



Westport Marathon / Half-Marathon /10k – Competitors Brief

Welcome to the 2026 Westport Marathon. This document outlines important information relevant to all three of our events – marathon, half-marathon, and 10k. Please read the 'Important Notices' section, as well as the section of the brief pertaining to your event.

Our primary concern is that all competitors complete the event safely and enjoyably. You have a key role to play in making this happen. **I would specifically remind you to closely observe the following:**

Important Notices

1. When gathering for the start of your event, please go straight to your assigned zone (Red – Marathon; Green – Half; Blue – 10k) and keep clear of any sections of the public roads at the Quay which will be in use for the events.
2. Please obey the instructions of the Gardai, Civil Defence, and event marshals during the event. They are there for your safety and enjoyment.
3. It is your responsibility that you are fit and well to compete in your event. If you have not trained for the event, or are feeling in any way unwell on the day, we recommend that you refrain from taking part

4. runners using the rest of the road as they complete their event. Please respect your fellow competitors. Thank You.

Half-Marathon

- The half-marathon course has been professionally measured. The extra 95-meters has been added at the start of the route, so please take a split at the 0km mark (95-metres beyond start line, marked '0' with Green line paint) in order to ensure your Garmin/tech aligns with the course markers.
- The half-marathon begins at 12:00pm. Competitors must gather at the start line at Westport Quay no later than 11:30am for the pre-event briefing.
- The half marathon route will have distance marker signs at 5km, 10km, 12km, 15km, 17km, and 20km, with **GREEN** writing on a white background. The road will also be marked every KM with **GREEN** line paint.
- **The amendments made to the course last year remain in place this year, with the added loop of the Skate park between the 2k & 3k mark (where a short 50m contra-flow is in operation), and the turnaround area at Murrisk apartments (12km), where you will turn in thru the main gate of the Murrisk apartments, and follow the flow of cones through the car park area before rejoining the Greenway back of the apartments, turning right and returning to Westport.**
- Just beyond the 5km mark at Belclare junction, the route continues out towards Murrisk village (9km). On this section of the route, and again on your return/inward route between Murrisk (14k) and Belclare (18k), there will be a 2-way flow of runners. Please stay to the LEFT HAND SIDE

of the running route when passing oncoming runners.

- On the inward section from Murrisk to Belclare, stay to the left of the picnic benches at the viewpoints just before and at the 16k mark. Follow the directional signage. Marshals will also be on and to direct you.
- You will meet oncoming runners from the Half-marathon between Murrisk village (14k) and Belclare junction (18k). Please stay to the LEFT HAND SIDE of the running route, in single file where necessary or when instructed by the marshals, when meeting oncoming runners.

At Belclare junction (18k), turn left for the final section of the route. A full road closure is in place here, but please stay to the left hand side of the road for 200m until the full width of the road can be used.

You will be merging with runners from the 10k event at this point also. However, local access traffic will still be using the road. Please merge to the free side of the road until the traffic passes, and then re-use the full width of the road.

