**Maratonul Nordului BOTOȘANI** is a road running competition under the *Maratonul Nordului* brand. It is open to any professional or amateur runner, whether registered with an athletics club or not, provided they have minimum equipment and experience, basic knowledge in the field, and a health condition that allows physical exertion.

Maratonul Nordului BOTOȘANI is organized by the **ACS Nord Association** (Asociația Club Sportiv Nord), in partnership with the City Hall and Local Council of Botoșani. Participation is at the runner's own risk upon acknowledging these regulations prior to registering on the official website and signing the liability waiver when picking up the race kit. In the case of minors, responsibility is shared between the minor and a parent (legal guardian), through the signing of the "Participation Commitment" by the parent (legal guardian) before the start.

Signing the declaration/commitment confirms that you have read, understood, and accepted these regulations. Completing the registration form implies that the participant has read and acknowledged these rules as well as GDPR provisions.

# Chapter I: Registration, Entry Fees, and Race Kit

## Entry Fees Table

| Race | Early Bird (Nov 15 – Jan 31, 2026) | 1 – Feb 28 2027 | Mar 1 – Apr 30, 2027 | May 1 – Jun 5, 2027 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Marathon** | 130 LEI | 160 LEI | 180 LEI | 200 LEI |
| **Half Marathon** | 110 LEI | 130 LEI | 150 LEI | 170 LEI |
| **10 km Cross-Country** | 100 LEI | 120 LEI | 140 LEI | 160 LEI |
| **6 km Popular Cross** | 100 LEI | 120 LEI | 130 LEI | 150 LEI |
| **Kids' Cross*** | 100 LEI | 100 LEI | 100 LEI | 100 LEI |

**The Kids' Cross entry fee is 100 LEI throughout the entire online and on-site registration period.*

*The organizers reserve the right to allow on-the-day registrations at their discretion, though this is not guaranteed. Updates will be announced during the week leading up to the race.*

****In the event of cancellation due to force majeure or reasons beyond the organizer's control, entry fees are non-refundable. The organizer will not cover any ancillary costs incurred by participants (transportation, accommodation, meals, etc.).*

**Fee Refund & Transfer Policies**

- **Refunds:** Participants may request a refund until **February 28, 2027** at the latest (minus a 30 LEI administrative fee). After this date, fees are non-refundable.
- **Transfer to another person:** Allowed until **May 25, 2027** at the latest.
- **Transfer to a different distance/category:** Allowed until **May 25, 2027** at the latest.

## Race Kit & Logistics

- **Race Kit Includes:** Bib number, technical T-shirt or custom sports equipment (cotton T-shirt or gift for Kids' Cross), electronic chip timing with split checkpoint, hydration stations, digital certificate of participation, pasta party (or alternative menu), Finisher medal, and gifts from sponsors. *The organizers reserve the right to modify the contents of the race kit; all changes will be announced in advance.*
- **Timing:** Managed by **Race Hub**, which will also handle official rankings and podiums.
- **Inquiries:** All registration/validation inquiries should be directed to info@racehub.ro and info@maratonulnordului.ro.
- **Prize Pool:** Over **€10,000** total value (cash prizes, trophies/medals, certificates, partner gifts, and free entries for the 2028 edition).
- **Recommended Accommodation:** Hotel Rapsodia, Str. Cuza Vodă, Nr. 4, Botoșani, Romania (www.hotelrapsodia.ro).

## Registration Methods & Validation

- **Online:** Register on www.maratonulnordului.ro via bank transfer or credit card. After filling out the form, participants have **5 calendar days** to complete payment. Unpaid registrations will be invalidated, requiring the process to be restarted.
- **Deadline:** Online registration is available through **June 5 inclusive**. However, technical T-shirts or custom kit items cannot be guaranteed for registrations submitted after **April 10**. The organizers reserve the right to close or extend online registrations based on volume, with at least one week's prior notice.

## Free Entries (Complimentary Registration)

- **Free Registration Criteria:** Available at any time during the registration window for:
  - Persons with disabilities
  - Institutionalized children
  - Seniors aged **65+**
- **Elite Athletes:** Romanian elite performers may request special participation benefits. Elite athletes must email info@maratonulnordului.ro with a brief summary highlighting

their **top 5 career performances**. Facilities are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to performance evaluation.

- **Local Youth & Student Athletes:** In partnership with the Botoșani County School Inspectorate, LPS, and CSS Botoșani, free spots are offered to high school students and registered athletes from CSS, CS, or LPS Botoșani. Lists must be submitted directly by school/club management via an official table (First/Last name, age, contact info, desired distance).
- **Important Terms for Free Spots:**
    - All complimentary registrations must still be submitted online within the official deadline by the participant or their authorized representative (parent, guardian, coach, club president, teacher).
    - Complimentary registrations (except for 1st-place overall winners from the previous year) **do not guarantee an official T-shirt** in the kit. T-shirts will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis during kit pickup, subject to stock and size availability.
    - **Proof Requirement:** All applicants for free registration must email info@maratonulnordului.ro to request validation and attach valid proof (e.g., official medical or institutional certificate signed by proper authorities).

**Note:** To validate any registration, participants must check the boxes: *"I have read and agree to the race regulations"* and *"I declare that I am medically and physically fit to compete."* Official bib numbers are assigned only after payment verification.

*Group payments:* A single payment for multiple participants is permitted if sent with complete participant names and respective distances to info@maratonulnordului.ro.

*Non-attendance/Disqualification:* Participants who fail to start, are disqualified, or abandon the race are not entitled to a refund or entry roll-over. Deadline to substitute a participant is **May 25, 2027**. Exceptional roll-overs to the following year are at the sole discretion of the organizers. Kits not collected in person or by proxy will not be shipped/provided after the event.

# Chapter 2: Events and Age Categories

## Categories (Based on age turned during 2027)

**1. Kids' Cross (500m / 1000m / 1500m)**

- Open to children up to **14 years old**. (If participation numbers are low, overall male/female rankings may be used).
- Must be registered by an adult using the child's details to assign the correct age group:
    - **Boys / Girls 5–6 years:** 500 m
    - **Boys / Girls 7–8 years:** 1,000 m
    - **Boys / Girls 9–10 years:** 1,000 m
    - **Boys / Girls 11–12 years:** 1,500 m
    - **Boys / Girls 13–14 years:** 1,500 m

**2. Popular Cross (~6 km) — Male & Female**

- 15–34 years | 35–44 years | 45–54 years | 55–64 years | 65+ years

**3. 10 km Cross-Country — Male & Female**

- 15–34 years | 35–44 years | 45–54 years | 55–64 years | 65+ years

**4. Half Marathon — Male & Female**

- 15–34 years | 35–44 years | 45–54 years | 55–64 years | 65+ years

**5. Marathon — Male & Female**

- 15–34 years | 35–44 years | 45–54 years | 55–64 years | 65+ years

### Start Times & Logistics

- **Staggered Starts:** Marathon runners start first (**approx. 8:00 – 8:30 AM**), followed by Half Marathon and 10 km, then Popular Cross (**approx. 9:30 – 10:00 AM**). This avoids midday heat and provides course company for marathoners in the second half of the field.
- **Kids' Cross:** Takes place at a separate date/time and location (see Schedule).

# Chapter 3: Prizes (Over €10,000 Total Value)

- **Kids' Cross:** Diplomas, medals, and trophies across all age categories.
- **Adult Races:** Cash prizes, free registrations for the 2028 edition, trophies/medals, digital diplomas, and sponsor gifts.
    - **1st Place Overall (All Races):** Free entry for the 2028 edition.
    - **Cash Prizes (Top 5 Overall Male & Female):**

| Distance | 1st Place | 2nd Place | 3rd Place | 4th Place | 5th Place | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Popular Cross (~6km)** | 500 LEI | 400 LEI | 300 LEI | 200 LEI | 100 LEI | **3,000 LEI** |
| **10 km Cross** | 1,000 LEI | 800 LEI | 500 LEI | 300 LEI | 200 LEI | **5,600 LEI** |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Half Marathon** | 2,000 LEI | 1,500 LEI | 1,000 LEI | 700 LEI | 400 LEI | **11,200 LEI** |
| **Marathon** | 3,500 LEI | 2,500 LEI | 1,500 LEI | 1,000 LEI | 700 LEI | **18,400 LEI** |

**Important Prize Notes:**

1. **Finisher Awards:** All finishers receive an official FINISHER medal and a digital certificate of participation.
2. **Category Awards:** Age categories are awarded diplomas and medals/trophies regardless of the number of participants. *(Exception: If cash prizes are awarded per category, a minimum of 5 valid participants per category is required, otherwise categories will be merged upward).*
3. **No Double Awarding:** Overall podium winners are excluded from age-category prizes (category rankings step down to the next finisher).
4. **Claiming Cash Prizes:** Winners must email info@maratonulnordului.ro with their full name, account holder name (if different), IBAN, distance, and podium position. Payments will be transferred within **2 weeks** after results validation.

# Chapter 4: Event Schedule*

**Final schedule confirmed at least 7 days before start date.*

## Saturday, June 12

**Location:** Cornișa Aquapark Botoșani

- **12:00 – 20:00:** Race kit pickup & registrations (Kids until 16:30; Adults until 20:00)
- **16:30:** Event opening ceremony with authorities and special guests
- **16:45:** Kids' Cross warm-up
- **17:00: START — Kids' Cross**
- **17:30:** Pasta Party
- **18:00:** Award ceremony for Kids' Cross

## Sunday, June 13

**Location:** Central Zone (Mihai Eminescu Theatre / Hotel Rapsodia)

- **07:00 – 08:00:** Marathon kit pickup *(Marathon only; NO on-site registration)*
- **08:30: START — Marathon**
- **08:00 – 09:15:** Kit pickup for 10km & Half Marathon *(NO on-site registration)*
- **09:00:** Official opening ceremony
- **09:20:** Official warm-up (10km, Half Marathon, Popular Cross)

- **09:30: START — 10 km Cross & Half Marathon**
- **09:35: START — Popular Cross**
- **08:00 – 15:00:** City Hall Park & Unirii Pedestrian Zone (Relaxation zone, food & drinks)
- **10:00 – 12:30:** Pasta Party
- **11:30:** Award ceremony for 6km & 10km Cross
- **12:30:** Award ceremony for Half Marathon & Marathon
- **13:30 – 14:00:** Route dismantling & reopening to traffic

# Chapter 5: Participant Obligations

- **Safety Compliance:** Adhere to all health and safety measures in effect on race day.
- **Accuracy:** Provide truthful and complete information upon registration.
- **Equipment & Bib:** Use proper running gear. Bib numbers must be worn clearly visible on the front and must not be removed until crossing the finish line or officially abandoning.
- **Course Integrity:** Follow the marked course precisely and check in at every control point (shortcuts are strictly prohibited).
- **Time Limits:** Adhere to course time limits (exceeding time limits results in automatic DNF/Abandon status).
- **Directions & Traffic Rules:** Follow instructions from race officials, volunteers, and traffic police. Respect traffic regulations on open-road sections and parking areas.
- **Fair Play:** Maintain sportspersonship and avoid actions that put yourself or others in danger.
- **Reporting & Abandonment:** Report serious incidents immediately to the nearest checkpoint or official hotline. **Abandonments must be declared personally** by the runner at a checkpoint or via phone so organizers can transport them back safely; proxy declarations by companions will not be accepted.
- **Environmental Respect:** Do not drop litter, packaging, or non-biodegradable waste on the course; use designated waste zones at checkpoints. Respect nature, property, and urban fixtures.
- **Personal Liability:** Participation is entirely at your own risk. Organizers, partners, sponsors, and staff accept no liability for personal injury, death, loss, or property damage occurring during or as a result of the event. Accidents caused by failure to follow regulations or traffic rules are the sole responsibility of the individuals involved.

# Chapter 6: Declarations

By checking the agreement box on the registration form, the participant officially declares under penalty of law that:

1. They are physically, mentally, and medically fit to compete in "MARATONUL NORDULUI BOTOȘANI" and relieve the organizers, partners, sponsors, volunteers, and officials from any liability regarding injury, illness, death, or medical issues arising from participation.
2. They are fully aware of all event risks described in the regulations.

3. They grant full permission to the organizers, sponsors, and partners to use their name, photographs, video footage, and quotes for promotional, marketing, or media purposes associated with ACS Nord, Asociația Nord, and Botoșani City Hall.

# Chapter VII: Miscellaneous Provisions

- **Rights of Use:** Organizers reserve the right to use participant photos/videos for current and future event promotion.
- **Force Majeure:** If the event is canceled due to force majeure, registered runners will receive a full refund of their entry fee. Secondary expenses (travel/stay) will not be reimbursed.
- **Regulation Amendments:** Organizers reserve the right to amend these rules up until **June 10, 2026 at 23:59**, publishing updates on the website. Extreme last-minute changes will be communicated at kit pickup.
- **Data Protection (GDPR):** Personal data collected during registration will not be sold or shared with third parties, except as strictly necessary for age classification, state reporting, or direct organizational communications.

## Appendix 1: Course Time Limits

| Event | Time Limit |
|---|---|
| **Kids' Cross** | Unlimited |
| **Popular Cross (~6 km)** | 1 hour |
| **10 km Cross** | 1 hour 45 minutes |
| **Half Marathon** | 2 hours 30 minutes |
| **Marathon** | 5 hours 30 minutes |

## Appendix 2: Volunteers & Useful Contacts

- **Volunteers:** Recruited locally via an open public call.
- **General Information Contact:**
    - **Contact Person:** Alex Teioșanu

- **Phone:** +40 757 500 316
- **Email:** info@maratonulnordului.ro

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