



2009 EDITION OFFICIAL RULES BOOK

For foreign athletes only

A.S.D. Atletica Agorà, with the approval of the FIDAL Committee of the Veneto Region and the collaboration of the FIDAL Committee of the Province of Venice, organizes the 3rd edition of NightMarathon, international AIMS/IAAF marathon run on the standard distance of 42,195 km and international AIMS/IAAF half marathon run on the standard distance of 21,097 km. The course will be measured and certified by AIMS/IAAF and FIDAL. Both **Marathon** and **Half Marathon** will take place simultaneously and under all weather conditions on **Saturday, May 23 – 2009 at 8.00 pm**.

1. Participation requirements

COMPETITIVE PROFESSIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL ENTRIES

Entry to the race is open to all participants turned 18 before May, 22 - 2009 and holding a membership card from a foreign Federation of Track&Fields affiliated to IAAF. During the registration process, athletes have to provide a copy of their membership card and a copy of a medical license (testifying that the athlete's physical conditions are such as to allow performance at competitive levels) issued and signed by a sports physician and still valid on May, 24 - 2009. You can download a sample at web address www.nightmarathon.it/certificatomedicoENG .

NON COMPETITIVE PROMOTIONAL ENTRIES

Entry to the race is open to all participants turned 18 before May, 22 - 2009 not holding any membership card from Federations or Associations mentioned above. During the registration process, all non-card holders must necessarily

1. provide a copy of a medical license (testifying that the athlete's physical conditions are such as to allow performance at competitive levels) issued and signed by a sports physician and still valid on May, 24 - 2009.
2. subscribe a compulsory "Temporary FIDAL membership card" that will be handed over by A.S.D. Atletica Agorà together with the athlete's bib number, upon payment of an additional 5 euro fee together with the marathon/half marathon entry fee.

ATHLETES WITH DISABILITIES

Participation to NightMarathon is also open for free to all athletes holding a membership card in any foreign Federation recognized by Italian CIP - Comitato Italiano Paralimpico. Entry is open only to wheelchairs and handbikers. All participants must necessarily

1. provide a copy of a medical license (testifying that the athlete's physical conditions are such as to allow performance at competitive levels) issued and signed by a sports physician and still valid on May, 24 - 2009.

Athletes on wheelchairs are strongly advised to get the assistance of their own escort by bike (who will be provided with special race bibs by the A.S.D. Atletica Agorà). Please note that if the total amount of entries will be lower than 20 people (at the date of May, 15 - 2009) race of athletes with disabilities will not take place. No money prizes available.

2. Entry fees and procedures (athletes residing abroad)

For all athletes residing abroad, entry fees are as follows:

Dates	Marathon	Half Marathon
Until January, 31 – 2009	NICE PRICE € 35,00	NICE PRICE € 15,00
From February, 1 – 2009 To May, 20 – 2009	€ 50,00	€ 25,00

Registrations can be processed:

- 1) Via internet, following the directions posted on www.nightmarathon.it, through on-line payment by credit card (service provided by ActiveEurope.com thanks to secure servers with a 128 encrypting code technology based).
- 2) Through the affiliated agencies, located in the athlete's home country, only in the case that a travel and/or accommodation package is purchased together with the marathon/half marathon entry.
- 3) Through INTRAS travel agency in Jesolo-Venice (see information under "HOLIDAY PACKAGES" section on www.nightmarathon.it), only in the case that a travel and/or accommodation package is purchased together with the marathon/half marathon entry.

Registration forms not accompanied by the entry fee, the applicant's complete address and personal data, and a copy of the membership card or of the medical license will not be accepted.

3. Services included in the entry fee

Entry fee includes (for Marathon and Half Marathon as well):

- race number

- insurance and medical assistance
- refreshments along the course
- goody bag
- personal clothes transportation from start to finish area (using your personal bag)
- post-race transportation from Finish Area (Piazza Mazzini, Jesolo) to Starting Area (Lio Grando, Cavallino Treporti)
- rent of timing chip (with penalty of €25 if you lost it)
- results by e-mail
- finisher's commemorative medal

4. Refund of entry fees

Under no circumstances are the entry fees refundable. However, the registered athletes who cannot take part to the marathon have two options:

- 1) Transfer of registration to another person. It is possible to transfer the registration to another person by formal request to be made by May, 20 - 2009 and by payment of an extra € 5,00 fee for office expenses. The substituting participant must provide all information necessary for the application.
- 2) Transfer of registration to NightMarathon 2010 edition. By notifying his/her withdrawal from the race by May, 20 - 2009 and paying an extra € 10,00 fee, the athlete can transfer his/her registration directly to NightMarathon 2010 edition, without possibility to demand a further transfer of registration to successive year or the transfer to another person.

5. Possibility to change from Full to Half during the race

At 21° km those Marathon participants who will end earlier the full trace could reduce their physical efforts proceeding on the Half Marathon trace without the risk of being declared unqualified. On the contrary it will not allowed to Half Marathon participants to go on the Full Marathon trace, or they will be declared unqualified.

6. Registration deadline

Registration will close when 7.000 entries (Marathon + Half Marathon) are reached, or on May, 20 – 2009, whichever is earlier. A.S.D. Atletica Agorà retains the rights to close registrations prior to said deadline as well as to accept entries past the deadline.

7. Confirmation of registration

The very 2 next weeks after sending entries it will be possible to check the entry status on-line on www.nightmarathon.it. A.S.D. Atletica Agorà will send a confirmation letter to all athletes who will have

processed their applications correctly. Said letter will also state the race number given to the athlete and will represent the only valid document to pick up the bib. Those athletes who will have provided an e-mail address in the application form will receive the letter of confirmation by e-mail. For this purpose, we kindly ask you to write your email address in a clear and readable way. Those athletes who will not, for any reason, receive the letter of confirmation will be able to collect it at the special desk set up in the area for the bibs pick-up at PalaMarathon Expo in Jesolo, piazza Brescia.

8. Race numbers distribution

Race numbers will be distributed automatically on the basis of the best personal time declared by the applicants. Therefore, the organization cannot distribute specific numbers upon request nor can it change numbers that have already been distributed (even in the case the athlete forgot to specify his/her personal best). Here is how numbers are distributed:

MARATHON BIB NUMBER	GOES TO:
1 – 50	Top runners
51 - 99	Athletes with disabilities
100 - 1500	All others participants
MARATHON BIB HALF NUMBER	GOES TO:
1H – 50H	Top runners
51H – 99H	Athletes with disabilities
100H – 5500H	All others participants

9. Race numbers' pick-up

Athletes will be able to pick up their race numbers in person on **Friday May, 22 – 2009 from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm and Saturday May, 23 – 2009 from 08:00 am to 06:00 pm** at the PalaMarathon Expo in Jesolo, Piazza Brescia. In the event the athlete cannot pick up the bib in person, he/she can send someone else on his/her behalf. The substitute must provide a waiver, signed by the athlete, (You can download it at www.nightmarathon.it/delegaENG) which entitles the person to pick up the bib and the athlete's letter of confirmation. To prevent a long wait in line and other inconveniences, it will allowed to collect up to 4 (four) maximum number of bibs collected by the same individual. Due to organization policies, under no circumstances can athletes pick up the bib on **Saturday 23 after 06:00 pm**. Neither can the bibs be sent to the athletes in advance. When collecting the bibs, athletes who did not do that in advance, must provide a copy of their medical license (You can download it at www.nightmarathon.it/certificatomedicoENG). If the athlete is unable to provide said documents,

he/she will not receive the race number. It is absolutely forbidden to tamper the bib in any way. Athletes who cut, alter or hide the number won't be entitled to any prize.

10. Bags for personal belongings

A special service will be organized for the transportation of all bags containing the athletes' personal belongings from the start line in Lio Grando, Cavallino Treporti to the finish line in Jesolo (Piazza Mazzini). All bags will have to bear a special sticker (given out by the organization) and can be used only to carry clothes to change after the race. For practical reasons, all bags will have to be handed in to the volunteers **by 7:40pm**. A.S.D. Atletica Agorà will take extreme care in the collection, handling and delivery of all bags, but declines any responsibility for lost items and will not offer any refund.

11. The start

The start of the 3rd NightMarathon is **set at 08:00pm**. The live TV broadcast might call for slight variations of the start time. To guarantee a smooth run of the operations, all runners are requested to get to the start area in Lio Grando **by 07:00pm**. Access to the start corrals will take place **from 07:00pm to 07:45pm**. Latecomers will be forced to start the race at the back of the group. Handbikers and wheelchairs will start at **07:50pm**

12. Timing

Timing of the race is provided by Timing Data Service srl through an active transponder located in the back of each athlete's race bib. Athletes who tamper with the bib and remove the "chip" will not be timed and will not be included in the rankings. For each athlete, the following times will be taken: official time (from gunshot to finish line), net time (from the transit at the start line to the finish line), intermediate times at 10 km, half marathon (21,097 km) and 30 km.

At the finish line, volunteers will take care of collecting the chips. Those athletes who won't finish the race or will fail to return the chip must send it to: TDS srl Via delle Macchine, 14 – 30038 Spinea (Venezia) ITALY. Athletes who do not return the chip at all will have to pay an extra € 25,00 penalty fee.

13. Pacers

Various groups of pacers will be at the runners' disposal. These are athletes trained to run the marathon at a constant pace to complete the course within a specific time. Pacers will be offered to run the marathon in:

3h00' - 3h15' - 3h30' - 3h45' - 4h15' - 4h30' and 5h00'.

The pacers will be recognizable during the race by the sign “pacer” written on the vest and by coloured balloons. Those athletes interested in using a pacer are kindly invited to visit the pacers desk at the PalaMarathon Expo to get all necessary information.

14. Time limits

MARATHON

- The time limit of transit at the half marathon (21,097 km) is set at 3h00’.
- The time limit of transit at 30 km is set at 4h13’.
- The time limit to finish the course is 6h00’.

Beyond the time limits the organization cannot guarantee the total closing of the race course.

HALF MARATHON

- The time limit to finish the course is 3h00’.

Beyond the time limit the organization cannot guarantee the total closing of the race course.

15. Refreshments and sponging

As per the IAAF/FIDAL rulebook, there will be refreshments stations with fresh water after the finish line and every 5 kilometres along the course. Beginning on the 20 km, fruit, cookies and energy bars will also be available. In their bags, athletes will find 2 personal sponges which they will be able to carry on them during the race and soak using the tanks of running water located along the course every 5 kilometres, starting from the 7,5 km. Athletes can find additional sponges at the start line but none will be available at the actual sponging stations. The choice of providing athletes with personal sponges is a feature of many great European marathons and is motivated by an effort to preserve the environment.

16. Withdrawal from the race

Those athletes who decide to quit the race at any point during the marathon can make use of the “sweep buses”, which will leave once full and will take the runners to the gathering area (located at the Mazzini Square at 21,097 km), where complete assistance will be offered.

17. Medical assistance

A thorough medical assistance service will be offered by the NightMarathon organising committee in collaboration with local medical facilities. First-aid stations will be set up all around the trace; ambulances will follow at the back of the race.

18. Antidoping

The Organizing Committee will provide an area for the anti-doping operations in case the Federation will decide to operate in.

19. Photo Service

Along the trace and at the finish line the photographers staff from Foto Studio 5 will take photos of You running your course with the moment at glance. You can buy the photos at www.fotostudio5.com

20. Pasta Party

Inside the goodie bag racers will find a Pasta Party coupon valid for **Saturday May, 23 from 11:00am to 03:00pm**. Pasta Party will take place at the PalaMarathon terrazza in Jesolo, Piazza Brescia.

21. Finish and Post Races Services

Finish lines for both Marathon and Half Marathon is at Piazza Mazzini in Jesolo. After the finish line participants will find in the area: final refreshment; medals; chip removal assistance; personal bag delivery; dressing gazebo; hot showers; medical assistance, bus shuttle services.

22. Results

The official rankings (provided by TDS srl www.tds-live.com) will be posted on the website www.nightmarathon.it after the race as soon as possible.

23. Awards

MARATHON

The first 10 men and the first 10 women of the Overall Category will be awarded a prize as follows:
T.B.C. on April, 15 – 2009.

HALF MARATHON MEN

The first 10 men of the Overall Category will be awarded a prize as follows:
T.B.C. on April, 15 – 2009.

HALF MARATHON WOMEN

The first 5 women of the Overall Category will be awarded a prize as follows:
T.B.C. on April, 15 – 2009.

More details can be found on the website www.nightmarathon.it .

24. Waiver of liability

By signing the registration form, either in paper or digital type (e-mail or on-line entry form), the athlete agrees to abide by the 3rd NightMarathon rulebook (as posted on the website www.nightmarathon.it), declares to be at least 18 years old as of May, 22 – 2009 and fully accepts the following waiver of liability. "I understand that participating in this event is potentially hazardous, and that I should not enter and participate unless I am medically able and properly trained. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I assume full and complete responsibility for any injury or accident which may occur while I am travelling to or from the event, during the event, or while I am on the premises of the event. I also am aware of and assume all risks associated with participating in this event, including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, effect of weather, traffic, and conditions of the road. I, for myself and my heirs and executors, hereby waive, release and forever discharge the event organizers, sponsors, promoters, ActiveEurope.com and each of their agents, representatives, successors and assigns, and all other persons associated with the event, for all my liabilities, claims, actions, or damages that I may have against them arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in this event. I understand that this waiver includes any claims, whether caused by negligence, the action or inaction of any of the above parties, or otherwise. I understand that the entry fee is non-refundable and non-transferable. I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the above parties to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, website images, recordings or any other record of this event."

25. Image copyright

Upon registration to the 3rd NightMarathon the athlete authorizes the NightMarathon Organising Committee and its media partners to use all motion and still pictures taken during athlete's participation to the event in which athlete's likeness might appear. Said pictures might be used in association with all advertising and promotional material of the event, worldwide and for the length of time established by law, including all extension options provided by law.

26. Final warnings

A.S.D. Atletica Agorà has the faculty to modify this rulebook in every part whenever needed in order to guarantee a better organisation of the race. All modifications to services, venues and timetables will be communicated to registered athletes via the confirmation letter, or will be posted on the website www.nightmarathon.it . Moreover, basic information and instructions for race day will be handed out alongside the bib number.