.2 Start Zone Management

- **Exclusive Starting Corrals:** Elite athletes will be positioned in the front corral.
- **Introduction Ceremony:** Pre-race presentation of top contenders.
- **Pacemakers:** Clearly identified pacemakers with bibs labeled “PACE.”

7.3 On-Course Support

- **Hydration & Nutrition Stations:** Every 5 km, offering water, energy drinks, and medical assistance.
- **Elite-Only Refreshment Tables:** Personalized drinks will be placed at designated elite athlete stations.
- **Mobile Bathrooms:** Placed strategically along the route.

7.4 Timing & Results

- **Chip Timing System:** Gun-time based official results.
- **Live Leaderboard:** Updated in real-time for spectators and media.
- **Finish Line Experience:** Dedicated recovery area and medical personnel.

8. Anti-Doping and Medical Support

8.1 Doping Control

- **Strict Compliance:** Adheres to World Athletics and AIU anti-doping regulations.
- **In-Competition Testing:** Minimum of 8 tests (4 men, 4 women), including EPO analysis.

8.2 Medical Facilities

- **Medical Tents:** Strategically placed along the course and at the finish line.
- **Ambulance Services:** Deployed throughout the race route.
- **Emergency Evacuation:** King Faisal Hospital & Rwanda Military Hospital designated for critical cases.

9. Safety and Security

- **Full Road Closures:** Ensuring a traffic-free route for the duration of the race.
- **Security Personnel:** Deployed at key points and intersections.
- **Stragglers' Bus:** To transport runners who cannot complete the race.
- **Traffic Regulations:** Runners must follow steward and official instructions at all times.

10. Post-Race Procedures

- **Finish Line Protocol:** Elite athletes are guided to a dedicated recovery area.
- **Award Ceremony:** Held at BK Arena immediately after the race.
- **Medal Distribution:** Gold for full marathon finishers, silver for half marathon and 10km participants.
- **Virtual Marathon Option:** Allows global participation with digital certificates and medals.

II. OTHER INFORMATION ON THE RACE PREPARATIONS

Theme: *Running for Peace, Unity & Excellence*

PRE-EVENTS & PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Building excitement across Rwanda and beyond!

LOCATION	DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Western Province – Rubavu	Friday, April 18, 2025	Rubavu City Night Run (10km)	A scenic night run along Lake Kivu, featuring LED-lit tracks and cultural performances.
Northern Province – Musanze	Saturday, April 19, 2025	Musanze Night Run 10 km	A city night run to Promotes endurance running with Rwanda’s signature hilly terrain, showcasing local scenic beauty.
Eastern Province – Rwamagana	Friday, May 2, 2025	Rwamagana City Night Run (6km)	A fast-paced city night run with an electrifying atmosphere and live DJ performances.
Southern Province – Nyaruguru	Saturday, May 24, 2025	Nyaruguru 15km Run	A long-distance race through the lush greenery of the Southern Province, promoting nature tourism.
City of Kigali	Friday, May 30, 2025	Kigali Night Run & Peace Concert	A twilight run through the heart of Kigali followed by a mega concert featuring top Rwandan and international artists.
City of Kigali	Friday, June 6, 2025	Chat with the Stars	A panel discussion featuring elite athletes, coaches, and sports scientists sharing insights on marathon training, nutrition, and mental

			preparation.
City of Kigali	Saturday, June 7, 2025	Peace Torch Relay & Kids' Athletics	The official peace torch run across Kigali, culminating in a grand ceremony. Kids' Athletics events to inspire the next generation of runners.
City of Kigali	Sunday, June 8, 2025	KIGALI INTERNATIONAL PEACE MARATHON	The main event with thousands of participants from around the world competing in different race categories.

MARATHON WEEK ACTIVITIES (JUNE 2 - JUNE 8, 2025)

1. KIPM Expo & Athlete Village (June 2 - 7, 2025)

 *BK Arena Parking Lot,*


- Official Race Kit & Bib Collection
- Exhibitions by main partners' products and sports brands,
- Interactive Marathon Experience Zones
- Special discounts from fitness, health, and nutrition brands

2. Elite Athlete Meet & Greet and a Press Conference (June 6, 2025)

 *Kigali Convention Center*

- Official welcome for elite athletes and international delegations
- Unveiling of marathon favorites and pace groups
- Top international athletes share their training experiences
- Open Q&A for fans and aspiring runners

4. Kigali International Peace Marathon – RACE DAY (June 8, 2025)

 *Start & Finish: BK Arena, Kigali*

Race Categories:

- ✓ Full Marathon (42.195km)
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- ✓ 10km Peace Run (Non-competitive)
- ✓ Corporates & Family Relay (4x5km)

Special Features:

- Elite Pace Groups & Pacemakers
- Live Streaming & Helicopter and Drone Coverage
- Environmental Sustainability Initiative: “Run for a Greener Kigali”
- Water Stations & Nutrition Support Zones
- **Finish Line Festival:** Live music, Rwandan cultural dances, food courts

POST-MARATHON CELEBRATIONS

1. Awards Gala & Closing Ceremony (June 9, 2025)

 *Marriot Hotel Kigali*

- A Post- race gathering for top finishers, Sponsors and Marathon ambassadors
- Recognition of winners and special categories
- Recognition of Top sponsors and partners
- Announcement of next year’s marathon date

Additional Values For The Event’s Success

1. Marathon Charity Program

- Invite participants to run for charity causes , this year the organize will mobilize funds for Peace Support, healthcare of special cases.

2. Virtual Marathon Option

- KIPM will Allow runners worldwide to participate virtually and receive medals and certificates.

3. Limited Edition Marathon Merchandise

- Exclusive KIPM-branded running shirts and souvenirs.

4. Exclusive VIP Experience

- Offer premium packages with priority race bibs with their names on the bibs,
- A Marathon souvenirs of a Branded T-Shirt
- Attending the Gala awards

III. CONCLUSION

The Kigali International Peace Marathon aspires to meet the highest international standards, providing an elite-level competition while promoting peace, unity, and sporting excellence. By adhering to World Athletics regulations and enhancing elite athlete treatment, KIPM is set to solidify its status as one of Africa's premier marathons.

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