2027 EDITION

RULES

The official rules of the Gaia Half Marathon 2027 set out the rules for every distance: registration, entry fees, age categories, time limits, refreshment stations, prizes and conditions of participation.

1. ORGANISATION

The Gaia Half Marathon takes place in Vila Nova de Gaia and is organised by GlobalSport – GSX Portugal Unip. Lda., with institutional support from Vila Nova de Gaia City Council.

2. EVENTS

The events will be held in accordance with the rules of the Portuguese Athletics Federation and World Athletics:

- Half Marathon (21.0975 km), for participants aged 18 or over on race day.
- Mini Marathon (10 km), for participants aged 16 or over on race day.
- 5 km Charity Walk, open to all age groups and non-competitive. Participants must wear the official event T-shirt during the walk. Only duly registered participants may take part.

The start and finish location for the events will be announced shortly on the official event website.

3. DATE AND START TIME

The event takes place on Sunday, 14 March 2027, at 09:00.

4. TIME LIMITS

The time limit is three hours for the Half Marathon and one hour and thirty minutes for the Mini Marathon and the Charity Walk.

After the final event vehicle has passed, participants who remain on the course and wish to continue do so entirely at their own risk and must comply with the Portuguese Highway Code.

The organisers will control the pace of the Charity Walk.

5. REGISTRATION

5.1 ACCOUNT CREATION AND CONFIRMATION

Registration is available on the official event website, www.gaia-half-marathon.com, and is only confirmed once payment has been received. Payment may be made by MB WAY or credit or debit card, according to the options available on the platform at the time of registration.

Each participant aged 16 or over on race day must create their own account on the GlobalSport platform and complete the registration form with their personal details. Participants are responsible for the accuracy, truthfulness and authenticity of the information provided.

Participants aged 16 or over on race day may register for the Charity Walk or the Mini Marathon. Participants must have reached their 16th birthday by race day to enter the Mini Marathon. Half Marathon participants must have reached their 18th birthday by race day.

Participants under the age of 16 may only register for the Charity Walk. Registration must be made by a responsible adult, who must add them as dependants within their own registration and also take part in the walk.

Proof of registration can be viewed and downloaded from the registration details in the participant's personal area on the GlobalSport platform.

5.2 TEAMS

Participants may create their own team on the platform or join an existing team. To join a team created by someone else, they must request an invitation, accept it in their personal area and then link the team to their registration.

5.3 GROUP REGISTRATION

The group coordinator may combine registrations using the "Group registration" option and make a single payment. They may add team members or athletes without an account by entering the details requested by the platform.

Each athlete must authorise their registration through the link sent by email. Athletes without an account must create one and complete their profile; accepting the request also adds them to the selected team. Athletes may confirm or change their T-shirt size before authorising registration. The coordinator may only proceed to payment once the participants included in the group have authorised their registrations.

Payment must be completed within the reservation period shown on the platform. Unpaid registrations will be cancelled once that period expires.

5.4 TRANSFERS AND REFUNDS

Registration fees are non-refundable at any time. Participants may transfer their registration to another athlete through their personal area on the GlobalSport platform up to and including 28 February 2027. Transfers will not be possible after that date.

The athlete receiving the registration must first create an account on the GlobalSport platform in order to receive the transfer. Completion of the transfer is subject to a €5.00 fee, payable by the receiving athlete through the procedure provided on the platform.

The organisers accept no responsibility for participation by anyone who does not hold a valid registration in their own name.

5.5 CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

By registering, participants accept these rules and declare that they have no medical contraindications to athletics or to the physical effort required by the event.

The organisers reserve the right to allocate VIP race numbers to participants they invite.

The organisers may, at any time and without prior notice, suspend or extend deadlines and increase or limit the number of entries according to technical or operational requirements and capacity.

5.6 SUB-ELITE RACE NUMBERS

Athletes may request a Sub-Elite race number for the Half Marathon or the Mini Marathon by providing proof of a performance achieved over the relevant distance within the last three years, faster than the following times:

- Half Marathon: under 01:20:00;
- Mini Marathon: under 00:40:00.

To request a Sub-Elite race number, participants must select the Sub-Elite starting corral during registration. The platform will display the qualifying time and immediately request an upload of proof of performance. The organising team will review the application; allocation is subject to approval of the evidence and compliance with the stated requirements.

Applications may be submitted through the platform up to and including 28 February 2027. After that date, applications may only be made in person at the Race Office on 12 and 13 March 2027, with proof of performance, and remain subject to review and approval by the organisers. Race numbers allocated in the two weeks before the event are subject to the starting corral E rule set out in section 7.

5.7 DATA FOR INSURANCE AND RESULTS

The information used for the results is the information supplied at registration.

IMPORTANT: Participants expressly consent to their basic data being shared with the insurer responsible for the mandatory accident and public liability insurance, and to publication of the results of the different events. Under data protection rules, participants may subsequently exercise their rights of access, rectification, cancellation or objection by emailing GlobalSport at info@globalsport.pt.

6. ENTRY FEES

PERIOD	21K	MINI MARATHON	WALK
Opening price, until 30 November 2026	€25.00	€15.00	€10.00
Until 31 December 2026	€30.00	€25.00	€12.00
1 January to 10 March 2027	€35.00	€30.00	€15.00
Last-minute registration, at the Race Office on 12 and 13 March 2027, subject to race number availability	€50.00	€40.00	€20.00

NOTE: no new registrations will be accepted on race day.

All prices include Portuguese VAT at 23%.

6.1 INVOICING

To obtain an invoice with a tax identification number (NIF), participants must select “I want an invoice with a tax identification number” (“Quero fatura com NIF”) during registration and enter

their tax details. After payment, the invoice will be available to download from their account. If no tax details are provided, the invoice will be issued to “Final Consumer” (“Consumidor Final”).

Adding or changing a tax identification number after an invoice has been issued requires a credit note and a new invoice. An administrative fee of €5.00 applies, as stated on the platform.

*Partners accepting registrations at their premises may offer special entry prices.

**Participants aged 9 or under: €7.50.

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7. PARTICIPANT KIT

Approximately one week before the event, participants will receive a QR code by email, which must be presented at the Race Office to collect their kit and race number. The QR code or proof of registration may be presented in printed or digital form.

If a T-shirt size is not available on the platform, it is sold out. The size guide is available on the official event website. If the requested size is out of stock, an alternative size may be offered.

Kits will be available for collection at the Race Office on 12 and 13 March 2027, at a venue to be announced on the official event website. On race day, 14 March 2027, kits will also be available in the start area, during hours to be announced, exclusively to the registered participant in person, on presentation of the QR code or proof of registration showing the race number.

Participants unable to collect their kit or race number in person may provide their original proof of registration or QR code, in printed or digital form, to another person for collection on 12 or 13 March 2027.

All registered participants must write their full name, emergency telephone number and details of any medical condition requiring particular attention or any ongoing treatment on the back of their race number.

All race numbers allocated in the two weeks before the event will be issued without the participant’s name printed and will be assigned to starting corral E.

After the event, race numbers and participant kits will not be handed out or posted to athletes who did not take part. Any exceptional circumstances must be reported in advance through the website’s contact form.

8. AGE CATEGORIES

Half Marathon 21 km and Mini Marathon 10 km

Minimum ages, which must have been reached by race day, 14 March 2027: 18 for the Half Marathon and 16 for the Mini Marathon.

- F/M40 (aged 40 to 44);
- F/M45 (aged 45 to 49);
- F/M50 (aged 50 to 54);
- F/M55 (aged 55 to 59);
- F/M60 (aged over 60).

Age categories are determined by the participant's exact age on race day.

An age category requires at least three participants of the same sex on the start line. Participants in categories that do not meet this requirement will be placed in the immediately preceding age category.

Charity Walk – no competitive results.

9. REFRESHMENT STATIONS

Half Marathon:

Water: km 5, km 10, km 15 and the finish.

These stations may be changed according to weather conditions.

Mini Marathon:

Water at an intermediate point and at the finish.

Charity Walk:

At the finish.

10. ASSISTANCE

Medical teams and specialist ambulances will provide initial medical assistance at the event. If further treatment is required, it will be provided by the Portuguese National Health Service.

The organisers will arrange the sports insurance required by law, valid for all registered participants who are not federation members. Participants attending a National Health Service facility must inform the organisers as soon as possible so that the insurance can be activated. Failure to notify the organisers promptly may result in the claim being rejected. Any healthcare user charges are payable by the participant and may be reimbursed by the insurer if the claim meets the required conditions.

If insurance needs to be activated following a covered accident, any excess applicable to treatment costs under the policy is payable by the participant, in accordance with the terms and amount specified in that policy.

Public safety officers, identified volunteers and members of the organising team will manage participants and the movement of people and vehicles along the course. Participants must follow their instructions and cooperate with them.

Vehicles not associated with the organisers are not permitted on the course.

For participants' safety, participation using motorised vehicles, bicycles, skateboards, skates or other objects that pose a risk, or accompanied by animals, is not permitted. Event security will remove anyone taking part in these circumstances.

11. SERVICES

11.1 BAG DROP

The organisers will provide a bag drop at the start/finish, exclusively for Half Marathon and Mini Marathon participants. Participants must label their bags with their race number. Only closed, labelled bags will be accepted; loose clothing or other loose items will not be accepted. Participants must present their race number to collect their belongings at the finish.

Participants are advised not to leave valuables or fragile items in their bags. The organisers accept no responsibility for lost or damaged items.

11.2 SHOWERS

Showers will be available at a location and during hours to be confirmed on the official event website.

12. RESULTS

Half Marathon and Mini Marathon.

Results will be published at www.gaia-half-marathon.com and may be amended if discrepancies are identified.

Charity Walk: there will be no individual or team rankings.

13. TIMING

The races use an electronic timing chip contained in the race number. For the chip to be read, participants must wear their race number clearly visible on the front of their chest, in good condition, throughout the race. All Half Marathon and Mini Marathon participants must use the chip supplied to them, which is personal and non-transferable. The organisers accept no responsibility for missing results caused by incorrect chip placement. Participants will be disqualified if they use another athlete's chip, carry more than one chip or fail to record a time at an intermediate checkpoint.

14. PRIZES

All Half Marathon and Mini Marathon finishers will receive a finisher's medal.

Individual cash prizes, exclusively for the Half Marathon, will be awarded in the men's and women's overall standings and in the Masters M/F40, M/F45, M/F50, M/F55 and M/F60 categories. For age-category prizes to be awarded, at least 10 athletes of the same gender must finish in the category.

Trophies for the top three men and women overall in the Half Marathon and the Mini Marathon will be presented at the podium ceremony.

Half Marathon participants, regardless of their age category, may receive the prize corresponding to their place in the overall standings. Prizes are not cumulative; the prize with the higher value will be awarded.

Half Marathon prizes must be claimed within 30 days after the race. Participants must complete the form on the event page at www.gaia-half-marathon.com and submit the requested documents. The Portuguese self-employed receipt ("recibo verde") or one-off invoice ("ato isolado") must be issued to GSX Portugal Lda., tax identification number 514779012. Payment may be made within 30 days after all required documents have been received.

Cash prizes are subject to the applicable tax legislation.

15. RACE JURY

The race jury is the responsibility of the Regional Refereeing Council of the Porto Athletics Association.

16. INFRINGEMENTS

Penalties may be imposed on athletes who:

- Do not pass the start checkpoint;
- Do not complete the full course;
- Do not wear their race number clearly visible on their chest throughout the race;
- Falsify any registration information;
- Run with a race number that does not match the name on their registration;
- Run on pavements;
- Deliberately hinder other participants.

17. APPEALS

Any complaint or protest must be submitted in writing to the race jury, on site, within 30 minutes of the results becoming known, together with a €100 deposit. The deposit will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

18. ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

Participants may be required to undergo doping control in accordance with the rules of World Athletics and the Portuguese Anti-Doping Authority.

19. RULES, PERSONAL DATA AND LIABILITY

By confirming their registration, participants acknowledge and accept these rules, the data protection terms and the liability waiver and protection statement. In case of doubt, the organisers' decision will prevail.

Liability waiver and protection statement.

By registering, participants declare: "I am in excellent health to take part in the Gaia Half Marathon events. I release the organisers, sponsors and other participating institutions from all

liability for any accident or injury I may suffer before, during and/or after the sporting event, and waive any legal action against any of the above entities. During the competition, I will cooperate with the organisers as far as possible to prevent personal accidents.

I also authorise the organisers to use photographs, videos and any other audiovisual material in which I appear for promotional purposes. I consent to publication of my name in the race results, in the media and/or online, without expecting any payment, compensation or remuneration in return."

The organisers recommend that all participants undergo a medical assessment before the event. All participants accept the risks associated with sporting activity.

Each participant consents, free of charge and unconditionally, to the use of their personal data for marketing purposes and of their image captured in official filming and photographs taken during the events, including reproduction in media belonging to the organisers or third parties.

Participants' personal data will be stored in a file for which GSX Portugal Lda., located at Zona Industrial Polo 3, 72, 4590-007 Carvalhosa, Paços de Ferreira, is responsible. This file is intended to enable the management of personal data relating to participants registered for the races.

The data collected may be shared with third parties for marketing purposes. To exercise rights of access, objection or erasure, or to withdraw consent, participants must write to the address above or email info@globalsport.pt, providing proof of identity.

20. EVENT CANCELLATION OR POSTPONEMENT

The event may be cancelled due to factors beyond the organisers' control, including natural disasters, strikes, demonstrations, a pandemic, inability to use roads, inability to use telecommunications, government restrictions or new legislation. In such cases, the organisers reserve the right to issue a statement within 30 days of the scheduled event date, setting out the actions to be taken in light of the seriousness of the cancellation. No refunds will be given.

21. APPLICABLE RULES

Any matters not covered by these rules will be considered and resolved by the organisers, in consultation with the race jury, in accordance with the General Competition Regulations of the Portuguese Athletics Federation.