

# 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 are expected to close by the end of June.

**What is the entry limit?** There will be 9,000 general entries available.

**What is the entry fee?** £55 including VAT. If you enter the Great Birmingham 10k, which was 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](http://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 and a prize fund 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 Simplyhealth 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 Saturday 14th October, [find out more >](#)

**Is there a Business Challenge?** No, we will not have one for the marathon, but there will be one for the half marathon distance, [find out more >](#)

**Is there a Club Challenge?** Yes there will be.

**What will finishers receive?** All finishers will receive a technical t-shirt, medal and finisher's pack.

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