



KAZBEGI MARATHON

Rice Information:

General Information

The race takes place on Saturday, September 4th, 2010

The race is a point to point race

Buses for the full distance will leave the hotel at 06:00 and for the half distance at 08:00

The full marathon starts at 08:00 from the town center of Kazbegi

The half marathon starts at 09:30 from the town center of Kobi, along the military way

Race ends at the Peace Memorial over watching the town of Gudauri and the Caucasus region

Course will be closed after 7 hours

All runners who complete the distance within the time limit will be given a medal and a Finisher's certificate

All runners will be given a race shirt

All runners can leave their bags at the start of both races and collect it at the end.

The marathon route

The race starts at the town center of Kazbegi, over watching the famous mountain and the church at it's foothills.

The race goes along the military way, climbs gently for the first 13 kilometers, allowing the runners to warm up well.

At that point, runners will turn right into the breath taking Truso Valley, where they will run for about 6 kilometers and return back to the main road, where the real climb begins!

From the 28th kilometer until the 40th kilometer, runners will climb on the winding road, slowly making it to the pass at 2350m above sea level through the majestic Caucasus mountains

From the 40th until the end of the race runners will be able to relax their tired legs on the gentle downhill towards the exciting finish of the race

Kilometer signs will be found along the entire route

Half marathon -

The half marathon race will start at the town center of Kobi, a small village along the military way.

Runners will enjoy a short warm up and will run into the mountains, without the Truso Valley portion

Aid stations

Aid stations are situated along the route approx. every 4 kilometers. At selected stations energy drinks and gels, as well as some fruits will also be provided

It is possible to have personal supplies delivered at selected stations. Those can include food, drink, sunscreen, extra clothes and shoes or other personal necessities

Race Officials

The organizers, assisted by the Georgia Athletic Federation Officials will be in charge of setting up the route as well as controlling the logistics on race day. The race officials have full rights to

change any detail of the race if necessary. All decisions made by the race official team are final

Medical Team

An Israeli medical team, assisted by Georgian paramedics will supervise the marathon and assist in case of injury or exhaustion. The medical team have undisputed authority to exclude runners who, according to their judgment, should not continue running if it involves a serious health risk to the runner. The medical team will be patrolling the route as well as being situated in the finish area and on strategic points of the route

Withdrawal

Runners who wish to drop out of the race should go to the nearest aid station and wait to be picked up by either the medical team or race officials. If a runner cannot make it to the nearest aid station, he/she should simply wait at the side of the road. We encourage all participants to look out for each other and report to the officials or medical team if you see an injured runner on the route. All decisions made by the medical team will be final!

Facilities at the finish

The medal is given immediately after the finish line has been crossed. A medical tent is set up at the finish to check all runners passing the finish line. Drinks and light food are given to all runners. Shuttle buses leave the finish area every hour to bring runners back to the hotel, which is situated only 7 kilometers away from the finish line

Non – runners

Non runners can ride the buses with the runners to both marathon and half marathon starts. After the start of the race, the buses will take the non-runners to strategic points along the way to cheer their loved ones and from there, to the finish

PRESS

General Information

To make it easier for you to report from the Kazbegi marathon, please read through the following information and fill in the online application for **accreditation**. The whole race section will be closed for road traffic on race day.

We will distribute accreditation to a limited amount of journalists/photographers who applied online in advance and with presentation of a valid press ID.

PRESS CONFERENCE

We will hold a press conference on Friday, September 3rd, at 10:00 at the Sport Hotel in Gudauri.