

PROCLAMATION-INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

IN THE 11TH MARATHON OF CRETE

Dedicated to the memory of Blessed Metropolitan Irineos Galanakis

Sunday, April 11th 2027

The **Cretan International Marathon** is a cultural and, above all, sports event that has been held in Chania since 2016 and is included in the official program of sports events (calendar) of S.E.G.A.S. It is dedicated to Blessed Metropolitan Irineos Galanakis, who developed an important religious, humanitarian and social work in Crete, while the 10 km Road Race is dedicated to the hero Captain Kostas Iliakis, who gave his life defending the Greek airspace. For the 11th Crete Marathon, the 5 km Road Race is dedicated to the composer Mikis Theodorakis and the 2.5 km Road Race is dedicated to the Fraternization of the Peoples. The Crete Marathon includes a variety of parallel cultural events and culminates with the Games:

Marathon Race (42,195m)

10 km, 5 km & 2.5 km

It is organized by the **Chania Health Runners Club (S.D.Y.H.),** with co-organizers Prefecture of Crete and the Municipalities the Prefecture Unit of Chania, with the support of E.A.S. S.E.G.A.S. of Crete, of E.A.K. of Chania, the Primary and Secondary Education of Chania, the Chania Traffic Police, the Orthodox Academy of Crete, the Hoteliers' Union, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (E.B.E.), the Medical Association of Chania, and is under the auspices of the Prefecture of Crete, National Tourism Organization (E.O.T.), AIMS and E.O.S.L.M.A.-Y.

The Technical Committee invites you to participate in the events

and races of the 11th Crete Marathon on

Sunday, April 11th 2027

Races on public roads include:

- **Marathon Race** (42,195 m.), dedicated to Blessed **Metropolitan Ireneos Galanakis**.

- **10 km Road Race**, dedicated to the memory of the hero **Captain Kostas Iliakis**.

- **5 km Road Race** - dynamic walking, dedicated to the music composer **Mikis Theodorakis**.

- **2.5 km Road Race**–dynamic walking dedicated to the **Fraternization of the Peoples**.

Friday 9/04/2027 and Saturday 10/04/2027 the following events will take place:

Friday, 9th April 2027

• Collection of the Wreath for the awarding of the athletes from the Ancient Olive Tree of the village Vouvesin the Municipality of Platanias.

Saturday, 10th April 2027

• Torch Relay from the Building of Prefecture of Crete in memory of the blessed Metropolitan Ireneos Galanakis with gathering at Building of Prefecture of Crete at 8:00 pm and ending at E.A.K. Chanion (National Sports Center)

Saturday, 10th April 2027

• Opening ceremony of the 11th Crete Marathon at 8:15 pm

Conditions of holding the matches

1. DATE OF RACES

Sunday, 11th April 2027

2. START - FINISH

In the 11th Crete Marathon, the attractive routes (for a record) of all events have been designed with the aim of providing better and safer services to the runners on the one hand and highlighting cultural elements of the region and the city of Chania on the other hand, and have a starting and ending point at the **National Sports Center (E.A.K.)**.

The Marathon, the 10 km and 5 km are certified by the **AIMS**.





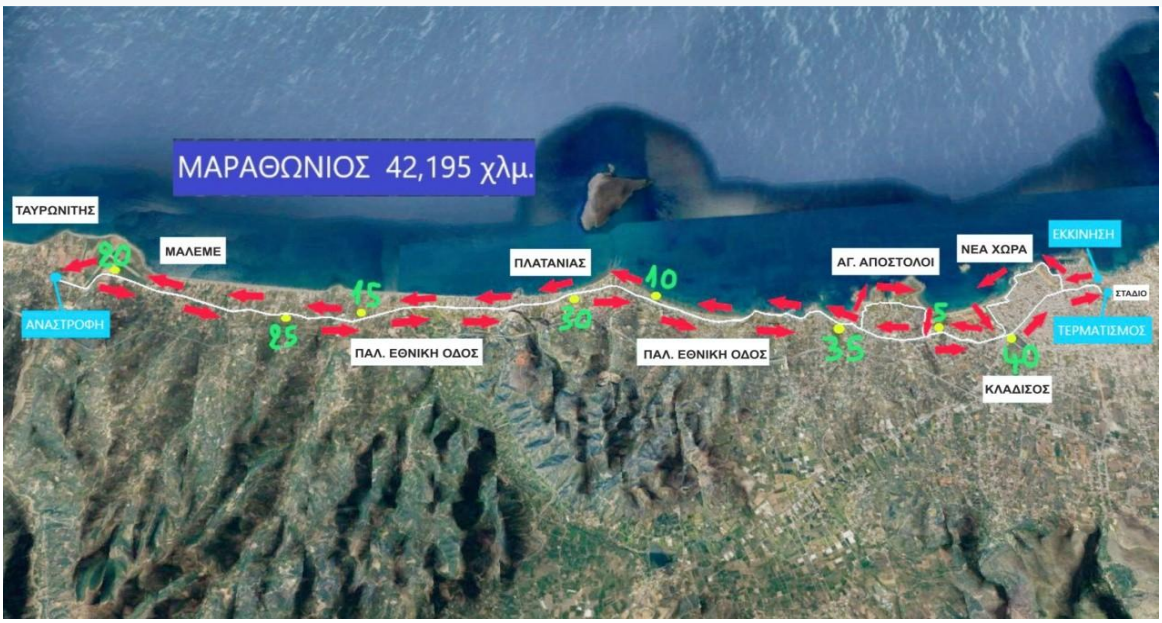


3. DETAILS OF COMPETITIONS

3.1 Marathon Race **(Participant limit 600 runners)**

Dedicated to Blessed **Metropolitan Ireneos Galanakis**

Start Time: 07:00

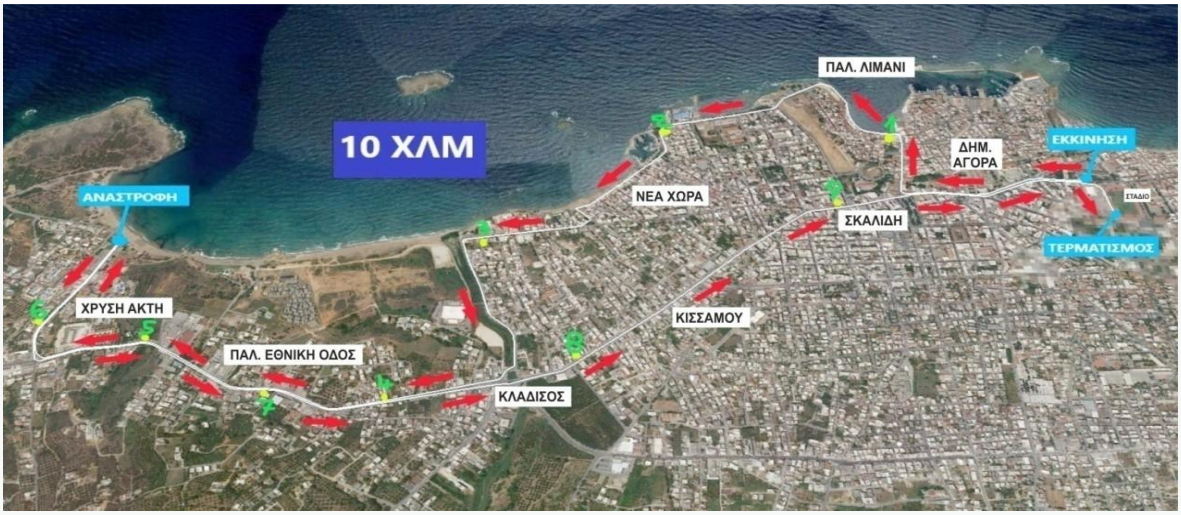


Description of the route: Start from Elev. Venizelou str. (outside the main entrance of the Chania stadium) through the streets – Hatzimichalis Giannari (Market) - Halidon - Kountourioti (Old Port) - Talos square - Akti Kanari – Akti Papanikoli - Monis Gonia - Kon/nou Palaiologos - Selino - Georgiakakidon - Kladisos junction - Old National Road – Maleme - **U-turn**200 m. before the Tavronitis Junction – Old National Road – Kalamaki
– Strati Pantelaki – Ag. Apostolon (north of the park) – ChrysiAkti – Daskalogianni –Chrysis Aktis Junction – Old National Road – Kladisos Junction - Kissamos – Skalidi – Hatzimichalis Giannari (Puplic Market) – Elev. Venizelou – Chania National Stadium (Elena Venizelou) – **Finish** (100 m.).

3.2 Road Race 10 km. **(Participant limit 1000 runners)**

Dedicated to the hero **Captain Kostas Iliakis**.

Start Time: 07:30



Description of the route: : Start from Elev. Venizelou str. (outside the main entrance of the Chania stadium) through the streets – Hatzimichalis Giannari (Public Market) - Halidon - Kountourioti (Old Port) - Talos Square - Akti Kanari – Akti Papanikoli - Monis Gonia - Kon/nou Palaiologos - Selino - Georgiakakidon - Kladisos Junction - Old National Road - Golden Coast Junction - Daskalogianni - **U-turn** (Chrysis Aktis) - Daskalogianni - Golden Coast Junction - Old National Road - Kladisos Junction - Kissamos - Skalidi – Hatzimichalis Giannari (Public Market) - Elev. Venizelou – Chania National Stadium (Elena Venizelou) – **Finish** (100 m.).

3.3 Road Race 5 km. **(Participant limit 1300 runners)**

Dedicated to the music composer **Mikis Theodorakis**.

Start Time: 08:30



Description of the route: Start from Elev. Venizelou str., (outside the main entrance of the Chania stadium) through the streets – Hatzimichalis Giannari (Public Market) - Halidon - Kountourioti (Old Port) - Talo Square - Akti Kanari - AktiPapanikoli - Monis Gonia - Kon/nou Palaiologos - Selinou - **U-turn** (at 130 m .) – Selinou – Monis Gonias - Kissamos – Skalidi – Hatzimichalis Giannari (Publik Market) – Elev. Venizelou – Chania National Stadium (Elena Venizelou) – **Finish** (100 m.).

3.4 Road Race 2.5 km **(Participant limit 1300 runners)**

Included in the **values of Mass Sports.**

Start Time: 11:30



Description of the Route: Start from Elev. Venizelou str. (outside the main entrance of the Chania stadium) through the streets – Hatzimichalis Giannari (Public Market) - Skalidi - Piraeus - Patriarchou Gerasimou – Meletiou Metaxakis - Skalidi – Hatzimihali Giannari (Public Market) - Elev. Venizelou – Chania National Stadium (Elena Venizelou) – **Finish** (100 m.).

Detailed information and maps with the routes can also be found on the official website of the Organization: www.crete-marathon.gr

4. REGULATIONS OF COMPETITIONS

The Road Races organized by the Crete Marathon have the approval of S.E.G.A.S., a member of WA, and are conducted in accordance with the Articles and Provisions of the "Competition Rules" of WA of the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races (A.I.M.S.) and S.E.G.A.S. 2020-21.

NOTE: Anything not expressly stated in this document is subject to the WA Regulations of A.I.M.S. and S.E.G.A.S., while at the same time the Articles with all their Provisions, which govern the Competitions on Public Roads, are automatically and universally put into effect. (www.segas.gr, www.iaaf.org/about-iaaf/documents/rules-regulations)

Particular attention needs to be paid to complying with the regulations of the following articles (Ch. 1, Articles 6 – 7 & Ch. 7, Article 55), according to which specific actions are considered as assistance and are therefore NOT ALLOWED:

The provisions are automatically and universally enforced of:

Volume C - Chapter 1

Article 6 – Aid to Athletes

Article 7 – Cancellation of a competitor

Volume C - Chapter 7

Article 55 – Road Races on Public Roads

Basic provisions to be observed:

Article 6.2 Any athlete who provides or accepts assistance within the playing area during a competition (including those provided for in Articles 17.14, 17.15, 54.10 and 55.8 of the Technical Regulations) will receive a warning from the Chief Referee and will be informed that, if this is repeated , will be excluded from the specific competition Note: In the cases covered by Article 6.3.1 of the Technical Regulations, the cancellation may be made without warning.

Article 6.3.1. Pacing by persons not participating in the same race, by athletes who are one lap short or about to be overtaken by one lap, or by any type of mechanical device (except those permitted under Article 6.4) is not permitted .4 of the Technical Regulations).

Article 55.8.8. The athlete who accepts (from another) or takes refreshment or water himself from a point other than the official stations, except in cases where this is given for medical reasons by the referees of the match or under their supervision, or takes the refreshment of another athlete, should, if this is his first offence, receive a warning from the Chief Referee as a rule by showing a yellow card. If he commits the same offense a second time, the Referee will disqualify the athlete, usually by showing a red card. In this case the athlete will immediately withdraw from the competition. Note: An athlete will be able to receive from another athlete or give to another athlete refreshments, water or sponges, provided that he carries them from the start or has collected or received them at one of the official stations. However, any continued support by an athlete to one or more other athletes in this way may be considered unfair assistance, and may result in a warning or disqualification as described above.

5. RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE

The runners who will participate in each race must have been born as follows:

- For the **Marathon** Road, people born from **2009 and older**.

- For the **10 km** Road Race born from **2012 and older**.

- For the **5 km** Road Race born from **2015 and older**.

- Runners of all ages can participate in the **2.5 km** Road Race with the following conditions: born **in 2020 and older**. Children under the **age of 2021, 2022, etc. can also normally participate, but they MUST be accompanied by adults.**

- **High school and Lyceum school** students can participate in the **5 km** race in an organized manner by their schools.

- **Elementary school** students can also participate in the **2.5 km** race in an organized manner by their schools.

- To register, students will go to the "Minors" participation type and enter the Code (Key) that their school will create. Otherwise, they can register "Individual" at a different cost.

- Students and school chaperones register with the same code. Chaperones register in the "Group" participation type.

• For individual or group school registrations for minor runners born under the age of 18, during their online registration, the responsible declaration by the parent or guardian must be checked (in text available on the registration website).

All runners must run in **full sports clothing**.

6. AWARDS - PRIZES

6.1 Prizes

• **Heavy Cups** are awarded to the **first three** overall **Men's and Women's winners** of each road race (**Marathon, 10 km** and **5 km**).

• **Cups** are awarded to the **first three Men** and the **first three Women (excluded the overall winners)**, in the following Marathon age categories: **(19-29), (30-39), (40-49), (50-59), (60-69), (70+)**, according to the year of birth.

• **Cups** are awarded to the **first three Boys** and the **first three Girls students of Lyceums** of **5 km** born in the years **(2009-2010-2011)**.

• **Cups** are awarded to the **first three Boys** and the **first three Girls of High Schools** of **5 km** born in the years **(2012-2013-2014)**.

• **Cups** are awarded to the **first three Boys** and to the **first three Girls of Elementary School** of **2.5 km**, born in the years **(2015-2016-2017)**.

• **All runners** who finish will be awarded a **commemorative medal** of the Event.

• Participants who will finish in the road race of their choice will have the possibility to print their participation certificate through a special application on the website of the Organization

www.crete-marathon.gr





6.2 Special Awards

By decision of the Technical Committee, special prizes will be awarded in the following distinctions:

• Special award to the first male and to the first female disabled athletes of the Marathon.

• Special award to the first male and the first female athletes of the 10 km Road Race.

• Special award to the first three (3) male and to the first three (3) female disabled athletes of the 5 km Road Race.

(Disabled Runners have priority for awarding)

• Special Mass Entry Awards (most team entry based on number of team members finishing)

- At the Marathon Race

- In the 10 km Road Race.

- In the 5 km Road Race.

- In the 2,5 km Road Race.

• Special prize for the most mass participation (most group participation of High School or Lyceum school based on the number of school members who finished, in the 5 km Road Race.

• Special award for the most mass participation (most group participation of Elementary school based on the number of school members who finished, in the 2.5 km Road Race.

6.3 Benefits

a. Benefits per participation:

1. Participation number (BIB Number).

2. Printed information material.

3. Certificate of participation.

4. Commemorative finishing medal.

5. Race photos.

6. Men's-Women's 10 km, 5 km and 2.5 km event T-Shirt with sleeve,

for the Marathon Race (42,195 m.) Men - Women with sleeve or

sleeveless. (**The women's t-shirt is in a narrow line – no possibility of**

change)

7. Organizer bag.

8. Organization backpack in the enhanced package in all races.

9. Electronic timing.

10. Online results for all runners.

b. Additional benefits:

For those who register for the Marathon Race, the 10 km, 5 km and 2.5 km races, there will be special discounts and offers regarding means of transportation, accommodation, dining, entertainment, culture

which will be announced regularly on the website of the Organization **www.crete-marathon.gr.**

7. DECLARATION OF PARTICIPATION – METHODS OF REGISTRATION – TYPES OF REGISTRATION

7.1 Declarations of Participation

Participation declarations for all races must be submitted by **Sunday 4th April 2027** (If there are **participation slots available** due to participation limits), with online registration at the following address: **www.crete-marathon.gr**

Limited registrations WILL BE MADE in the period from 5/04/2027 until 8/04/2027, at the SDYH office and at the Registration Center during its working days (9-10/4/2027) and if there are participation slots available. NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE MADE ON THE DAY OF THE RACES.

7.2 Types of Registration

Registrations are divided into:

a. Individual, which are made by individuals. Individual registrations of minors are made by their parent or guardian.

b. Teams, which include **10(ten)** runners or more. Group registrations refer to the registration of a group of at least ten(10) runners, who belong to the same club/team and can participate in any event of their choice.

Group registrations are for sports clubs, running clubs, gyms, companies, schools, private and public organizations, travel agencies, families and even simple groups of people who wish to participate as a group.

During group registration, the person who creates the Group and declares it electronically through the Organization's website is defined as Group Leader. The Group Leader represents it in various matters of communication with the organizers and can participate as a runner-member himself.

For more information about **group registrations**, please call **2821405253 on Monday and Friday grom 16:00 to 20:00.**

8. PARTICIPATION COST

The entry fee (in euros) for the registration of each runner per race is shown in the table below.

TYPE OF PARTICIPATION	MARATHON RACE	ROAD RACE 10KM	ROAD RACE 5KM	ROAD RACE 2,5KM
REGISTRATION FEE PER ENTRY until 30 December 2026				
INDIVIDUAL	30	15	10	18
GOUPS-RUNNERS'				

CLUBS-STUDENTS/UNEMPLOYED DISABLED	25	12	8	6
CHILDREN	----------	(5)	(5)	(5)

REGISTRATION FEE PER ENTRY until 28 Febuary 2027				
INDIVIDUAL	35	17	14	12
GOUPS -RUNNERS' CLUBS -STUDENTS/UNEMPLOYED DISABLED	30	14	12	10
CHILDREN	----------	(5)	(5)	(5)
REGISTRATION FEE PER ENTRY FROM MARCH 1ST 2027				
INDIVIDUAL	40	20	16	14
GOUPS -RUNNERS' CLUBS -STUDENTS/UNEMPLOYED DISABLED	35	16	14	12
CHILDREN	----------	(5)	(5)	(5)

Enhanced package with additional provision of an **organization backpack** for all races and for all types of participation, at an additional cost of eighteen **(18) euros**.

Declarations of participation until Sunday 4th April 2027.
(If there are **participation slots available** due to participation limits).

8.1 Payment Methods

• **On-line** payment through the website**: www.crete-marathon.gr**, must be done electronically (payment by card) or in cash at the SDYH office (Sfakion str. 4), within three days of your registration and before completion, otherwise considered invalid.

In order for the reduced cost registration of a participant in a race to be considered valid, the necessary supporting documents must be sent, within 3 DAYS (otherwise it will be considered INVALID) from the day of submission of the participation application by e-mail to registrations@crete-marathon.gr with SUBJECT: the name of the participant and the race of his choice (e.g. Papadakis, 5 km). In the following days the participant will receive an e-mail confirming his registration.

ATTENTION: Possible additional charges & bank charges, when paying by credit card, ARE BURGABLE TO THE PARTICIPANT. A registration corresponding to a payment of a lower participation amount than the predetermined amount will be cancelled.

If a participant does not receive confirmation of registration to the e-mail he/she has indicated in a short period of time, he/she must contact the Technical Committee at **registrations@crete-marathon.gr.**

The Registration Center will operate at the National Stadium of Chania (Andrea Papandreou 59, Chania).

8.2 Cancellation Policy

For the cancellation of participation in the Crete Marathon 2027, the following apply:

a. In case of cancellation of participation by the runner by 31st January 2027, the price of his participation will be refunded, excluding bank charges.

b. In case of cancellation of the race due to the responsibility of the organizer or due to special reasons, it will be set off with the next event or the participation fee will be refunded in full.

9. Social Dividend

A sum of money (social dividend) will be allocated to support the values of Mass Sports of the Prefecture of Chania, from part of the amount of the runners' registrations.

10. HEALTH COVERAGE:

In any case, all participants take part in the competitions at their own risk. The organizers bear no responsibility for anything that happens to participants of all road races of the Organization regarding HEALTH issues during the race, which are due to a lack of preventive medical control.

It is essential that all participants have recently undergone a medical examination and, in particular, have undergone a cardiac check-up. The organizers will not request medical certificates for each participant, because all participants compete under their own responsibility and minors under the responsibility of their parents or guardians, by signing the relevant responsible declaration, which is included in the printed or electronic Registration Statement for each competition of the Organization. Disabled runners who need an escort during the race must provide their own escort. During each race, Medical Services and First Aid personnel will be present at the start and finish areas as well as at selected points along the routes to deal with any medical emergency by providing First Aid.

11. STORAGE OF RACE CLOTHING

Runners will be given the opportunity to hand in their individual clothing before the start of the race in which they are participating and collect it after their finish at the **National Stadium of Chania.**

(Andrea Papandreou 59, Chania).

12. SUPPORT STATIONS

Bottled water will be available to all race runners at the start, finish, and every 2.5km.

Along the Marathon Race there will be support stations for the runners, every 2.5 km.

Isotonic drinks will be available to runners at the start, finish and every 2.5 km, energy bars at 7.5 – 17.5 – 25 – 35 km, bananas at 12.5 – 20 – 30 – 37, 5 km, gel and coke at 20 – 32.5 km, and sponges at 10 – 17.5 – 32.5 – 40 km.

Also, there will be the possibility of providing personal drinks and supplements by persons accompanying the runners every 5 km, from the 5th km onwards.

13. KILOMETER INDICATIONS:

In every kilometer of the Marathon race, the 10 km and the 5 km races there will be an indication of Kilometer.

14. TIME LIMIT FOR RACES

The finish time limit for the **Marathon Race** is six hours **(6:00΄)** from the scheduled start time of 7:00 (runners must have completed the Marathon Race by 1:00 p.m.).

For the **10 km Road Race** the time limit is one and a half hour **(1:30)** from the scheduled start time of 7:30 (runners must have completed the 10 km Race by 09:00

For the **5 km Road Race** the time limit is one hour **(1:00)** from the scheduled start time of 8:30 (runners must have completed the 5 km Race by 9:30).

For the **2.5 km Road Race** the time limit is 50 minutes **(50')** from the scheduled start time of 11:30 (runners must have completed the 2.5 km Race by 12:20)

15.1 Electronic Timing

The electronic timing of all the races of the Event, as well as the publication of the results, has been undertaken by a certified timing company. For this reason, all participating runners in the Marathon, 10 km, 5 km and 2.5 km Races should bring the timing chip that they will receive together with their participation number from the Registration Center. Electronic control and timing mats for recording intermediate times will be available:

For the Marathon Race: at the start, at the finish and at 21.1km. Also, runners will have intermediate times and checkpoints along the course and at its extreme points.

For the 10 km, 5 km and 2.5 km Road Races: at the start and finish and at the extreme points of the course.







15.2 Results

For all Road Races of the Crete Marathon Organization in which there is official electronic timing, the Articles and Provisions of the Regulations of the W.A., the A.I.M.S. and of S.E.G.A.S. are applied.

The announcement of the results will be made on the website of the Organization www.crete-marathon.gr after the end of the races. Any objections can be submitted within five (5) calendar days from the day the results are posted.

The announcement of the official results will be made on the website of the organization within ten (10) working days from the day of the games.

If an athlete is disqualified from an event due to the violation of an article of the regulations in force, in the official results he is not ranked, but only listed with a simultaneous reference to the article that was violated (Article 145.1).

16. REFISTRATION CENTER

Venue: National Stadium of Chania (Andrea Papandreou 59, Chania).

Days and Hours of Operation:

Friday 9th April 2027 from 10:00 till 15:00 and 16:00 till 20:00

Saturday 10th April 2027 from 10:00 till 15:00 and 16:00 till 19:00

Participants must receive their participation number and timing chip, as well as the rest of the Event materials, exclusively from the Registration Center.

17. EVENTS

During the period leading up to the day of the races, various cultural, social and ecological events will be held, which will be announced on the website of the Organization.

18. AWARDS

10:30 In the first three of the Marathon, of 10 km and 5 km races and groups.

13:00 In all other categories.

Chania, 21 – 10 – 2026

The Technical Committee