

Hoping to Run the 2027 Analog Devices Cork City Marathon? Ballot Opens Next Monday

Cork City Council, organisers of the Analog Devices Cork City Marathon, are encouraging anyone interested in taking part in the 2027 event on June 6 to enter the official ballot when it opens at 9am on Monday, June 15, 2026.

For the first time, entries for the Full Marathon, Half Marathon and 10K races will be allocated through a ballot system, following record demand for places in 2026 and an anticipated increase in applications for 2027.

The ballot will remain open until midnight on June 30, giving runners two weeks to register their interest in securing a place at one of Ireland's largest marathon events.

Race Director Eamon Hayes said the introduction of a ballot system was the fairest way to manage the growing demand for entries. *"The popularity of the Analog Devices Cork City Marathon has grown significantly in recent years and demand for places for 2027 is expected to be higher than ever,"* said Mr Hayes.

"We have carefully considered the options available to us and believe a ballot system is the fairest and most transparent way to allocate places across the Full Marathon, Half Marathon and 10K events. It ensures that everyone who wants to participate has an equal opportunity to secure a place, rather than missing out because entries sell out quickly."

"We would encourage anyone thinking about taking part in 2027 to enter the ballot before it closes on June 30."

How the Ballot Works

The ballot will open at 9am on Monday, June 15, and remain open until midnight on June 30.

A €5 administration fee will apply to all ballot applications to cover processing and verification costs. The fee will be deducted from the full race entry fee for successful applicants and fully refunded to those who are unsuccessful.

Applicants may enter the ballot for more than one race distance. While it is possible to be successful in multiple ballots, organisers say this is unlikely. If a runner is allocated more than one place, they may transfer the entry they do not wish to use through the official transfer window.

Runners who participated in the 2026 Analog Devices Cork City Marathon events will be recognised within the ballot process. Applicants will be able to indicate their participation when entering and this will be verified by organisers.

Ballot Results

Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified on July 21.

The remaining race entry fee for successful applicants will be processed on July 28, while refunds for unsuccessful applicants will be issued at the same time.

Runners who are unsuccessful in the ballot will automatically be placed on a waiting list and may also have further opportunities to secure a place through charity entries and the official transfer process.

No Transfers Between Race Distances

Participants who secure a place through the ballot in a particular race distance will not be permitted to transfer to another race category.

Concession Entries

Those eligible for concession rates, including social welfare recipients, should enter the ballot as normal and select the appropriate concession option during registration. Successful applicants will be required to complete a verification process before their entry is confirmed.

Good for Age Entries

A good for age entry system will also operate. This system will be available from August.

Deferred Entries

Participants who deferred their 2026 entry do not need to enter the ballot. Eligible runners will receive a dedicated registration link for the 2027 event following completion of the ballot process.

The ballot system has been introduced to ensure the fairest possible allocation of places among the event's large and diverse running community as the Analog Devices Cork City Marathon continues to grow in popularity both nationally and internationally.

More than 12,300 participants took part across the marathon, half marathon and 10K events with the new starting and finish line routes on Grand Parade and South Mall.

For full details on the ballot and race details, visit analogdevicescorkcitymarathon.ie and follow @CorkCityMarathon on social media. Proudly supported by Cork City Council and Analog Devices, Inc. (ADI) with media partners Cork's 96fm and The Irish Examiner.

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