

Frequently Asked Questions



What is the event date? Sunday 15 October 2017.

What time of day will it start? The provisional start time of the marathon is 09.30; the half marathon event is scheduled to start at 13:30.

When do entries open? General entries are now open.

When do entries close? Entries will close approximately 4 months before the event or earlier if the entry limit is reached.

What is the entry limit? The provisional entry limit is 10,000.

What is the entry fee? £55 including VAT. If you enter the Great Birmingham 10k, which will be staged on Sunday 30 April, you will receive a £10 discount on the combined cost of entries. This will be deducted when you enter the second event.

What is the course? The proposed marathon start is at Alexander Stadium and will finish in Birmingham city centre. To view the course and elevation map visit: greatrun.org/birmingham-international-marathon

Will there be left baggage facilities? A baggage bus system will relocate from Alexander stadium to the finish area.

What is the minimum age to take part? 18 on day of event (17 for the half marathon).

Will there be drinks stations on the route? Yes, there will be numerous water and isotonic drinks stations.

Will there be entertainment on the route? Yes, the route will celebrate the cultural diversity of the city with bands playing along the route in numerous locations.

Will there be elite runners? Yes there will be an elite field but we welcome participants of all abilities.

Will it be chip timed? Yes it will. From gun to tape with several other timing points.

Can you switch to the half marathon if you don't feel able to do the marathon? Yes there will be a transfer facility in place. The Great Birmingham Run half marathon will take place later on the same day.

Will there be kids events? Yes – Junior and mini runs at Alexander Stadium on the day of the marathon.

Is there a Business Challenge? No, we will not have one for the marathon, but there will be one for the half marathon distance.

Is there a Club Challenge? Yes there will be. Further details to follow.

What will finishers receive? All finishers will receive a technical t-shirt, medal and finishers pack.

Plus of course the feeling of elation of having completed the Birmingham International Marathon!