



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. **!**
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

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

10K Event

- The 10k course has been professionally measured.
- The 10k starts on the Roman Island slip road, adjacent to the soccer pitch
- The event begins at 08:45am. Competitors should gather at the starting point no later than 08:15am for the pre-race briefing.
- The 10k route will be marked with distance signage every KM. The marked signage will be **BLUE** on a white background. There will also be **BLUE** road markings for every KM.
- There is an added short loop section at the 3km, around the skate park, this year. The first 50-metres of this section is a contra-flow. Run in SINGLE-FILE on the approach to the contra-flow (signage will be in place). Please stay to the LEFT-HAND side of the cones at the contra-flow point and follow the instructions of the marshals.
- Turn right at Belclare junction, just after the 6km mark. Here you will merge with runners from the full and half marathons. Please stay to the RIGHT-HAND SIDE of the road when turning at Belclare for 200m until the full width of the road becomes available. 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.
At the Sheebeen thatched pub, at approx the 8km mark, turn immediately left to complete the loop around Rosbeg. You will pass the 9km marker before rejoining the main road at Rosmoe House, turning

left down towards the Quay school. Keep to the LEFT hand side of the road here, running back towards the Towers bar.

Upon finishing, all competitors will receive their finisher medals. Refreshments will be available at the finish line marquee.

We hope you have a fantastic day. Enjoy the beautiful scenery along the route and the camaraderie of your fellow runners. Please remember to follow the instructions of the Gardai, course officials, and volunteers. Thank You and have a great day.