



# MEDIA GUIDE 2018

## Welcome to the RAK Half Marathon 2018!

There will be lots of runners, media personnel, race crew and spectators taking part on the day so we think that this guide is an excellent means of getting all the race information to you before the starting horn sounds! The online version will be updated as we have new news, a limited number of final updated hard copies will be on hand in the Media Center on Race Day. If you have any questions, please contact the Media Department by email [media@rakmarathon.org](mailto:media@rakmarathon.org) before Race Day or visit the Media Center.

**Pre-Race Press Conference:** Hilton Hotel Al Marjan Island, Thursday 8 February, 11.00am

**Media Center:** Next to Start Line, Corniche Al Qawasim, Friday 9 February, 5.00am

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**Word from Haitham Mattar**

**Chief Executive Officer, Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development Authority**

We are pleased to welcome you to the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the RAK Half Marathon and to our beautiful emirate. As well as offering some incredible landscapes, historic sites and authentic culture, Ras al Khaimah is the ideal destination for sport and nature based adventure experiences.

As we prepare to host the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the RAK Half Marathon, I would like to thank His Highness Sheikh Saud Bin Saqr Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council and Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah and His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Saud Al Qasimi, the Crown Prince, for the support they have provided this event, which has secured its place as one of the most sought after half marathons in the world for both professional athletes who come here to set some of their best results, and amateur runners who travel to Ras Al Khaimah either from the neighbouring emirates or internationally to enjoy both a world class racing experience and the hospitality that Ras Al Khaimah has to offer.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee I would also like to thank all of the Partners and Sponsors of the RAK Half Marathon for their essential and valuable support and commitment to this important event, which continues to get better each year. And we especially thank Saqr Port that has supported this event since its inception 12 years ago.

We wish the best of luck to those of you who will be running the race and look forward to welcoming you to enjoy the sights of Ras al Khaimah.

**Haitham Mattar, Chief Executive Officer, Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development Authority**



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## RACE FACTS

### Race Start Times

#### Elite Female Race

06.45 Elite Female Race

#### Half Marathon

07.00 RAK Half Marathon

#### Team Relay Challenge

07.10 Team Relay Challenge

Please be at the Start Area **at least 40 minutes** before the race

### Running Number Identification

Elite Athletes will wear numbers between 1 – 100 on a white background

RAK Half Marathon runners will wear numbers between 101 – 4,999 with a white background behind the number.

Team Relay Challenge Runners – START (0-5km) will wear numbers with a green color band behind the number.

Team Relay Challenge Runners – Changeover A (5-10km) will wear numbers with a blue color band behind the number.

Team Relay Challenge Runners – Changeover B (10-15km) will wear numbers with a pink color band behind the number.

Team Relay Challenge Runners – Changeover C (15km-Finish Line) will wear numbers with an orange color band behind the number.

### The Course

Both the Half Marathon and the Team Relay Challenge races run on the same course.

### Distance Markers

Each kilometer will be clearly marked by an inflatable arch. Water Stations, toilets, medical stations and energy drink stations will be clearly marked.

### Finishers

All finishers will receive a commemorative medal and a race certificate printed with their name and finish time.

### Remember the 5 Golden Rules!

1. Do get to the Start in plenty of time.
2. Do not bring any valuables with you.
3. Wear running gear and shoes that you are well used to – nothing new that will end up hurting you.
4. Do not stop or alter direction suddenly. This applies particularly at the water stations. Do not dive sideways for the first table – go on and steer gently towards one of the other tables which have fewer runners taking water. There will be at least two water tables 10m apart. DRINK OFTEN!
5. Don't forget to check out the Official Race Website ([www.rakmarathon.org](http://www.rakmarathon.org)) for last minute information and results.



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## RAK Half Marathon 2017 Race Report

### A look back at the 2017 RAK Half Marathon

In the preceding decade of great half marathon racing, the RAK Half Marathon has built a reputation for delivering absorbing head-to-head racing and usually, lightening quick times. The 11th edition was no exception, as both men's and women's contests delivered enthralling racing, with the latter culminating in a dazzling world record of 65:06 for Kenya's reigning IAAF World Half Marathon champion, Peres Jepchirchir. Hers was indeed, a race for the ages.

Last year's RAK fourth placer defeated London bound Mary Keitany (2nd in 65:13), Jemima Sumgong (4th in 66:43) and Tirunesh Dibaba (5th in 66:50).

A three-time winner at RAK, Keitany lost her event record – the 66:50 she ran for a then world record back in 2011 – but gained a new personal best, and with it, perhaps renewed confidence that probably lead her to a historical win at the London Marathon later that year.

One of the biggest shocks of the day, was the third place of Joyciline Jepkosgei, improving from 69:07 to 66:08. (Joyciline then went on to break the Half Marathon record twice in the same year)

In the men's race, Bedan Karoki, the silver medallist at last March's IAAF World Half Marathon Championships in Cardiff, stormed to a mightily impressive win and new personal best of 59:10, though he was pressurised right to the last mile by Ethiopia's Yigrem Demelash, the Rio Games 10,000m fourth placer, himself going quicker than ever before with 59:19.

Augustine Choge came in third in a huge personal best of 59:26.

Behind this trio, Solomon Yego in fourth also broke the hour (59:50), and for him it was a first on a record-legal course. Such statistics are likely to bring yet more focus upon the roads of RAK for next year, when the message is clear and simple for those wanting to fulfil their potential and improve their best times: Go for it in RAK and you'll generally find what you seek.

## THE ELITE FIELD – MEN

- 1 Bedan KAROKI (KEN – 27) PB 59:10 (1.RAK, Feb 2017)**  
 The reigning RAK Champion, Karoki is one of the world’s greatest distance runners who despite fabulous Track pedigree, has stayed “under the radar”, by not having lifted a major gold medal, “only” silvers. Often too, he just fails to gain a medal at all: 4<sup>th</sup> World Champs 2015 & 2017 10,000m, 5<sup>th</sup> Olympic 2012 10,000m, 6<sup>th</sup> Olympic 2016 10,000m, etc. In 2017 however, he turned to the roads in earnest and found his surface; after winning RAK, he was 3<sup>rd</sup> at the London Marathon in April, and then 4<sup>th</sup> in Fukuoka, Japan last December.
- 2 Jorum Lumbasi OKOMBO (KEN – 20) PB 58:48 (2.Copenhagen, Sept 2017)**  
 Enormous young talent who emerged from nowhere in late 2017, rocketing to No.2 on the yearly half marathon rankings with his fabulous run in Copenhagen last September. Prior to 2017, nothing was known of this lad but we’ll learn a great deal more in 2018, that’s for sure.
- 3 Guye ADOLA (ETH – 27) PB 59:06 (1.Delhi, Nov 2014)**  
 Although his best time was over three years ago, Adola remains a force to be reckoned with, having run 59:18 in Italy last year. He’s also a fabulous exponent of 10,000m on the track, and is one of the quickest marathon runners in history, with a time of 2:03.46 coming at his debut in Berlin last September. One of the most experienced in the race at half marathon, if he’s in form, he’ll be very tough to beat. **WITHDRAWN**
- 4 James WANGARI (KEN – 23) PB 59:07 (1.Copenhagen, Sept 2016)**  
 So close to joining the sub-59 minute club (of whom there are just 15 members) in winning Copenhagen 2016, Wangari has excellent track credentials, and after a solid 2017, must be looking to push on to sub-59 minutes. Admirably consistent at the half (although he’s only run four), he tried the Marathon in 2014 with modest results, so remains focused upon the Half.
- 5 Josphat TANUI (KEN – 24) PB 59:22 (2.Usti Nad Labem, CZ, Sept 2017)**  
 In his first year at Half Marathon, he’s produced four superb performances and ranks =8<sup>th</sup> in the world. With very little track pedigree, he’s one of the Roads Generation from Kenya, but as he was unheard of prior to 2016, he still has enormous potential for improvement.
- 6 Albert KANGOGO (KEN – 30) PB 59:25 (4.Copenhagen, Sept 2017)**  
 A very late developer, Kangogo was unheard of prior to 2015, but has made very quick progress on the road scene. After three good half marathons in 2016, he has fully embraced the distance, racing in five in 2017 and performing well every time. He was pacemaker in the Tokyo and Amsterdam marathons in 2017 and that might be where his future lies, but for now, RAK is his target and last year’s World No.10 might go higher still in 2018.
- 7 Augustine CHOGE (KEN – 32) PB 59:26 (3.RAK, Feb 2017)**  
 New to the roads, Choge is one of the all-time greats on the track who is able to boast of a unique range of world class times, from 800m (1:44) through 1500m (3:29) and on to 5000m (12:53), and since RAK last year, astonishing endurance for a sub-60 minute clocking in third place, ahead of many more established road performers. After another year of specific strength work, what can this personable athlete achieve in 2018?.

- 8 Edwin KIPTOO (KEN – 24) PB 59:26 (4.Delhi, Nov 2015)**  
 Making his third appearance in RAK, Kiptoo is remarkably consistent but will be looking to make the rostrum here for the first time. He was 4<sup>th</sup> at RAK 2015 (60:11) and 7<sup>th</sup> in 2016 (61:00), but for a man who has run under 60:00 three times, a sub-60 in RAK is the clear ambition. His fabulous win over 10 Miles in the Netherlands last September (45:19), suggests this is more than realistic, particularly as he’s run “in the 45’s” for that distance in each of the last four years.
- 9 Vincent RONO (KEN – 27) PB 59:27 (1.Lille, Sept 2017)**  
 Rono is another athlete with a wonderful blend of speed and strength, having prowess on the track at 3k/5k/10k, but in his April 2017 full Marathon debut, produced a superb 2:10 clocking for 4<sup>th</sup> place in Daegu, South Korea. His versatility was displayed when he finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the ultra-tough IAAF World Cross Country Champs in March last year, and while his nine completed half marathons haven’t displayed great consistency, his win in a new personal best in Lille last September, suggested that he’s found a rich vein of form. He may yet faster on RAK’s super-quick circuit this year.
- 10 Lelisa DESISA (ETH – 28) PB 59:30 (1.Delhi, Nov 2011)**  
 Winner of RAK in 2014, Desisa is a fierce competitor who just hates to lose. He’s won his last four half marathons, admittedly not having raced one for over two years, but he rarely finishes outside of the top 3 in any race he contests. He’s best known as a marathon star, having racked up top 3 places in nine of the ten marathons he’s completed, including wins in Dubai 2014 and Boston 2013 & 2015, and on top of that, he’s fast, with a marathon best of 2:04.
- 11 Alex KIBET (KEN – 27) PB 59:32 (2.Lille, Sept 2017)**  
 Already in great form this year, Kibet retained his title at the highly competitive Doha Half Marathon on 12<sup>th</sup> January in 61:53 (last year 61:58). His best time ever though, just last September, came towards the end of a busy year’s racing in which he mixed everything up, to good effect; he raced at middle-distance, road, cross country and even the 3,000m steeplechase! Although he’s only done three half marathons to date, he’s proven himself world class already and with his excellent middle-distance speed, will be a danger in a close finish.
- 12 Geoffrey YEGON (KEN – 29) PB 59:44 (1.Venlo, March 2016)**  
 Winning his debut half two years ago in still his personal best, Yegon is very much a half marathon specialist, running five in 2016 and no less than seven in 2017. He was though, only 11<sup>th</sup> in RAK 2017 so comes back as a seasoned campaigner and determined to go many places better.
- 13 Shadrack KIMINING (KEN – 21) PB 60:07 (7.RAK, Feb 2017)**  
 No less than five outings over the half marathon distance last year, saw Kimining display admirable consistency, his year kicking off with a 7<sup>th</sup> place (PB) here in RAK. In fact, he’s run close to the 60 minute mark a number of times and with his 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday just the day after RAK this year, how apt it would be to give himself a sub-60 minute early birthday present!

- 14 Ghirmay GHEBRESSASSIE (ERI – 22) PB 60:09 (1.Paderborn 2013)**  
A precocious talent, Ghebreslassie gained notoriety in 2015 when he became IAAF World Champion in the marathon in the sweltering heat of Beijing. He followed this up with a fourth place in the Rio Olympic Marathon, and then a win at the New York marathon that November. Last year he was sixth at the London Marathon in a star-studded field, but making the rostrum in six of his nine half marathons, shows he's consistent and is due to join the sub-60 minute club in RAK.
- 15 Wilfred KIMITEI (KEN – 32) PB 60:12 (4.Ústí nad Labem, September 2017)**
- 16 Ali KAYA (TUR – 23) PB 60:16 (1.Istanbul, April 2016)**  
Formerly Kenyan Stanley Kiprotich Mukche, Kaya has been a Turkish citizen for nearly five years, and as such, is one of Europe's best distance runners. He is able to boast world class bests on the Track and the Roads, including his Turkish National Record set when winning the Istanbul Half nearly two years ago. His potential over 21.1km however, remains relatively untapped, and this will be just his third half marathon outing.
- 17 Timothy TOROITICH (UGA – 26) PB 63:14 (10.Gt Nth Run, UK, Sept 2015)**  
We may see the biggest ever improvement to a PB at RAK from Toroitich. Ignore his best time from over two years ago (it's his only Half ever); he's had a fabulous 2017, including 9<sup>th</sup> at the World Cross Country Champs last March, and a fighting 14<sup>th</sup> at the World 10,000m Champs last summer. Looking at his 10,000m times over the last five years, he should be capable of going well under 60 minutes in RAK; watch this athlete carefully!
- 18 Jemal YIMER (ETH – 21) Debut**  
A late entry to the race, we have to regard Yimer as a real threat to the established road racers none the less. He's never raced a half marathon or in fact any further than 20km, but this youngster was a fighting fifth in the World Champs 10,000m last summer behind Mo Farah, and in March last year at just 20, he was an unheralded fourth at the World Cross Country Champs in Uganda. His speed and strength are ideal for the half marathon – and his lack of knowledge (and fear?) just might be an advantage.

## THE ELITE FIELD – WOMEN

- 21 Joyciline JEPKOSGEI (KEN – 24) PB 64:51 (World Rec – 1.Valencia, Oct 2017)**  
 Although “only” third in RAK last year (66:08), behind the then World Record of compatriot Peres Jepchirchir (65:06), within seven weeks, this diminutive but powerful Kenyan had smashed that mark on April 1<sup>st</sup> in Prague, to set new global figures of 64:52. Not only that, but this was no April’s fool, for she improved that time by just one second, when running in Valencia last October. Can she improve further on that 64:51 clocking from the flat Spanish city? If the pacing is right, if she is right, then it seems with this phenomenal athlete, the sky’s the limit...! She’s won her three half marathons since RAK 2017, so just who can beat her?
- 22 Mary KEITANY (KEN – 36) PB 65:13 (2.RAK 2017)**  
 Already a three-time winner in RAK, not to mention her then world record here in 2011 (65:50), Keitany arrived ready to go faster still last year. While she did set a PB, she found herself outgunned and 7 seconds behind Peres Jepchirchir’s astonishing world record of 65:06, which in turn was beaten by Joyciline Jepkosgei just weeks later. These amazing times for women’s half marathon running, produce seemingly new young stars every month, but Keitany is the grand dame of them all; at 36 she shows little sign of slowing (she won the Great North Run last September in 65:59) and after her Women Only world record set with her London Marathon win last April, she remains undisputed world number one at the full Marathon. Keitany is tough as nails, is the world’s most consistent distance runner and will want just one position in RAK – and it won’t be runner-up again.
- 23 Fancy CHEMUTAI (KEN – 23) PB 65:36 (2.Valencia, Oct 2017)**  
 Her PB behind Jepkosgei’s world record last October, gives her the dubious distinction of being one of the fastest losers of all time! But this may not continue; she ran three fabulous half marathons in 2017, winning easily in Gothenburg and forcing anyone who beat her, to run incredibly fast. She’s never raced on the track, but as the third fastest in history over a road 10K, she can threaten anyone on her day.
- 24 Edith CHELIMO (KEN – 31) PB 65:52 (1.Cardiff, Oct 2017)**  
 Producing one of the most surprising road performances of 2017 in Cardiff last October, Chelimo suddenly moved from being good to being one of the very best. Her time was over three minutes faster than she’d ever run before, and she backed it up on 14<sup>th</sup> January with 67:13 in Houston, USA. Moderate track form between 2003 & 2012, gave little hint of the stunning road racer in waiting, and heads were shaking when she won in Cardiff last October by nearly five minutes!
- 25 Gladys CHERONO (KEN – 34) PB 66:07 (2.RAK, Feb 2016)**  
 A veteran of over 20 half marathons, Cherono is another huge star of distance running, most recently winning the Berlin Marathon with a fast 2:20 clocking last September. This will be her third appearance in RAK, and the signs are good; she was 3<sup>rd</sup> here in 2012, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2016 and is in adequate form to threaten a maintaining of that sequence of improvement. Her pedigree is not in doubt, as she won the world half marathon championships in 2014, has shown enormous consistency over a variety of distances for many years, and has real quality on the track as well. In short, as one of the oldest in the race, she is still going strong and has all the weaponry to challenge the rest of the big names in this star-studded field.

- 26 Eunice CHUMBA (BRN – 24) PB 66:11 (1.Copenhagen, Sept 2017)**  
 Already in fine form this year, with a 67:18 clocking in Houston on 14<sup>th</sup> January, Chumba a former Kenyan, enjoyed a very satisfying 2017 on both road and country. She won her two half marathon outings in Copenhagen and Lisbon, and produced a brace of great full marathon performances, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> in Rotterdam (PB of 2:24) and a comfortable win in Beirut. In fact, she's finished on the podium for each of her last four marathons and that strength and consistency is exactly what may bring her to broach new ground when she lines up in RAK this year.
- 27 Joan Chelimo Melly (KEN – 29) PB 66:25 (2.Copenhagen, Sept 2017)**  
 A late-developer, this Chelimo either won or was second in each of her four half marathons in 2017, clocking big wins in Berlin and Boston en route. Although she has some track form. she is very much an established road racer, with fine form on many occasions at 10K, more so than at the half marathon. Using her broad experience in RAK however, might well redress this leaning towards the shorter distance.
- 28 Brigid KOSGEI (KEN – 23) PB 66:35 (3.Copenhagen, Sept 2017)**  
 An outstanding competitor, Kosgei is one to watch in RAK this year, having won four of the five half marathons she's contested in the last two years, and even at full marathon, able to boast of five wins in her seven outings. These great marathon performances include a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Chicago last October (2:20.22 PB), followed just nine weeks later by a win in Honolulu in a fast 2:22.15. That sort of strength is precious and if her powers of recovery have been maintained, she could spring as surprise on better-known rivals.
- 29 Caroline KIPKIRUI (KEN – 23) PB 66:48 (2.Houston, Jan 2018)**  
 The most freshly minted PB of the entire women's field, belongs to Kipkirui from Houston on 14<sup>th</sup> January, but while it was only her second half marathon ever, it represented an improvement of over three minutes. Confidence is a precious commodity and Kipkirui will have it in abundance in RAK, and rightly so; she is world class on the road, track and country and is well capable now of holding her own against the very best.
- 30 Lucy CHERUIYOT (KEN – 21) PB 67:23 (3.Usti nad Labem, Sept 2017)**  
 As you'd expect from an athlete who was only 21 in January, Cheruiyot is rapidly improving, in fact to the point where three of her best four half marathon times came in 2017. She learnt a valuable lesson in Jepkosgei's world record race in Prague last April, setting personal bests en route at 10k & 15k before suffering in the closing stages. That sort of experience can make an athlete both wiser and physically stronger, and there is a good chance Cheruiyot will put this lesson to good use in this, her first time in RAK.

- 31 Vivian CHERUIYOT (KEN – 34) PB 67:44 (2.Gt Nth Run, Sept 2017)**  
 One of the greatest names in female distance running history, races at RAK for the first time, this year. Cheruiyot is the reigning Olympic Champion at 5,000m and is four times a World Champion on the track, taking 5,000m golds in 2009 & 2011, and 10,000m golds in 2011 & 2015, with a World Cross Country gold for good measure in 2011 as well. The tiny Cheruiyot has a fearsome kick, which may yet come in handy down the finishing straight in RAK. Her running exploits include world class times from 1500m to Marathon, having expanded her repertoire to the full 42.2km challenge in London and Frankfurt last year. Her 4<sup>th</sup> in London and win in Frankfurt, in almost identical 2:23 clockings, suggest yet more great achievements are coming her way. She will need a PB to win in RAK, but this living legend is relatively untested at half marathon, so there's more to come. **WITHDRAWN**
- 32 Naom JEBET (KEN – 24) PB 68:44 (1.Breda, Oct 2017)**  
 A prolific racer, Jebet contested seven half marathons in 2017, winning four of them and placing on the rostrum in every single one. Her progress in just two years has been remarkable, as she didn't break 70 minutes in her first five half marathons ever, all in 2016. However, while winning is a good habit to get in to, if she is to maintain at least the "rostrum habit", she'll have to run a lot faster in RAK than she ever has before.
- 33 Helen Tola Bekele (ETH – 23) PB 69:48 (1.Sarnen, Sept 2017)**  
 2017 was a meteoric year for Tola; prior to this, she had never broken 71 minutes for a half marathon nor any quicker than 2:29 for a marathon. But she set about dramatically changing these bests, starting with a win at the Barcelona Marathon last March in 2:25, followed by a win at the Sarnen, Switzerland half marathon in her Half PB, and climaxing with a stunning 2:22 fourth place at the Berlin Marathon. That latter performance indicates a much bigger improvement at the half marathon is due.
- 34 Degitu AZMERAW (ETH – 18) Debut**  
 Freshly minted Azimeraw impressed enormously last December when winning her first international race in Kolkata. Racing over the unusual distance of 25km, she timed her final surge to perfecting, defeating a far more experienced field and leaving one with the feeling that her long legs can carry her to much bigger wins in the future. An exciting debutante, RAK will be a huge test for the newcomer.
- 35 Yuka TAKASHIMA (JPN – 29) PB 73:43 (23.Yamaguchi, Mar 2014)**  
 Although on paper considerably slower than most in this field, Yamaguchi is a fine track runner with Olympic and World Championship experience. An improvement of several minutes is likely and will certainly be needed against such a stacked women's field, but it's possible that no-one else will improve their PB as much as this athlete, if she gets her pacing right.

**\* When can a record be set – and not set?**

- a) POINT-TO-POINT: the Start & the Finish must be no more than 50% of the race distance apart.  
WHY? This is so that no record can be set when benefitting unfairly from a following wind.
- b) DOWNHILL: over the total distance of the race, there must be no more drop than 1m per kilometre.  
WHY? More downhill than this provides the competitors with an obvious advantage.

The IAAF Rule Book actually says:

Rule 260.21 (b) “The start and finish points of a course, measured along a theoretical straight line between them, shall not be further apart than 50% of the race distance.

Rule 260.21 (c) “The overall decrease in elevation between the start and finish shall not exceed 1:1000, i.e. 1m per km (0.1%).”

As the RAK Half Marathon course starts and finishes at the same point, it does not benefit from either elevation drop or wind directions, therefore it is eligible for records being set.

## PRIZES & AWARDS

### Prize Money

The RAK Half Marathon 2018 offers over 1,245,000 AED in cash prizes/bonuses!

#### Half Marathon - Junior Category (15 to 17)

Position	Men	Women
1	2,500	2,500
2	1,500	1,500
3	1,000	1,000
CR*	1,000	1,000

#### Half Marathon - Open Category

Position	Men	Women
1	50,000	50,000
2	35,000	35,000
3	25,000	25,000
4	18,000	18,000
5	15,000	15,000
6	10,000	10,000
7	7,500	7,500
8	5,500	5,500
9	3,500	3,500
10	2,000	2,000
CR*	18,000	18,000

#### Half Marathon - Masters Category (Men 45+ / Women 40+)

Position	Men	Women
1	2,500	2,500
2	2,000	2,000
3	1,500	1,500
CR*	1,500	1,500

#### Half Marathon - Veterans Category (Men 55+ / Women 50+)

Position	Men	Women
1	2,500	2,500
2	2,000	2,000
3	1,500	1,500
CR*	1,500	1,500

### Special prizes for UAE Resident participants

Position	Men	Women
1	5,000	5,000
2	3,000	3,000
3	2,000	2,000
CR*	2,000	2,000

### Special prizes for UAE National participants

Position	Men	Women
1	5,000	5,000
2	3,000	3,000
3	2,000	2,000
CR*	2,000	2,000

### Special Prizes for Fastest Relay Team

Position	Team Relay
1	5,000
2	3,000
3	2,000

### Inter-School Team Relay Challenge

Position	Team Relay
1	5,000
2	3,000
3	2,000

*Half Marathon World Record Bonus – 365,000*

*CR\* - Course Record*

**To read the full rules, terms and conditions of prize money awards, please refer to the official event website.**

## 2017 TOP HALF-MARATHON PERFORMANCES

### MEN

The male world record is 58:23, set by Zersenay Tadese of Eritrea on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010, in Lisboa, Portugal.

Time	Athlete	Nat	Pos	Venue	Date
0:58:40	Abraham Naibei CHEROBEN	BRN	1	København	17-Sep-17
<b>0:58:48</b>	<b>Jorum Lumbasi OKOMBO</b>	<b>KEN</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>København</b>	<b>17-Sep-17</b>
0:58:51	Alex Oloiptip KORIO	KEN	3	København	17-Sep-17
<b>0:59:10</b>	<b>Bedan Karoki MUCHIRI</b>	<b>KEN</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Ras Al Khaimah</b>	<b>10-Feb-17</b>
0:59:11	Abraham Naibei CHEROBEN	BRN	1	Valencia	22-Oct-17
0:59:14	Barselius KIPYEGO	KEN	1	Ústí nad Labem	16-Sep-17
0:59:18	Leul GEBRESILASE	KEN	2	Valencia	22-Oct-17
0:59:19	Yigrem DEMELASH	ETH	2	Ras Al Khaimah	10-Feb-17
<b>0:59:22</b>	<b>Josphat Kimutai TANUI</b>	<b>KEN</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Ústí nad Labem</b>	<b>16-Sep-17</b>
<b>0:59:22</b>	<b>Fikadu HAFTU</b>	<b>ETH</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Valencia</b>	<b>22-Oct-17</b>
<b>0:59:25</b>	<b>Albert Kipkosgei KANGOGO</b>	<b>KEN</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>København</b>	<b>17-Sep-17</b>
<b>0:59:26</b>	<b>Augustine Kiprono CHOGE</b>	<b>KEN</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Ras Al Khaimah</b>	<b>10-Feb-17</b>
<b>0:59:27</b>	<b>Vincent Kipsang RONO</b>	<b>KEN</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Lille</b>	<b>02-Sep-17</b>
<b>0:59:28</b>	<b>Leonard Kiplimo BARSOTON</b>	<b>KEN</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>København</b>	<b>17-Sep-17</b>
0:59:30	Ismail Juma GALLET	TAN	3	Ústí nad Labem	16-Sep-17
<b>0:59:32</b>	<b>Alex KIBET</b>	<b>KEN</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Lille</b>	<b>02-Sep-17</b>
0:59:37	Tamirat TOLA	ETH	1	Praha	01-Apr-17
0:59:46	Birhanu LEGESE	ETH	1	New Delhi	19-Nov-17
0:59:48	Sondre Nordstad MOEN	NOR	4	Valencia	22-Oct-17
<b>0:59:50</b>	<b>Solomon Kirwa YEGO</b>	<b>KEN</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Ras Al Khaimah</b>	<b>10-Feb-17</b>

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## 2017 TOP HALF-MARATHON PERFORMANCES

### WOMEN

The female world record is 1:04:51, set by Joyciline Jepkosgei of Kenya on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, in Valencia, Spain.

Time	Athlete	Nat	Pos	Venue	Date
<b>1:04:51</b>	<b>Joyciline JEPKOSGEI</b>	<b>KEN</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Valencia</b>	<b>22-Oct-17</b>
<b>1:04:52</b>	<b>Joyciline JEPKOSGEI</b>	<b>KEN</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Praha</b>	<b>01-Apr-17</b>
<b>1:05:06</b>	<b>Peres JEPCHIRCHIR</b>	<b>KEN</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Ras Al Khaimah</b>	<b>10-Feb-17</b>
<b>1:05:13</b>	<b>Mary Jepkosgei KEITANY</b>	<b>KEN</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Ras Al Khaimah</b>	<b>10-Feb-17</b>
1:05:22	Violah JEPCHUMBA	BRN	2	Praha	01-Apr-17
<b>1:05:36</b>	<b>Fancy CHEMUTAI</b>	<b>KEN</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Valencia</b>	<b>22-Oct-17</b>
<b>1:05:52</b>	<b>Edith CHELIMO</b>	<b>KEN</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Cardiff</b>	<b>01-Oct-17</b>
1:06:06	Violah JEPCHUMBA	BRN	1	Ústí nad Labem	16-Sep-17
<b>1:06:08</b>	<b>Joyciline JEPKOSGEI</b>	<b>KEN</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Ras Al Khaimah</b>	<b>10-Feb-17</b>
<b>1:06:11</b>	<b>Eunice Chebichii CHUMBA</b>	<b>BRN</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>København</b>	<b>17-Sep-17</b>
1:06:19	Ruth CHEPNGETICH	KEN	1	Istanbul	30-Apr-17
<b>1:06:25</b>	<b>Joan Chelimo MELLY</b>	<b>KEN</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>København</b>	<b>17-Sep-17</b>
<b>1:06:35</b>	<b>Brigid Chepchirchir KOSGEI</b>	<b>KEN</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>København</b>	<b>17-Sep-17</b>
<b>1:06:43</b>	<b>Jemima Jelagat SUMGONG</b>	<b>KEN</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Ras Al Khaimah</b>	<b>10-Feb-17</b>
1:06:46	Eunice Jepkirui KIRWA	BRN	2	Istanbul	30-Apr-17
<b>1:06:50</b>	<b>Tirunesh DIBABA</b>	<b>ETH</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Ras Al Khaimah</b>	<b>10-Feb-17</b>
<b>1:06:58</b>	<b>Fancy CHEMUTAI</b>	<b>KEN</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Praha</b>	<b>01-Apr-17</b>
1:07:12	Almaz AYANA	ETH	1	New Delhi	19-Nov-17
1:07:21	Ababel YESHANEH	ETH	2	New Delhi	19-Nov-17
1:07:22	Nancy Jepkosgei KIPROP	KEN	2	Ústí nad Labem	16-Sep-17

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## COURSE MAP

To view the Course Map, please visit the Official Race Website; [www.rakmarathon.org](http://www.rakmarathon.org)



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## THE COURSE

Last year's new RAK Half Marathon course has already proven itself as a record breaking fast course as some of the fastest times in 2017 – including a then world record by Peres Jepchirchir – were set during the race.

### Certification

The course is measured and certified by Grade A AIMS/IAAF Measurer Hugh Jones who will also ride in front of the elite athletes to ensure the runners do not deviate from the approved measured course. Another Grade A Measurer, John Kunkeler, will re-measure the course two days prior to the race and again immediately after the race in the case of any record claim.

### The Course

The course will start and finish at the same place on Al Qawasim Corniche, next to the Sheikh Zayed Mosque. The course takes an almost immediate left turn to head towards Al Nahda Street. Runners then turn left to the Al Shuhada roundabout with a gentle curve around to bring runners on to the south side of Khuzam Road (E11) and will continue until and turn right at the Ruler's Palace (approx. 5km) and run along Khuzam Road past the Tower Links Golf Club where they will U-turn (approx. 7.5km) and return along the north side of Khuzam Road, past the Ruler's Palace (9km) and turn right back onto the south side of Khuzam Road (E11) past RAK Mall (approx. 10.5km). Runners will then take a right turn onto Al Muntasir Road before doubling back around the roundabout and turning left at the traffic lights onto Khuzam Road (E11) (approx. 12km). At approximately 14.5km, runners will take a right turn to get back on Al Qawasim Corniche and run all the way down the corniche, under Al Hisn Bridge (approx. 18km) and u-turn on Al Khor Road before heading back to the Finish Line with a good final sprint (we hope!)

### Aid Stations

Water Stations will be located every 2.5km and Sports Drink Stations (Gatorade) every 5km (see inside cover map for exact locations)

Medical Stations will be positioned every 5km and there will be toilet and shower facilities at the Start & Finish point (Race Car Park), 5km, 10km and 15km points.



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## MEDICAL SERVICES, DISTANCE MARKERS, DRINKING STATIONS, & TOILETS

### Medical Aid along the Route

Medical Stations along the routes are clearly signposted by Red Crescent signposts. If you need help or treatment please proceed to any one of these stations. Fully equipped and manned emergency vehicles and ambulances will be positioned around the course.

### Distance Markers

Each kilometer will be clearly marked by an inflatable arch. Water Stations, toilets, medical stations and Sports Drink stations will be clearly marked.

### Water Stations

Replacing lost fluid regularly is a must for all runners in any distance. Please make use of our Water stations situated along the course.

Water is offered at 2.5km, 5km, 7.5km, 10km, 12.5km, 15km, 17.5km and 20km marks. There will be a pre and post-hydration station offering water at the Start and Finish Line.

Each Water Station has at least 2 tables at the side of the road with 10 meters between each one – please do not crowd the first table – if it's busy, move to the next.

**Please discard your empty bottles carefully to the side of the road and not where they will cause a problem to those runners behind you!**

### Sports Drinks

There will be Sports Drink (Gatorade) Stations at the 5km, 10km and 15km marks as well as at the Start and Finish Line. Each Sports Drink Station will come AFTER the Water Stations.

**Please discard your empty cups carefully to the side of the road and not where they will cause a problem to those runners behind you!**

### Toilet Cabins & Showers

There will be 4 toilet cabins located behind and to the side of the Start & Finish Line (near the Carrefour sign on the Mall) and at least 4 portable toilets at each of the 5km, 10km and 15km points along the course. Showers will also be available for those who wish to use these. Please bring your own shower kits.

## WEATHER CONDITIONS ON RACE DAY

Date	High	Low	Wind Speed	Precipitation
Feb 9, 2014	21°C	12°C	9 – 24 km/h	none
Feb 9, 2015	26°C	18°C	6 – 16 km/h	none
Feb 9, 2016	27°C	16°C	8 – 16 km/h	none
Feb 9, 2017	25°C	15°C	4 – 14 km/h	none
Feb 9, 2018	24°C	14°C	4 – 15 km/h	none

Low humidity and mild temperatures are expected on Friday February 9<sup>th</sup> with low speed wind. Temperature should be around 16°C at the start of the race and rising to around 20°C by 9am and 23°C by 11.

## RUNNERS BY NATIONALITY

The RAK Half Marathon 2018 welcomes 103 different nationalities to the Start Line

Nationality	Percentage				
Afghani	0.03	Ethiopian	0.17	Pakistani	1.36
Albanian	0.03	Filipino	10.14	Palestinian	0.34
Algerian	0.12	Finnish	0.28	Polish	0.37
American	3.73	French	1.85	Portuguese	0.47
Argentinian	0.25	Georgian	0.03	Romanian	0.53
Armenian	0.06	German	1.79	Russian	0.68
Australian	2.2	Greek	0.22	Salvadorian	0.03
Austrian	0.15	Hungarian	0.15	Saudi	0.22
Azerbaijani	0.06	Indian	17.89	Serbian	0.37
Bahamian	0.06	Indonesian	0.12	Slovakian	0.22
Bahraini	1.23	Iranian	0.31	Slovenian	0.03
Bangladeshi	0.22	Iraqi	0.22	Somali	0.06
Belarusian	0.03	Irish	4.13	South African	3.67
Belgian	0.43	Italian	1.36	Spanish	0.89
Belizean	0.03	Japanese	0.09	Sri Lankan	0.49
Bosnian	0.03	Jordanian	1.2	Sudanese	0.31
Brazilian	0.15	Kazakh	0.03	Swedish	0.22
British	22.99	Kenyan	0.8	Swiss	0.4
Bulgarian	0.12	Kittian & Nevisian	0.03	Syrian	0.46
Burmese	0.03	Korean	0.15	Tanzanian	0.06
Cameroonian	0.03	Kuwaiti	0.09	Thai	0.18
Canadian	2.22	Latvian	0.03	Togolese	0.03
Chinese	0.12	Lebanese	1.08	Turkish	0.28
Colombian	0.18	Lithuanian	0.03	Turkmen	0.03
Comorian	0.06	Madagascan	0.06	Ugandan	0.22
Costa Rican	0.03	Malaysian	0.28	Ukrainian	0.09
Croatian	0.12	Maltese	0.06	Venezuelan	0.22
Cypriot	0.03	Mauritian	0.09	Yemeni	0.12
Czech	0.15	Mexican	0.12	Zambian	0.03
Danish	0.77	Moroccan	0.59	Zimbabwean	0.06
Dutch	0.86	Mozambican	0.03		
Ecuadorian	0.03	Nepalese	0.92		
Egyptian	1.63	New Zealander	0.92		
Emirati	3.48	Nigerian	0.31		
Eritrean	0.03	Nigerien	0.03		
Estonian	0.03	Norwegian	0.12		
		Omani	0.12		
				<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>



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## RUNNERS BY CITY (UAE/INTERNATIONAL)

City	Percentage
Abu Dhabi	13.4
Ajman	1
Al Ain	0.9
Dubai	62
Fujairah	0.45
Ras Al Khaimah	12.8
Sharjah	3.56
Umm Al Quwain	0.35
International*	5.54

- Most international runners came from: United Kingdom, Bahrain, Oman, Germany, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia...

## RUNNERS BY CATEGORY

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Half Marathon	1,905	982	2,887
Team Relay Challenge	304	136	440
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,209</b>	<b>1,118</b>	<b>3,327</b>

### OLDEST RUNNERS

Oldest female runner:

Lily D'Souza, Indian, resident in Ajman, aged 68.  
Bib number 3968

Oldest male runner:

Marian D'Souza, Indian, resident in Ajman, aged 75.  
Bib number 3967

### YOUNGEST RUNNERS

Youngest female runner:

Zeina Sousa, Egyptian, resident in Dubai, aged 11.  
Bib number 5041 (Team Sousa Family)

Youngest male runner:

Ziad Sousa, Egyptian, resident in Dubai, aged 11.  
Bib number 5041 (Team Sousa Family)



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## **RAS AL KHAIMAH: A DESTINATION GOING BEYOND**

With over 7,000 years of fascinating history and culture and magnificent landscapes, Ras Al Khaimah – once known as Julfar and the northern-most emirate in the United Arab Emirates – is a relaxing, engaging and reinvigorating getaway.

In this idyllic and rejuvenating destination, visitors can soak up near year-round sunshine against a backdrop of spectacular landscapes: from breath-taking coastlines, lush mangrove forests, rich, undulating terracotta desert and fertile, green oases, to the dramatic, awe-inspiring vistas of the stark Hajar mountains, including the country's highest peak – Jebel Jais – where temperatures are around 10 degrees lower than the UAE norm.

The myriad of landscapes offer up a host of activities for all interests and all ages. There's relaxation, watersports, family and luxury beach resorts and waterfront golf along the emirate's 64 kilometres of white, sandy beaches. There's kayaking through the mangrove forests with their hidden cache of bird and marine life. The adventure of a desert safari tackling huge dunes, camel and horse-back riding, tours which take in the emirate's ancient and intriguing heritage and culture, including its passion for local cuisine, and adrenalin-packed hiking, trekking, cycling and ziplining across the craggy cravines of Jebel Jais, which rises to just short of 2,000 metres above sea level.

Visitors also have a wide choice of accommodation – from ultra-luxurious beach resorts managed by some of the most notable names in the business, to family-friendly city and beach resorts, city centre properties and resorts for the more laid-back adventure seekers.

It's this diversity – of landscape and offering – which has led to a surge in the emirate's recent visitor levels. Ras Al Khaimah now enjoys record guest numbers from the domestic and overseas markets and record occupancy and length-of-stay - making it the region's fastest-growing tourism destination and an attractive proposition for investors.

The diversity of natural and historic/cultural assets, and the Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development Authority's (RAKTDA) commitment to both preserving and leveraging these for sustainable progression, has also led to the Authority becoming a key sponsor of the UNWTO's 2017 International Year of Tourism Sustainable Tourism for Development. Through various initiatives, RAKTDA works with travel and tourism stakeholders and local communities to derive the maximum economic and social benefit from tourism.

Much of Ras Al Khaimah's new found popularity comes from the increasing ease with which the emirate can be reached. By road, Ras Al Khaimah is a mere 45 minutes from Dubai International Airport.

Ras Al Khaimah's diversity and price competitiveness sees it complementing other established destinations in the UAE, while drawing its own regular fan base from within the country and the region. Increasingly more investors are being drawn to the emirate to build and operate hotels and tourism activities with RAKTDA looking to attract a million visitors a year by 2018 and 2.9 million by 2025.

Adventure, culture and wellness and luxury-seekers tourists are high on the wish list and moves are afoot to enhance the offerings specific to these segments, while additional major events are being created to supplement the existing music, cultural and sporting festivals and contests which are fast becoming mainstays of the emirate's destination appeal.

Meanwhile, the emirate's increasing emergence of world-class and unusual meetings venues and events is prompting an upturn in its MICE appeal. With one local and two major international conferences secured for 2017, talks are underway for future international conventions and plans are afoot for key additions to its expanding events calendar.

In January 2018 Ras Al Khaimah has achieved a GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS title with its latest adventure tourism product – 'Jebel Jais Flight: The World's Longest Zipline'. The world's longest zipline, measuring 2.83 kilometers - the equivalent to over 28 soccer fields, and spanning the chasm of Jebel Jais, the UAE's largest mountain peak at over 1,680 metres above sea level, opened to the public on February 1st, and is expected to achieve a strong following among thrill seekers and adrenaline junkies from across the world, who are interested in extreme adventure activities.

The Ras Al Khaimah zipline is being operated by Toroverde Ras Al Khaimah, the world's most experienced zipline managers. Thrill-seekers will be suspended above the mountain as they prepare to take the flight headfirst in a 'superman' style position. The experience will see participants fitted with a special suit and equipment for the adventure, with the longest flight itself taking approximately two to three minutes. Once completed, guests will finish the bucket list flight on a suspended landing platform – unique in the world - where they will be transferred to a second line, measuring in at 1 km, to complete their journey back to the ground.

The launch of the world's longest zipline is another milestone in Ras Al Khaimah's campaign to transform the emirate into the region's adventure and activity tourism hub. With the emirate benefitting from diverse landscape – including the Hajar Mountains and Jebel Jais – it has already built a following amongst walkers, hikers and cyclists with the campaign taking a leap forward in 2016 with the opening of the highly successful Jebel Jais Via Ferrata (Iron Path), hiking, climbing and ziplining product.

For more information on, and booking for, Jebel Jais Flight, please log on to: [toroverdeuae.com](http://toroverdeuae.com). More information about Jebel Jais and its active adventure tourism offering is available on [www.jebeljais.ae](http://www.jebeljais.ae).

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## **RAK HOSPITAL – OFFICIAL HEALTHCARE PARTNER**

RAK Hospital, is a private tertiary care multi-specialty hospital promoted by Arabian Healthcare Group, a Joint Venture between the Government of Ras Al Khaimah, under the aegis of His Highness Sheikh Saud Bin Saqr Al Qassimi, Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah.

RAK hospital has been especially designed as a premium healthcare and hospitality complex and achieved accreditation from the Joint Commission International (JCI) of the US, and Swiss Leading Health (SLH) of Switzerland, the two most credible accreditors of healthcare facilities in the world in the 1st year of operation and every 3rd year since.

### **Vision**

Positioning Ras Al Khaimah as a premium quality health care destination for the local & regional community with international accreditation standards.

### **Mission**

RAK Hospital aims to provide international quality health care with highly qualified medical staff and skilled nursing care by redefining the standards of excellence in patient care with premium hospitality.

RAK Hospital is a visual delight and has been garnered with an array of renowned healthcare and brand awards to name a few:

- 2017
  - Re-Accredited by Joint Commission International
  - Awarded Health Magazine Award - Distinguished Hospital Infrastructure Development
  - Awarded Health Magazine Award - Distinguished Corporate Fitness Initiative
- 2016
  - Awarded Asia Healthcare Excellence Award - Brand Builder Award
  - Awarded Asia Healthcare Excellence Award - Best Design in Healthcare
- 2015
  - Awarded 'Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Business Excellence Award.
  - Awarded 'Superbrand' status in the UAE for 2015
- 2014
  - Awarded 'Superbrand' status in the UAE for 2014.
  - Re-Accredited by Joint Commission International.
- 2012
  - Achieved the Dubai Quality Appreciation Programme Award (DQAP) in the 2012 cycle.
  - Awarded Highly Commended for Best Healing Environment Hospital in the Middle East.
- 2011
  - Re-Accredited by Joint Commission International
  - Awarded for the Best Healing Environment Hospital at the Hospital Build Awards.
  - Awarded the Best Hospital Project at the 2nd Annual Arab Investment Summit.
- 2010
  - Awarded Highly Commended for Best Healing Environment Hospital in the Middle East.
- 2009
  - Awarded "Highly Commended for Best External Designed - Built Hospital"
- 2008
  - The Swiss Leading Hospitals Certification.
  - Joint Commission International Accreditation (the major American hospital accrediting organization)

A sprawling complex with a built-up of 140,000 sq.ft on three levels, RAK Hospital offers a range of premium rooms. It has a capacity of 65 beds at present with state-of-the-art accident and emergency services. It also houses a 24-hour pharmacy and a European Café.

In summary, the beautiful and ultramodern RAK Hospital infrastructure pledge of "Premium Healthcare, Premium Hospitality" will insure each of our "guests" (you, the patient) receive the utmost in quality care, treatment, and warmth during your stay with us.

We like to say, "We are not a hotel, but you won't notice it".

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### **Middle East Overview:**

UPS Gulf LLC (Dubai Branch) is proud to support the RAK Half Marathon as official logistics partner for the 7th year and was also announced as the Official Logistics Partner of Expo 2020 Dubai.

The logistics company operates 54 flight segments weekly in the region – connecting US, EU and Asia through the UAE. UPS has been operating in the UAE since 1995, offering a wide range of express courier and supply chain solutions including package and freight transportation; brokerage and customs clearance, and warehousing and distribution, supported by shipping and tracking technologies to give customers full control and visibility. Our services are available in several UAE Free Trade Zones, including DAFZ, JAFZ and SAIF zone.

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