

OFFICIAL REGULATIONS

20th DOURO VINHATEIRO HALF MARATHON 2027

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL RACE IN THE WORLD · 20th ANNIVERSARY EDITION · 30 MAY 2027

English translation provided for information purposes. In the event of any discrepancy, the Portuguese version prevails (see 15.3).

1. ORGANISATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1.1 Organising Entity

The 20th Douro Vinhateiro Half Marathon is organised by **GlobalSport - GSX Portugal Lda.**, with registered office at Rua Delminda Pinto Ribeiro, n.º 17, 5050-346 Poiares – Peso da Régua, Portugal, tax number (NIPC) 514779012.

1.2 Venue

The event takes place in the Douro Vinhateiro wine region, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, covering the municipalities of Peso da Régua, Lamego and Armamar, with the start at the Bagaúste Dam and the finish on Avenida do Douro, in Peso da Régua.

1.3 Legal Framework

The event is duly licensed by the competent authorities and complies with all applicable legislation on sporting events, safety and data protection.

1.4 Anniversary Edition

The 2027 edition marks the 20th anniversary of the Douro Vinhateiro Half Marathon. The anniversary programme (activities, Expo, ceremonies and side events) is published on the official website and in the Athlete's Guide and does not alter the sporting rules set out herein.

2. RACES AND CATEGORIES

2.1 Available Races

2.1.1 Half Marathon (21.097 km)

- **Eligible participants:** Born in 2009 or earlier (minimum age 18 on race day)
- **Nature:** Competitive, with official timing
- **Time limit:** 3 hours
- **Certification:** Course certified by the Portuguese Athletics Federation (FPA)
- **Entry limit:** 8,000 participants. Registrations close when this limit is reached, even before the dates indicated in section 5

2.1.2 Walk (5 km)

- **Eligible participants:** All ages (under-16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult)
- **Nature:** Non-competitive, recreational and charitable
- **Mandatory:** Wearing the official event T-shirt
- **Timing:** Not applicable

2.1.3 Wheelchair Race (21.097 km)

- **Eligible participants:** Wheelchair athletes born in 2009 or earlier

- **Nature:** Competitive, with its own classification
- **Start:** Dedicated start immediately before the Half Marathon start, at the time indicated in the Athlete's Guide
- **Registration:** By prior contact with the organisation (info@globalsport.pt), for validation of technical and safety conditions

2.2 Age Groups (Half Marathon)

Age is calculated on the basis of the year of birth, with reference to the race date (30 May 2027):

Age group	Men	Women	Age
Seniors	M	F	18-39 years
Veterans I	M40	F40	40-44 years
Veterans II	M45	F45	45-49 years
Veterans III	M50	F50	50-54 years
Veterans IV	M55	F55	55-59 years
Veterans V	M60	F60	60+ years

Note: An age group is only constituted with a minimum of 3 participants of the same gender on the start line. Age groups not constituted are merged into the immediately preceding age group.

3. DATE, SCHEDULE AND DURATION

3.1 Date and Start Times

- **Date:** 30 May 2027 (Sunday)
- **Half Marathon start:** 09:00 (Bagaúste Dam)
- **Walk start:** 09:20
- **Event week:** 28, 29 and 30 May 2027 (race office, Expo and anniversary programme)

3.2 Time Limit

- **Half Marathon:** 3 hours maximum (course closes at 12:00)
- **Walk:** No specific time limit

3.3 Reopening to Traffic

After the last organisation vehicle has passed, participants still on the course may continue at their own sole risk and must strictly comply with the Highway Code.

3.4 Transport to the Start

Access to the Half Marathon start area is provided exclusively by the means of transport made available by the organisation (train and/or bus), at the times and boarding points communicated in the Athlete's Guide. Participants must comply with the boarding time assigned to them.

4. REGISTRATION

4.1 Registration Process

- **Official platform:** GlobalSport registration platform – <https://app.globalsport.pt/>
- **Participant account:** Registration requires the creation of a personal account on the GlobalSport platform, through which participants manage their registration, data and receipts
- **Confirmation:** Only after full payment, within the deadline indicated on the platform
- **Proof of registration:** Available in the participant's personal area on the GlobalSport platform
- **Exclusive channels:** Registrations are not accepted by e-mail, telephone or through other platforms. Group registrations and registrations through authorised partners are also processed on the GlobalSport platform

4.2 Responsibility for Data

Participants are fully responsible for the accuracy, truthfulness and authenticity of all data provided at registration. Incorrect data may result in disqualification. By completing the registration, the athlete freely and fully accepts the Race Regulations.

4.3 Payment Conditions

4.3.1 Payment Deadlines

Payment must be made within the deadlines indicated on the platform. Failure to do so results in automatic cancellation of the registration and release of the place. The applicable price is that of the phase in force at the moment the payment is completed.

4.3.2 Refund Policy

No refunds are made under any circumstances, except in the following situations:

- Cancellation of the event due to force majeure (see section 14)
- Payment after the deadline (subject to a €10 administration fee)

4.3.3 Service Fees

- **Change of registration data** (name, race, T-shirt size): €5 (until 30 March 2027). After this date, changes of race or T-shirt size are not accepted
- **New registration after cancellation:** €5
- **Refund processing** (where applicable): €5

4.4 Transfers and Assignments

It is expressly forbidden to give, transfer or sell bib numbers to third parties outside the mechanisms made available by the organisation on the GlobalSport platform. Breach of this rule results in:

- Immediate disqualification
- A ban on participation in future editions
- Annulment of any results obtained

- Exclusion of the organisation from any liability for accident or injury to the unregistered bearer

4.5 VIP Bibs

Participants may request a VIP bib (front-line start) until 1 May 2027, via info@globalsport.pt, upon proof of a time achieved in the last two years:

- **Men:** Under 1h15min
- **Women:** Under 1h20min

5. 2027 PRICE STRUCTURE

Registrations are organised in phases. Each phase ends on the date indicated **or** when the number of registrations set for that phase is reached, whichever occurs first. All prices include 23% VAT, the legal rate in force.

5.1 Half Marathon (21.097 km)

Phase	Period / Quota	Price
20th Anniversary Launch	First 24 hours	€32.50
Phase 1	Until 31 December 2026 (or up to 4,000 registrations)	€40.00
Phase 2	Until 31 March 2027 (or up to 6,500 registrations)	€50.00
Phase 3	Until 23 May 2027 (or until sold out)	€60.00
Last Minute	24 to 27 May 2027 (only if places remain)	€70.00
Race Office	28 and 29 May 2027 (only if places remain)	€75.00

5.2 Walk (5 km)

Phase	Period / Quota	Price
20th Anniversary Launch	First 24 hours	€12.50
Phase 1	Until 31 December 2026	€15.00
Phase 2	Until 23 May 2027	€17.50
Last Minute	24 to 27 May 2027	€20.00
Race Office	28 and 29 May 2027	€22.50

5.3 Special Conditions

- **Participants aged 9 and under:** €7.50 (Walk only, includes official T-shirt)
- **Charity Walk:** Walk registrations may be purchased through the partner charitable institutions, with 50% of the value of each registration going to the institution, under the terms of the event's charity protocol
- **Processing fees:** Any payment-method processing costs are displayed on the platform before the registration is completed
- **Authorised partners:** May offer special conditions, always processed on the GlobalSport platform

5.4 Invoicing

Invoicing details (name and tax number) must be provided at the time of registration on the GlobalSport platform. Requests to change invoicing details are only accepted within 3 days of payment, via info@globalsport.pt.

6. PARTICIPATION KIT

6.1 Kit Contents

- Bib number with integrated timing chip (21k)
- Official technical T-shirt of the 20th edition
- 20th Anniversary commemorative medal (21k, awarded at the finish to participants who complete the race)
- Gifts from event partners (subject to confirmation and availability)
- Event instructions and information

6.2 Kit Collection

- **Location:** Official race office – Museu do Douro, Peso da Régua (venue to be confirmed on the official website)
- **Dates:** 28 May (Friday) and 29 May 2027 (Saturday), at times to be published in the Athlete's Guide

- **Required documents:** Proof of registration (available in the personal area of the GlobalSport platform) and photo identification
- **Collection by third parties:** Permitted upon presentation of the participant's proof of registration and a copy of their identification document
- **On race day:** No kit collection on 30 May

6.3 Size Availability

The chosen T-shirt size is guaranteed for registrations completed by 30 March 2027. If the requested size is out of stock, an alternative available size will be offered.

6.4 Participant Obligations

It is **mandatory** to write on the back of the bib:

- Full name
- Emergency contact
- Relevant medical information (allergies, medication, special conditions)

7. TIMING AND CLASSIFICATIONS

7.1 Timing System

- **Technology:** RFID chip integrated in the bib
- **Mandatory placement:** Bib clearly visible on the front of the chest
- **Checkpoints:** Start, intermediate points and finish
- **Non-transferability:** Each chip is personal and non-transferable

7.2 Disqualifications

Participants will be disqualified if they:

- Use another athlete's chip
- Use multiple chips
- Fail to register at mandatory checkpoints
- Fail to keep the bib visible throughout the race

7.3 Publication of Results

- **Platforms:** <https://meiamaratonadouro.pt> and the participant's personal area at <https://app.globalsport.pt/>
- **Deadline:** Provisional results within 2 hours of the event
- **Changes:** Possible upon verification of irregularities

8. REFRESHMENTS AND SERVICES

8.1 Refreshment Stations (Half Marathon)

- **5 km:** Water
- **10 km:** Water and isotonic drink
- **15 km:** Water and isotonic drink
- **Finish:** Water, isotonic drink and fruit

8.2 Refreshment Stations (Walk)

- **Intermediate point:** Water
- **Finish:** Water and fruit

8.3 Weather Adaptations

Stations may be reinforced or relocated according to weather conditions.

8.4 Bag Drop

- **Location:** Start/finish area, as indicated in the Athlete's Guide
- **Mandatory identification:** Participant's bib number
- **Liability:** The organisation is not liable for valuables or fragile items

8.5 Showers

Available at a location and time to be announced on the official website.

9. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND SAFETY

9.1 Medical Cover

- **Medical teams:** Positioned along the course
- **Ambulances:** Specialised in sporting events
- **Continuity of care:** Referral to the National Health Service when necessary

9.2 Sports Insurance

- **Mandatory cover:** All non-federated participants
- **Activation:** Mandatory notification to the organisation in the event of a claim, within a maximum of 48 hours
- **Excesses and user fees:** Borne by the participant and may be reimbursed by the insurer if the claim meets the necessary requirements

9.3 Event Security

- **Security forces:** GNR (National Republican Guard) and local authorities
- **Private security:** Licensed and duly identified company
- **Identified volunteers:** Support and guidance for participants
- **Mandatory cooperation:** Participants must follow the instructions of the authorities and the organisation

9.4 Safety Restrictions

The following are expressly forbidden:

- Unauthorised vehicles on the course
- Participation in the Half Marathon with bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, scooters or pushchairs
- Being accompanied by animals
- Use of equipment that compromises safety

10. PRIZES AND AWARDS

10.1 Participation Medals

All Half Marathon participants who complete the course within the time limit receive the 20th edition commemorative medal.

10.2 Prize Money (Half Marathon)

10.2.1 Overall Classification

Prizes for the top ten finishers, men and women, according to the table published on the official website.

10.2.2 Age Groups

Prizes for the winners of each age group (M/F40, M/F45, M/F50, M/F55, M/F60), provided that at least 10 athletes of the same gender finish in that age group.

10.3 Trophies

Trophies for the top 3 finishers in the overall men's and women's classifications and in the Wheelchair Race, presented at the official ceremony.

10.4 Award Conditions

- **No accumulation:** Participants receive the prize of the highest value
- **Claim deadline:** 30 days after the event (mandatory completion of the form available on the official event website – www.meiamaratonadouro.pt)
- **Documentation:** Required for payment: self-employed receipt ("recibo verde") or one-off service receipt ("ato isolado")
- **Taxation:** Subject to the tax legislation in force
- **Attendance:** Trophies are only presented to those present at the official ceremony

11. OFFICIATING AND APPEALS

11.1 Race Jury

Responsibility of the Regional Officiating Council of the Vila Real Athletics Association (Associação de Atletismo de Vila Real).

11.2 Infringements and Sanctions

The following constitute infringements:

- Failing to register at the start checkpoint
- Failing to complete the full course
- Not wearing the bib visibly on the chest
- Falsifying registration data
- Using a third party's bib
- Running on pavements
- Intentionally hindering other participants
- Using headphones or devices that prevent hearing the organisation's instructions, where expressly prohibited by the authorities

11.3 Appeals and Complaints

- **Deadline:** 30 minutes after the results are made known

- **Form:** In writing to the race jury, at the venue
- **Deposit:** €100 (refunded if the appeal is upheld)
- **Location:** Official event race office

12. ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

Participants may be subject to anti-doping control in accordance with the regulations of the Portuguese Anti-Doping Authority (ADoP) and World Athletics.

13. DATA PROTECTION AND LIABILITY

13.1 Data Controller

GlobalSport - GSX Portugal Lda., Rua Delminda Pinto Ribeiro, n.º 17, 5050-346 Poiões – Peso da Régua. Data are collected and processed through the GlobalSport registration platform (app.globalsport.pt), operated by the organising entity.

13.2 Purposes of Processing

- Management of registrations and participation
- Compilation and publication of classifications
- Activation of mandatory insurance
- Event-related communication (operational information)
- Marketing and communication of GlobalSport events (subject to consent)

13.3 Participants' Rights

Rights of access, rectification, erasure, restriction, portability and objection, exercised through the personal area of the GlobalSport platform or via info@globalsport.pt.

13.4 Disclosure to Third Parties

Data may be disclosed to:

- Insurance companies (mandatory)
- The timing company, for classification purposes (mandatory)
- Marketing partners (only with express consent)
- Competent authorities (where legally required)

13.5 Declaration of Responsibility

By registering, the participant declares that they:

- Are in an adequate physical condition
- Release the organisation from liability for accidents
- Authorise the use of their image and data for promotional purposes
- Fully accept these regulations

ON COMPLETING THE REGISTRATION, THE PARTICIPANT DECLARES:

"I am in excellent health to take part in the Douro Vinhateiro Half Marathon 2027. I release the organisation, 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 hereby waive any legal action against any of the entities mentioned. During the competition I will cooperate as far as possible with the Organisation to prevent personal accidents. I further authorise the Organisation to make advertising use of photographs, videos and any other audiovisual material in which I

may appear, and accept the publication of my name in the race classification, in the media and/or on the internet, without expecting any payment, compensation or remuneration for this purpose."

13.6 Medical Recommendations

The organisation strongly recommends a prior medical assessment, particularly for participants over 35 or with a history of cardiovascular problems.

14. CANCELLATION AND FORCE MAJEURE

14.1 Grounds for Cancellation

The event may be cancelled, postponed or have its course altered due to:

- Natural disasters or extreme weather conditions
- Government or public health restrictions
- Impossibility of using the roads
- Strikes or demonstrations
- Other force majeure situations

14.2 Procedures

In the event of cancellation, the organisation will issue a decision within 30 days on the measures to be adopted, which may include:

- Rescheduling of the event
- Partial or full refund
- Transfer of the registration to the following edition

Changes to the course or schedule for safety reasons, decided by the organisation or the authorities, do not give rise to any right to a refund.

15. FINAL PROVISIONS

15.1 Matters Not Covered

Situations not provided for in these regulations will be resolved in accordance with:

1. The General Competition Regulations of the Portuguese Athletics Federation
2. The World Athletics Rules
3. The decision of the organisation

15.2 Amendments to the Regulations

The organisation reserves the right to amend these regulations for safety, technical or legal reasons, with prior notice to participants through the official website and the GlobalSport platform.

15.3 Official Language

These regulations are written in Portuguese. In the event of translation, the Portuguese version always prevails.

15.4 Jurisdiction

The Court of the Judicial District of Vila Real (Tribunal da Comarca de Vila Real) has jurisdiction to settle any disputes.

16. OFFICIAL CONTACTS

Organisation: GlobalSport - GSX Portugal Lda.

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Registration: <https://app.globalsport.pt/>

These regulations enter into force on the date of their publication and remain valid until the event takes place.

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