



## Highlights of the 26th VVO Oberelbe Marathon (OEM) on April 27, 2025

- **Running course:** The running course is the romantic Elbe Cycle Path - Germany's most popular long-distance cycle path alongside the scenic river Elbe from the castle village *Königstein* to the city of *Dresden* (detailed information in the further text)
- **Unique in the world:** Marathon accompanying steamboat trip on one of the oldest paddle steamers in the world for families and friends of marathon runners (detailed info in the further text).

## Organisational Information

### ORGANISER

Oberelbe-Marathon e.V.

### ORGANISATIONAL MANAGEMENT

xperience sport & events Veranstaltungsagentur

Marktweg 4

01157 Dresden

[kontakt@oberelbe-marathon.de](mailto:kontakt@oberelbe-marathon.de)

[www.oberelbe-marathon.de](http://www.oberelbe-marathon.de)

### IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS

The 26th VVO Oberelbe-Marathon on 27.04.2025 is officially measured and will be carried out according to the regulations of the DLV. The class division will be done according to the specifications of the DLV.

### ROUTE DESCRIPTION: THE RUNNING ROUTE IS THE ELBE CYCLE PATH – GERMANY'S MOST POPULAR LONG-DISTANCE CYCLE PATH!

The marathon starts in *Königstein*, a small castle village located in the middle of the *Saxon Switzerland National Park*. The first kilometers offer fantastic views across the bizarre rocky landscape of the *Elbe Sandstone Mountains*. In *Pirna*, you will run a varied loop through the historic town centre before continuing on the Elbe cycle path towards *Pillnitz Castle*, the former summer residence of the Saxon royal family. After passing *Laubegast* and later on the so-called *Blue Wonder*, Dresden's world-famous suspension bridge, you will pass the three castles *Eckberg*, *Albrechtsberg* and *Lingner*. With a view at the *Church of Our Lady* and other cultural and historical sights in the heart of *Dresden*, the finish line is reached shortly afterwards to the newly built Heinz Steyer Stadium.

The half marathon runners start in *Pirna* and reach the Elbe cycle path after 0.5 km. From there, they run on the same route as the marathon runners to the finish line.



The 10 km runners start their race at the restaurant *SchillerGarden* below the Elbe bridge *Blue Wonder*, one of most famous landmarks of *Dresden*.

The 5 km runners start below the *Waldschlößchen Bridge* directly on the Elbe Cycle Path.

The start and finish of the Minimarathon and the Bambini Run is directly in the newly built Heinz Steyer Stadium.

**The Elbe Cycle Path is officially closed to public traffic on the day of the event!**

#### **ROUTES / START TIMES / START LOCATIONS**

##### **VVO Marathon » 9:20 a.m.**

*Königstein*, Elbe meadow below the train station *Königstein*, directly at the river.

##### **Lichtenauer Half Marathon » 9:10 a.m.**

*Pirna, Glashüttenstraße*, company grounds of *Eissmann Automotive KTSN GmbH* (at the B 172). The start takes place in two waves.

**ATTENTION: We reserve the right to impose a registration stop at 3.000 registrations!**

##### **schulz 10-km Run » 9:10 a.m.**

*Dresden*, restaurant *SchillerGarden* at the Elbe bridge *Blue Wonder*, directly at the river.

##### **Sachsenmilch 5-km Run » 9:10 a.m.**

*Dresden, Waldschlößchen Bridge*, directly at the river; (minimum age: 10 years or reaching this age in 2025).

##### **AOK PLUS 2,7-km-Minimarathon » 8:50 a.m.**

*Dresden, Heinz-Steyer-Stadium*, finish area (minimum age: 7 years or reaching the age in 2025)

##### **Ostsächsische Sparkasse Dresden – Bambini Run (1 stadium lap) » 8:30 a.m.**

*Dresden, Heinz-Steyer-Stadium*, finish area

Every child under the age of 7, who would like to run but cannot participate in the AOK PLUS Mini-Marathon. For organisational reasons, registration (online) is nevertheless necessary. All bambinis will receive a start number, a certificate and a medal. The Bambini-Run is free of charge.

#### **FINISH AREA**

The finish line for all competitions is in the newly built Heinz Steyer Stadium, only a few hundred meters away from the *Semper Opera House* and the *Church of Our Lady* in a central location of *Dresden*.

#### **ONLINE REGISTRATION**

<https://baer-service.de/anmeldung/ELB>

**ORGANISATION FEE**

Date	MA	HM	10-km	5-km
01.07.24-30.11.24	62 €	49 €	31 €	16 €
01.12.24-28.02.25	69 €	56 €	35 €	19 €
01.03.25-13.04.25	77 €	64 €	40 €	24 €
14.04.25-26.04.25	84 €	71 €	45 €	29 €

Participation in the mini marathon costs €6 until 13 April 2025, then €7 until the end. **1 EUR of the participation fee will be donated to the Ambulant Child Hospice Service Dresden.**

Participation in the Bambini Run is free of charge.

**PAYMENT OF THE ORGANISATION FEE**

Payment for German starters will be made by SEPA direct debit. The corresponding bank details are to be provided at the end of the online registration.

Foreign participants can choose between SEPA direct debit, PayPal and credit card.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE/ LATE REGISTRATIONS**

**The registration deadline is 13 April 2025.**

Registration will remain open after the official closing date (until 26 April 2025). However, the last registration stage will apply from 14 April 2025. Late registrations and re-registrations are also possible on 25/26 April 2025 at the race number distribution/marathon fair in the *BallsportARENA* Dresden.

**CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION**

There will be no postal confirmation of registration. If an e-mail address is provided, you will receive an electronic registration confirmation which you have to bring with you to the race number distribution. The list of all registered participants is published on the internet. Please note that the registration is only final after successful debiting (up to 14 days).

**POSTAL DISPATCH OF THE STARTING DOCUMENTS**

We offer the mailing of the start number including the starter bag (= luggage bag) at a flat shipping rate of 10 EUR (shipping approx. 14 days before the event). In order to optimise the luggage transport at the start locations, it is inevitable to send the starter bag (= luggage bag) together with the start number in one shipment.

For organisational reasons, late registrations on the day of the race at the starting location are possible but not preferred. However, if you wish to register or re-register on the day of the race, you can do so at the starting location for a handling fee of 13 EUR in addition to the registration fee.

**START CANCELLATION / DEREGISTRATION**

A re-registration to another race distance is generally no problem. Just send us an email to [kontakt@oberelbe-marathon.de](mailto:kontakt@oberelbe-marathon.de) and let us know how you want to change your registration. We will forward this to our partner *Baer-Service*, who will then carry out the re-registration. You will receive a



new confirmation of participation by mail immediately after the re-registration. A re-registration is also possible at the Runner's Fair, but with additional costs → see notes below.

If you re-register for a longer distance, we will deduct the difference between the amount you have paid so far and the amount valid at the time of re-registration for the new distance. If the registration is changed to a shorter distance, the difference will not be refunded.

**A change of registration is free of charge until 31.03.2025.**

**From 01.04.2025 a fee of 6 EUR will be charged.**

You can find all information regarding the cancellation of the start or a cancellation due to private or health reasons at <https://www.oberelbe-marathon.de/Service/FAQ>

### **TIME MEASUREMENT**

In all running competitions (except Bambini Run; Minimarathon only net time) the time will be taken by a transponder integrated into the start number. Please do not bend the start numbers, otherwise a time recording cannot be guaranteed. For each distance (except for the Minimarathon), places 1 - 10 in the overall race will be scored gross and therefore according to visible finish time, all others will be scored according to net time. The age group rankings of all distances will be evaluated according to net time, taking into account the places 1 - 10 overall gross.

### **START NUMBER**

The start number must be placed clearly visible in the chest area. Sponsor logos are not to be covered.

### **FINISH DEADLINE**

6:00 h after start marathon

### **ROUTE ESCORT**

Accompanying the runners by bicycle is not permitted. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in irrevocable disqualification of the accompanied runner. There will be control posts for this purpose along the entire route.

### **PACEMAKER**

For the target times VVO Marathon 3:00 (2x), 3:15, 3:30 (2x), 3:45, 4:00 (2x), 4:15, 4:30 and 5:00h as well as Lichtenauer Half Marathon 1:30, 1:45 and 2:00 h (2x) pacemakers will accompany you.

### **CATERING / REFRESHMENTS ON THE ROUTE**

Tea and Lichtenauer drinks will be offered on the course every 5 km. From km 10 onwards, there will be an additional supply of fruit, and from km 20 onwards, isotonic drinks and power bars from ultra sports. At km 38 there will be Feldschlößchen Pilsner to mobilize the last forces. Additional water stations are set up at km 24 and 40.5. At the finish line, there will be water, tea, cola, iso drinks and apples as first aid for runners.



Note: All participants will receive a free portion of noodles (voucher on start number) and a Feldschlößchen Radler Alcohol-free naturally cloudy (imprinted on start number) at the finish.

#### **LUGGAGE TRANSPORT**

The return transport of luggage from the start to the finish is covered for all routes. Please make sure to take the official starter bag for the luggage drop-off.

Baggage collection will take place in the *BallsportARENA* Dresden, right next to the Heinz Steyer Stadium.

#### **MEDICAL CARE**

Along the race course and in the finish area, medical care will be provided by *Malteser Hilfsdienst*. Doctors are on duty in the finish area (2) and at km 35 (1). All aid stations serve as contact points in case of injuries and breakdowns.

The emergency number is on the start number. We recommend that you include a telephone number on your race number so that your family / relatives can be informed promptly in the case of an emergency.

#### **CLOTHES / SHOWER**

There are plenty of shower and changing facilities available at the Heinz Steyer Stadium.

#### **MASSAGE**

we are currently planning.

#### **MERCHANDISING**

High-quality running articles from our new outfitter PUMA will be on sale at the race number distribution and in the finish area on race day.

#### **PRIZE MONEY / SPECIAL PREMIUM**

The top three finishers in the women's and men's marathon will receive cash prizes (500, 300, 200 EUR). For achieving a new course record (men: 2:22:33h; women: 2:38:41h), the top finisher will receive 300 EUR.

For a running time of less than 2:20 h or 2:35 h, additional 300 EUR will be awarded.

The top three finishers in the women's and men's Lichtenauer Half Marathon will receive cash prizes (200, 100, 50EUR). For achieving a new course record, 150 EUR each will be awarded additionally (men: 1:07:46 h; women: 1:16:25 h).

At the market place in *Pirna* at km 18 an intermediate award of 300 EUR is given to the first marathon-woman and the first marathon-man (powered by *Stadtwerke Pirna Energie GmbH*). The prerequisite for the receipt of this bonus is the finish among the first six per gender.



#### **AWARDS AND PRIZES**

##### *VVO Marathon:*

Overall place 1 - 6 women/men + honours in all age groups female/male

##### *Lichtenauer Half Marathon:*

Overall place 1 - 6 women/men

##### *schulz 10-km Run:*

Overall place 1 - 6 women/men

##### *Sachsenmilch 5-km Run:*

Age group 10/11, 12/13, 14/16, 16 and older: Place 1 – 3 each female/male

##### *AOK PLUS 2,7-km-Minimarathon:*

Age groups 7/8, 9/10, 11/12: Place 1 - 3 each female/male

## **Service**

#### **UNIQUE IN THE WORLD - MARATHON ACCOMPANYING STEAMBOAT TRIP**

Accompanying persons and relatives of the marathon runners as well as other interested people have the possibility to accompany the marathon runners from *Königstein* to *Dresden* on a steamboat, chartered especially for the marathon.

The steamboat will be available from approx. 8.45 a.m. and will depart at approx. 09.10 a.m..

However, the ship will stay in the middle of the river and start together with the starting signal of the marathon field at 09.20 a.m.. The ship will dock at the *Terrace Bank* in *Dresden* at approx. 12.00 a.m.

Shuttle buses will be available here for the transfer to the finish area.

Ticket prices are:

Children up to and including 5 years: free of charge

Children between 6 and 14 years: 20 EUR

Adolescents and adults 15 years and older: 30 EUR

Ticket bookings and further information on the steamboat trip can be found at:

<https://www.oberelbe-marathon.de/unser-service/dampferfahrt/>

For more information about the offer you can write us an e-mail: [kontakt@oberelbe-marathon.de](mailto:kontakt@oberelbe-marathon.de)

#### **START NUMBER IS ALSO A TICKET ON THE DAY OF THE RACE**

The start number is valid on 27. April 2025 as a ticket on all trains, buses, trams and ferries (except historic and special means of transport) in the *Verkehrsverbund Oberelbe (VVO)*. On all start numbers except for the Minimarathon and Bambini Run you will find the combi ticket button, which entitles you to free travel.



#### **FREE COURSE AT THE MARATHON**

The *Deutsche Bahn AG (DB)* will provide us with a half-hour time slot so that all marathon runners can pass the railway tracks between km 5 and 7 without stopping.

The start time at the marathon is determined by the time slot of the *DB*.

#### **ATMOSPHERE ON THE RUNNING COURSE**

Along the course as well as in the finish area, several music bands (Samba, Jazz, Dixie) will provide a lively atmosphere.

#### **PASTA AND FREE BEER IN THE FINISH AREA**

All participants (except Bambini-Run) will receive a free portion of noodles in the finish area on race day. The pasta voucher is attached to the start number. A voucher for a Feldschlößchen Radler (non-alcoholic naturally cloudy) is also attached to the start number, which can be redeemed in the finish area (serving only for participants over 14 years of age).

#### **MEDALS / ENGRAVING**

Each finisher will receive a course-related medal at the finish line.

As usual, you can have your time engraved on the back of the medals at the finish area.

The engraving (7 EUR) can be ordered/obtained as follows:

- directly at the online registration
- at the finish line after your run against cash payment

#### **CERTIFICATE**

All finishers can have their certificates printed out directly in the finish area.

#### **RESULTS/RESULTS BROCHURE**

The preliminary results will be published on the Internet on the day of the race.

#### **FINISHER VIDEO/FINISHER SMS**

On the day of the race, every participant will be able to watch their personal finish video on our results page.

When registering online, each participant can enter a desired mobile phone number. Immediately after the finish, a text message will be sent to this number with the time and place achieved (marathon runners will also receive their intermediate finish time).

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Our marathon hotel, the *Dorint Hotel Dresden*, is again offering a special arrangement for the running weekend. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.oberelbe-marathon.de/unsere-service/unterkuenfte/>



## Further information

### TRAVEL TO THE START AREAS:

#### S-BAHN/BUS

Start VVO Marathon in *Königstein*:

S-Bahn S1 from *Dresden Hbf*, travel time approx. 40 minutes. The scheduled S-Bahn trains of the S1 to *Königstein* will be increased in terms of space.

Start Lichtenauer Half Marathon in *Pirna*:

From *Dresden* there will be additional trains of the S-Bahn S2 to *Pirna*, travel time approx. 20 minutes. There will be shuttle buses from the station to the half marathon start area.

Alternative exit: *Heidenau-Großsedlitz*, approx. 500 m walk to the start area.

schulz 10-km Run / Sachsenmilch 5-km Run:

To the starting points *SchillerGarden* (10 km) as well as *Waldschlößchen Bridge* (5 km) special buses will leave at 8:00 a.m. from *Pieschener Allee / corner Rudolf-Harbig-Weg*.

*Special service:*

At <https://www.oberelbe-marathon.de/dein-oem/anreise-fahrplan/> you can find your personal, route-related destination link to be on time at the starting line on the day of the race by public transport.

### TRAVELLING BY CAR

VVO Marathon / Lichtenauer Half Marathon:

B 172 from *Dresden* in the direction of Saxon Switzerland / *Bad Schandau*. Due to the limited parking possibilities in *Königstein* and *Pirna* and the offer of free train transfers to the start locations, we strongly recommend using the S-Bahn!

schulz 10-km Run / Sachsenmilch 5-km Run:

Residential streets in the area of *Waldschlößchen Bridge* and *Schillerplatz* with limited parking possibilities. We recommend our shuttle bus service from the finish area (exactly: corner of *Pieschener Allee / Rudolf-Harbig-Weg*) to both start locations (departure 8:00 am).

AOK PLUS 2,7-km-Minimarathon / Ostsächsische Sparkasse Dresden Bambini Run:

There is plenty of parking space available around the finish area of *Heinz-Steyer-Stadium* (start and finish of both distances). Please follow the signs.

### HAND OUT OF RUNNER'S DOCUMENTS / RUNNER'S FAIR

The hand-out of the runner's documents will take place in the *BallsportARENA Dresden* (*Weißeritzstraße 4*). The arena is located directly next to the finish area in the *Ostra Sports Park*. The nearest train station is *Dresden-Mitte*, only 300m away.

Friday, April 25, 2025: 15-19 pm

Saturday, April 26, 2025: 10 am-18 pm





### **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE RUNNER'S DOCUMENTS!!!**

There will be no postal registration confirmation. If you enter your e-mail address, you will receive an electronic registration confirmation, which you must bring with you to the bib number collection.

Parallel to the hand-out of the runner's documents, a **RUNNER'S FAIR** will take place in the *BallsportARENA Dresden*, where partners and companies from the fields of sportswear, running travel, nutrition, fitness and health will present themselves and offer their products at fair prices.

### **ARRIVAL TO THE HAND-OUT OF THE RUNNER'S DOCUMENTS / RUNNER'S FAIR**

#### **TRAVELLING BY TRAIN / S-BAHN / BUS**

Train RB 34, 60, 61, RE 1, 2, 15, 18, 50 from *Dresden Main Station*. 1 stop to *Central Station* (5 minutes walk) or S-Bahn S1, S2 from *Dresden Main Station*. 2 stops to *Central Station* (5 minutes walk)

Tram: Line 10, from *Dresden Main Station*. 4 stops to *Weißeritzstraße* (3 minutes walk) or: Line 11, from *Dresden Main Station North*. 5 stops to *Congress Center*.

#### **TRAVELLING BY CAR**

A4 from *Chemnitz*: Exit *Dresden-Old Town* → B 6 in the direction of the city center. After approx. 6.5km from the A4 exit you will pass directly by the arena.

A13/A4 from *Berlin*: Exit *Dresden-Hellerau* → B 170 in the direction of the city center. At *Dresden-Neustadt* train station, take the B 6 towards *Meißen* and after approx. 5km from the A4 exit, you will pass directly by the *BallsportARENA Dresden*.

Parking is available in the *Central Parking Garage* (directly opposite the *BallsportARENA Dresden*) and along *Pieschener Allee*, not far from the *BallsportARENA*.

#### **EVENT CANCELLATION**

If the OEM is cancelled, all participants who have registered to date will receive an e-mail with a link. There are three options to choose from: Refund of the entry fee (also possible on a pro-rata basis)\*, credit note for 2026 or donation.

\* We generally offer a full refund. During the planning period of the event, immense costs are incurred (advertising, rent, graphics department, IT, external service providers for the registration system...). In order to ensure the continuity of the OEM, we hope for your understanding to waive a small part of the entry fee (voluntarily).

So you can register whenever you want. There will be no disadvantages for you.

**WE WISH YOU AND US A SUCCESSFUL ANNIVERSARY RUNNING EVENT AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEE YOU. YOUR OEM TEAM!**