



RACE DIRECTOR'S NOTE FOR THE PUBLIC

Kigali International Peace Marathon – June 8th, 2025

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. Through this marathon, the city of Kigali and the entire nation shine brightly in the international sports community, showcasing the spirit of resilience and togetherness.

2. Race Details

Mark your calendars for **June 8th, 2025**, as the marathon begins at **BK Arena**. (**Kigali's BK Arena** stands as a testament to the city's vibrant spirit and architectural prowess. Its sleek design and modern amenities offer a captivating experience for visitors and locals alike, while the surrounding city's lush greenery and serene atmosphere create a harmonious blend of urban sophistication and natural beauty)

The event will feature three exciting categories:

- **Full Marathon** Men and Women (42.195 km)
- **Half Marathon** Men and Women (21.0975 km)
- **10K Run for Peace Men and Women**

All races will start and finish at BK Arena, with the routes offering breathtaking views of Kigali's vibrant urban landscape.

3. Registration Information

Participants can register online at www.kigalimarathon.org, with registration opening in **November 2024**.

- The registration deadline is **June 5th, 2025**.
- Early registration before **February 20th, 2025**, will receive a **30% discount** on fees. Don't miss this opportunity to secure your spot early and save!

4. Course Features and Challenges

The Kigali International Peace Marathon offers a unique challenge with its **hilly terrain**, blending Rwanda's scenic beauty with an urban setting. Runners will

enjoy clean roads with green surroundings, offering a memorable experience with no obstacles to hinder their progress.

To ensure participant safety, **medical teams** and **ambulances** will be stationed along the course, ready to respond to any emergencies.

5. Prizes and Awards

Winners in each race category will be awarded, with prize money details to be announced in **early December 2024**. Every participant will receive a commemorative medal:

- **Gold medals** for Full Marathon finishers.
- **Silver medals** for all other participants.

In addition, participants will have access to a **certificate of participation indicating their names and performances** on the event's website using their bib numbers as a login code.

6. Participant Benefits

All participants will receive medals as mentioned above. Race-day refreshments and post-race celebrations will be provided to enhance the overall experience, ensuring runners are well cared for. Music from different cultures is placed along the course so as you run, you are also entertained.

7. Logistics and Support

For the convenience of participants:

- **Invited elite and World class athletes** will be provided with free accommodation and local transportation by the organizers.
- Other participants are responsible for arranging their stay in Kigali.

- Along the course, there will be **seven water stations** and **ten aid stations**, ensuring proper hydration and support for all runners.

8. Community Involvement

The marathon is deeply rooted in community involvement, benefiting local businesses, charities, and organizations. The event generates economic and social opportunities, reinforcing Rwanda's commitment to supporting local communities through sports.

9. Safety and Security

Ensuring the safety and security of all participants is our top priority. The marathon will be fully supported by security personnel and emergency services, guaranteeing a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

10. Call to Action

We encourage all individuals, families, and groups to join us for the Kigali International Peace Marathon and participate in this remarkable event. Together, let's run for peace and unity.

For more information or inquiries, please contact the Race Director at **+250 782 219 189**.

We look forward to welcoming you to Kigali and witnessing your extraordinary performances! Remember, Marathon running is not just a physical challenge, it's a mental journey of endurance, determination, and pushing the limits of what you thought was possible.

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