



## **VCM Competition Rules for Elite Athletes**

### Preamble

These competition rules of the Vienna City Marathon are relevant to invited international top athletes as well as to all invited and participating squad athletes.

All the underlying competition rules are drawn up in cooperation with the Austrian Athletic Association (ÖLV) and the organisation of the Vienna City Marathon (VCM) in relation to the valid international conditions and regulations of international athletic and marathon events.

### Paragraph 1

The athletes are aware that they represent the VCM as well as the national and international marathon sport by the means of their participation at the hand of all their performances, actions, comments and interviews as well as their entire optical appearance.

The athletes declare that they are optimally prepared, physically in excellent condition, that there are no physical injuries reducing their muscular effort and that they are not suffering from any medical disease.

### Paragraph 2

Furthermore the athletes declare that they do or have not knowingly ingested forbidden substances under the terms of the international anti-doping regulations and will not do so now and at any point in the future.

Each athlete declares that he/she is participating in the VCM and will try to cover the distance as quickly as possible. Running times from more than 10 minutes slower than the athlete's personal best are considered as given up.

During the VCM the athletes have to represent their sporting performance and the sponsors of the organizer. The athletes are aware that the VCM is primarily made possible due to sponsoring. They also know that the entry fee, prize money and bonus payments are paid out of the budget of the sponsors. The athletes consider the sponsors of the organizer in the same regard as their personal sponsors.

Invited international top athletes and invited ÖLV athletes must not attend another national or international marathon within 6 weeks before and after Vienna City Marathon without the agreement of the organizer of the VCM.

Invited international top athletes and invited ÖLV Athletes who drop out of the race are not allowed to start at another national or international marathon within the 4 weeks following the VCM without agreement of the organizer of the VCM.

Failure to comply with the rules may eventuate in disqualifying the international or national athletes by the organizer as well as by the jury of the marathon. The agreed cash benefit may also be ceased.

### Paragraph 3

The weeks, days and hours before the race are conducted with the assistance of the organizer of the VCM regarding the presentation of the athletes and their personal sponsors as well as the press coverage of the event.

### Paragraph 4

The advertising regulations are an important part of the contractual relationship between the international and national athletes and the organisation of the VCM. They act as an indicator for the protection of the exclusive rights and the promotional pictures of the main sponsors of the VCM in an attractive promotional surrounding.

The organiser's major advertising space to be affixed on the runners are three starting number cards. One card has to be fixed to the front and one to the back of the bib by using four safety pins for each card. The third card has to be fixed to the back of the track suit. It is forbidden to fix these starting number cards by using rubber bands.

Each athlete has to ensure that the starting number cards including the numbers and the sponsors of the VCM are fully visible at all times. It is forbidden to cut, bent, perforate or modify these advertisements in any way. The starters are also not allowed to stick any different logos over these advertisements.

Women in particular have to pay attention to wearing tops (outerwear) that will not cause any problems when fixing these advertisements as required.

### Paragraph 5

The athletes may only fix at most 3 logos to the competition dress, for example: 1 club-logo (40 cm<sup>2</sup>, max. 4 cm in height) or 1 club-sponsor logo (40 cm<sup>2</sup>, max 4 cm in height) and 1 private sponsor logo (40 cm<sup>2</sup>, max. 4 cm in height) and 1 supplier logo (40 cm<sup>2</sup>, max. 4 cm in height). The firms of these logos must not be competitors of the main sponsors of the VCM.

At the back there may only be fixed the name of the club of each athlete (max. 4 cm in height) including the club logo (max 4 cm in height). It is not permitted to fix any logo on the competition shorts.

The competition outfits have to be accredited during the competition meeting a day before the race. Time and place yet to be announced.

It is not permitted to fix any kind of advertising to the headband or headgear.

Other kinds of advertisement:

Any other athlete-initiated kind of advertising fixed to any athlete is forbidden. Body paintings, tattoos and shaved hair being used as promotional illustration are also not permitted.

### Paragraph 6

Each athlete may only be accompanied by any kind of companion (observer) if the organizer authorises this in the meeting. Any kind of advertising other than that of the sponsors of the VCM is forbidden.

Personal pacers have to be reported to the organizer and have to accept the same rules being taken by all participants as a fixed constant in this contract.

The argument of not knowing the pacemaker does not apply.

## Paragraph 7

Before, during and after the race drinks may only be consumed out of the bins being provided by the organisation of the VCM. By request these bins are provided for each athlete by the organisation.

## Paragraph 8

Invited top international and national athletes from the ÖLV have to keep themselves prepared for interviews during the week before the race and on the day of the race. On the day of the race and at all official media coverage reports the athletes can be interviewed and have to pose for photographs if requested to do so. They must also represent the private sponsors and the sponsors of the organizer.

In the finish area of the VCM interviews can only be held standing in front of the back board of the main sponsors of the organizer. During the interview the athlete is only allowed to hold bottles in their hands provided by the organizer (children, flowers etc. obscure the sponsors of the athletes, the sponsors on the starting number and the backboard of the main sponsors).

At an award ceremony each athlete is obliged to appear in training outfits with the official starting number card fixed to it. The athletes are allowed to wear a headdress or a headband with the logo of their private sponsor during the award ceremony. The private sponsors are not allowed to compete with the main sponsors of the VCM.

## Paragraph 9

For invited international top athletes and ÖLV squad athletes the Covid 19 and hygiene regulations of the organiser apply.

## Paragraph 10

Starting fees, prize money and premium payments will only be paid if all the athletes who take part at the Vienna City Marathon accept all the rules of the Vienna City Marathon with their signature. Any violation of one or more of these rules can lead to disqualification.



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The athlete confirms and acknowledges receipt of the actual competition rules of the Vienna City Marathon by his/her signature.

### **Declaration of approval in case of necessary medical indication**

If the application of medication mentioned on the doping list should be urgently required because of an emergency during or after the Vienna City Marathon, the athlete agrees, that the issue may be passed on to the Medical & Anti-Doping Department of the IAAF (International Association of Athletics Federations) following the event together with a corresponding report. This approach might prove helpful already in advance regarding eventual negative consequences arising out of the necessary application of this medication.

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