



## **Competition Rules for Elite Athletes Vienna City Marathon (VCM)**

### Preamble

The international elite and ÖLV cadre athletes are aware that they represent the national and international sport of running through their participation in the VCM with their performances, actions, statements and interviews, as well as their overall visual appearance.

### Paragraph 1

international elite and ÖLV cadre 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.

international elite and ÖLV cadre 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 international elite and ÖLV cadre 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.

international elite and ÖLV cadre athletes declare 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 international elite and ÖLV cadre 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 elite and ÖLV cadre 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 elite and ÖLV cadre athletes who drop out of the race are not allowed to start at another national or international VCM 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, with the support of the organiser, serve to present international elite and ÖLV cadre athletes and their personal sponsors as well as the media marketing of the event (press conference, interviews before the start with TV, media, internet, other).

On race day and at all official media appointments, the aim is to fulfil the wishes of the media and to present the athletes' sponsors and the organiser's sponsors. Invited international elite and ÖLV athletes have to be ready for interviews and press appointments upon request of the organiser.

The winner of the elite race undertakes to attend a possible appointment with the Federal President of the Republic of Austria on the Monday after the race.

### Paragraph 4

The advertising regulations are an important part of the contractual relationship between the international elite or ÖLV cadre 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.

international elite and ÖLV cadre athletes have 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

1 club logo, 1 private sponsor logo, which is not in competition with the main sponsors of the VCM, as well as 1 supplier logo may be attached to the competition dress of international elite and ÖLV cadre athletes. The size of the respective logos may not exceed 40 cm<sup>2</sup> and a height of 4 cm. The competition kit must be approved at the competition meeting the day before the race.

Any other advertising on the international elite and ÖLV cadre athletes initiated by him/her or related to the athlete, is prohibited. This also applies to body paint, tattoos, jewellery, hair shaving and any other form of advertising.

The World Athletics [Book of Rules](#) shall also apply. Special attention will be paid to C2.1A "Athletics Shoe Regulations". international elite and ÖLV cadre athletes are obliged to run with footwear that conforms to the rules. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

### Paragraph 6

international elite and ÖLV cadre athletes may only be accompanied by the organiser's cycling guides (observers) or those approved by the organiser.

Personal pace setters are subject to the same rules as the athlete. The athletes' argument that they do not know the pace setters does not apply.

### Paragraph 7

On race day, drinks may only be consumed directly before and after the race from the containers provided by the organiser. This of course also includes the entire duration of the race. These containers will be provided by the organiser.

### Paragraph 8

Official VCM interviews may only be conducted in front of the organiser's sponsor back wall. international elite and ÖLV cadre athletes may hold a maximum of one drinks bottle of the organiser in his hands.

(Children, flowers etc. cover the athletes' sponsors, the sponsors on the start number and the sponsor back wall).

The athlete has the possibility to present his sponsors on his training clothes, on a headgear or on a headband.

Each athlete is obliged to appear at a possible award ceremony in training clothing and his/her start number card. Headgear or headband with head sponsor is permitted.

Accompanying persons, family members etc. are only allowed inside the event area with special permission and accreditation from the organiser.

### Paragraph 9

For international elite and ÖLV cadre athletes the Covid 19 and hygiene requirements of the organiser apply. International elite and ÖLV cadre athletes must be vaccinated to participate in the VCM 2022.

### Paragraph 10

Starting fees, prize money and premium payments will only be paid if international elite and ÖLV cadre athletes 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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Race Director

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

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 Athletics Integrity Unit 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.

Name & Bib Number: .....

Date/Signature: .....