2026 FACT SHEET
Reggae Marathon
The Half Marathon, 10K & 5K

Dates	**December 4-6, 2026**
Location	**Kingston, Jamaica** Along Kingston's historic waterfront district. The mostly flat course will be an IAAF-certified half marathon, 10K & 5K. The 10K race course will start on Nethersole Place, turn left onto Ocean Boulevard, right onto West Street, then right onto Port Royal Street, turning left onto Orange Street, right onto Water Lane (The Art Walk), left onto King Street, right onto Tower Street, right onto Church Street, left onto Water Lane (The Art Walk), right onto East Street, left onto Harbour Street, then proceed onto Michael Manley Boulevard, make a U-turn 250 meters after Hyslope Avenue and return along Michael Manley Boulevard, continuing onto Port Royal Street to finish at the corner of Port Royal Street and Hanover Street. Course descriptions for the 5K and Half Marathon routes are available at www.reggaemarathon.com
Events	**Friday, December 4** • **Registration & Packet Collection** – (1:00 pm to 5:00 pm) **Devon House** **Saturday, December 5** • **Registration**- (1:00 pm to 4:00 pm) **Devon House** • **Packet Collection** – (1:00 pm to 6:00 pm) **Devon House** • **Pasta Party** -(4:00 pm to 8:00 pm) **Devon House** **Sunday, December 6 (RACE DAY)** • **Half Marathon** (5:45 am) **10K start** (5:55 am) | **5K start** (6:00 am) **Kingston Waterfront**– Nethersole Place • **Finish Line Beach Bash**: **Kingston Waterfront-** Port Royal Street (7:00 am to 10:00 am)
Course Information	• Start and Finish: Kingston Waterfront- Nethersole Place and Port Royal Street • Start Time: Half Marathon - (5:45 am) 10K – (5:55 am) | 5K – (6:00 am). The Course remains open for 4 hours. • Aid stations are located every mile (13 in all), manned by experienced runners and enthusiastic volunteers. • Cooling stations with misters and iced-towel wraps. • Inspirational Reggae music at every mile. • Closed lanes for runners. • Certified IAAF and AIMS courses meeting international standards. • The event is sanctioned by the Jamaica Athletics Administrative Association (JAAA). • Medical stations and fully equipped ambulances positioned along the course and staffed by a premier multi- disciplinary medical team.
Weather	• The temperature should be a low of 24°C / 76°F at the start of the race. With low annual rainfall, rain is not expected.
Race Background	• In its 26th year, the Reggae Marathon's Half Marathon, 10K & 5K races have earned a reputation for being well-organised and international, with a focus on runner enjoyment. Participants combine an island vacation and a great sporting event for a truly unique experience. • Visit our website - www.reggaemarathon.com - for updated race information and be sure to check regularly leading up to race day.
Scoring & Results	• MYLAPS BibTag timing system • Live online tracking of runners along the course at our website and interim results posted during the race. • Gun and Chip Time results

Goodies & Other Stuff	• Commemorative finisher medal and finisher certificate • Official Reggae Marathon T-shirt & Bag • Entry to the Pasta Party" & Finish Line Bash • Over US$10,000 in total prize money • The Bob Marley and Rita Marley trophies awarded to the male and female winners of the Reggae Half Marathon • Special prize category for High School Boys and Girls in the 10K • Special prize category for Teams in the 5K, 10K and Half Marathon
Entry Fee & Rules	Entry Fees (Per Person) On/before July 31 — On/after August 1 — On-site in Kingston (Dec. **4** - **5**) Half Marathon: US $115 — US $125 — US $140 10K: US $85 — US $95 — US $110 5K: US $50 — US $60 — US $80 **ENTRY FEES ARE NEITHER REFUNDABLE NOR TRANSFERABLE, AND NAME CHANGES ARE NOT ALLOWED.** **The minimum age for entry in the Half Marathon is 14 years old and 10 years old for the 10K and 5K.**
Registration	All participants are required to register online via **www.reggaemarathon.com**. Or, on-site in Kingston on December 4 - 5, 2026. The online registration deadline is midnight December 3, 2026. **THERE IS NO RACE MORNING REGISTRATION OR PACKET COLLECTION.**
Testimonials	• "Reggae Marathon offered a wonderful cultural experience from live performances to running through iconic artwork areas." Vernette, 2025 • "This was my first half-marathon, and I am glad I did it in Jamaica. The Reggae Marathon was more than I anticipated; the people and the place made memories for a lifetime." Tonya, 2024 • "Thank you and congratulations on a successful event, I enjoyed every step I took." - Basil Watson, 2023 • "It's always a great experience! From the pasta party to the entertainment at the start and the finish of the race. The Reggae Marathon never disappoints." - Linc S., 2022 • "This is what Reggae Marathon is all about - people. A new encounter and positive energy with runners gathered from the world. The charm of Reggae Marathon, the sun and the beautiful Caribbean." - Mayumi, 2019 • "It was a pleasure for myself and my mate to run in the Reggae Marathon. It was fabulous as always. It was our fifth run and we are ready for next year. Again, thank you for putting on such a spectacular event!" - Cordell, 2016 • "This was more than just a road race - more like a scene from a 5-star feature film." - Darryll, 2012 • "Thank you and the race organizers and volunteers for putting on one of the best races on the planet! You got both the thousand little details and the race experience big picture just right!" - Chuck, 2009 • "I have run over 15 marathons in several different states in the USA. This is truly the best because the amenities, friendly atmosphere and definitely the most awesome pasta party. It is truly the best kept marathon secret." - Dianne Worrell, 2006 • Readers of UK Men's Running magazine voted Reggae Marathon - International Race of the Year and a 'Highly Commended' event in the Women's Running International Race of the Year category. • 2016 Reggae Half Marathon was named among the Best Half Marathons of 2016 as published by the 100 Half Marathons Club of the USA. • Reggae Marathon event again mentioned as one of the "Top 10 places to run a marathon" - Glancing Askance by Bedford New York writer Mark Wollin, January 2011
Organisers & Partners	• The Jamdammers Running Club of Kingston - www.jamdammers.com • The Jamaica Tourist Board • Puma Running • The Kingston Chapter of the Jamaica Hotel Tourist Association (JHTA) • The Jamaica Athletics Administrative Association (JAAA)
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