



Runners Guide

2026

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BIRJU SANGHRAJKA

Chief Executive Officer Standard Chartered Kenya

For over two decades, the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon has stood as a beacon of inspiration, unity, and endurance igniting the passion of runners and communities from all walks of life, and fostering a powerful sense of purpose.

This year, as we proudly mark the 23rd edition of this iconic event under the theme “Now Is Your Moment,” I am honoured to invite you to be part of a celebration that goes far beyond the race itself. This year’s theme is a call to action a reminder that the opportunity to rise, to challenge oneself, and to make meaningful impact is not in the future, but right now.

CEO’s Remarks

The scenic route along the Southern Bypass promises yet another electrifying experience, bringing together elite athletes, fitness enthusiasts, families, and first-time runners alike. Whether you are pursuing a personal best or taking your very first stride in a marathon, this course is designed to both inspire and challenge in equal measure.

Yet, this event is more than a race. It reflects our enduring commitment to community, inclusivity, and long-term impact. I extend my sincere appreciation to our volunteers, partners, and sponsors whose continued dedication has made this marathon not only possible, but truly powerful.

As we reflect on our journey, we remain proud of the impact delivered through initiatives such as the Women in Tech Incubator Program, supported by our Standard Chartered Foundation. This program has empowered over 64 women-led tech businesses with mentorship, seed funding, and the tools to scale sustainably with many already advancing toward global competitiveness.

In the same spirit, we continue to support elite athletes through initiatives such as the Global Sports Camp in Eldoret, equipping them with essential financial literacy skills to thrive both on and off the track. These efforts reflect our belief that when individuals are empowered, entire communities move forward.

I warmly invite you to register and join us for this year’s marathon. By participating, you are not only embracing a personal challenge, but also contributing to the Standard Chartered Foundation, which empowers young people to learn, earn, and grow.

Rally your friends, families, and colleagues and let us make this 23rd edition truly unforgettable.

Now is your moment.
See you at the starting line.

Birju Sanghrajka,
Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Standard Chartered Kenya





JACKSON TUWEI

Athletics Kenya President

Since its inception in 2003, the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon has stood as a powerful symbol of unity, resilience, and purpose. For over two decades, it has brought together athletes, spectators, and partners under a shared vision to champion excellence in athletics while driving meaningful social impact. At the heart of this success is Standard Chartered's enduring commitment to transforming lives and communities.

Athletics Kenya is proud to have been a foundational partner in this remarkable journey. Our long-standing collaboration with Standard Chartered has elevated the Nairobi Marathon into a globally recognised event distinguished not only by its competitive excellence, but also by its inclusivity and accessibility. to athletics and nurturing talent across the country.

Athletic Kenya President Remark

A defining milestone in this partnership has been the awarding of the prestigious World Athletics Road Race Label to the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon. This recognition affirms our collective pursuit of excellence and adherence to the highest international standards from precise course measurement and world-class timing systems to comprehensive medical support, environmental responsibility, and stringent anti-doping protocols.

The World Athletics Label is more than a mark of distinction. For Athletics Kenya, it reinforces our unwavering commitment to integrity in sport. For our athletes, it provides a globally respected platform to achieve personal bests, earn international rankings, and compete among the very best. And for Kenya, it firmly positions our flagship marathon on the world stage, strengthening our legacy as a global leader in distance running.

Equally important is our alignment with Standard Chartered's sustainability and inclusion agenda. Through initiatives such as reforestation, reduced plastic usage, and inclusive participation drives, the marathon continues to reflect our shared values of environmental stewardship and social equity. Together, we are demonstrating that sport is not only a competition, but a powerful force for lasting change.

As we look ahead to the 23rd edition of the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon, we do so with pride and optimism. With every stride, we continue to shape the future of athletics in Kenya pushing boundaries, inspiring new generations, and building a legacy that extends far beyond the finish line.

We look forward to welcoming you to yet another remarkable celebration of endurance, unity, and excellence.

**Lt. Gen (Rtd) J. K. Tuwei,
Athletics Kenya President**







DAVID MWINDI

Chairman Local Organizing Committee

Since its inception, the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon has grown into Kenya's premier single-day sporting event, bringing together thousands of participants from across the country and beyond. More than a race, it is a unifying platform connecting people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities through a shared passion for running and a commitment to positive change.

The 2026 edition, marking the 23rd chapter of this remarkable journey, signals a confident step into a new era defined by innovation, inclusion, and impact. We are delighted to once again welcome thousands of runners to Nairobi, alongside our expanding satellite race in Mombasa. Building on the strong momentum of over 30,000 participants in the recent edition, we look forward to hosting an equally vibrant and dynamic field this year.

Chairman's Remarks

This year's marathon will feature seven inclusive race categories the 42km Full Marathon, 21km Half Marathon, 10km Road Race, 21km Wheelchair Race, the CEO Challenge, the 5km Family Fun Run, and the Corporate Challenge ensuring that every participant, from elite athlete to first-time runner, has a place on the start line.

With the continued support of our valued partners Nairobi City County, the Ministry of Sports, Athletics Kenya, KeNHA, and KURA we are proud to once again host the race along the scenic Southern Bypass, with the iconic Uhuru Gardens serving as both the start and finish venue.

We remain committed to delivering a world-class experience for every runner. Building on previous enhancements, this year's marathon will feature vibrant route activations, dedicated spectator zones, misting stations, mobile medical units, professional pacing teams, and high-energy cheering squads to support participants throughout the course. In collaboration with our sponsors, we will also ensure optimal on-course support through hydration points, nutrition, and electrolytes enabling runners to perform at their very best.

Beyond the race, the marathon continues to stand for a greater purpose. As we celebrate over two decades of impact, we also celebrate the lives transformed through initiatives such as Standard Chartered Foundation. Stories like that of Rose a young entrepreneur empowered through the programme remind us that this platform goes far beyond the finish line. Through mentorship, life skills training, and access to opportunities, Standard Chartered Foundation continues to equip young people across Kenya to learn, earn, and grow.

By registering to run, participants are not only pursuing personal milestones, but also contributing to a broader mission supporting initiatives that expand financial education, entrepreneurship, and opportunity for the next generation.

On behalf of the Local Organising Committee, I extend my sincere appreciation to our sponsors, partners, and stakeholders for their steadfast support and collaboration. We invite you to be part of this extraordinary event a celebration of endurance, unity, and purpose.

David Mwindi
Chairman, Marathon Local Organizing Committee





JOHNSON ARTHUR SAKAJA CBS

Governor of Nairobi City County

It is with great pride that we once again welcome the world to Nairobi the vibrant host city of the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon. Over the past two decades, this iconic race has grown into Kenya's largest single-day sporting event, firmly positioning our capital as a premier destination for both elite and amateur runners.

Nairobi offers a truly world-class marathon experience set against a backdrop that is uniquely our own the only capital city in the world with a national park at its heart. As we prepare for the 2026 edition, we are proud to showcase our city's modern infrastructure, natural beauty, and dynamic energy along the scenic Southern Bypass. This event not only celebrates Kenya's globally renowned athletic excellence, but also reinforces Nairobi's position as a gateway for international sport, tourism, and investment.

Governor's Remarks

Since its inception, the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon has welcomed over 345,000 participants from around the world fostering unity, pride, and shared purpose. Beyond its sporting prestige, the marathon is a powerful economic driver for our city. The investment and activity generated by Standard Chartered and its partners continue to benefit local businesses across hospitality, retail, logistics, and the informal sector supporting livelihoods and advancing inclusive economic growth. This is more than a race; it is a catalyst for prosperity and a cornerstone of Nairobi's emergence as a leading hub for global sports tourism.

As a strategic partner, the Nairobi City County Government remains fully committed to the continued success of this marathon. We are proud to collaborate with the Standard Chartered Foundation in delivering meaningful impact across key areas such as health, youth empowerment, and environmental sustainability priorities that align closely with our broader agenda to build a more inclusive, resilient, and opportunity-driven city.

Among our key joint initiatives this year is the planting of 50,000 tree seedlings across Nairobi County a significant step in advancing our climate action goals and expanding green spaces for our communities. In addition, we are supporting county-wide medical outreach programmes to enhance access to healthcare for vulnerable populations and strengthen public health systems. These initiatives reflect a holistic approach to development one that integrates environmental stewardship, economic inclusion, and social wellbeing.

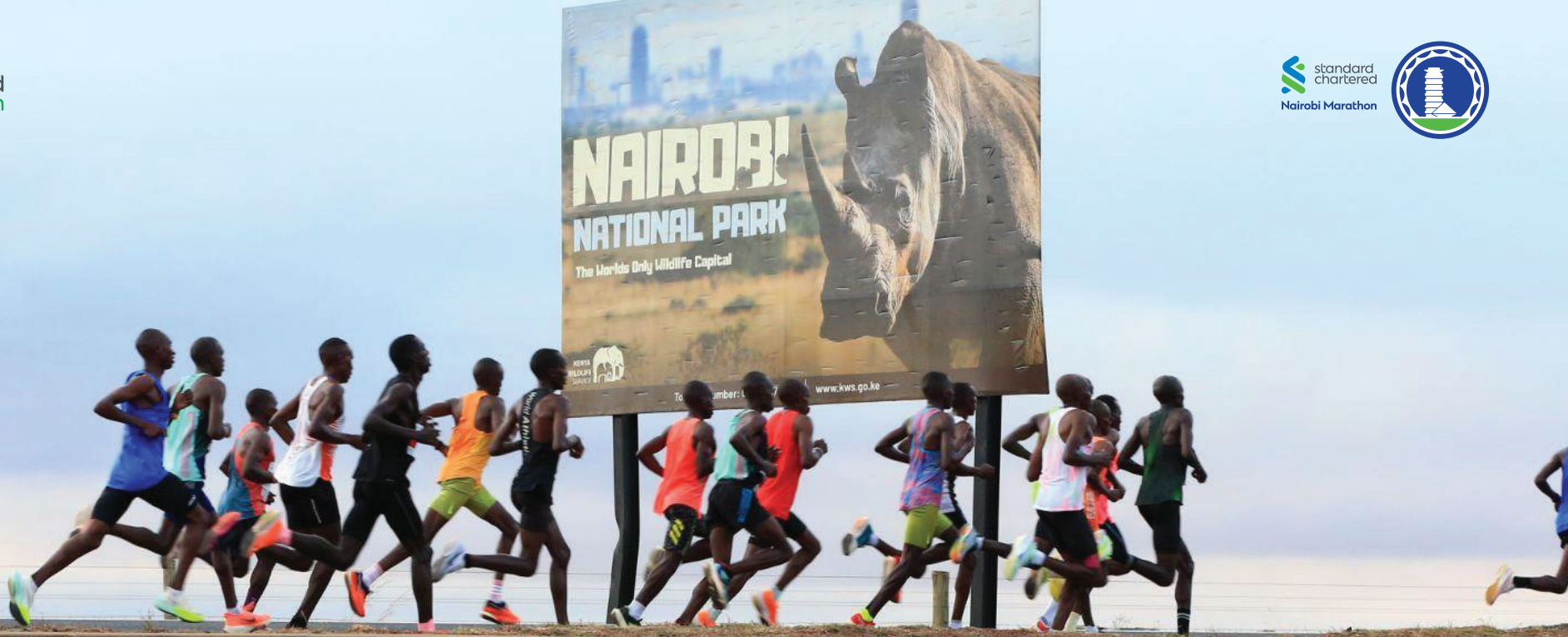
As we look ahead to the 23rd edition of the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon, I reaffirm our unwavering support and commitment. This marathon is not only a celebration of sport, but a reflection of who we are a city defined by resilience, diversity, and ambition.

We look forward to welcoming all runners, supporters, and stakeholders to Nairobi.

Now is your moment.
Let us run together towards a stronger, healthier, and more resilient city.

Johnson Arthur Sakaja CBS
Governor of Nairobi City County





Race Details

We are proud to announce the 23rd edition of the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon, set to take place on Sunday, 25th October 2026, along the iconic Southern Bypass; a route that offers runners breathtaking views of the Nairobi National Park, the only national park within a capital city. This event will feature seven race categories 42km, 21km, 10km, 21km Wheelchair, 5km Family Fun Run, CEO Challenge and the 10km Corporate Challenge. In addition, we are excited to host a Satellite Run in Mombasa on Sunday, 18th October 2026, bringing the marathon experience to the coast and expanding our reach across the country.

Registration is now closed at www.nairobimarathon.com for both local and international participants at KES 2,500. Team registration and inquiries can be directed to our Secretariat via secretariat@nairobimarathon.com or by calling 020 329 3780. Participants also have the opportunity to make a difference by donating to our Standard Chartered Foundation initiatives, empowering youth and supporting communities across Kenya, through the registration portal.

Join us as we bring together over 30,000 runners from around the world for a world-class marathon experience that celebrates resilience, unity, and impact. Now Is Your Time.



Rules and Regulations

GOVERNANCE

The 2026 Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon adheres to the guidelines set forth by World Athletics (WA), the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races (AIMS), Athletics Kenya (AK), and the Ministry of Health (MOH).

ENTRY

Entry application will only be processed after receipt of payment. The organizer reserves the right to contact and interview applicants by phone for additional information required for matters relating to the event as per the World Athletics requirements, all participants in the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon are subject to performance-enhancing substance control procedures.

The organizer reserves the right to deny entry to applicants who declare false information on their entry form, do not make the required payment, or have been banned from competition under World Athletics/Athletics Kenya jurisdiction or who have taken banned substances or do not meet the entry requirements stated in the Rules and Regulations.

The organizer reserves the right to limit or refuse entries and to close entries before the closure deadline without notice particularly when a specific quota for a race is full.

There will be no fee refunded if the event is canceled for whatever reason.

PARTICIPATION

Whilst every reasonable precaution will be taken by the organizer to ensure the participant's safety, participants run at their own risk and the organizers shall not be liable for any loss and/or damage whether personal or otherwise, and however arising.

The Organisers reserve the right to use the participant's personal data, contact information, motion pictures, recordings, or any other records obtained, collected, or submitted for the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon for any legitimate purposes, including commercial advertising, re-marketing, marketing of other Products offered by the organizer and those offered by sponsors to the Standard Chartered Nairobi marathon.

Participants are required to wear an official Marathon race number on the front of their singlet/shirt.

Personal Trainers, mentors, or coaches will not be allowed on the course unless they are entered in the event and wearing an official Marathon Race Number.

No unofficial vehicles, motorbikes, or bicycles are allowed on the course. No pets are allowed on the course. Race numbers and Timing chips are not transferable to other participants.

Participants must start the event at an officially sanctioned start time only.

Competitors are obliged to follow the instructions of stewards, race officials, or Kenya Traffic Police at all times.

Participants must start at the official start line and complete the full officially measured course as indicated in this guide.

A runner must retire from the race immediately if required to do so by any member of the official medical team identified by a reflective jacket with a red cross.

Road closures will be lifted at the discretion of the Kenya Traffic Police. The road opening signifies the end of the event. Any competitor still on the roads after this time is regarded by Kenya law as a pedestrian.

Participants are advised to take care of all their valuable belongings at all times E.g Phone and money

Participants are advised to only seek help and guidance from event officials who will be easily identified by their tags



Rules and Regulations

FINISH OF THE EVENT

Road closures will be lifted by the Kenya Police per the schedule published in this runner's guide. The road opening signifies the finish of the event and any competitor on the course after this time will be excluded from the result.

After roads are open (the finish of the event) the Kenya traffic regulations apply. Any competitor still on the roads after this time is regarded by Kenya law as a pedestrian. A trail vehicle or the strugglers' bus will advise late runners that the roads are about to open to everyday traffic.

WHEELCHAIR REQUIREMENTS

- Wheelchairs are defined as a chairs fitted with wheels for use as a means of transport by a person who is unable to walk, the wheels of which are directly propelled by push rims fitted directly to the main wheels.
- The wheelchair shall have two (2) large wheels and a maximum of two (2) small wheels. The small wheels must be at the front of the chair.
- Only one plain, round, push-rim is allowed for each large wheel.
- No mechanical gears or levers are allowed to propel the wheelchair.

- The use of fairings or similar devices specifically designed to improve the aerodynamic performance of the athlete in wheelchair racing is not permitted.
- Wheelchairs can be examined by the officials before or after the event.
- It is the responsibility of the athlete to ensure that no part of their lower limbs can fall from their wheelchair to the ground during the event.
- It is the responsibility of the athlete to ensure that their wheelchair conforms to the requirements stipulated above. No event shall be delayed while an athlete makes adjustments to their wheelchair.
- If the Technical Officials believe that a wheelchair and/or the athlete using it represent a safety risk they shall be authorized to disqualify the athlete from an event.
- Wheelchairs must follow the measured Half Marathon route
- Hand-cycles are not permitted in the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon races because hand-cycles are differentiated from wheelchairs in that they are not propelled by push rims fitted directly to the main wheels of the chair but driven by levers, cranks and a chain ring mechanism similar to a bicycle.

KIT COLLECTION FOR PARTICIPANTS

The kit collection will be done at Uhuru Gardens from 21st October to 24th October. If participants are unable to collect their race entry pack in person, they may empower a representative to pick the kit up on their behalf. This representative should present the following to the kit distribution clerk:

- A letter authorizing the collection of the kit signed by the participant
- Copies of the relevant entry documentation
- Copy of the participant's identity

Participants outside the country will pay for delivery according to the rate of their location and their kits will be shipped via DHL.





The CEO'S Challenge

The CEO Challenge, an extraordinary event that combines fitness, competition, and networking like never before. Get ready to push yourself to new heights as you take on a thrilling run alongside other CEOs, leaders, and decision-makers from various industries.

At the CEO Challenge, we believe that success in the boardroom and on the race course goes hand in hand. As a CEO, you're constantly faced with challenges, and this is your chance to show the world your determination, resilience, and drive.

This unique event offers a platform for CEOs to connect, compete, and inspire each other, while also raising funds for a charitable cause close to our hearts.

The CEO run will start immediately after the elite runners have been flagged off and will follow the normal course for the registered category

Date: Sunday, 25th October 2026

Venue: Uhuru Gardens

Start point: Southern Bypass

Entry fee: KES. 20,000

Start Times:

42km - 06.00 AM

21km - 07.20 AM

10km - 09.00 AM

5km - 10:00 AM

The CEO challenge is a test of endurance and it will take you through a scenic route, showcasing the beauty of the surroundings as you push your physical and mental boundaries. Whether you're a seasoned runner or new to the sport, this event will challenge you to dig deep and discover the strength within.

There will be networking opportunities to connect and engage with like-minded CEOs and industry leaders during the pre-race warm-up, post-race, and networking sessions.

This will enable you to build lasting relationships, exchange ideas, and explore potential collaborations in a relaxed and supportive environment.

By participating in the ultimate CEO Challenge, you'll not only test your limits but also make a difference in the lives of others. All the registration fee will be donated to the Futuremakers initiative and together, we can create a positive impact on society.

HOW TO REGISTER

To register, you can visit the website at nairobi-marathon.com and choose the CEO race. Alternatively, you can contact the secretariat@nairobi-marathon.com for assistance

The CEOs will have a special running kit which will be delivered to their preferred location after confirming their participation and registrations





Running Clubs



Our Sponsors & Partners



Training Tips



Minimize added sugar



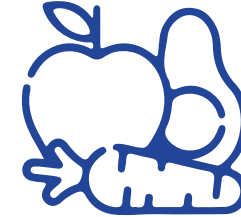
Make sure your shoes are comfortable



Train on the surface similar to the one you will run on



Warm-up and cool down



Eat clean food



Hydrate! Hydrate! Hydrate!

These training tips have been developed by Dedan Miricho, drawing on his years of expertise and experience in the field of athletics. His insights and guidance are invaluable in creating this comprehensive training resource.

Race Day Preparation

Before race day

1. Do not try anything new days prior to the race day such as a new shoe, socks, food. Work with what you are used to.
2. It's important to get plenty of enough sleep a few days before the race, this is because on the eve of the race it might be difficult to sleep well due to all the nervousness and race jitters.
3. Eat a normal balanced diet day prior to the race day, you need to replenish your glycogen stores. Hydrate well but avoid overhydration and alcohol. The night before the race avoiding foods that take long to digest.
4. If you are traveling, arrive early enough, visit the kit collection center and pick your kit. Avoid spending too much time at the expo. Minimize movement on the eve of the race, plan for sightseeing after the race.
5. Check the weather forecast, this will give you a guide on how to dress up for the race.
6. Plan on how you will get to the start point. If you are new in town, find someone to guide you.
7. Visualize your racing strategy, look at the race route, course details, race elevation and plan your splits. You will never go wrong when you have a plan.
8. Arrange your running kit the night before the race again, do not try any new clothing on the race day, trim your toenails, charge your watch or phone, check and confirm your shoelaces and insoles, pack your gels.
9. It's crucial to go through the race book provided by the race organizers or the race website key race information (start point, start time, terms and conditions) and all other vital details are usually well explained.

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Race day

1. Wake up early. Take your time to poop and empty your system. Running causes things to move through the colon and not clearing your system will cause discomfort during the run. A Runner's stomach is not a good experience.
2. Take a light breakfast 2 to 3 hours before the race, oatmeal, a few slices of bread or a banana are appropriate. Hydrate too on your way to the start point.
3. Use a lubricant under your arms, crotch and thighs to protect yourself from chafing.
4. Leave the house or the hotel early, remember on the race day some roads might be closed.
5. Do a light dynamic warm up before the race, an easy run warm up (15-20 minutes) but avoid running too much before the start.
6. Start the race well within your capabilities, avoid being carried away and running too fast early in the race. Controlling your pace early in the race will always pay off later, you will be smiling late in the race when you pass all those who started fast. Remember most world records are broken by negative splits (running the second half faster than the first half of the race)
7. DO NOT MISS a water point, hydrate throughout the race, do not wait to feel thirsty to start hydrating, most races have water points every 5 kms and taking fluids early will prevent dehydration later in the race.
8. Take your gels and electrolytes early in the race. It's easier for the body to digest when it's still not very tired.
9. Enjoy the race, when the going gets tough, smile.



2026 Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon Start Times

The 2026 Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon will be held along the Southern Bypass.

Route: Southern Bypass

Date : Sunday 25th October 2026

Venue : Uhuru Gardens



Race	Distance (kms)	Arrival Time	Assembly Time	PA 1 Min	Start Time
21 km Wheelchair	21 km	5:00 am	5:44 am	5:44 am	5:45 am
42 km Full marathon	42 km	5:00 am	5:59 am	5:59 am	6:00 am
Corporate Challenge	10 km	7:00 am	8:14 am	8:14 am	8:15 am
21 km Half marathon	21 km	6:00 am	7:14 am	7:14 am	7:20 am
10 km race	10 km	8:00 am	8:59 am	8:59 am	9:00 am
5 km race	5 km	9:00 am	9:29 am	9:29 am	10:00 am

The road used for the Marathon will be closed on Saturday 24th October 2026 from 11.00pm. PLEASE ARRIVE THERE EARLY, the marathon will start at the exact times indicated above.

Registration for the marathon will be done on the official marathon website at www.nairobi-marathon.com. The registration fee is KES 2,500 for both local and international participants. Additional donations can also be made on the website.



Finish Line



1. Dope testing

Any of the top finishers in the 42km, 21km, 10km and Wheelchair Race categories, may be pulled aside for doping testing as per the race Rules and Regulations. These tests will be conducted by officials from the Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya (ADAK).



4. Finishers medal

In exchange for the perforated rip-off strip on the race number all runners will receive a finishers medal after their race. Every runner will receive a tree seedling upon completion of their race to go and plant in their preferred locations.



2. Podium presentation

The Podium Presentations to prize winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd) for all the races will take place at Uhuru Gardens, on the stage. Presentations take place as soon as possible after the finish of all of the races.



5. Finisher Certificates

Finisher Certificates for all the races can be downloaded from the official marathon website at www.nairobimarathon.com.

The download Instructions are as follows:

1. Go to www.nairobimarathon.com
2. From the website home page, click on the **PRINT CERTIFICATES** button.
3. Enter your race number on the resulting screen and click ENTER (your details will be retrieved for you to confirm your name and race category).
4. **Click VIEW CERTIFICATE (pdf format). Click PRINT to print or SAVE to download to your device..**



3. Finish times

In the Full and Half Marathon and 10km race finish times for all athletes are recorded automatically by the timing chip as each runner crosses the finish line.

In case of difficulties please contact the marathon secretariat:

Email: secretariat@nairobimarathon.com | Website: www.nairobimarathon.com | Operating Hours: Monday to Friday 8.00am to 5.00pm

The power of sports to drive sustainability

What does it mean to be a sustainable marathon?

We aim to minimise the negative impacts of our events and drive positive change wherever we can. At Standard Chartered, our ambition is to create a marathon platform that delivers mass-participation sporting events that improve health and wellbeing and provide a sense of achievement to participants; that are open and inclusive and stimulate community engagement, civic engagement and local economic development; that provide a platform to inspire others to better themselves; that promote innovation, collaboration and solidarity amongst participants and spectators; and that have a positive impact on the natural environment.

What's next

The Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon may be the first in Africa to measure its impacts across a broad range of sustainability impacts, despite sustainability being mentioned by a number of events across the continent. However, events are starting to investigate some of their impacts, particularly relating to waste, climate and charitable donations. Being the first year and first event in the Standard Chartered portfolio to trial sustainability measurement and reporting, there were understandably some gaps in reporting against our vision of what it means to be the world's most sustainable marathon, but a series of actions have been put in place to avoid such gaps occurring in the future. This includes working closer with partners at an earlier stage in the event planning process to identify data needs and understands what is and isn't

available. In order to improve the collection of data and obtain feedback on the event, it is highly recommended that a runner / participant survey is conducted in future years.

This will help to improve the accuracy of the data reported for certain metrics, such as those associated with participant and spectator travel. It will enable other metrics to be reported, such as local spend by participants and spectators, and it will be a means to solicit feedback on both the appropriateness of sustainability measures as well as the overall race experience. It is also recommended that the requirements for data collection and the need for measures to improve Sustainability performances are agreed with suppliers and service providers to the event well in advance.

Following the completion of this pilot programme, the same process will be followed with the suite of Standard Chartered mass participation running events.

The intention is to develop a common process for identifying, measuring and reporting a set of core KPIs as well as additional event-specific KPIs that help to tell the story of Standard Chartered's journey towards hosting the world's most sustainable marathons. This process will provide Standard Chartered with an understanding of the current sustainability performance of the events in comparison with each other and other external comparable events in order to inspire targets and ambitions for future events.



The power of sports to drive sustainability

Our plans to improve sustainability performance vision

The report has set out our vision for what it looks like to be the world's most sustainable marathon. In future we will consider how joining global event sustainability initiatives could support us in achieving our goal.

Natural environment

We will seek to minimise impacts wherever we can through initiatives such as reducing the procurement of items, reducing our consumption of single-use plastic (including water bottles), using more sustainable materials, continuing to reuse race signage and branding materials wherever possible, substituting fossil fuels for bio-fuels and using grid electricity as a power source wherever possible. Finally, where emissions cannot be avoided or reduced, we will look into opportunities to offset the emissions with carbon removals.

Community and economic impact

We will continue to partner with local charitable organisations to provide benefits to the communities

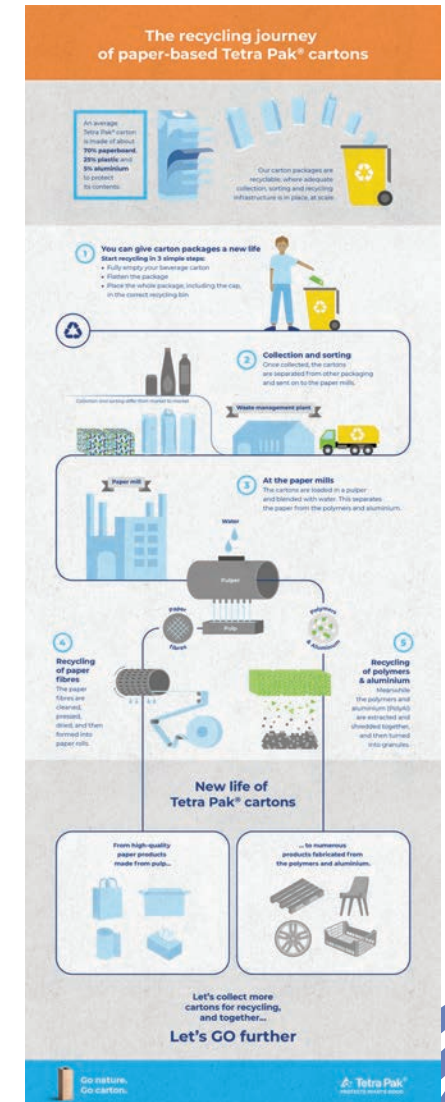
hosting our events. We also aim to develop an approach to understanding the wider economic impacts of our events, from boosting employment, to supporting female-led SMEs, to increase spending in the local community. We want to prioritise local procurement and employment where possible.

Influence and legacy

We want to increase the scope of influence and long-term legacy benefits from our events by partnering with global initiatives and sustainable events forums to share our success and learnings, to inspire others, and to use our platform to communicate about sustainability to our participants, local communities, and wider audience.

Transparency

The first Sustainability Performance Report for our events was published in 2021. We intend to continue to publish these reports for our marathons to communicate our progress towards our goal of hosting the world's most sustainable marathon events forums to share our success and learnings, to inspire others, and to use our platform to communicate about sustainability to our participants, local communities, and wider audience.



Standard Chartered Foundation

Standard Chartered Foundation is Standard Chartered's global youth economic empowerment initiative, established in 2019 to tackle social inequality. Its mission is to help disadvantaged young people learn, earn, and grow, while contributing to Sustainable Development Goal 8, promoting inclusive economic growth, productive employment, and decent work for all. The Foundation focuses on three pillars education, employability, and entrepreneurship with particular attention to girls, young women, and Persons with Disabilities.

Standard Chartered Foundation pillars – helping young people to learn, earn and grow

Education

Under its education pillar, the Foundation's flagship programme, Goal, equips adolescent girls with the confidence, knowledge, and skills to become economic leaders in their communities. Through sport and activity-based learning, it covers financial literacy, communication, health and hygiene, and personal development, guided by themes such as being confident, healthy, empowered, financially aware, and independent. Designed for girls aged 12–19 from low-income households, Goal is delivered weekly over ten months using both intensive and flexible formats, including community activities, media, and partner-led approaches.

Employability

Our Employability Programmes help young people, including those with disabilities, to improve employment related knowledge including reskilling and upskilling and encourage employers to promote an inclusive ecosystem.

In 2022, we launched Phase 1 of Standard Chartered Foundation Inclusive Employability Programme and in June 2024, we launched Phase 2 of the Standard Chartered Foundation Employability Programme dubbed as RISE (Ready for Sustainable Inclusive Employability) which provides young people with vocational and soft skills training, mentoring, job matching and placement career planning, upskilling

and reskilling opportunities that support young people to become job ready. We work with Sightsavers and Light for the World to implement the Employability programmes in universities, technical institutions, special and integrated high schools.

Entrepreneurship

Our Entrepreneurship Programmes Women in Tech (WiT) and Access to Finance support microbusiness owners and aspiring entrepreneurs to build financial knowledge, develop broader business skills and access finance. They unleash the potential of young entrepreneurs, enabling them to earn from their businesses, thrive in the local market and beyond, and ultimately create new jobs.

The Standard Chartered Women in Tech Programme

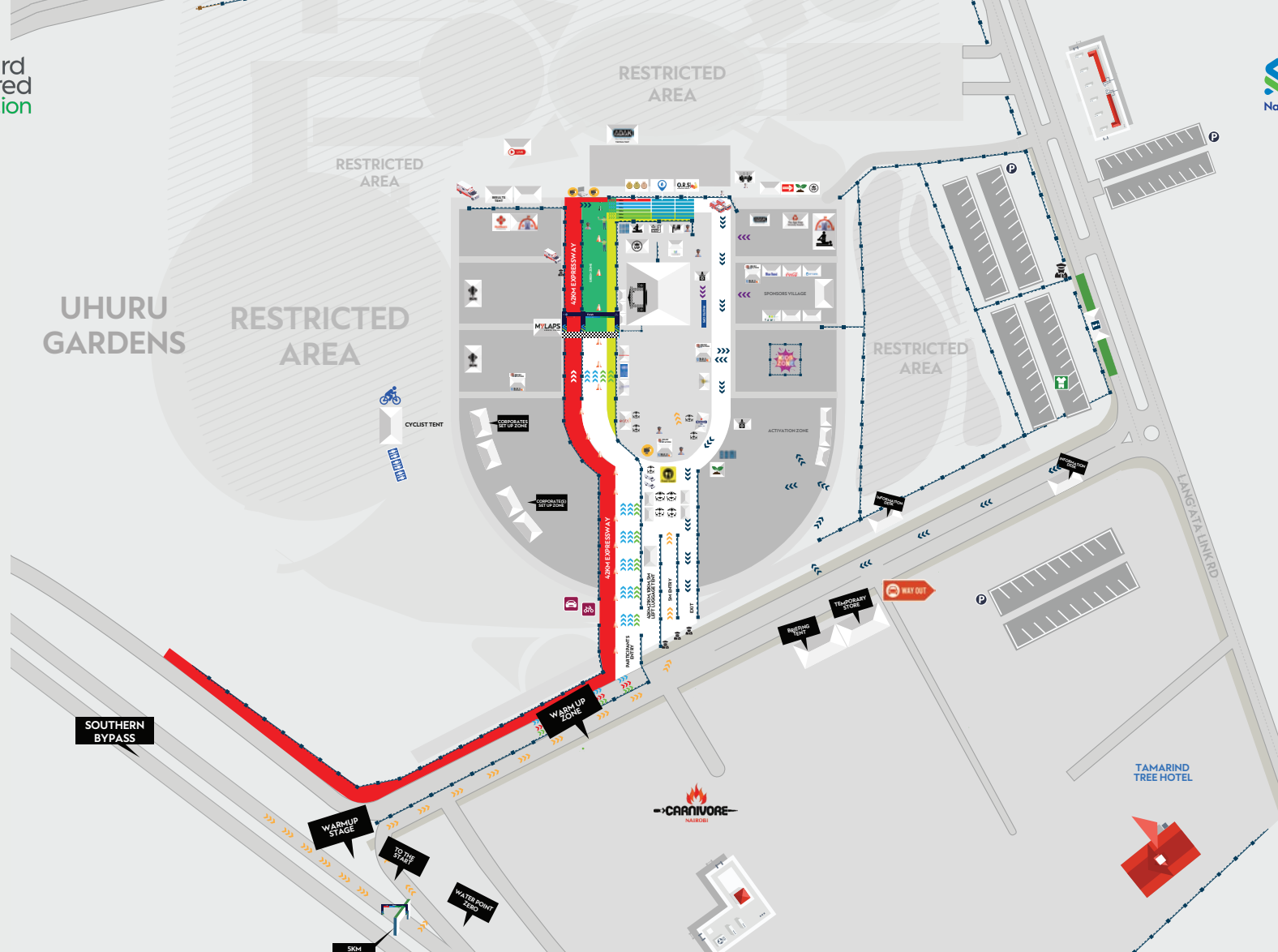
The WiT programme launched in 2017 in partnership with @ iBizAfrica, Strathmore University targets female entrepreneurs leveraging on technology to build or pivot micro small and medium enterprises. The programme is designed to upscale women-led technology ventures, as an enabler for economic empowerment of women, through training, mentorship, and seed funding.

The Programme has attracted female led enterprises from different sectors such as hospitality, financial services, health care, agriculture, green businesses, media etc. Since 2017, the programme has attracted over 2,300 applications from 6 cohorts. To date 64 female led businesses have gone through a 12-week incubation Programme with 32 teams being awarded \$10,000 (KES 1.2 million) each in seed money for their ventures.

Access to Finance Programme with SOMO

We launched the SOMO Access to Finance Programme in 2022 to support women led small and micro businesses to access small ticket loans of between KES 250,000 to KES 2.5 million to fuel the growth of female led enterprises. The programme has provided debt financing spanning the industries of food, agriculture, education, personal care and textiles with the revolving funds being reinvested back into the women led businesses.





- 5KM
- 10KM
- 21KM
- 42KM

EXPO TENT REFERENCE

1. Green Spoon
2. Tazara
3. AAR
4. Lomax
5. Telenor
6. Blue brand
7. GSK
8. GSK
9. Buzona
10. KIP
11. KWS
12. KFS
13. Magical Kenya - Sun 3m



21KM ROUTE

Water + 1 SpBt Point
 Water Point & Medical Tent KM Marker Timing Mat

START

- SOUTHERN BYPASS
- CALE
- COLLEGE OF INSURANCE
- EMARA OLE SERENI
- HARI INDUSTRIAL PARK
- CROSSOVER
- SOUTHERN BYPASS
- NAIROBI NATIONAL PARK
- SHREE KUTCH SATSANG SWAMINARAYAN MANDIR
- LANGATA ROAD INTERCHANGE
- SOUTHERN BYPASS
- CROSS OVER RAMP
- SOUTHERN BYPASS
- LANGATA ROAD INTERCHANGE
- UHURU GARDENS
- FINISH**



- Relief Station
- 42/21/10K Marathon Finish
- 5K Marathon Finish
- Marathon Start
- Full Water Point and Number
- Water Point and Number
- 42/21K Turning Point
- 42K Turning Point
- 5K Turning Point
- 21/10K C.Relay Turning Point
- Timing Station
- Pole and Number



5KM ROUTE

START

SOUTHERN BYPASS

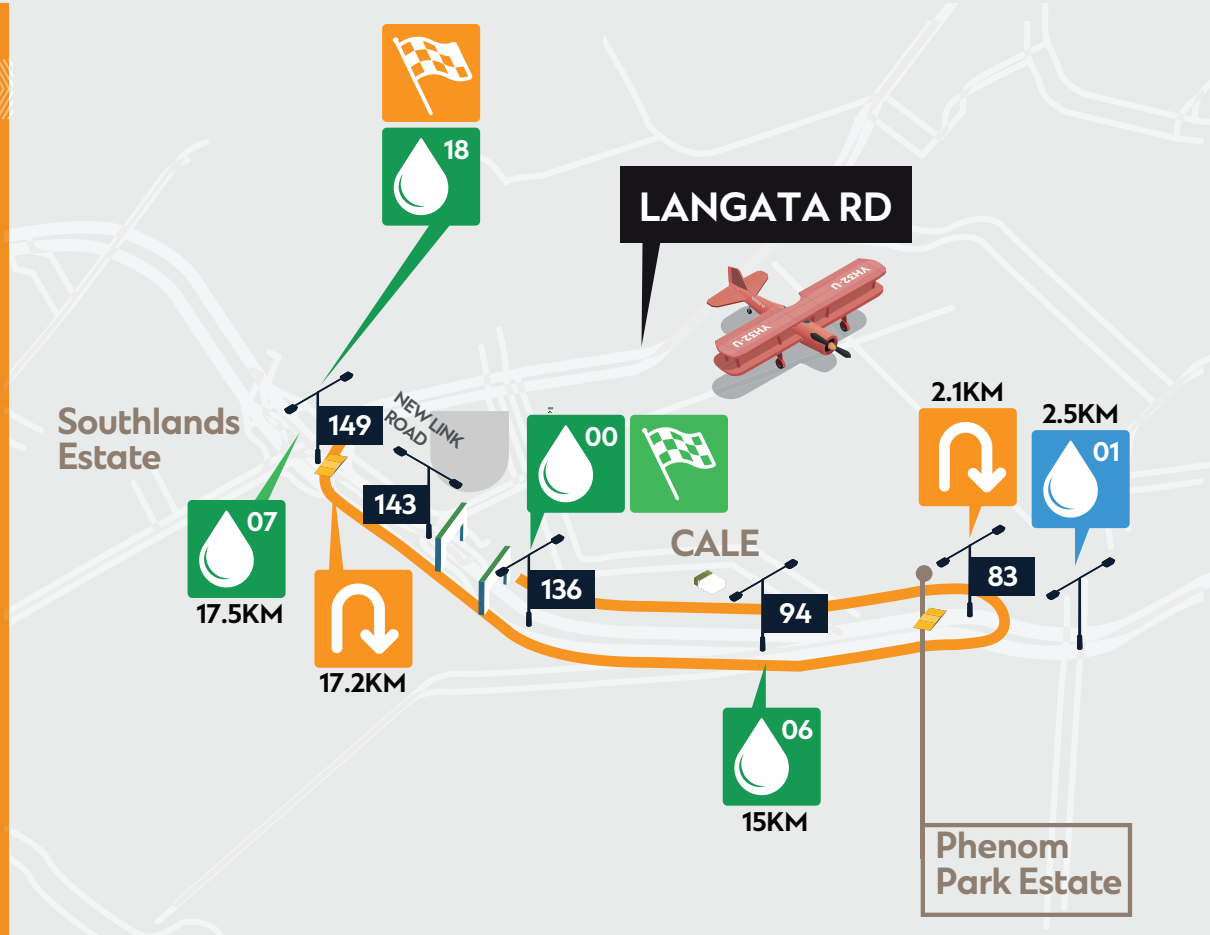
CROSSOVER
2.1KM FROM START

SHREE SWAMINARAYAN
HOSPITAL LANGATA

CROSSOVER

SOUTHERN BYPASS
FINISH

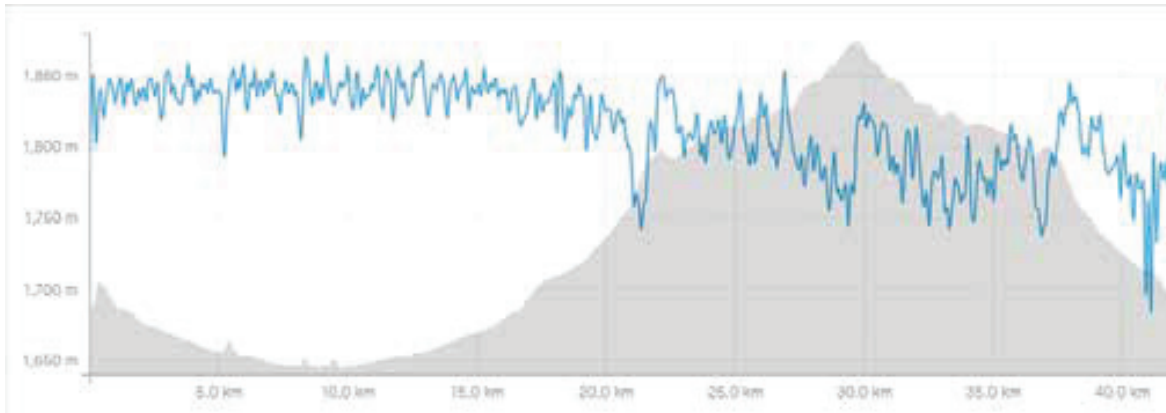
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Race Profiles

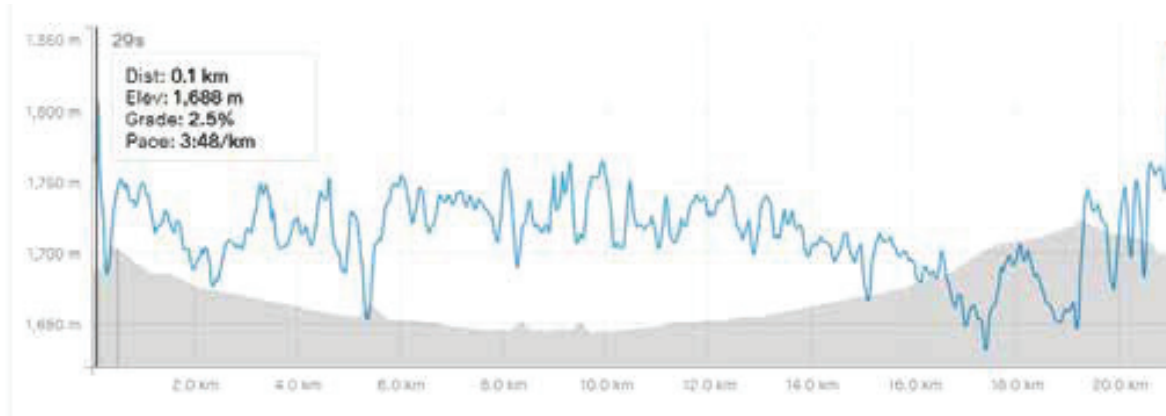
42km elevation graph



10km elevation graph



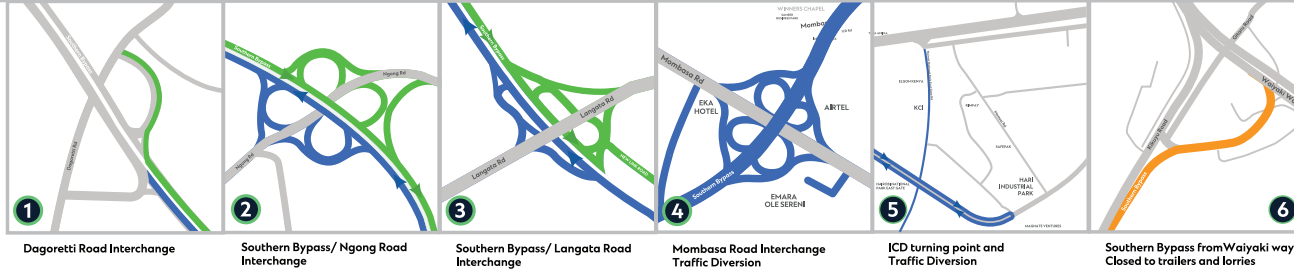
21km elevation graph



5km elevation graph



Road Closure Notice



Times of Road Closures

Color Code	Road Closure – Saturday 24th October 2026	Road Opening – Sunday 25th October 2026
	Remains Open	Remains Open
	11.00pm	1.30pm
	11.00pm	1.30pm
	11.00pm	1.30pm

Road Closures and Traffic Diversions

Accessible Areas		
From	To	Diversion
Kikuyu	Dagoretti via Southern Bypass	Vehicles will be able to access Dagoretti from Kikuyu through the Southern Bypass
Karen (Karinde)	Kikuyu via Southern Bypass	Vehicles will be able to use the Southern Bypass to access Kikuyu from Karen through Dagoretti Road

Saturday 24th October 11:00 pm - 1:30 pm Sunday 25th October 2026		
From	To	Diversion
Karen Shopping Centre	Kikuyu via Southern Bypass	Vehicles to use Dagoretti Road
Karen Shopping Centre	Mombasa Road via Southern Bypass	Vehicles to use Langata Road
Langata Road (Galleria Mall)	Kikuyu via Southern Bypass	Vehicles to use Dagoretti Road via Langata Road
Langata Road (Galleria Mall)	Mombasa Road via Southern Bypass	Vehicles to use Uhuru Highway through Langata Road
ICD	Kikuyu via Southern Bypass	Vehicles to use Waiyaki Way through Mombasa Road/ Uhuru Highway
Mombasa Road	Ole Sereni	Vehicles to access Emara Ole Sereni through Nextgen Mall
Likoni Road	Mombasa Road (through Southern Bypass)	Vehicles to use Enterprise Road

Saturday 24th October 11:00 pm - 1:30 pm Sunday 25th October 2026		
From	To	Diversion
Kikuyu	Mombasa Road via Southern Bypass	Vehicles to use Waiyaki Way
Dagoretti	Mombasa Road via Southern Bypass	Vehicles to use Waiyaki Way or through Ngong Road and Mbagathi Way
Lenana (Ngong Road)	Kikuyu via Southern Bypass	Vehicles to use Waiyaki Way through Naivasha Road or James Gichuru Road
Lenana (Ngong Road)	Mombasa Road via Southern Bypass	Vehicles to use Langata Road through Karen Road
Waiyaki way	Mombasa Road via Southern Bypass	Trailers and Lorries to use Waiyaki Way



Services on the route

Timing stations

Timing mats are placed at strategic points along the course and start/finish points. The timing chip records the passage of all participants over these mats. It is essential that you cross all timing mats, both on the route and on the finish line. Runners with interim times (those taken on the course) missing will be deemed to have missed that portion of the course and will be excluded from the result.

Toilet stations

Water, First Aid and Toilet Stations are combined and are located at the start/finish points and every 2.5 km intervals on the routes. All stations are clearly marked by signs placed at the station and signs placed 200m before the station.

Water

There will be 20 water stations on the route and venue for hydration purposes. Water will be supplied in 250ml bottles with the tops slightly loosened for elite runners and recreational. There will also be fruits at specific water station. There will be ORRehydration Salts commonly known as salts and sugars for hydration on the route and at the village. Take water, fruit and salts and sugars whenever you get the chance. All water bottles and paper cups from the marathon are collected for recycling. Look out for the bottle discard areas, located – 200m after each of the water stations. Please discard your bottles in these areas either in the provided roadside bins or to side of the road. Dropping bottles on the course might be

hazardous to runners behind you. Look after the environment and the city of Nairobi.

First Aid

First Aid Stations on the route are manned by a paramedic and trauma nurses. If you require medical assistance, the manager at any station on route will inform the Medical Officer in charge of each station. This officer can administer roadside treatments and assessment rapidly dispatch an ambulance to take you to the main medical centre or to the designated hospitals on standby. There will be relief stations where participants can get a quick spray on muscle cramp and get quick relief on soreness. The restation will have personnel armed with deep heat and deep freeze to offer fast aid on the route and at the village. Watch out for paramedics who will be roaming around on the road side with bicycle to offer quick fast aid on the route

Ambulances

Ambulances are strategically positioned on the route and mobilised in the event of an emergency. The ambulances will be found at the medical stations along the route.

Slow runners

A Stragglers bus will follow the back markers of each race. The straggler's bus will notify late runners when the roads are to open. After the roads are open (the finish of the event) the Kenya Traffic regulations apply. Any competitor still on the roads after this time is regarded by Kenyan law as a pedestrian.

Drop out

If you are unable to continue the race at any point, move over to the side of the road and wait for the straggler's bus. You might also wish to stop at a route station denoted as a medical station or water point. Each of these stations will have a manager and you should inform them of your intention to stop. They can assist in arrangements to return you to the start/finish point or marathon village.

Clocks and kilometer markers

There are clocks at the start point and finish point. The lead cars will also have digital clocks for each timed race that is 42km, 21 km and 10km. There will be kilometer markers at every 5 km distance on the route to clearly mark the route. Each turning point will be clearly marked and identified by these markers. The timing mats will be placed strategically on the route at three points that are at 9km, 18.5km and 34.5km. These split points will be used to capture the timing using the chipped BIB.

Course time limit

The standard chartered Nairobi marathon will be limited to 8 hours on the course, after which the roads will be opened to the general public. The runners who will still be on the course will be carried by the straggler's bus to the venue.





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Appendix 1 - Race Numbers

Men

1001	10001	501	30001	50001
FULL MARATHON MEN <small>Do not pin below this perforation</small> 42 KM MEN No: 1001 NAME AS ON ENTRY FORM _____ PHONE NUMBER _____ ANY PRESENT ILLNESS, ALLERGY OR MEDICATION? _____ NAME OF NEXT OF KIN AND HELPER CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY _____	HALF MARATHON MEN <small>Do not pin below this perforation</small> 21 KM MEN No: 10001 NAME AS ON ENTRY FORM _____ PHONE NUMBER _____ ANY PRESENT ILLNESS, ALLERGY OR MEDICATION? _____ NAME OF NEXT OF KIN AND HELPER CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY _____	21KM WHEELCHAIR MEN <small>Do not pin below this perforation</small> WHEELCHAIR MEN No: 501 NAME AS ON ENTRY FORM _____ PHONE NUMBER _____ ANY PRESENT ILLNESS, ALLERGY OR MEDICATION? _____ NAME OF NEXT OF KIN AND HELPER CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY _____	10KM MEN <small>Do not pin below this perforation</small> 10 KM MEN No: 30001 NAME AS ON ENTRY FORM _____ PHONE NUMBER _____ ANY PRESENT ILLNESS, ALLERGY OR MEDICATION? _____ NAME OF NEXT OF KIN AND HELPER CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY _____	5KM MEN <small>Do not pin below this perforation</small> 5KM MEN No: 50001 NAME AS ON ENTRY FORM _____ PHONE NUMBER _____ ANY PRESENT ILLNESS, ALLERGY OR MEDICATION? _____ NAME OF NEXT OF KIN AND HELPER CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY _____

Women

3001	20001	701	40001	60001
FULL MARATHON LADIES <small>Do not pin below this perforation</small> 42 KM LADIES No: 3001 NAME AS ON ENTRY FORM _____ PHONE NUMBER _____ ANY PRESENT ILLNESS, ALLERGY OR MEDICATION? _____ NAME OF NEXT OF KIN AND HELPER CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY _____	HALF MARATHON LADIES <small>Do not pin below this perforation</small> 21 KM LADIES No: 20001 NAME AS ON ENTRY FORM _____ PHONE NUMBER _____ ANY PRESENT ILLNESS, ALLERGY OR MEDICATION? _____ NAME OF NEXT OF KIN AND HELPER CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY _____	21KM WHEELCHAIR LADIES <small>Do not pin below this perforation</small> WHEELCHAIR LADIES No: 701 NAME AS ON ENTRY FORM _____ PHONE NUMBER _____ ANY PRESENT ILLNESS, ALLERGY OR MEDICATION? _____ NAME OF NEXT OF KIN AND HELPER CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY _____	10KM LADIES <small>Do not pin below this perforation</small> 10 KM LADIES No: 40001 NAME AS ON ENTRY FORM _____ PHONE NUMBER _____ ANY PRESENT ILLNESS, ALLERGY OR MEDICATION? _____ NAME OF NEXT OF KIN AND HELPER CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY _____	5KM LADIES <small>Do not pin below this perforation</small> 5KM LADIES No: 60001 NAME AS ON ENTRY FORM _____ PHONE NUMBER _____ ANY PRESENT ILLNESS, ALLERGY OR MEDICATION? _____ NAME OF NEXT OF KIN AND HELPER CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY _____

Race Numbers - All Races

Your race number confirms you have entered the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon. The race number is a method of identification of athletes. Do not lose it and do not let anyone else use it. Please wear your race number on your chest at all times during the race so that the route marshalls and timekeepers can clearly see it.

Please ensure you complete the personal details at the bottom of the race number. In the event of an accident or emergency these details will be required to identify you. The race numbers have a timing chip affixed to the back. Please treat the race number with care to ensure accurate capture of your race results. The organizer will not be responsible for any inaccurate results due to improper treatment of race numbers.



Appendix 2 - Parking

Car Parks for Athletes

Marathon participants and suppliers will park within the Carnivore grounds. This car park has security guards, however parking is at the owner’s risk. Please be considerate when parking so as not to obstruct the normal flow of traffic. Do not park on the roadside along the marathon route and especially on access roads to the venue. This will prevent theft cases and reduce obstruction of other car users

Car Parks for VIP’s

The car park will be located at China Square parking lot at Links road. VVIPs will park within Uhuru Gardens grounds. These parking areas will only be allowed for VIP and VVIP pass holders respectively.

Appendix 3 - Left Luggage

The left luggage for all races will be at Carnivore Grounds. The left luggage centers for each race will be clearly identified by signages. To enter any left luggage center you must show your race number or official accreditation to the attending security guard.

Left luggage collection

When you collect your left luggage, you must show your race number or official accreditation to the security guard. Please ensure that the security tag has not been tampered with on receipt of the bag and before departing the collection center. If the tag has been tampered with, please inform the left luggage officials immediately. Caution: Do not leave your valuables at the left luggage area such as phones and money. Instead use the drawstring bag provided to carry your valuable items all the time.

Appendix 4 - Cash Prizes

	42km	21km	Wheelchair Race	10km	Corporate Relay Team	PWD Team
1	2,000,000	300,000	300,000	200,000	100,000	100,000
2	1,000,000	150,000	150,000	150,000		
3	500,000	100,000	100,000	100,000		
4	150,000	-	-	-		
5	100,000	-	-	-		
6	50,000	-	-	-		
7	40,000	-	-	-		
8	30,000	-	-	-		
9	20,000	-	-	-		
10	10,000	-	-	-		



Appendix 5 - A Word On Environment

Keep the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon clean

The Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon is a plastic-free run. The Bank aims to reduce/eliminate any negative impact that the marathon has on the environment. We would like to leave both the route and the marathon venues “Better than we found it”.

We are working with the Nairobi City County towards cleanliness of the City but everyone involved in the Marathon must do their part by being conscientious and respectful to the environment around them.

While on the route please discard your water bottles in the bins placed 25m – 200m after each water station. While within the marathon village, please place your litter in the bins provided around the venue.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Appendix 6 - Contact Information

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