

## **PADOVA HALF MARATHON**

### ***Abano Terme - Padua, April 18<sup>th</sup> 2027***

#### **OFFICIAL RULEBOOK**

**Assindustria Sport**, amateur sports club has received approval from the National Italian Track and Field Federation (FIDAL) to organize the **18<sup>th</sup> edition** of the Padova Half Marathon, international road race on the distance of **21,097 km measured and certified AIMS/World Athletics**. The race will be held on **Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2027** with departure at **9.45 am from Abano Terme** and arrival in Prato della Valle (Padova).

#### **PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS**

The race is open to all participants **from 18 years old** who hold one of the following participation requirements:

- A) Italian and foreign athletes **who hold a membership card from FIDAL (Italian Track and Field Federation) or from a foreign Federation affiliated with World Athletics** and holding authorization to compete abroad. These athletes must provide a copy of their membership card or the specific **self-declaration form of membership** that can be downloaded from the website [www.padovamarathon.com](http://www.padovamarathon.com).
- B) Italian and foreign athletes who have reached **20 years of age** by the year 2027 and don't hold a membership card from FIDAL or from World Athletics but **hold a RUNCARD** (issued at the age of 20), which allows athletes to participate at running events in Italy for one year and can be purchased online from the website [www.runcard.com](http://www.runcard.com). These athletes must provide also a **health certificate** valid on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2027 or the equivalent **Health Form** (downloadable from [www.padovamarathon.com](http://www.padovamarathon.com)) attesting to the fact that their physical conditions are such to allow performance at competitive levels in athletics issued and signed by a sports medicine specialist or by a centre for sports medicine as required by the Italian law.
- C) **Athletes affiliated FISPES/FSSI** in the following categories recognised by the Federations: Blind and Partially Sighted (T11, T12, T13), Amputated (T44 e T46), Brain-damaged (T37 e T38), Intellectual-relational (T20), Deaf. Blind athletes are required to personally provide their guide and Wheelchairs to wear helmets.

#### **NON-COMPETITIVE RACE ONLY FOR FOREIGN ATHLETES RESIDING ABROAD - PARTICIPATION WITH TOURIST-SPORTS PURPOSES**

- D) According to the Art. 26 paragraph 4, 4.1 and 4.2 of the Rules for the Organization of Events issued by FIDAL, **foreign citizens residing abroad from 18 years old** not registered for a Club affiliated to FIDAL or World Athletics can participate with **tourist-sports purpose**, by signing the appropriate **Responsibility Waiver Form** that they will find during the online registration process. **Warning:** By choosing this option, athletes will be placed in an alphabetical order of arrival, different from the agonistic competition rankings and they will not be able to receive any prizes.

All participants must waive Assindustria Sport - Padova Marathon of any responsibility regarding the suitability of their physical condition to compete in the race and they must declare that they have trained adequately for the marathon.

#### **ENTRY FEES AND PROCEDURES**

Entry fees are fixed as follows:

- **€ 32,00** from 01/07/2026 to 30/09/2026
- **€ 36,00** from 01/10/2026 to 20/12/2026
- **€ 44,00** from 21/12/2026 to 19/02/2027
- **€ 50,00** from 20/02/2027 to 04/04/2027
- **€ 60,00** at the Expo - **subject to bib numbers availability**

**Please note:** Registrations will be closed upon reaching 5000 participants.

#### **SPECIAL OFFERS**

##### **WOMAN:**

- **€ 32,00** from 01/07/2026 to 30/09/2026
- **€ 36,00** from 01/10/2026 to 20/12/2026
- **€ 44,00** from 21/12/2026 to 04/04/2027

##### **PARALYMPIC ATHLETES:**

- **€ 25,00** from 01/07/2026 to 04/04/2027

- € 30,00 at the Expo - **subject to bib numbers availability**

**SPORTS CLUB:** register **10 participants** from the same sport club for the Half Marathon and **get the 11<sup>th</sup> free**. Offer valid until 04/04/2027. The 10 registrations must be sent **AT THE SAME TIME** and complete with all the details.

Registrations can be processed as follows:

- **Online:** fill in the online registration form available on the website [www.padovamarathon.com](http://www.padovamarathon.com) and pay by credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Eurocard and Paypal are accepted) or bank draft.
- **By e-mail:** send the registration form and copy of the payment by bank draft (IBAN: IT 95 Z 02008 12100 000104650252 - Account holder: Assindustria Sport SSDARL - BIC SWIFT CODE: UNCRITM1920 - payment description: Padova Marathon registration + name/s and surname/s) at the address [iscrizioni@padovamarathon.com](mailto:iscrizioni@padovamarathon.com).
- **Personally** at Assindustria Sport Office at Stadio Daciano Colbachini, Piazzale Azzurri d'Italia - 35134 Padova.

During the registration process, all non-card holders will be obliged to provide **a copy of a medical certificate** (attesting to the fact that the athlete's physical conditions are such as to allow performance at competitive levels) or the equivalent health form issued and signed by a sports medicine specialist or by a centre for sports medicine. This certificate must be valid on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2027. Athletes who register by e-mail must provide copy of the health certificate to the address [iscrizioni@padovamarathon.com](mailto:iscrizioni@padovamarathon.com) before 04/04/2027.

#### REFUND OF ENTRY FEE

**Entry fees are in no case refundable**, anyway the athlete unable to take part in the event can:

- Transfer the registration fee to Padova Marathon 2028 by previously informing the organizers by e-mail to [iscrizioni@padovamarathon.com](mailto:iscrizioni@padovamarathon.com) by 04/04/2027. The confirmation of the participation to the Padova Marathon 2028 undergoes the payment of **€ 10,00 for secretarial rights**.
- Transfer the registration to another runner by previously informing the organizers by e-mail to [iscrizioni@padovamarathon.com](mailto:iscrizioni@padovamarathon.com) by 04/04/2027. In case of "name change" it will be asked to **pay extra € 10,00 for secretarial rights**.

**WARNING!** Marathon and Half Marathon are two different races, with different bib numbers and chips. The possibility to change race depends on the availability of bibs and undergoes the payment of € 10,00. In case of race change from Half Marathon to Marathon the athlete will also be asked to integrate the registration fee: the difference will be calculated with respect to the fee valid at the moment of the transfer.  
**Transfer of race on the marathon morning ARE NOT POSSIBLE.**

#### SERVICES INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY FEE

- Bib number
- Official t-shirt
- Insurance and medical assistance during the race
- Refreshment and sponging along the racecourse
- Goody bag
- Transport of personal clothing from the start area to the finish area
- Pre-race and post-race shuttle buses
- Official medal
- Marathon diploma

#### BIB NUMBER DISTRIBUTION

Bib numbers will be distributed automatically based on the best personal time achieved in the last 2 years, declared by the participants and on the registration date.

The Organization cannot satisfy requests for a specific number, nor can change numbers that have already been assigned, even in cases where the athlete has inadvertently failed to specify his/her personal best.

| BIB NUMBERS  | BEST TIME                                       |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 5001 - 5100  | Top runners and runners under 1 h 15'           |
| 5101 – 5500  | Athletes with times between 1 h 15' and 1 h 30' |
| 5501 - 7000  | Athletes with times between 1 h 30' and 1 h 45' |
| From 7000 on | Athletes with times from 1 h 45' on             |

### BIB AND GOODY BAG PICK UP

The bib number is strictly personal and cannot be given to others or exchanged. It must be pinned to the chest with four safety pins so that it is completely visible; it should not be folded and must be preserved in good condition.

Inside the technical envelope containing the bib, each participant will also find a voucher for the goody bag pick up.

Athletes will be able to pick up their bib and goody bag at the **Expo Village in the Fair of Padova** (Via Niccolò Tommaseo, 59) on the following days:

- **Thursday April 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm**
- **Friday April 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm**
- **Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm**

**ATTENTION!** BIBS WILL NOT BE DELIVERED ON THE RACE DAY.

**To collect the bib-number it will be necessary to show an identity document.**

### PARKING

Together with the bib number, all the athletes will receive a **parking pass** which will allow them to leave their cars in the following parking areas:

- **In Abano Terme:** (coming from North): reserved parking in front of Gelateria delle Terme/ Ritz Hotel and parking along Via Monte Ricco and R. Agazzi square (until 8:30 am)
- **In Abano Terme:** parking of Monteortone Stadium (until 8:00 am)
- **In Padova:** APS parking on Via Guizza (South terminal of the Tram) – starting point for free shuttles to Abano Terme.

Please make sure to get to the departing area at Abano Terme **no later than 8:30 am** and make sure that the parking pass is clearly visible and placed on the dashboard inside the car.

**The organizers refuse all responsibility for the objects left unattended inside the cars.**

### TRANSPORT SERVICES TO THE START LINE

Before the half marathon there will be a free shuttle service to the start line in Abano Terme.

The shuttles will leave from:

- **Padova Railway Station** (lane C in front of the railway station main entrance) **from 7:30 am to 8:00 am;**
- **Park Guizza at Via Guizza** (tram terminal – direction south) - **from 7:45 am to 8:15 am** - this parking is recommended;
- **Euganeo Stadium from 7:30 am to 8:00 am;**
- **For the relatives** who will accompany athletes at Abano Terme there will be a **free shuttle service** to Prato della Valle **at 10:00 am** (departing from Gelateria delle Terme/ Ritz Hotel).

All the athletes are strongly recommended to use the free shuttle bus service to reach Abano Terme in order to avoid excess traffic in the centre of the small town where the race starts.

### BAGS FOR PERSONAL BELONGINGS

At the start line, athletes can give the bag containing their personal belongings to the appropriate courier **by 9:00 am** by previously attaching the **identification sticker with the bib number**, which they will find inside the envelope containing the bib. The athletes will be able to pick up their bags from the courier trucks after the race in Prato Della Valle.

**Athletes are strongly recommended not to put in their personal bag objects of value and to only insert extremely necessary garments. Heavy and huge bags (such as trolleys and luggage) won't be accepted.**

**Personal bags will be handed out only if athletes will exhibit their bib number.**

### TRANSPORTATION AFTER THE RACE

After the marathon, athletes will be able to use the following free transport services:

- from Prato della Valle **to the Euganeo Stadium (with in-between stop in Padova Railway Station):** from 12:00 am to 4:30 am, departures every 30 minutes from Via Manzoni (500 m after the finish line);
- from Prato della Valle **to Abano Terme (with in-between stop at the park Guizza):** from 12:00 am to 4:00 pm, departures every 30 minutes from Via Manzoni (500 m after the finish line).

### THE START

The start of the half marathon is set for **9:45 am**. Slight variations in the starting time may be caused by the live television broadcast of the event.

To guarantee a smooth start, all runners are requested to arrive at the start line in Abano Terme no later than 8.45 am.

### RACE COURSE

The race starts in Via Santuario (Abano Terme). It then continues along Via Monteortone, SS250, Via dei Colli Euganei, Via G. Busi to the left, Via Previtali to the right and continues towards the town of Montegrotto Terme along Corso delle Terme, Via Roma, Viale Stazione, Via Manzoni, Via Neroniana, Via Marzia to the left. It turns right into Via Roma and continues along Via Romana and Via Roveri. At this point, near the km 10, there is the connection with the marathon route and continues towards Via Roveri, Via S. Maria d'Abano, Via Latisana and Via Romana Aponense. It enters the Municipality of Padova and continues along Via Romana Aponense, La Mandria, Via Armistizio, Ponte Isonzo, Via Isonzo, Via Goito, Piazzale Sacra Famiglia, Via Cernaia, Piazzale San Giovanni, Via Euganea, Ponte San Giovanni delle Navi, Via Vescovado, Via Vandelli, Piazza Duomo, Granguardia, Piazza dei Signori, Piazza della Frutta, Via Oberdan, Via VIII Febbraio, Via San Francesco, Via del Santo, Piazza del Santo, Via Luca Belludi and arrives at the finish line in Prato della Valle.

### PROHIBITIONS

The race course will be completely closed to traffic. All side streets and all crossroads will be supervised by the local police who will prevent all other types of vehicles (bicycles, mopeds and motorcycles included) from travelling along the racecourse. Vehicles that are authorised to travel along the course will be issued a special pass by the Organization.

### TIMING

The timing and the ranking of the race will be processed by EvoData with the MyLaps Bibtag system, based on a disposable bib chip. The chip is glued on the back of the bib number and should not be returned after the race.

### TIME LIMITS

The race course will be closed to traffic for a maximum of **2:30 hours**. Athletes who finish the race after this time limit will not be ranked.

### PACERS

Padova Marathon will provide pacers, that are athletes who will run at a constant pace to reach the finish line at a pre-established time: **1h25' - 1h30' - 1h35' - 1h40' - 1h45' - 1h50' - 1h55' - 2h00' - 2h10'**.

At the start in Abano Terme the pacers will be inside the various start corrals and can be recognized by the word "pacer" on their t-shirt or by balloons of various colours.

### REFRESHMENTS AND SPONGING

In accordance with the World Athletics/FIDAL rulebook, there will be refreshment stations every 5 km along the course and at the finish line, where athletes will find water, tea, sugar and solid food. One sponging station will also be available along the racecourse approx. at the km 17.5.

### WITHDRAWAL FROM THE RACE

Athletes who decide to quit the race should use the refreshment stations and sponging stations as meeting points. From there they will be taken to the finish line area in Prato della Valle, where they will be able to collect their personal bag.

### MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Along the half marathon race course there are **two hospitals** (in Abano Terme and Padua). Medical assistance will be guaranteed along the entire length of the race course with medical assistance means, including two medical motorcycles. But we realise that every marathon runner knows his/her own limits and how to gauge his/her own strength in order to reach the finish line.

Next to the Sanitary Service tent after the finish line, there will be a tent for information on marathon runners who have been aided along the race course.

### FINISH

The finish line is located in Prato della Valle, Padua.

### PRIZE MONEY LIST

After the race the first 3 men and women will be prized on the main stage in Prato della Valle.

**Athletes with Runcard or Sport promotion affiliation card cannot be included in the money prize.**

Money prizes will be paid by bank transfer within 90 days. The Organization will send to the winners a form to be filled in with personal details, tax code and bank details.

### HALF MARATHON DIPLOMA

Each participant will be able to download the half marathon diploma from the website [www.padovamarathon.com](http://www.padovamarathon.com) clicking on the button RESULTS.

### MORE INFORMATION

For further information about the Half marathon 2025 please contact the organizing staff at the following address:

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E-mail: [info@padovamarathon.com](mailto:info@padovamarathon.com)

The offices are open from Monday to Friday from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm and from 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm.

### INFORMATION AND CONSENT - Art. 13 EU REGULATION 679/2016

Regarding the processing of personal data, please refer to the specific information available for download from the website [www.padovamarathon.com](http://www.padovamarathon.com).

### SOME PRACTICAL TIPS

- We recommend the use of comfortable running shoes that have been broken in and tested on long distances. The use of new shoes should be avoided until they have taken the shape of the arch of your foot.
- Protect the parts of your body that may become irritated due to the repeated friction caused by running (armpits, groin, inner thighs, breasts).
- Use large amounts of moisturising cream (preferably petroleum jelly, i.e. Vaseline) to moisturise these parts of the body.
- For participants who will be staying at a hotel, we recommend that you remind the hotel staff of any special needs that you may have on the day of the race: an early breakfast, the possibility of leaving your baggage in their care until the end of the race, the possibility of taking a shower afterwards, etc.

### NOTICE

The Padova Marathon Organization reserves the right to modify this rulebook as needed to guarantee a better Organization of the race. All changes to services, venues and timetables will be communicated to registered athletes or will be posted on the website [www.padovamarathon.com](http://www.padovamarathon.com)